

South Lilly Creek watershed public meeting set for April 11, 2016 in Pittsburg

PITTSBURG, TEXAS – The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research invite residents in the South Lilly Creek watershed to a public meeting to discuss a water quality project. The meeting will be held in Room 106 of the Hanson – Sewell Center located at 237 College Street in Pittsburg, TX 75686. Sign-in will begin at 5:45pm and the meeting will start at 6:00pm.

South Lilly Creek, a small tributary of Lilly Creek, begins at the confluence of Lilly Creek in Camp County and flows approximately 13 miles through Upshur County then into Wood County. South Lilly Creek is on the state's list of impaired waters for having bacteria levels that exceed water quality standards for primary contact recreation.

At this meeting, landowners and citizens will have the opportunity to learn about a new project, *Recreational Use Attainability Analysis for One Water Body in the Sulphur River Basin and One Water Body in the Cypress Creek River Basin*, which focuses on assessing the level of recreational use occurring in South Lilly Creek.

Since decisions made about this waterbody will affect landowners, citizens, industries, and municipalities, local participation is fundamental to the success of this project. Stakeholders will be asked to provide guidance on the direction of this project.

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For more information about the meeting, visit the project website at <http://tiaer.tarleton.edu/ruaa/south-lilly-creek.html> or contact Leah Taylor at 254-968-0513 or at ltaylor@tiaer.tarleton.edu.

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