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EPA Acceptance of the Dry Comal Creek and Comal River Watershed Protection Plan

New Braunfels, TX – The City of New Braunfels, along with stakeholders and local agencies, have been working collaboratively since 2015 to develop a Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) to restore and protect water quality in the Dry Comal Creek and Comal River watersheds. The watershed planning process led to key recommendations for addressing *E.coli* bacteria in both watersheds.

The WPP includes specific bacteria management measures aimed at reducing bacteria loading to the Dry Comal Creek and Comal River. These management measures include, but are not limited to wildlife management, pet waste management and initiation of education & outreach activities.

The WPP was submitted to both the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and comment. On September 21, 2018 the City of New Braunfels received notification that the Dry Comal Creek and Comal River WPP was accepted by the EPA.

The City of New Braunfels recently received federal grant funding from the EPA through the TCEQ to implement bacteria management measures outlined in the WPP. Activities outlined in the WPP are currently underway and being implemented by the City and its project partners.

More information on the Dry Comal Creek and Comal River WPP, as well as a copy of the WPP, can be found on the City's website at www.nbtexas.org/WPP. Contact Mark Enders at 830-221-4639, or at menders@nbtexas.org, with any questions or for additional information on this initiative.

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