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## **Water Quality Training February 7th Focuses on Watershed Management in Texas**

**New Braunfels, TX** – A Texas Watershed Steward Workshop on water quality related to the Dry Comal Creek and Comal River watersheds will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 7<sup>th</sup> at New Braunfels City Hall, located at 550 Landa Street in New Braunfels. The workshop is presented by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board in cooperation with the City of New Braunfels.

“This workshop is designed to assist watershed residents with improving and protecting their water resources by becoming involved in the Dry Comal and Comal River watershed protection planning and management activities,” said Michael Kuitu, AgriLife Extension program specialist and coordinator for the Texas Watershed Steward program. “The workshop is free and open to anyone interested in improving water quality in the region. Participants are encouraged to preregister at the Texas Watershed Steward website at <http://tw.s.tamu.edu>.”

The workshop will include a discussion of watershed systems, types and sources of water pollution, and ways to improve and protect water quality. There also will be a group discussion on community-driven watershed protection planning and management.

The City of New Braunfels and AgriLife Extension encourage local residents and other stakeholders to attend the workshop to gain information about water resources, water quality improvement, and watershed management.

The Texas Watershed Steward program offers continuing education credits for a wide variety of professional licenses including pesticide applicators, professional engineers, professional geoscientists, and floodplain managers. A complete listing of educational credits available through the course can be found at <http://tw.s.tamu.edu/workshops/workshop-information/>.

“Participating in the Texas Watershed Steward program is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference in your watershed,” said Troy Luepke, AgriLife Extension Agent for Comal County.

The Texas Watershed Steward program is funded through a Clean Water Act nonpoint source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information on the Texas Watershed Steward program and to preregister, go to <http://tw.s.tamu.edu> or contact Michael Kuitu at 979-862-4457, [mkuitu@tamu.edu](mailto:mkuitu@tamu.edu); or Troy Luepke at 830-620-3440, [troy.luepke@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:troy.luepke@ag.tamu.edu).

For information on the Dry Comal Creek and Comal River Watershed Protection Plan visit <http://www.nbtexas.org/WPP> or contact City of New Braunfels Watershed Coordinator Mark Enders at 830-221-4639, [menders@nbtexas.org](mailto:menders@nbtexas.org).

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