
 Texas A&M System

Plum Creek Watershed Partnership Update



 Watershed Coordination Steering Committee

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Plum Creek Implementation Proposals

- TSSWCB 319 Proposal for outreach and education, project facilitation, Agricultural practices and Feral Hog Implementation
- City of Kyle's TCEQ 319 Implementation Proposal
- Working to try to get Cities of Lockhart and Luling to also apply for TCEQ 319 Funds



Update on Agricultural and Feral Hog Implementation Proposal

Approval Received:

- Implementation of voluntary Water Quality Management Plans on agricultural lands through local Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Continued coordination and facilitation of implementation in the watershed by Extension

Item Not Approved:



- Targeted feral hog management by Texas Wildlife Services

Update on Agricultural and Feral Hog Implementation Proposal

Revised Proposal:

- Hire Wildlife Extension position in watershed to coordinate with private management efforts by landowners themselves
- Development and distribution of educational materials and cooperation with planned feral hog management workshops
- Utilize online feral hog reporting system to work with landowners

City of Kyle TCEQ 319 Implementation Proposal

- Retrofit Detention Facilities at Steeplechase and Plum Creek Subdivisions
- Storm Sewer Marking and Education Program
- Stormwater Mapping and Control Plan
- Dog Waste Collection Stations and Education
- Street Sweeping Program was initiated
- Continue conducting trash clean-up day on Plum Creek at Steeplechase Park
- Water quality monitoring, data collection and validation – E.coli and nutrients



Outreach and Education 106 Funding

- Received \$150,000 in September 2007 from a TCEQ Clean Water Act 106 Grant
 - Watershed Protection Campaign Brochure
 - 2 NEMO – Urban Growth Workshops
 - 4 Online Modules- Wastewaters Treatment Plants; OSSFs; Stormwater Mgmt; and Fats, Oils, and Grease
 - Septic System Workshops
 - Illegal Dumping/Litter Campaign
 - TCEQ Fats, Oils, and Grease Workshops and Site Assessment Visits



Outreach and Education with 106 Grant Funding Continued

- Received \$150,000 in September for water quality outreach and education from a TCEQ Clean Water Act 106 funding
 - Watershed Protection Campaign Brochure has been printed and is being distributed
 - Marketing and Outreach Plan



NEMO - Managing Urban Growth: Quality of Life and Environmental Issues

- The 9:00 am – 2 pm trainings are FREE and lunch was provided by Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust
- Extension Specialist, John Jacobs was the featured speaker and is the Texas NEMO Coordinator.
- The first NEMO training was held on Tuesday, February 26 at the Texas Disposal System Pavilion and was a great success.
- The second training was held on Tuesday, May 13 at The Fountains with over 40 attendees.



Online Educational Modules

- Stormwater Management
- Fats, Oils, and Grease
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Module is complete and has been advertised by email and post cards that were mailed out
- The WWTP Module has also received an award from the Water Environment Association of Texas – 2008 Presidential Award for Outstanding Effort Towards Public Outreach and Communication.
- This award will be presented to GBRA on December 17 at their Board Meeting.



