

**CC-WPP Stakeholder
Committee Meeting**
May 3, 12:30 – 1:30
Johnson Hall, Wimberley
Community Center



**CYPRESS
CREEK**

Let's keep it **clean**, **clear** & flowing

Committee Meeting Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)

- A. Introduce new Watershed Services Program Coordinator
- B. Background
 - Reiterated the project budget and timeline
 - Current Contract Timeline: September 2016 – Aug 2019
 - Amendment will adjust the project end date to February 2020
 - Project funding comes from TCEQ and volunteer time
 - Budget is split 60/40 – 40% comes from volunteer time (match), and 60% comes from TCEQ
 - Building smart – need to think about how we are building and how that is going to impact Cypress creek
 - Limiting impervious cover
 - Especially important as Wimberley continues to grow

II. CCP Status Update (25 min)

- A. Review of contract and amendment update
 - Woodcreek MoA update
 - Approved and moving forward with BMPs
 - QAPP update
 - Hoping to get QAPP submitted by the end of the week
 - Monitoring
 - Texas Stream Team (TST) and Clean Rivers Program (CRP) are critical for the monitoring aspect of the contract
 - Working on locating additional monitoring sites that would be most beneficial to the watershed
 - Currently working on adding two new sites to fill in gaps in between Wimberley and the Woodcreek area
 - *E. coli* values are consistently higher than those upstream
 - Goal is to see a decrease in *E. coli* in the future
 - BST Study
 - Past BST study showed that most of the bacteria found was from



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livestock

- Would like to continue to conduct these studies to address bacteria issues in Cypress Creek

B. Best Management Practices

- 3 rainwater harvesting demonstrations in Wimberley (Blue Hole, WVWA, and Hays co. Precinct 3 office)
- 1 rainwater harvesting demonstration at Woodcreek Golf Course
- 2 rain garden/equivalent demonstration pending locations
 - As downtown construction increases, it will be essential to implement green infrastructure. We want to continue to focus on BMP efforts downtown
 - Possibly more permeable pavers

C. Upcoming deliverables, events and efforts

- TST Updates
 - Grant funded through the NPS 319 program
 - Goal is to increase the number of citizen scientist to help protect the watershed from NPS pollution
 - A site at Blue Hole recently got activated last week
 - Hoping to have a classroom portion training this summer in Wimberley
 - TST has launched a new community forum which will allow citizen scientists to communicate and share their experiences through pictures, text, etc. Check out the new forum here:
<http://tstcommunity.org/>
- Wimberley Valley Watershed Association (WVWA)
 - WVWA has been involved in the Cypress Creek project for the past 10 years
 - WVWA has 16 acres of land right by the headwaters of Cypress Creek – making the land crucial
 - Hoping to slow down and maximize the amount of water that ends up in the headwaters
 - This fall, rain gardens will be installed on the property
 - Currently working to develop more educational event about the BMPs that are to come.
 - Check out WVWA's website and join their newsletter to see what they are actively doing to improve Cypress Creek
<http://www.wimberleywatershed.org/>

III. Stakeholder Committee Purpose and Goals Review (25 min)

- Round table Q & A with executive committee
 - The Meadows Center is currently trying to develop the best source of



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outreach for our stakeholders and partners. We will soon be constructing a poll survey to see what is preferred from our members. The survey will be sent out in our next monthly update.

- Seemed like a good amount of people were on board for a Cypress application
- **Q: Is there room in the budget for a small commercial business that needs funds for parking?**
 - For this FY18 we have already allocated money for various projects. However, we are currently staying under budget, and hope to continue to do so to open up more opportunity for BMPs. Contact Nick Dornak at nickdornak@txstate.edu if you would like to discuss potential projects.
 - Businesses that receive funds may be asked to help us spread environmental awareness through: holding cleanups to pick up litter, implementing recycling, etc.
- **Q: How will Meadows be involved in monitoring events like the past weekend with septic concerns downtown?**
 - On Friday, 4/27, the City was contacted after business hours about concerns downtown. The City Administrator coordinated a response to OSSF concerns. A follow up site visit from Meadows on Monday (4/30) led to additional mitigation of leaking OSSFs in the downtown area.
 - Tom Keyser, owner of Inoz, stated problems with OSSF system but stated that pumping was conducted regularly. Mr. Keyser stated that he had invested significantly in improvements. Mr. Keyser stated that he was skeptical that leaking effluent would make it into the creek due to the way the area drains.
- **Q: Will the CCP be working with the Woodcreek Golf Course to help control nutrient runoff?**
 - Contract discussions on green infrastructure at the golf course. Discussion on nutrient managements will be added to potential future BMP opportunities.

IV. Adjourn (5 min)



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