# The Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan



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### Water Quality

- Geronimo Creek was listed on the 2006 303(d) list for not supporting its contact recreation use
  - 2008 assessment, E. coli geomean of 162 cfu/100mL
- Geronimo Creek was first listed in 2000 for concern for nutrient enrichment
  - 2008 assessment, all 60 samples exceeded 1.95 mg/L nitrate-nitrogen

# What is the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan?

- A community-driven management plan that uses the watershed approach to solve complex water quality problems
- The purpose is to restore and protect the creeks
- It was developed and managed through partnerships among federal, state, county and local groups and organizations
- It relies heavily on stakeholder involvement at the local level

## Decommissioning Project

 Will fund decommissioning costs that the homeowners in OVN would be responsible for

Estimated average cost of \$1,500 to decommission a

septic system

Pump contents of septic tank

Remove the tank cover

Fill tank with sand/gravel

Decommissioning is a state requirement





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#### Field Technician

• A grant application was submitted to create a new position in the watershed for the Comal-Guadalupe SWCD to assist agricultural producers with development and implementation of Water Quality Management Plans



#### Feral Hog Control

- The new Feral Hog Education Program Assistant, Jared Timmons, is focusing on feral hog management in the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks watershed
- He is working directly with landowners to manage hog populations in the watershed
- Feral Hog Workshops



### **Educational Opportunities**

- Texas Watershed Steward Workshop
- Texas Well OwnerNetwork Workshop
- Lone Star Healthy Streams Program
- Sports and Athletic Field Education workshops

- Bacteria, nutrient, and pesticide management programs
- Soil and water testing campaigns
- Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials trainings
- Master Gardener and Naturalist training

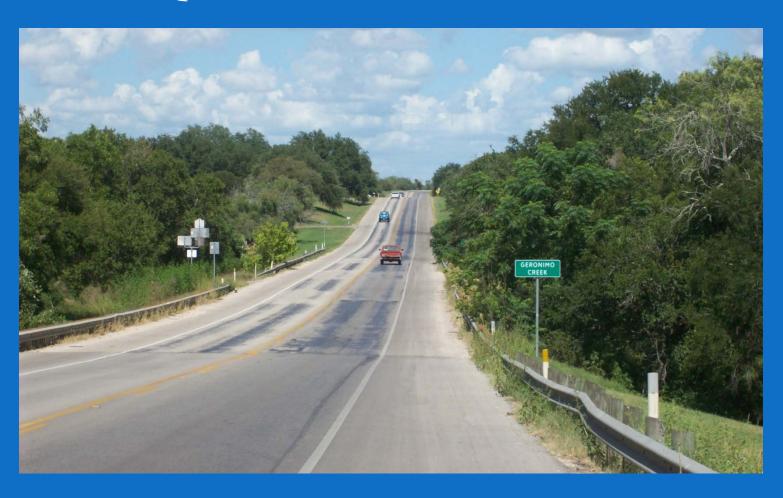
#### Events for 2013

- Quarterly Partnership meetings
- Riparian Workshop September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Septic system homeowner workshops November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>
- Quarterly newsletter
- Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials Training in Spring 2014

### How do you get involved?

- Go to www.geronimocreek.org to sign up for our email list
  - Keep up with current events, trainings, meetings, stream cleanup events, etc
- Attend trainings, meetings, cleanup events—and let your voice be heard
- Tell your friends and neighbors!

# Thank You! Questions and comments



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