Sustaining the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership

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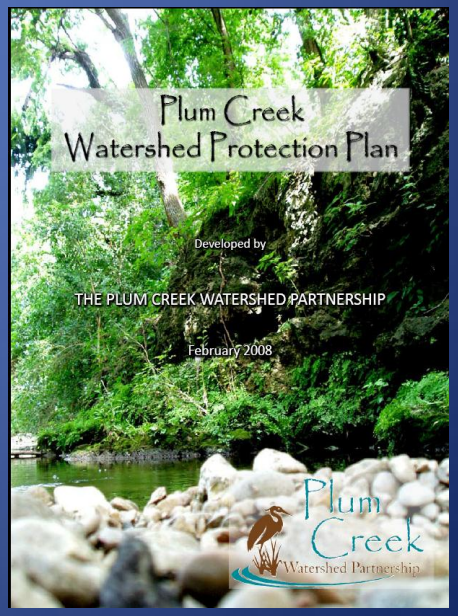
Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan

- Funded by CWA Section 319 grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board – 2006
- WPP development was facilitated by Texas AgriLife Extension
- Stakeholder developed
- EPA accepted plan
- Id load reductions, BMPs



Implementation

- Texas AgriLife - Implementation Grant
  - 3 years
  - Facilitation of Partnership
  - Help with other 319 grants
  - Education and Outreach
  - Extended one additional yr through August 2012

Sustaining the Momentum

- As plan was finished discussions were held on how to sustain the partnership
  - Governmental Organizations
  - Quasi-governmental Organizations
  - Non-governmental Organizations
  - Fee-based Systems
  - Hybrid Models

Governmental

Local, State, and Federal Governments sometimes allocate permanent funding for local resource protection

Example – National Estuary Program

Quasi-Governmental

Requires Legislative Action

Example – River Authority, Conservation District

Non-governmental Organizations

Non-profit organizations

Create and sustain grass-roots stewardship

Self-funded

Viewed as counterbalance to Government

Examples – Foundations, Trusts

Interlocal/Intergovernmental Contractual Arrangements

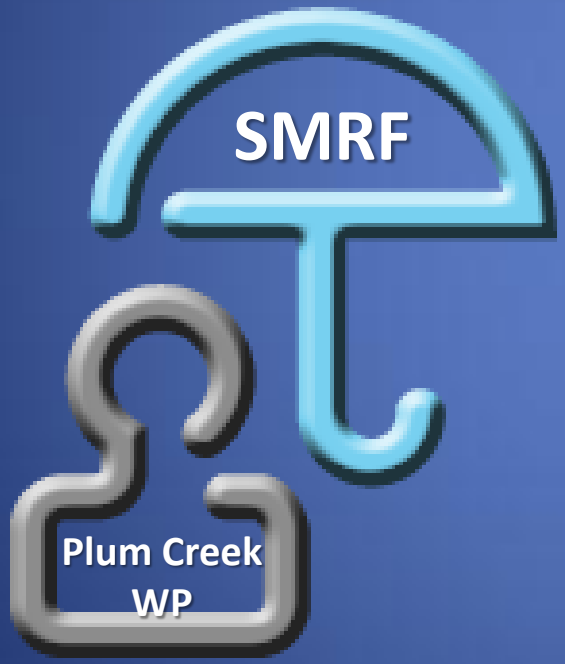
Fee-based

Participation is voluntary

Administered by 3rd non-profit party

Examples – Council of Governments, Task Forces

Offer of an Umbrella



San Marcos River Foundation is willing

May still be an option

Plum Creek Hybrid

Funded through interlocal agreement with local entities, but also through individual grants from state and federal government

Provide services to local entities in addition to fostering stewardship and ensuring implementation of WPP efforts

Administered by non-profit organization (GBRA)

Include participation by local NGO(s) - no funding

Interlocal Agreement

- 10 Funding Partners
  - Cities of Buda, Kyle, Uhland, Lockhart and Luling
  - Hays and Caldwell Counties
  - GBRA and Plum Creek Conservation District
  - Polonia Water Supply Corporation

GBRA

CITY OF Lockhart

CITY OF LULING FOUNDED IN 1874

CITY OF KYLE ESTABLISHED 1880

Polonia WSC

City of Uhland

Plum Creek Conservation District
Flood Control & Underground Water Resources

Interlocal Agreement

- 2 Non-funding Partners
  - Caldwell-Travis Soil and Water Conservation District
  - Hays County Soil and Water Conservation District
  - Participating in implementation grant in watershed

Selling Points

- **Local** watershed coordinator
- Fees based on area and population served
- Voluntary participation
- No one entity has more say than any other
- Job description – A lot of benefit to area

Entities	2009 Population	Area Acres	Area (sq. Miles)		Cost Portion for $48,000		
					Population Portion (50%)	Land portion (50%)	TOTAL
Caldwell County	36899	350080	547				
Caldwell County (In Watershed)	17488	189709	311	296.42	$3,022	$5,932	$8,954
Hays County	151664	434559	679				
Hays County (In Watershed)	8,622	38628	72	60.3	$1,490	$1,208	$2,698
Kyle	28,700	6000	9.38		$4,960	$188	$5,148
Lockhart	14238	7,210	11.26		$2,461	$225	$2,686
Luling	5502	2120	3.31		$951	$66	$1,017
Buda	7784	1451	2.27		$1,345	$45	$1,391
GBRA	26110	248637	388		$4,513	$7,775	$12,287
PCCD	26110	248637	388		$4,513	$7,775	$12,287
Uhland	457	1171	1.83		$79	$37	$116
Polonia WSC	3855	23968			$666	$749	$1,416
Watershed	82934	248637	388				
TOTAL	138,866	767,531			$24,000	$24,000	$48,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET =	120000
ANTICIPATED GRANT AWARD 60% OF BUDGET =	72000
ESTIMATED BUDGET BALANCE AFTER GRANT =	48000

Hired a Local Watershed Coordinator

- Hired as Contractor not an employee of an entity
- Request for Qualifications used to solicit candidates
- Selection Committee made up of 4 funding partners, 1 non funding steering committee member, AgriLife
- Received 12 outstanding candidates, interviewed 4

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