

EPA Accepts the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan
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SEGUIN — The United States Environmental Protection Agency has announced their acceptance of the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan. Their acceptance of the plan means that it is in compliance with EPA national guidance and effectively addresses nonpoint source pollution in the watershed.

“We want to send out a special thanks to the area residents and stakeholders for their participation and involvement in developing a sound and workable plan,” said Debbie Magin, director of water quality services at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

Partnership and public involvement led to the development of a “comprehensive, sustainable, voluntary and locally-driven watershed protection plan,” said Ward Ling, AgriLife Extension program specialist. “The end goal is to improve and protect water quality in the creeks. Now, with the plan accepted, we can begin to work on implementing it.”

Geronimo Creek and its tributary, Alligator Creek, which flow through Comal and Guadalupe counties, were identified for watershed protection plan development due to concerns about high levels of nitrogen and elevated levels of bacteria, as reported in the Texas Water Quality Inventory published by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

A Clean Water Act §319(h) grant was provided to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to facilitate the development of this watershed protection plan.

Other key area partners supporting watershed protection efforts include Comal and Guadalupe counties, the cities of Seguin and New Braunfels, New Braunfels Utilities and the Comal-Guadalupe Soil and Water Conservation District.

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