



June 12, 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 hear updates about the study and upcoming activities. The meeting will be held July 23, 2013 at 6:00pm the City of Borger City Hall, located at 600 North Main Street Borger, TX 79008. A map to the meeting place is printed on the back of this letter.

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 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 and conducting the field surveys for this recreational use attainability analysis.

At this meeting, stakeholders will be given an opportunity to view findings from the first RUAA field survey. Enclosed is a map identifying all sites used in the first field survey May 25, 2013. Your participation and input 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 please contact Leah Brown at (254) 968-0513, or lbrown@tiaer.tarleton.edu. We look forward to seeing you on July 23, 2013 at 6:00pm.

Sincerely,

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