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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON CYPRESS CREEK WATER QUALITY

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

Cypress, TX -- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) will hold a public meeting of the Cypress Creek Watershed Partnership on Nov. 21. The meeting will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara Bush Library at 6817 Cypresswood Drive in Spring, Texas.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss water quality issues impacting the Cypress Creek watershed in Harris and Waller counties. The local stakeholders of the Cypress Creek Watershed Partnership are developing a watershed protection plan to address these challenges. The meetings are open to the public, who are encouraged to attend.

The primary water quality challenge facing Cypress Creek is elevated levels of fecal waste, which may be harmful to human health, local economies, and the environment. The meeting will discuss estimates of sources that contribute to this issue. Other local concerns will also be discussed.

"Cypress Creek faces many challenges, including threats to its water quality," 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.

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