



Plum Creek Watershed Partnership Steering Committee Meeting

Lockhart State Park
February 25, 2025

Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator Updates

- Came onboard January 22nd
- Attended the Watershed Planning Short Course in Bandera (1/27-1/30)
- Met with Caldwell-Travis SWCD, City of Kyle, TSSWCB, Hays County, and Hays County Environmental Task Force
- Attended the Standard Core Water Quality Community Scientist Training with Texas Stream Team
- Registered for the Feral Hog Management Workshop on Feb. 27th



Work Group Updates

- Civic Work Group
 - Jason Biemer, San Hwang, Angela Kennedy, Susan Meckel, Kathy Roecker
- Environmental Work Group
 - Doris Steubing, Stephen Risinger, Susan Meckel



Feral Hog Trap Loan Program Updates

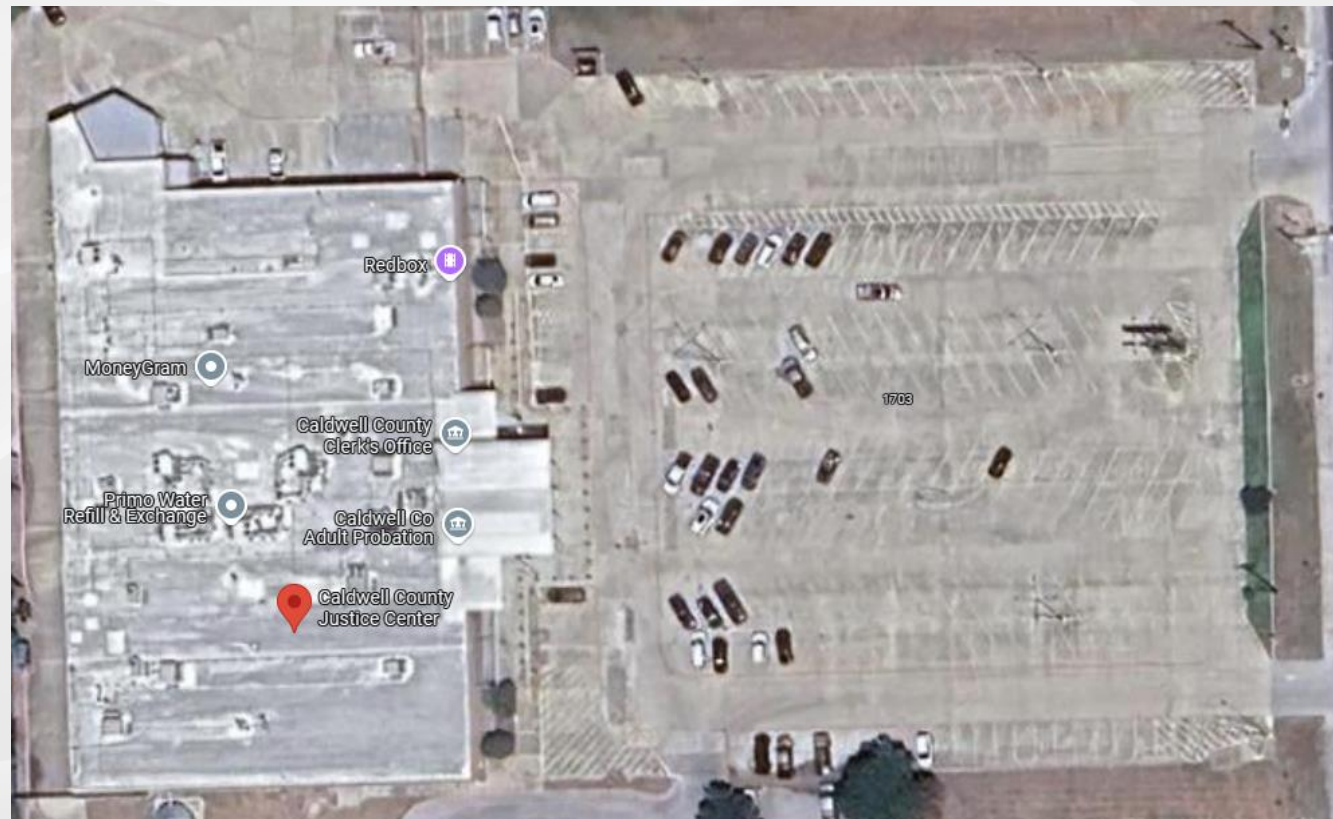
- Program proposal, landowner agreement, and trap instructions are near completion



Pig Brig Trap System

Caldwell County Justice Center Rain Garden

- Plans to revitalize the rain garden are in talks with Caldwell County.



Caldwell County Justice Center, Lockhart Texas
Photo courtesy of Google Maps

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Youth Outreach Discussion

- Potential Outreach
 - Library Collaborations
- Previously Discussed Outreach
 - WaterFest Event
- Planned Outreach
 - Lockhart State Park



Library Collaborations

By collaborating with local libraries, the Watershed Coordinator would read environmental children's books about water and conservation. Hands-on activities like building edible aquifers or exploring the watershed model could be implemented in conjunction with the scheduled readings.

