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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON BIG CREEK**

Local Stakeholders Invited to Discuss Water Quality Issues of Big Creek in Fort Bend County

Richmond, TX -- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) will hold a public meeting from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at the George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview Drive, Richmond, TX 77469.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss water quality issues impacting the Big Creek watershed and provide an opportunity for local stakeholders to give feedback on potential paths forward. This meeting is open to the public.

Big Creek in Fort Bend County has been identified by the TCEQ as failing to meet the state water quality standard for contact recreation. Its primary water quality challenge is elevated levels of fecal bacteria, which indicate conditions that may be harmful to human health, local economies, and the environment.

“Waterways are impacted by everything that happens on the land that drains to them,” said Justin Bower, Senior Planner at the H-GAC. “This project seeks to characterize the water quality issues impacting Big Creek, identify their potential sources, and seek local stakeholder feedback on addressing them.”

Learn more about water quality standards by reading *Preserving and Improving Water Quality*, available at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tmdl/.

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About the Houston-Galveston Area Council

H-GAC is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast planning region, which includes an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 7 million people. H-GAC works to promote efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. For more information, visit h-gac.com.