



December 22, 2011

Dear Mid Pecan Bayou Stakeholder:

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), Texas AgriLife Research, and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER) cordially invite you and your neighbors to an upcoming meeting regarding the Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) for Mid Pecan Bayou. The meeting will be on January 9, 2012 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the Adams Street Community Center located at 511 East Adams Street in Brownwood, TX. Registration begins at 5:00 PM. A map to the meeting location is enclosed, along with the meeting agenda.

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 the 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.

TIAER has completed field surveys on Mid Pecan Bayou as part of the RUAA study. The field survey assessed the physical, chemical, biological, and economical conditions affecting the use of a waterbody. The field survey also helped to determine what level of aquatic recreation (i.e. swimming, wading, boating and fishing) is actually occurring on or near the stream. At the upcoming meeting, you will have the opportunity to hear about, and see photographs of findings from the two field surveys performed during the summer of 2011 and share your questions and concerns regarding recreational use of the Mid Pecan Bayou.

To complement the RUAA, TIAER conducted a watershed source survey that characterized the possible sources of bacteria loadings within Mid Pecan Bayou. The source survey evaluated potential bacteria contributors such as, but not limited to, wastewater treatment facilities, central sewage collection systems, septic systems, as well as wildlife, livestock, and non-domestic animal populations.

At the upcoming meeting, you will have the opportunity to hear about, and see photographs of findings from the two field surveys and share your concerns regarding recreational use of the Mid Pecan Bayou. Since decisions made about Mid Pecan Bayou will affect landowners, citizens, industries, and municipalities, your participation is fundamental to the success of this study.

Both reports along with past meeting agendas and presentations are available at <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/managementprogram/mpbruaa>. A copy of both reports is also available for public viewing at the following locations in Brownwood.

City of Brownwood 501 Center Avenue	Brownwood Public Library 600 Carnegie Street	Brown County Judge 200 South Broadway Street, Room 109	USDA Brownwood Service Center 2608 Highway 377 S # B	Texas Farm Bureau 2450 Highway 377 S
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (254) 968-4144 or lberan@ag.tamu.edu. We look forward to seeing you on January 9th.

Sincerely,

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