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Dear Citizens of the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed:

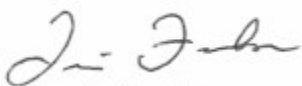
The Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board are partnering with local citizens to protect and improve water quality in Texas' watersheds by helping to develop and implement Watershed Protection Plans. Watershed Protection Plans are designed to restore and/or protect surface waters impacted by nonpoint source pollution by implementing best management practices. Geronimo Creek and its tributary Alligator Creek, flow through Comal and Guadalupe Counties, near the cities of New Braunfels and Seguin. This watershed has been selected for development of a Watershed Protection Plan based on water quality concerns for bacteria and nutrients.

You are invited to participate in solving these water quality issues by attending one of two project kick-off meetings and joining the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Partnership. We are providing two opportunities for the public to join us to hear about how you can participate in the upcoming water quality protection planning process.

The first of the two public meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 6 in Seguin at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority River Annex located at 905 Nolan in Seguin. The second meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8 in New Braunfels at the Landa Haus, located in the heart of Landa Park, at 360 Aquatic Circle. Sign up and refreshments will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the presentations will start at 6:30 p.m. and run until 8:30 p.m. These meetings will provide an overview of what we know about the water quality in Geronimo Creek and its tributary Alligator Creek, and how you can become involved in developing and implementing the Watershed Protection Plan.

Watershed Protection Plans are driven by the local community. Local stakeholders help identify potential sources of water pollution, and plan efforts to improve water quality. The ultimate goal of the Plan is enhance and protect your water resources now, and into the future. Key local partners supporting the process include Comal and Guadalupe Counties, the Cities of Seguin and New Braunfels, New Braunfels Utilities, and the Comal-Guadalupe Soil and Water Conservation District.

Your active participation is essential to the success of this important project. Join us in developing and implementing a Watershed Protection Plan for Geronimo and Alligator Creeks. If you have any questions regarding this process or to RSVP for one of the October meetings, please contact Nikki Dictson with Extension at 979-575-4424 (n-dictson@tamu.edu) or Debbie Magin with GBRA at 830-379-5822 (dmagin@gbra.org). You also can visit our website at <http://geronimocreek.org>. Thank you.



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Stakeholder Survey