

Geronimo & Alligator Creeks water quality training set for May 25, 2022

A [Texas Watershed Steward](#) workshop on water quality related to Geronimo and Alligator Creeks will be held from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on May 25.

The workshop will be held at the Guadalupe County Extension Office, located at 210 East Live Oak Street in Seguin. A virtual attendance option will also be available for those unable to attend in-person. A free lunch, sponsored by the Guadalupe County AgriLife Extension Office, will be provided to in-person workshop attendees who register by end-of-day, May 22nd.

The event will be presented by [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension](#) and the [Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board](#).

“This workshop is designed to help watershed residents learn about their water resources and how they may become involved in local watershed protection and management activities,” said Michael Kuitu, AgriLife Extension program specialist and coordinator for the Texas Watershed Steward program, Bryan-College Station.

The workshop is free and open to anyone interested in improving water quality in the region.

To attend in-person or virtually, participants must preregister at the [Texas Watershed Steward website](#) or by calling 979-862-4457.

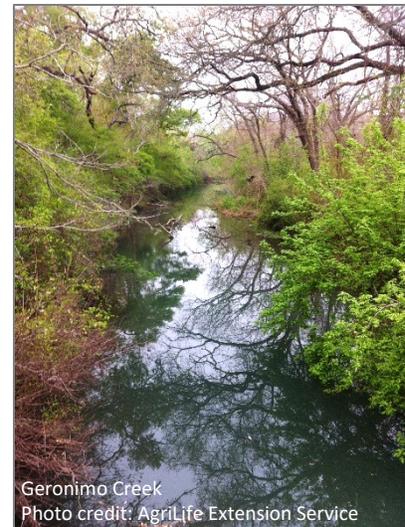
“Once registered, additional meeting information will be provided,” Kuitu said.

Helping improve water quality in the Geronimo & Alligator Creeks watershed

The workshop will include a discussion on watershed systems, along with types and sources of water pollution. There also will be a group discussion on community-driven watershed protection and management and will provide an overview of water quality as it relates to watershed management at the local level.

“These waters are truly important resources,” said Dr. Evgenia Spears, AgriLife Extension program specialist and watershed coordinator for Geronimo and Alligator Creeks, College Station. “We are currently in the implementation phase of our watershed protection plan and are always looking for additional stakeholder input. The Texas Watershed Steward program provides a platform to do just that.”

In addition to the free lunch, attendees of the workshop will receive a copy of the Texas Watershed Steward Handbook and are eligible to earn a certificate of completion.



Continuing education opportunities

The Texas Watershed Steward program offers continuing education units (CEUs) for multiple professional disciplines. However, the quantity of continuing education offered may vary for select disciplines, depending on whether one attends in-person or virtually.

For those who attend in-person, four hours of continuing education is offered for the following professional disciplines: soil and water management for certified crop advisers; professional engineers; AICP certified planners (4 CM & 1 law); certified teachers; professional geoscientists; certified landscape architects; certified floodplain managers; and each of the following Texas Commission on Environmental Quality occupational licensees: wastewater system operators, public water system operators, on-site sewage facility installers, and landscape irrigators. In addition, three general CEUs are offered for [Texas Department of Agriculture](#) private pesticide applicator license holders, and two credits are offered for nutrient management specialists. For questions regarding professional continuing education afforded to virtual attendees, please contact Michael Kuitu.

Funding for this effort is provided through a federal 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](#).

For more information on the Texas Watershed Steward program, and to preregister, go to the [website](#) or contact Kuitu at 979-862-4457, michael.kuitu@ag.tamu.edu; or Travis Franke, AgriLife Extension agent for Guadalupe County, at 830-303-3889, travis.franke@ag.tamu.edu.

For more information on the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks watershed, contact AgriLife Extension program specialist, Evgenia Spears, at 979-845-2862, evgenia@tamu.edu.

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