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## CYPRESS CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON WATER QUALITY

Public Invited to Discuss Water Quality Issues in Cypress Creek

**Cypress, TX** – The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) will hold a public meeting on the Cypress Creek Watershed Partnership on Thursday, September 26. The meeting will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center at 6823 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, Texas.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss water quality issues impacting the Cypress Creek watershed in Harris and Waller counties. At this meeting, the steering committee members for the project will be selected. Local stakeholders are invited to participate in the Cypress Creek Watershed Partnership, which will develop a watershed protection plan to address these challenges. This meeting is open to the public.

The TCEQ identifited 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.

"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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## **About the Houston-Galveston Area Council**

H-GAC is s 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.	