

# Plum Creek Watershed Partnership

## Watershed Protection Plan 2024-2025 Updates

Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee Meeting  
April 23, 2025

Sierra Murray  
Watershed Coordinator

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## Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator

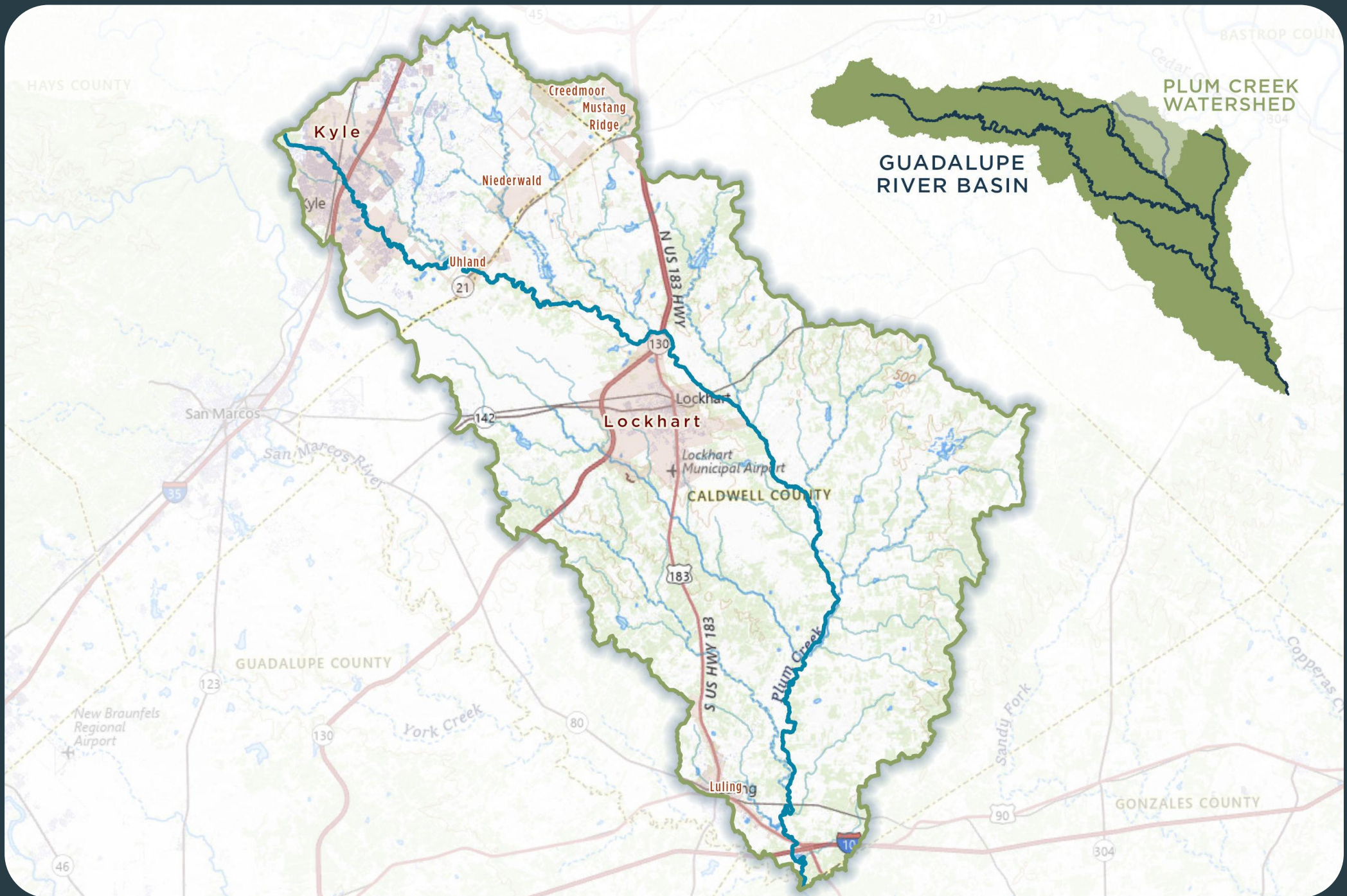
- Funding Partners agreed to change the position from contractor to full-time GBRA employee
- Gives the Coordinator more support and full-time employee benefits
- The funding structure has not changed
- Continues to represent the Partnership's goals



