2015 Recap & **EPA Review**









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2015 Recap

<u>January:</u> Mill Creek Partnership and Steering Committee were formed.

Jan. – May: Development of Mill Creek WPP.

June: 30-day public comment period.

July: Final draft of Mill Creek WPP sent to EPA.

December: Received EPA comments on final draft.

EPA Comments on Final Draft

Relatively minor.

- Most comments requested additional detail or clarification.
- None of our analysis or implementation measures were affected.

- Minor formatting
- Removed EPA logo from title page.
- Added city population info (pg. 3).
- Added inset map to Fig. 2.2 (pg. 4)
- Provided info on drinking water sources (pg. 7)
- Created map of permitted point sources in the watershed (pg. 11)

- Updated info on CRP program (pg. 11)
- Added info on WWTFs to Section 5 Pollutant Source Assessment (pg. 33).
- Added language to Section 6 Management Measures (pg. 54).
- Clarified prioritization of resources will be based on analysis (pg. 65)
- Added info for clarity to Management Measures subheading (pg. 65)

- Added info on volunteer program establishment (pg. 70)
- Clarified the need for continued water quality monitoring (pg. 74)
- Changed heading on Table 8.2 to "Number Implemented/Year" (pg. 85)
- Changed 'Program' Coordinator to "Watershed" Coordinator (pg. 87)

- Updated info on Section 106 State Water Pollution Control Grant program (pg. 90)
- Added info to Element I (pg. 99)
- Added information about the utilization of NASS data in our analysis (pg. 116)

Questions and Discussion

Next Steps









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EPA Approval

- Will notify EPA that we've affirmed the proposed changes to the Mill Creek WPP.
 - EPA will deliver formal approval letter.

Meeting Dates and Times

- Partnership meetings will be held quarterly or asneeded from this point forward.
- Will be held here, at the Bleiblerville VFD.
- Next meeting:

May-June: TBD

Once grant funding has been awarded.

Will discuss position description and interview process for Watershed Coordinator.



Website: http://millcreek.tamu.edu

- Clearinghouse for all information related to the Partnership
 - Meeting info
 - Email list signup
 - Event registration
- Maps, data, publications and useful links will all be available on the website
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Mill Creek Watershed Partnership

About Our Watershed Water Quality Watershed Protection Plan Registration

Welcome



The Mill Creek Watershed Partnership supports the development of a Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) for Mill Creek and promotes a sustainable, proactive approach to improving water quality at the local level. This partnership will serve as the forum for public input, which will drive the

development and implementation of the Mill Creek WPP. Anyone with an interest in Mill Creek can become a member of the Mill Creek Watershed Partnership by participating in meetings, signing up for email updates and becoming involved in the development of the WPP.

Public input is critical to improving and protecting the quality of Texas' waters and is a key component of any effective Watershed Protection Plan (WPP). This watershed partnership will provide stakeholders a voice in the planning process and allow for the development of a voluntary tool for addressing water quality issues in Mill Creek.



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