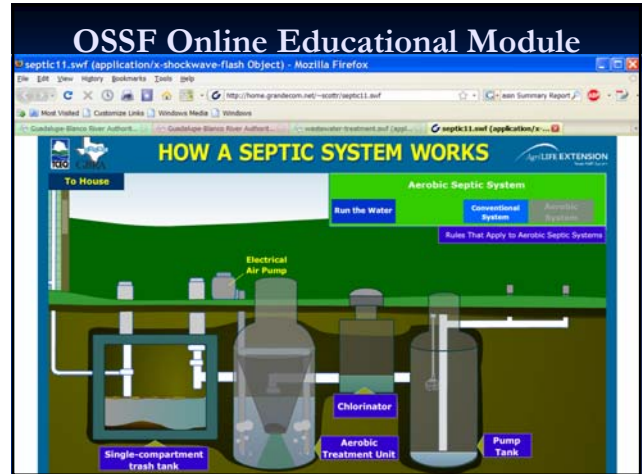
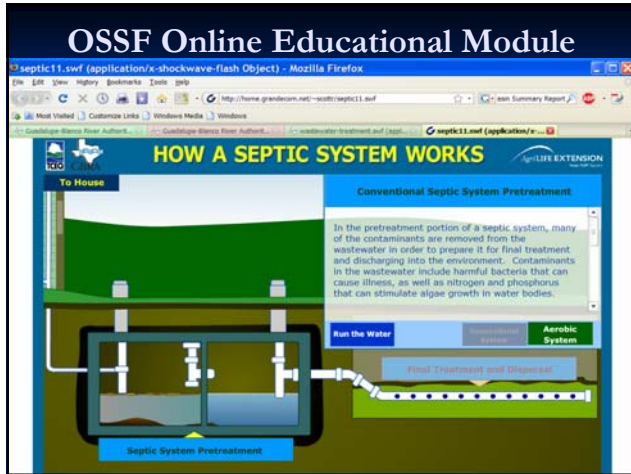
Online Educational Module Wastewater

Online Educational Modules Continued

- The Onsite Septic System Module
 - Is in the final review stage
 - Will be on the GBRA Website and linked from our website



OSSF Online Educational Module



Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Workshops

- August 26, Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems 201 Workshop was held for practitioners at the Hays County AgriLife Extension Office in San Marcos for 60
- August 29, Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems Workshop was held at the Caldwell County AgriLife Extension Office in Lockhart for 20.
- These will be held again in 2009.
- A free Aerobic System Workshop will be held in Comal County on Dec. 17 at the AgriLife Extension office located at 325 Resource Drive in New Braunfels from 9 to 4:30.

AgriLIFE EXTENSION

OSSF Assistance in Hays County

- Held meetings with Hays County on the potential of ORCA funding for Septic Systems.
- The county is very interested in building partnerships to connect OSSF homes to WWTP and apply next year.
- Wanted some time for the Hays County Water and Wastewater Regional Study to help prioritize locations.
- Next step is to create a Wastewater Working Group to prioritize projects and develop a proposal.

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AgriLIFE EXTENSION

Outreach and Education with 106 Grant Funding Continued

- TCEQ Fats, Oils, and Grease Workshops are in the process of being coordinated
- Site Assessment Visits have been scheduled for the
 - Luling Water Treatment Plant
 - GBRA Managed Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility



Plum Creek Outreach and Education Grant Update

- Assessment/Identification of Illegal Dumping at road crossings has been completed
- Roadway signs for cleanup and No Dumping signs have been delivered to Counties and posted
- Lee Gudgell with GBRA made presentations to multiple groups within the watershed on this cleanup effort
- Caldwell County received a Solid Waste Grant to fund a person, truck and trailer to clean up illegal dumping in the county

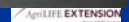


Lockhart Town Branch Community Cleanup

- Lockhart Community Cleanup occurred on Sept. 20 from 9:00am -1:00pm
- Cleanup of five City of Lockhart Parks along Town Branch
- Great Success with over 400 people in attendance
- Environmental Fair and local Band played
- Will become the Earth Day Event in Lockhart



Town Branch Cleanup



Texas Watershed Steward Training

- December 4, 2007 at Plum Creek Community Meeting Room in Kyle
- 42 Participants for day long training, received a certificate
- 2nd TWS training August 6 in Luling
- 85 Participants for day long training
- Great remarks were received in the surveys from both trainings



Urban Sector Turf & Landscape Management

- Jim McAfee, Extension Specialist at the Dallas Urban Center will be providing a SAFE Training for those in the Plum Creek Watershed in the fall
- SAFE includes morning indoors instruction and than an afternoon field irrigation audit



Additional Implementation Projects

- ORCA Grant Funding for Wastewater Projects
- Additional 319 Funding for Cities
- SRF for Wastewater Projects
- Continuing Outreach and Education
- Long Term Sustainability of Partnership – 501(c)3 or some other potential for long term



PCWP Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2008
6:00 to 9:00 pm

