

Smith Creek watershed public meeting set for July 10, 2014 in Paris

PARIS, TEXAS – The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research invite residents in the Smith Creek watershed to a public meeting to discuss results from the 1st round of recreational use attainability analysis (RUAA) field surveys conducted in the watershed. The meeting will be held July 10, 2014 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers Room at the Paris City Hall located at 107 E Kaufman St in Paris.

Smith Creek is within the Red River Basin within Lamar County. Smith Creek extends from the confluence with Pine Creek north of Paris to the upstream portion of the stream in north Paris in Lamar County.

Landowners and citizens will be updated on the information collected from the first RUAA field survey that may be used to determine whether primary contact recreation is occurring and if the current water quality standard is appropriate.

Since decisions made about this waterbody will affect landowners, citizens, industries, and municipalities, local participation is fundamental to the success of this project. Stakeholders will be asked to provide guidance on the direction of this project.

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For more information about the meeting, visit the project website at <http://tiaer.tarleton.edu/ruaa/smith-creek.html> or contact Kalyn Brymer at 254-968-1921 or brymer@tiaer.tarleton.edu

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