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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **BRAZORIA COUNTY WATER PROTECTION MEETINGS**

Freeport, TX - The Brazoria County Environmental Center on 10310 FM 523 in Freeport hosts the meeting on Thursday, January 29, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the conference room. Another meeting with the same agenda will be held at Sea Center Texas on 300 Medical Drive in Lake Jackson, Texas on Tuesday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the conference room.

The schedule for the January Open House begins with an introduction of the Bastrop Bayou Watershed Planning Project followed by a presentation of the SELECT modeling results, and watershed education and outreach programs. A discussion period follows the presentations. Attend one of these meetings and help to formulate the watershed plan with your ideas for managing Bastrop Bayou!

Bastrop Bayou is one of the last unchannelized bayous along the upper Texas coast. Tremendous growth is predicted here in the future. A watershed protection plan guides the management of vital water resources. This plan will also address elevated bacteria concentration concerns. Sponsors for the watershed protection plan are Houston-Galveston Area Council, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Galveston Bayou Estuary Program.

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**For More Information on the Bastrop Bayou Watershed Protection Plan, go to:**

**[www.bastropbayou.org](http://www.bastropbayou.org)**

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H-GAC ([www.h-gac.com](http://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 5.7 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 governments.

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