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### **COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT FOR CANEY CREEK AND LINNVILLE BAYOU WATERSHED BACTERIA REDUCTION PLAN**

**HOUSTON, TX** – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) invite area stakeholders to help finalize a plan that will reduce high concentrations of bacteria found in the Caney Creek and Linnville Bayou Watershed at a public meeting on March 17.

The meeting will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Caney Creek Chapel, 2426 Oak Circle, Sargent, Texas, and is open to all residents, businesses, governments, community organizations, and other stakeholders interested in taking part in the ongoing effort.

High concentrations of bacteria have been observed in certain portions of Caney Creek Tidal and Linnville Bayou. H-GAC and TCEQ representatives continue to meet regularly with communities, interest groups, and local organizations in developing an implementation plan to improve the area's water quality and protect it for recreational uses. Attendees at the March 17 meeting will review draft reduction measures that form the basis of the implementation plan for the watershed and will be able to make public comments.

The Caney Creek and Linnville Bayou Watershed is within the Brazos-Colorado Basin (Basin 13) project area. It includes all or a portion of 12 cities, villages, census-designated places, and three counties (Brazoria, Matagorda, and Wharton). More information about the Basin 13 project and an overall project map is available online at [h-gac.com](http://h-gac.com).

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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).