

Mill Creek Watershed Newsletter



Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and that your year is off to a good start!

For 2024, the Mill Creek Watershed Partnership is preparing quality educational events, engaging outreach, and meaningful volunteer opportunities to improve local water quality - just like last year. If you are interested in getting involved, please check out the calendar on the last page of this newsletter! There will be opportunities throughout the year to engage, whether you want to commit five minutes or five hours of your time. Anyone who comes to an educational program, connects with us at an outreach event, or volunteers with our stream cleanup can make a significant contribution to our efforts. We are grateful to each and every person who gives of their valuable time to reduce nonpoint source pollution and protect the Mill Creek Watershed!

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A Note from Your Watershed Coordinator

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Upcoming Events 2024

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Funding for this effort is provided through a Clean Water Act §319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR LOCAL WATER QUALITY!

Our watershed protection plan is rooted in the understanding that for meaningful improvement of water quality, many individual stakeholders have to make the decision to change their behavior. Nonpoint source pollution can't be addressed without community wide action.



But how can one person make a difference for local water quality? It can start with something as simple as sharing this newsletter with a friend. You can also consider attending one of our educational events. Each one

provides practical steps to reducing nonpoint source pollution. We offer a variety of courses that address watershed stewardship at home, on farms and ranches, and in urban settings. Each time someone attends a class and adopts a new practice, nonpoint source pollution can be reduced. And the impact doesn't stop there! When you share your story of change with your community, they can also learn and adopt new practices. The Mill Creek Watershed Partnership also offers volunteer events where participants can get outside and make a measurable difference, like the annual Stream Cleanup Day. We rely on everyday people to support our efforts. If you want to learn more about these opportunities, consider attending an upcoming event or reach out to the watershed coordinator!



Watershed Calendar

Spring

Feb 7 - Texas Well Owner Network

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Kenney Hall. This free course covers well ownership, maintenance, and water quality testing. There will also be a short introduction to septic system function and maintenance. More details available soon at millcreek.tamu.edu!

March - Stakeholder Meeting

If you live, work, or play in the Mill Creek Watershed, you are invited to join us for a stakeholder meeting! Details coming soon.

Summer

May - Lone Star Healthy Streams

Fall

October - Fall Cleanup