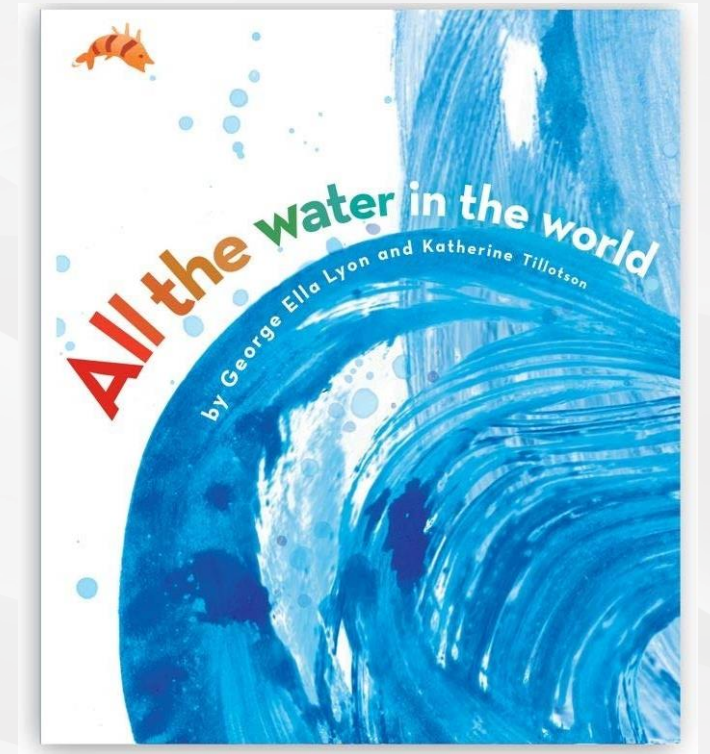
- Proposed Series Name
 - EcoTales
 - Story Stream

- Proposed Partners
 - City of Buda Library
 - City of Kyle Library
 - City of Lockhart Library
 - City of Luling Library



Library Collaborations

- Targeted Ages: 4-8
- Potential Books:
 - All the Water in the World
 - Drop: An Adventure Through the Water Cycle
 - Hey Water!
 - Save the Ocean
 - The Drop in My Drink
 - The Little Raindrop
 - The Rhythm of the Rain
 - Water Can Be
 - Water: Exploring the Elements
- Program Frequency: Once per Month
- Marketing and Promotion:
 - Through library event calendar
 - Social media
 - *Plum Creek Current*



All the Water in the World
by George Ella Lyon & Katherine Tillotson

WaterFest Event

Proposed at the July 2024 Public Stakeholder event, this educational water celebration would be focused on science, nature, and art.

- Ideal event
 - Completely free
 - Targeting 3rd-5th graders
 - Half-day event
 - Unique event theme with art and poetry contests
 - Educational activities in conjunction with presentations and booths from exhibitors
- Current hurdles
 - Getting buy-in from watershed ISDs
 - Volunteer and exhibitor recruitment
 - Finding suitable venue
 - Potential funding



Lockhart State Park Field Trips

- In exchange for free rental of the Recreation Hall, Lauren Hartwick, Lockhart State Park Interpreter, asks for help during the fall and spring for school tour groups. This spring, 5th graders from Lockhart ISD will explore aquatic macroinvertebrates.
 - April 11th
 - May 9th



Social Media Opportunities

- Introducing a mascot to the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership's social media could make environmental education more engaging, relatable, and memorable for a broad audience. A mascot could serve as the "voice" of conservation, explaining watershed issues in a fun, accessible way.
 - Benefits
 - Increased engagement
 - Stronger brand identity
 - Potential Concerns
 - Content limitations
 - Audience reception



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Adult Education & Workshops

- Potential Workshops
 - OSSF Workshops
 - OSSF 6-hour Homeowner Maintenance Certification Course
 - Texas Stream Teams Training
 - Rainwater Harvesting Workshops
 - Healthy Lawns Healthy Waters
- Upcoming Workshops
 - Feral Hog Management Workshop
 - 9 AM - 12 PM | February 27th | Guadalupe Co. Extension Office
 - Texas Well Owners Network
 - April 7/8 | Hays County
 - Lone Star Healthy Streams
 - June 24th | Hays County



Upcoming Events & Plans

- **Great Texas River Clean-up**
 - 9 AM – 12PM, March 1st at Waterleaf Park, Kyle
- **Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee Meeting**
 - 1 PM, April 23rd at the GBRA River Annex, Seguin



Next PCWP Meetings

- Public Stakeholder Meeting
 - Proposed date: 6 PM on April 9th
 - Proposed location: Lockhart State Park
- Steering Committee Meeting
 - Proposed date: 10 AM on July 9th
 - Proposed location: Lockhart State Park

