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Bastrop Bayou Watershed Protection Plan

H-GAC to host public meeting for the Bastrop Bayou Watershed Protection Plan in Angleton

Angleton – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) along with the Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP) and the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will host a public meeting October, 23 to begin the Bastrop Bayou Watershed Protection Plan. The public meeting will be held at Angleton Public Library, with staff from both H-GAC and TCEQ present to discuss the study and respond to public comment.

The purpose of the meeting is for local stakeholders and the Bastrop Bayou project team to work together and develop a comprehensive strategy for protecting the Bastrop Bayou watershed.

Although the watershed is sparsely populated and largely undeveloped, pressures from regional population growth threaten the ecology of the watershed, and water quality of Bastrop Bayou and Christmas Bay. Examples of threats include: suburban sprawl, landfills, failing septic systems and reduction in freshwater inflows.

The public meeting is the second phase of a plan to address water quality issues for the Bastrop Bayou Watershed. Featured improvements could include improved ambient water quality and bacteria levels, as well as preservation of existing aquatic species. H-GAC hopes that the Bastrop Bayou Watershed Protection Plan will serve as a template for future watershed protection strategies, as well as project development initiatives.

ABOUT H-GAC

The Houston-Galveston Area Council is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning Region—an area of 12,500 square miles with more than 5 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 local governments, businesses and civic organizations analyze trends and conditions affecting the area in order to respond to their needs.

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Public Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Angleton Public Library

401 Cedar Street
Angleton, Texas 77515
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM