

Dear Mid Pecan Bayou Stakeholder,

Texas AgriLife Research, the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research, and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board cordially invite you to an upcoming meeting to discuss water quality in Mid Pecan Bayou on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. The meeting will be from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Adams Street Community Center on 511 East Adams Street in Brownwood. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Mid Pecan Bayou is located in Brown County, southeast of Brownwood and extends from a point immediately upstream of the confluence of Mackinally Creek to a point immediately upstream of Willis Creek. The bayou currently exceeds that state water quality standard for contact recreation and is listed as impaired on the *Texas 303(d) List* due to elevated levels of *E. coli* bacteria.

Texas AgriLife Research and Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research will be conducting a Recreational Use Attainability Analysis on Mid Pecan Bayou. A Use Attainability Analysis assesses the physical, chemical, biological, and economical conditions affecting the use of a waterbody. This study is also performed to determine what level of aquatic recreation (i.e. swimming, wading, boating and fishing) is actually occurring.

Local landowner cooperation is crucial to identify the locations most used for contact recreation. Input is needed from local city and county officials, landowners, and the general public on their knowledge of how the stream has been used historically. Since decisions made about Mid Pecan Bayou will affect landowners, industries, municipalities, and other residents, stakeholder participation is fundamental to the success of this study.

An agenda and map of the study area are included with this letter. Additional information on the project is available on the project website at <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/managementprogram/mpbruaa>. If you have any questions, please contact me at (254) 968-4144 or lberan@ag.tamu.edu.

Sincerely,



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