

July 12, 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 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Adams Street Community Center located at 511 East Adams Street in Brownwood, TX. Registration begins at 1:30 PM. A map to the meeting location is enclosed, along with a tentative 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 begun field surveys on Mid Pecan Bayou as part of the RUAA study. The field survey assesses the physical, chemical, biological, and economical conditions affecting the use of a waterbody. The field survey also helps 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 first field survey performed on June 10th, 2011 and share your questions and 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. We will be asking you to provide guidance on the direction of this project.

Additional information on the project, including past meeting agendas and presentations, is available at <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/managementprogram/mpbruaa>. 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 August 10th.

Sincerely,



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