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MEETING TO DISCUSS BACTERIA REDUCTION PLAN FOR CANEY CREEK

Help from residents and community leaders is needed to discuss voluntary bacteria reduction plan options and form a coordination committee for Caney Creek and Linville Bayou.

A meeting to discuss how to reduce bacteria in Caney Creek and Linville Bayou will be held on Thursday, February 21 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Bay City Civic Center, 207 7th Street, Bay City. This meeting is open to residents, businesses, governments, community organizations, and any other stakeholders interested in taking part in this ongoing effort.

Caney Creek and Linville Bayou both fail to meet state water quality screening standards for contact recreation activities, such as swimming and wading. To address this, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), in conjunction with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, is working with stakeholders to develop a bacteria reduction plan.

During this meeting, participants will be asked to consider bacteria reduction plan options, specifically whether to develop a watershed protection plan or an implementation plan. The activities associated with both plan types outline measures that are largely voluntary; however, implementation plans can include regulatory requirements related to wastewater outfall permits. H-GAC will also work with stakeholders to create a coordination committee to guide the effort.

Community participation is crucial for implementation of this project and to ensure that all interests are represented in the decision-making process.

Information about the project and a project map can be found at www.h-gac.com/go/basin13.

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Houston-Galveston Area Council

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (www.h-gac.com) is a voluntary association of local governments in the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning Region—an area of 12,500 square miles and

more than 6 million people. H-GAC works to promote efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars and serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local government needs. The Brazos-Colorado Coastal Basin Project is funded by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under authorization from the TMDL Program.

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