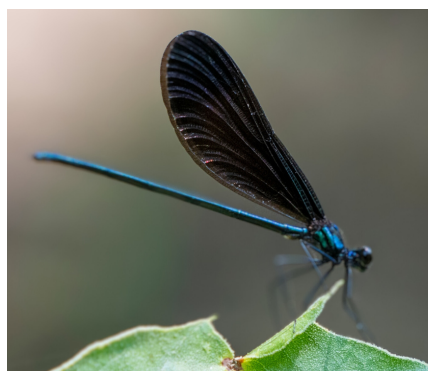


Mill Creek Watershed Newsletter



Over the summer, I have had the privilege of going on water quality sampling trips in Mill Creek. Getting outside, seeing the life in the creek, and being able to contribute to improving local watershed health is so important. We partner with the Texas Water Resource Institute to conduct professional water quality monitoring in and around Mill Creek. The information gathered allows us to track trends in different metrics over time,



assessing the effectiveness of new management practices or identifying new sources of bacterial contamination. This data is a powerful tool in understanding and protecting local water quality!

But did you know you could also contribute to water quality data in Mill Creek? If you want to learn more, check out the article on the Texas Stream Team!

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WHAT IS THE TEXAS STREAM TEAM?

Community and citizen science are the heart of the Texas Stream Team. Individuals from all walks of life get the opportunity to learn about water quality, receive training on sampling procedures, then independently collect and report monitoring data. Stream Team volunteers are able to track water quality in their own communities, targeting areas that they are interested in or concerned about.

The Stream Team program is facilitated by the Meadows Center in San Marcos, Texas, but individual Stream Teams can be found all across the state! Launched in 1991, they have more than 1,600 total sampling sites. All the data is collected and managed by the



Meadows Center and must conform to a rigorous Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). These standards allow the data to be used by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to inform future sampling projects.

Currently, there is no Stream Team operating in the Mill Creek Watershed. However, we are working towards establishing a new group! In partnership with the Gideon Lincecum Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, we are seeking funding for testing kits and recruiting team members. Before the Stream Team can start sampling, we will need a Training Coordinator, Quality Assurance Officer, and an Equipment Coordinator. While these titles and positions do require a time commitment, no prior experience is needed.



Interested in the Mill Creek Stream Team? Contact Annalee Epps at millcreek@tamu.edu or 979-845-2862. Anyone can join the team and contribute to protecting the Mill Creek Watershed!

Watershed Calendar

Fall

Oct 3 - Homeowner Aerobic System Certification Course

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Kenny Hall in Industry. Participants who complete this course will receive a certificate that will allow them to service their own aerobic system in Austin and Washington Counties. Registration is required and limited! Visit tx.ag/v3fYTtz for all the details.

Oct 21 - Fall Creek Cleanup

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Bleiblerville VFD. Do you own land in the Mill Creek Watershed? Come together and make a difference by cleaning up your property and letting us handle waste disposal! Registration will be available by early October.

Winter

Jan or Feb of 2024 - Texas Well Owner Network

This educational event covers well maintenance, water treatment, and water conservation. A free well water test will be included!

