

Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed Stakeholder Advisory Committee to Meet on October 27, 2016.

The Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed Stakeholder Advisory Committee will meet Thursday October 27th in Belton regarding the Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed Protection Plan. The meeting will be from 10am – 12pm at the Harris Community Center, 401 N. Alexander.

The Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek watershed is located in Bell County and encompasses portions of the cities of Belton, Harker Heights, Killeen, Nolanville, and the Fort Hood Military Reservation. Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek was first listed as impaired and not meeting state water quality standards due to elevated bacteria concentrations with the 1996 Texas Water Quality Inventory and 303(d) List. The most recent 303(d) List for 2014 continues to list Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek as impaired for bacteria. Concerns for elevated nutrients were also noted in 2010 and continue in the 2014 assessment of the Texas surface water quality.

The Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality are partnering with landowners in the Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek watershed to protect and improve the area's water quality through development of a watershed protection plan (WPP). Stakeholder involvement is crucial in developing a WPP that will comprehensively address all water quality impairments and concerns.

The upcoming meeting will host personnel from the Bell County Health Department for a discussion on-site sewage facilities (OSSFs) within the watershed. Additionally, the inventory of existing management activities and programs for the Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek WPP will be reviewed as well as preliminary results from September and October monitoring events.

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