

The Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan



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Water Quality

- Geronimo Creek was listed on the 2006 303(d) list for not supporting its contact recreation use due to elevated bacteria concentrations
- Geronimo Creek is also listed for nutrient enrichment



What is the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan?

- A community-driven management plan that uses the watershed approach to solve complex water quality problems
- The purpose is to restore and protect the creeks
- It was developed and managed through partnerships among federal, state, county and local groups and organizations
- **It relies heavily on stakeholder involvement at the local level**

New Field Technician

- Joe McIntosh is the new Field Technician hired by the Comal-Guadalupe SWCD to assist agricultural producers develop Water Quality Management Plans for their operations

Feral Hog Workshop

- May 23, 2014 from 8:30am to 4pm
The Big Red Barn
390 Cordova Road
Seguin



Events for 2014

- Quarterly Partnership meetings
- Feral Hog Workshop May 25th
- Septic system homeowner workshops April 28th and 29th
- Quarterly newsletter
- Low Impact Development Workshop May 25th
- Second Annual Creek Clean Up April 5th



Second Annual Creek Clean Up

- Last year's event focused on 7 locations
 - Geronimo Creek in the Oak Springs Subdivision
 - TLU sampling location @ FM 20
 - Geronimo Creek at Laubach Road
 - Unnamed tributary at Laubach Road
 - Geronimo Creek at Walnut Street
 - The Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center
 - Creekside detention pond
 - Alligator Creek at FM 1102/Hunter Road/Conrads Road

Support

- The event involved approximately 100 volunteers
- Collected almost 3,000 pounds of trash
- The Partnership received support from:
 - Cities of New Braunfels and Seguin, Continental Corporation, Alamo Group, Guadalupe County Commissioner Seidenberger, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Geronimo Creek Resort, and many citizens



First Annual Creek Clean Up

- Clean Up occurred on April 6th
- Volunteers met at Navarro HS in Geronimo and at the New Braunfels Airport
 - Crews received instructions, safety talk, supplies, breakfast tacos
 - Crews were sent out to collect trash
 - Left trash and reusable supplies at cleanup sites
 - Trailer crews collected trash and hauled it to the NB Airport where large dumpsters were located, courtesy of NB Solid Waste Services

Clean Up Locations

- Geronimo Creek at the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center
- Geronimo Creek at Walnut Street
- Geronimo Creek along the Oak Springs Subdivision
- Geronimo Creek at FM 20
- Unnamed tributary at Laubach Road
- Geronimo Creek at Laubach
- Stormwater detention pond behind Creekside
- Alligator Creek at FM 1102/Hunter Rd/Conrads Rd

Sponsorships

- Carolyn Bading
- City of New Braunfels (donation and disposal services)
- City of Seguin
- Debbie Magin
- Geronimo Creek Retreat
- Guadalupe County Commissioner Greg Seidenberger
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



Volunteers

- Alamo Group
- Continental Corporation
- TLU students
- Navarro HS students
- Seguin HS students
- City of New Braunfels
- City of Seguin
- Seguin Outdoor Learning Center
- Watershed Citizens

Continental Crew





Before



After



Alamo Crew





Seguin Outdoor Learning Center



Texas Lutheran University Crew



Navarro High School Crew



Unloading Trailers



Trash Totals

- 2,960 pounds of trash (110 bags)
- 26 tires
- Large items like a stove, air conditioner, brush, and lumber
- Car battery
- Toilet
- Disposal/recycling of collected materials was provided free of charge by the City of New Braunfels

How can you help with the clean up day?

- Sign up to be on the organizing committee
- Sign up to be on a clean up crew
- Help us spread the word and advertise
 - Forward the announcement in the next issue of *The Geronimo Flow* to friends and neighbors
 - Post information about the event
- Show up!!!

How do you get involved in the project?

- Go to www.geronimocreek.org to sign up for our email list
 - Receive the quarterly newsletter, news on current events, trainings, meetings, annual creek cleanup event, etc
- Attend trainings, meetings, cleanup events—and let your voice be heard
- Tell your friends and neighbors!

Thank You!

Questions and comments



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