

Partnership to Address Small Acreage Land Management and Water Quality on February 9th in Lockhart

LOCKHART – The Plum Creek Watershed Partnership (Partnership) welcomes the public to participate in a special stakeholder meeting set for February 9, 2017, at the Lockhart State Park Recreation Hall.

The park is located at 4179 State Park Road (FM 20), 2 miles west of U.S. Highway 183 in Lockhart.

Sign in begins at 6:00 p.m. with a free dinner sponsored by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. Partnership meetings are free and open to the public.

Please RSVP by February 7, 2017, to ndornak@plumcreekwatershed.org with your name and number in your party or by calling 512-213-7389. You may also register online at <http://plumcreek.tamu.edu/>

Presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome and introductions by Nick Dornak, Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator. In addition to project updates by Mr. Dornak, the Partnership meeting will host an expert panel discussion on water quality best management practices for small acreage landowners followed by a presentation on the wastewater treatment process by Mike Urrutia, Director of Water Quality Services for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

“We have pulled together a fantastic panel composed of leaders representing the local ranching community, USDA-NRCS, the Caldwell-Travis Soil and Water Conservation District, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and the Caldwell County Appraisal District,” said Dornak.

The panel discussion and wastewater treatment process presentation will each include a question and answer session between the audience and the speakers.

“As large, heritage farms and ranches in the watershed continue to give way to new developments and small acreage agricultural operations, we would like to ensure our stakeholders understand the value of smart growth alternatives and sustainable land management practices that enable economic development while maintaining the integrity of local water resources,” Dornak added.

For more information on how you can help restore and protect Plum Creek or to download meeting agendas and past presentations, please visit the Partnership website, <http://plumcreek.tamu.edu/>. You can also email Watershed Coordinator, Nick Dornak, at ndornak@plumcreekwatershed.org. Requests by mail should be sent to Plum Creek Watershed Partnership, 405 E. Market Street, Lockhart, Texas, 78644.

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