



TEXAS STATE
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Plum Creek Watershed Partnership Public Stakeholder Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 PM

April 9, 2025

Recreation Hall at Lockhart State Park

2012 State Park Rd., Lockhart, Texas

Meeting Summary

- The Watershed Coordinator (WC) began the meeting by providing a brief summary of the Plum Creek Watershed and the Partnership.
- The WC summarized the results from the Great Texas River Cleanup and shared information about the Caldwell County Justice Center Rain Garden cleanup scheduled for April 26th.
- The WC provided updates on the Feral Hog Trap Loan Program with Caldwell-Travis County Soil & Water Conservation District and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. Traps will be available for Caldwell County landowners to help control feral hog populations. More information on requirements and how to sign up will be distributed soon.
- The WC shared how to get more involved with the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership. Plum Creek Stewards is a volunteer water quality monitoring program. Training from Texas Stream Team is required, and volunteers are asked to monitor one site a month.
- The WC also discussed the Plum Creek Page Turners environmental book club and shared a link for those interested.
- The guest speaker, City of Kyle's Conservation Division Manager, presented "Native Landscaping: Why is it critical?"
- With a theme of "restoring native landscapes is critical to addressing many of our pressing ecological concerns," the presentation defined native plants, discussed shifts in climate, and promoted the change for native insects and pollinators. Selecting for native plants reduces the need for pesticides, herbicides, and

fertilizers – improving water quality. Native plants also help mitigate flooding risks.

- A variety of suggested native plants and their impact for Texas wildlife were shared along with landscaping ideas. It was pointed out that when planting, one should avoid straight lines and group plants in bunches to assist in pollination.
- The following resources were shared:
 - *Native Texas Plants: Landscaping Region by Region* by Sally Wasowski with Andy Wasowski
 - *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants* by Douglas W. Tallamy
 - *Texas Wildscapes: Gardening for Wildlife* by Kelly Conrad Bender
 - U.T. Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center – <https://www.wildflower.org/collections>
 - Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation – <https://www.xerces.org/pollinator-conservation>
 - U.T. - Dr. Shalene Jha Lab – <https://w3.biosci.utexas.edu/jha/native-bees>
 - <https://www.wildflower.org/collections/>
 - <https://npsot.org/wp/resources/plant-lists-by-ecoregion/>
 - National Wildlife Federation – <https://www.nwf.org/CERTIFY>
 - Native Plant Society – <https://npsot.org/wp/nlcp/about>
 - Texas Wildscapes – https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/wildscapes/wildscape_certification.phtml
 - Ecoregions of Texas – https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/wildscapes/ecoregions/ecoregion_4.phtml
 - <https://www.wildflower.org/collections>
 - Facebook Pages/Groups
 - Austin Chapter – Native Plant Society of Texas
 - Texas Native Plant & Seed Exchange
 - Landscaping with Native Texas Plants
- After the guest presentation, there was discussion and questions on how to help pollinators.
- The WC adjourned the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and reminded those interested that contact information and other resources were available on the table.

Next Public Stakeholder Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2025
Location: TBD

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