



April 5, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER) cordially invite you and your neighbors to a meeting regarding the Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) for Dixon Creek. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to learn about the study and related upcoming activities. The meeting will be held April 16, 2013 at 6:00pm at the City of Borger City Hall, located at 600 North Main Street Borger, TX 79008. A map to the meeting place is enclosed.

Dixon Creek is a small headwater tributary within the Canadian River Basin. The creek flows 19 miles north from the confluence with the Canadian River in Hutchinson County. The watershed includes approximately 17,888 acres that encompasses portions of the City of Borger. Dixon Creek is one of many rural waterbodies listed on the *Texas 303(d) List* due to elevated levels of *E. coli*, the non-pathogenic indicator bacteria found in warm-blooded animals. These indicator bacteria are used to assess the possible presence of pathogens that would limit the contact recreation use of a waterbody. Dixon Creek was first listed as having bacteria impairment for contact recreation on the *2000 Texas 303 (d) List* and has been listed in the *2010 Texas Water Quality Inventory* due to depressed oxygen concentrations. At the end of this project, stakeholders will be asked to decide on what action is most appropriate to restore water quality and remove this waterbody from the *303 (d) List*. Funding for this project is provided through a State General Revenue Nonpoint Source Grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research at Tarleton State University is facilitating the stakeholder process for this recreational use attainability analysis.

At this meeting, stakeholders will be asked to participate and provide guidance on site identification for recreational use data collection and to provide input on historical uses of the waterbody. Your participation is fundamental to the success of this project.

More information about the study is available at www.tsswcb.texas.gov/en/managementprogram/RUAADIXON. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leah Brown at (254) 968-0513 or lbrown@tiaer.tarleton.edu. We look forward to seeing you on April 16th at 6:00pm.

Sincerely,

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