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Dear Buffalo Creek Stakeholder:

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER) cordially invite you and your neighbors to a meeting regarding the Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) for Buffalo Creek. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to hear updates about the study and upcoming activities. The meeting will be held Wednesday July 10th, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the Recreation Center in Iowa Park, located at 806 N 3rd Street Iowa Park, Texas 76367. A map to the meeting place is printed on the back of this letter and a tentative meeting agenda is available on the project website at <http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/en/managementprogram/ruaabuffalo>.

Buffalo Creek is a headwater tributary of the Wichita River within the Red River Basin. The creek flows 34 miles east from east of Electra in Wichita County to the confluence with the Wichita River in Wichita County. The watershed includes approximately 64,975 acres that includes portions of the cities of Electra and Iowa Park. Buffalo Creek is one of many rural waterbodies listed on the *Texas 303(d) List* due to elevated levels of *E. coli*, the non-pathogenic indicator bacteria found in warm-blooded animals. These indicator bacteria are used to assess the possible presence of pathogens that would limit the contact recreation use of a waterbody. Buffalo Creek was first listed as having bacteria impairment for contact recreation on the *2010 Texas 303 (d) List*. Funding for this project is provided through a State Nonpoint Source Grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research at Tarleton State University is facilitating the stakeholder process and conducting the field surveys for this recreational use attainability analysis. The objective of a RUAA is to collect information that can be used to evaluate factors affecting attainment of recreational use in Buffalo Creek.

At this meeting, stakeholders will be given an opportunity to view findings from the first RUAA field survey. Your participation and input is fundamental to the success of this project.

More information about the study is available at <http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/en/node/1781>. If you have any questions please contact Calvin Clary at (254)968-1921, or cclary@tiaer.tarleton.edu. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday July 10th at 5:30pm.

Sincerely,

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