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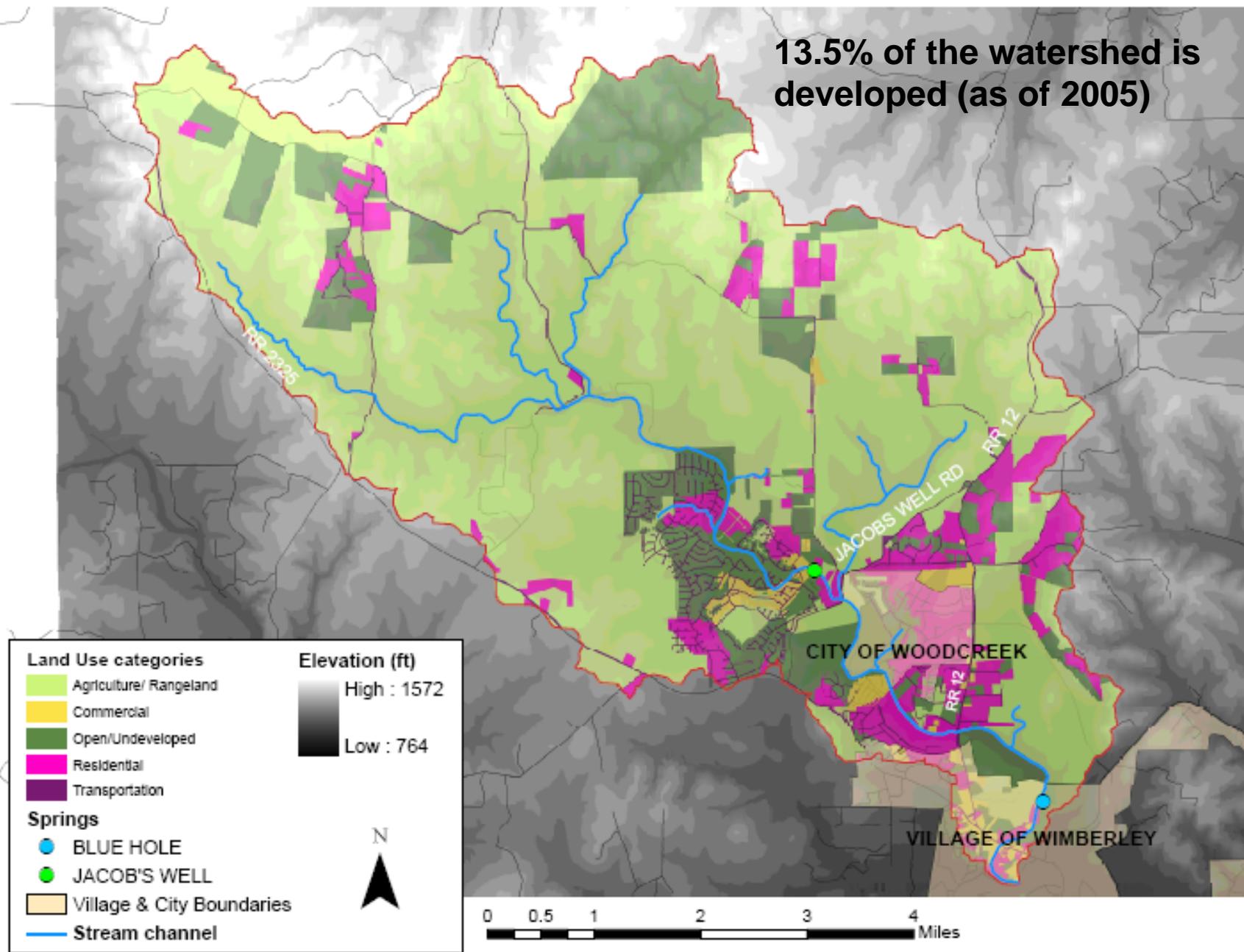
The Project's main goal...

...is to ensure that the long-term integrity and sustainability of the Cypress Creek watershed is preserved and that water quality is maintained for present and future generations.

A core belief is that good water quality is essential to all, and that protection of water resources is an individual as well as governmental responsibility.

The Cypress Creek Watershed, Woodcreek and Wimberley, Texas

13.5% of the watershed is developed (as of 2005)



What are we doing? (part one)

Watershed education

Stakeholder participatory input process

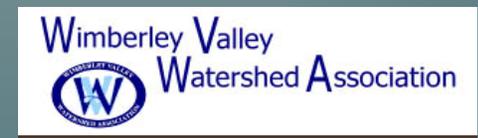
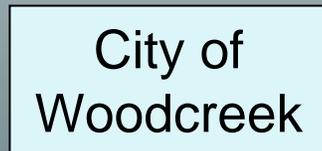
Partnership development

- “Cypress Week”
- Meetings
- Newspaper articles
- Newsletter
- Texas Stream Team
- Video
- Wimberley Outdoor Educators
- Stakeholder education forums in 2009



Watershed education through the stakeholder input process makes connections between the community, land use, and Cypress Creek

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What are we doing? (part two)

Watershed characterization

Cypress Creek source water delineation

Additional resource development

Decision support system development

Training for decision support system use



**Cypress Creek near the
Blanco River**

Framework of Watershed Protection Plans

1. Identifying the causes and sources of pollution
2. Estimating expected pollution reduction levels
3. Identifying critical areas of the watershed
4. Describing management measures needed
5. Estimating costs of technical assistance and funding sources

Framework of Watershed Protection Plans

6. Outlining an education outreach component
7. Developing a feasible implementation schedule
8. Establishing milestones to assess implementation effectiveness
9. Developing criteria for assessing success
10. Establishing a long-term monitoring effort

Steering and Technical Advisory Committees...

... are diverse as to represent key stakeholder interests and be the decision-making body.

- Landowners
- Municipal and county government
- Surface and ground water
- Developers
- Agriculture and ranching
- Businesses
- Environmental
- Planning entities
- Other

The primary objectives of the steering committee include (but not limited to):

- 1. Identify desired water conditions and measureable goals*
- 2. Identify causes of water quality problems*
- 3. Identify standards to protect water quality*
- 4. Identify who can protect water quality*
- 5. Identify protection measure already in place*
- 6. Identify new measures needed*
- 7. Develop a strategy for action*

Adapting to change...

