

Plum Creek Watershed Partnership

Steering Committee Meeting FY 2025 Q4

July 9, 2025

Hays Co. ESD No. 5 Station 24, Kyle, Texas

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Watershed Coordinator Updates

- Education
 - Lockhart State Park Elementary Field Trips – Aquatic Macroinvertebrates & Water Quality
 - April 11 – 93 Plum Creek Elementary 5th Graders
 - May 9 – 81 Alma Brewer Strawn Elementary 5th Graders
 - Caldwell Co. AgriLife Extension Water Fair – Watershed Model & Pollution
 - May 12 – 91 Bluebonnet Elementary 4th Graders



Watershed Coordinator Updates

- Engagement
 - Aqua WSC Membership Meeting
 - April 4 – 91 Aqua WSC members
 - City of Kyle Earth Day
 - April 22



Watershed Coordinator Updates

- Other Events
 - GBRA Clean Rivers Program Coordinated Monitoring Meeting & Steering Committee Meeting
 - April 23
 - Aquatic Life Monitoring Event
 - April 30 – Clear Fork Creek @ Lockhart State Park
 - Spring Watershed Coordinator Roundtable
 - May 20 – College Station



The image is a composite. The top half shows a dense forest with green foliage and trees. The bottom half shows a close-up of a stream with water flowing over rocks, surrounded by fallen brown leaves and a log. A semi-transparent grey banner is overlaid across the middle of the image.

Feral Hog Trap Loan Program Updates




Kickoff Event

- Saturday, June 21, 2025
- Luling Foundation
- 6 Attendees



A photograph of a rain garden. The top half shows a dense forest with green foliage. The bottom half shows water flowing over a stone structure, with fallen leaves and a log in the foreground.

Caldwell County Justice Center Rain Garden



Cleanout

- Saturday, April 26, 2025
- Caldwell County 4-H volunteered



BEFORE



AFTER



Planting

- Saturday, May 10, 2025
- Planted:
 - White Yarrow – 2
 - Texas Lantana – 3
 - Turks Cap – 3
 - Esperanza – 1
 - Mexican Honeysuckle – 2
 - Salvia – 5



RAIN GARDENS

Is there a way to protect our watersheds while also beautifying the landscape?

Rain gardens are small, vegetated areas that collect and absorb runoff from roofs, driveways, and parking lots. They help reduce the amount of water that enters the stormwater system, which can help prevent flooding and water pollution. Rain gardens also provide a beautiful, green space for your property.

RAIN GARDENS PROTECT THE PLAIN CREEK WATERSHED BY:

- Reducing surface runoff
- Reducing pollutants such as sediments, herbicides, etc. from entering the watershed
- Lowering the risk for flooding and erosion

They can capture up to 30% of the rainfall that falls on them. The average rain garden can hold up to 100 gallons of water. This is equivalent to the amount of water that would be lost to the stormwater system.

HOW DOES A RAIN GARDEN WORK?

1. Rain falls on the garden and soaks into the soil. 2. The soil absorbs the water, which then filters down to the groundwater. 3. The water is then used by the plants in the garden. 4. The water is then released back into the stormwater system.

GREAT NATIVES FOR YOUR GARDEN

Black-eyed Susan, Red-tipped Silliman's Doan's, and other native plants are great for rain gardens. They are hardy, drought-tolerant, and provide a beautiful, green space for your property.

CADDWELL COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER NATIVE PLANT GUIDE

SAVE WATER - GO NATIVE!

When you think of a landscape, what do you imagine? Lush green lawns, colorful flowers, and a variety of plants. But what if you could have a beautiful, green landscape that also saves water? The answer is yes! Native plants are the best choice for a water-saving landscape. They are adapted to the local climate and soil, and they require less water and maintenance than non-native plants.

Native Plants for Your Garden:

- Black-eyed Susan
- Red-tipped Silliman's Doan's
- Other native plants

By including more native plants in your garden, you can help conserve water and protect the local environment. Native plants are the best choice for a water-saving landscape.



Steering Committee Member & Alternate Nominations



Organization	Primary Member	Alternate Member
Aqua Water Supply Corporation	Dacy Cameron	Howard McCall
Caldwell County	B.J. Westmoreland	Judge Hoppy Haden
Caldwell-Travis SWCD	Donnie Graham	Ashley Colburn
City of Buda	Angela Kennedy	Wendy Smith
City of Kyle	Kathy Roecker	Brycen Arnold
City of Lockhart	Sean Kelley	Travis Hughes
City of Luling	Lee Rust	Mark McLaughlin
City of Uhland	<i>Vacant</i>	Mayor Lacey Duke
GBRA	Elizabeth Edgerton	Elizabeth Malloy
Hays County	Jonas Rosenthal	Tammy Crumley
Hays County SWCD	Josh Storm	Rich Steinbrink
Plum Creek Conservation District	Daniel Meyer	Alan Burklund
Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust	Stephen Risinger	
San Marcos River Foundation	Virginia Parker	
Texas State University	San Hwang	
Landowner	Beth Atherton	
Landowner	Jason Biemer	
Landowner	Oscar Fogle	
Landowner	Susan Meckel	
Landowner	Doris Steubing	

The image is a composite of two photographs. The top photograph shows a calm stream flowing through a dense forest with green foliage. The bottom photograph shows a stream with turbulent, white water rapids, littered with fallen brown leaves and a log. A semi-transparent grey horizontal band is positioned across the middle of the image, containing the title text.

Wastewater Treatment Effluent Limits



PCWP Recommendations

- Current Effluent Limits: 5-5-2-1
- Modify Phosphorus recommendations?



Grant Opportunities & Project Proposals



Grant Opportunities

- Coca-Cola SW Texas Recycles Day Grant
 - Opens: September 2, 2025
 - Closes: October 16, 2025
- CAPCOG
 - FY24-25 closed on December 18, 2023
- TCEQ Nonpoint Source Grant Program
 - FY26 closed on June 27, 2025

The image is a composite of two photographs. The top half shows a calm stream flowing through a dense forest with green foliage and trees. The bottom half is a close-up of water cascading over rocks, with many brown and yellow autumn leaves floating on the surface. A semi-transparent grey banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title text.

2026 Watershed Biennial Update



Partner Updates

- Stormwater Management
 - Street Sweepers
 - Pet waste stations
- Wastewater Management
- Illegal Dumping & Litter Prevention Campaigns
- Other watershed improvements

Due July 30th to smurray@GBRA.org



Upcoming Events & Plans

A vertical photograph on the left side of the slide shows a small stream with clear water flowing over rocks. A small green plant with two leaves is growing from the bank on the left. The background is a dark blue gradient.

Upcoming Events & Plans

- Caldwell County 4-H Open House
 - Saturday, August 23, 2025
- Lone Star Healthy Streams
 - Friday, September 12, 2025
- TSSWCB State Meeting
 - September 29 – October 1
- Rainwater Harvesting Workshop with the City of Kyle
 - Saturday, October 18, 2025



Fire Station Tour & Discussion



Steering Committee Discussion

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