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**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL**

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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON CYPRESS CREEK WATER QUALITY**

*Local Stakeholders Invited to Discuss Water Quality Issues of Cypress Creek in Harris and Waller Counties*

**Cypress Creek, TX** – The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) will hold two public meetings on Tuesday, July 23. The first meeting will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Road, Cypress, Texas; and the second will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara Bush Branch Library, 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, Texas. The agenda for both meetings will be the same.

The purpose of the meetings is to discuss water quality issues impacting the Cypress Creek watershed in Harris and Waller counties. Local stakeholders are invited to participate in the Cypress Creek Watershed Partnership, which will develop a watershed protection plan to address these challenges. The meetings are open to the public.

The TCEQ identified Cypress Creek as failing to meet the state water quality standard for contact recreation. Its primary water quality challenge is elevated levels of fecal waste, which 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 H-GAC. “This locally led project seeks to empower stakeholders in the watershed to identify and pursue voluntary solutions to the water quality issues confronting their communities.”

For more information about the project, visit [www.cypresspartnership.com](http://www.cypresspartnership.com)

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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](http://h-gac.com).