

## Prairie Creek, Mud Creek, West Mud Creek, and Neches River Above Lake Palestine watershed public meeting set for September 16, 2014 in Tyler

**TYLER, TEXAS** – The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research invite residents in the Prairie Creek, Mud Creek, West Mud Creek, and Neches River Above Lake Palestine watersheds to discuss results from the first round of recreational use attainability analysis (RUAA) field surveys conducted in the watershed. The meeting will be held at the Tyler Convention and Visitors Bureau located at 315 N. Broadway Ave in Tyler. Sign-in will begin at 5:45pm and the meeting will start at 6:00pm.

Prairie Creek, Mud Creek, West Mud Creek, and Neches River Above Lake Palestine are within the Neches River Basin within Smith County. Prairie Creek, Mud Creek, West Mud Creek, and Neches River Above Lake Palestine are on the state's list of impaired waters for having bacteria levels that exceed water quality standards for primary contact recreation.

Landowners and citizens will be updated on the information collected from the first RUAA field survey that may be used to determine whether primary contact recreation is occurring and if the current water quality standard is appropriate.

Since decisions made about this waterbody will affect landowners, citizens, industries, and municipalities, local participation is fundamental to the success of this project. Stakeholders will be asked to provide guidance on the direction of this project.

This project is funded by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board through a state nonpoint source grant to the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research.

For more information about the meeting, visit the project website at <http://tiaer.tarleton.edu/ruaa/index.html> or contact Taylor at 254-968-0513 or [ltaylor@tiaer.tarleton.edu](mailto:ltaylor@tiaer.tarleton.edu)

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