## Plum Creek Watershed

- Stretches across Caldwell, Hays, and Travis Counties
- Approximately 400 square miles
- Plum Creek flows 52 miles before emptying into the San Marcos River









# Plum Creek Watershed

## Impairments

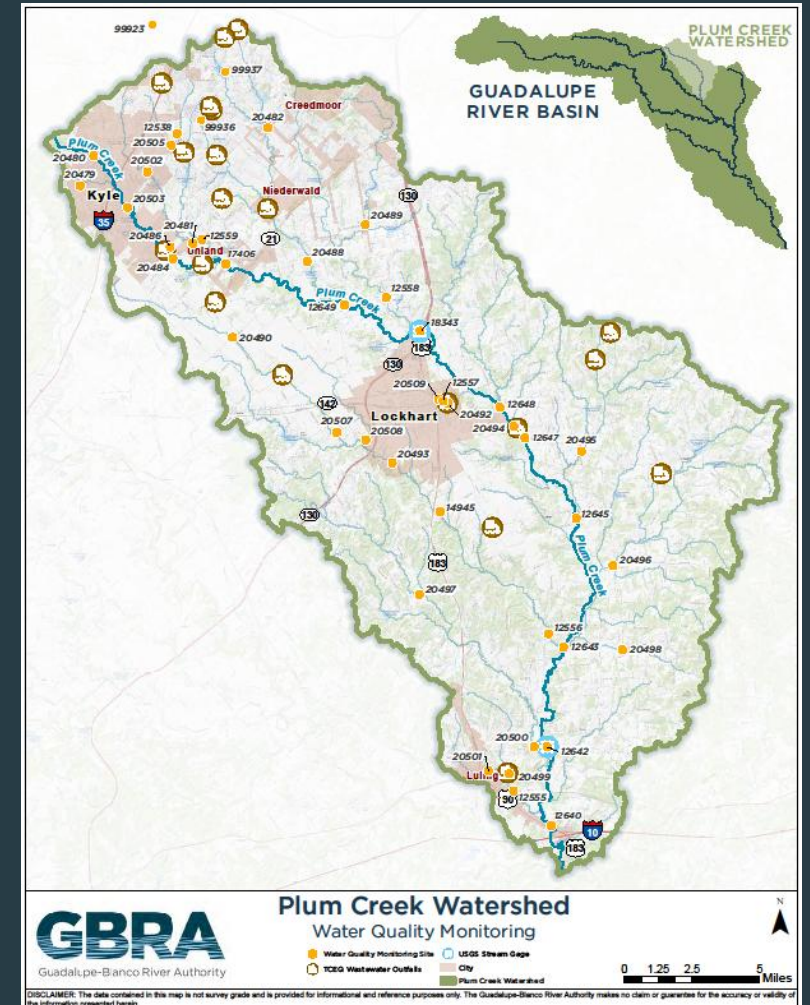
- *E. coli* bacteria

## Concerns

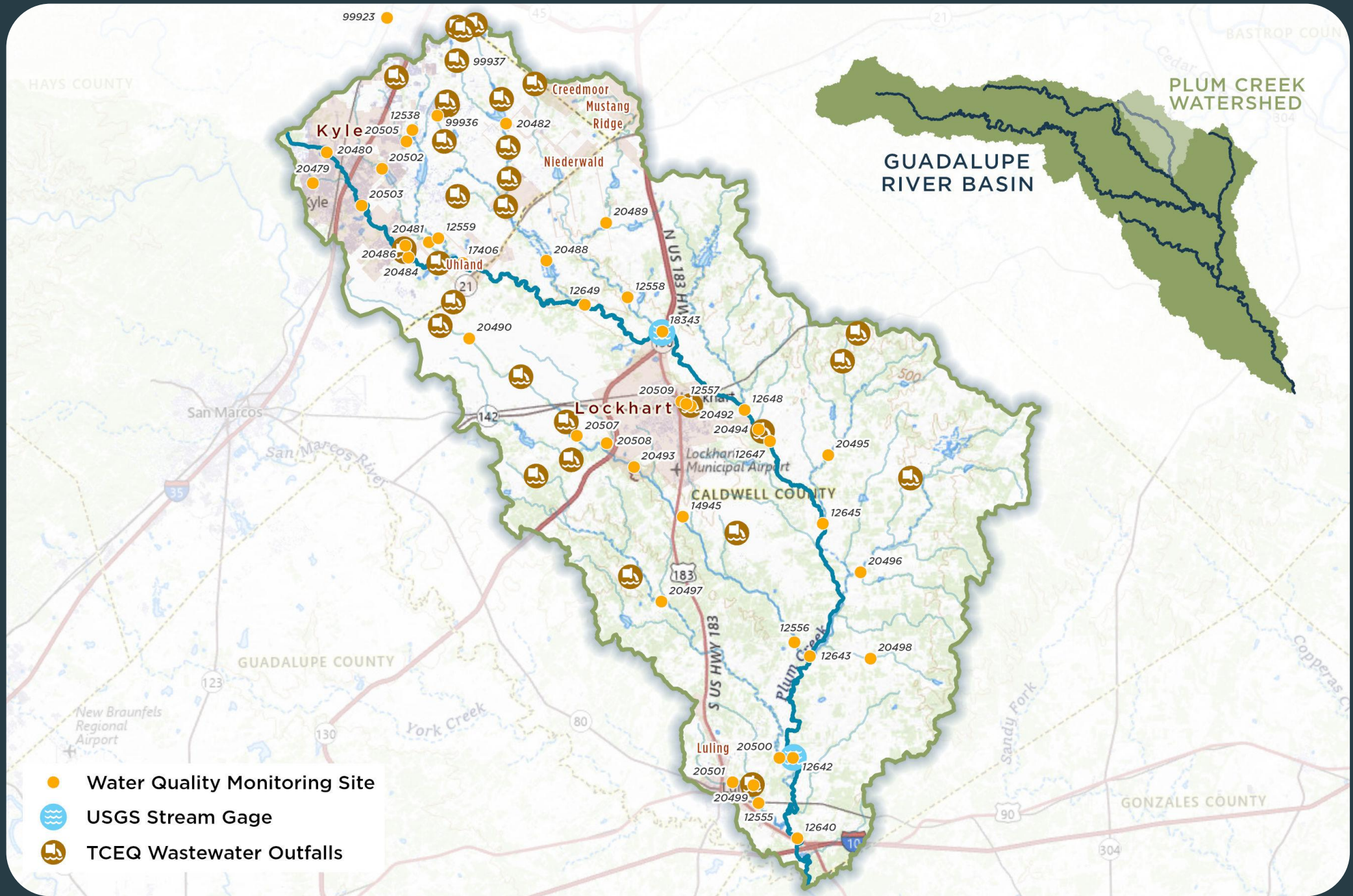
- Nitrate
- Ammonia Nitrogen
- Total Phosphorus
- Dissolved Oxygen

# Permitted Discharges & Water Quality Monitoring

- 25 TPDES permits issued within the watershed
- 42 Water Quality Monitoring Sites











# Education, Engagement, and Events





Lockhart Post-Register

April 2 at 4:14 PM · 🌐

Plum Creek Watershed Partnership to Host Public Stakeholder Meeting [Lockhart, Texas] - The Plum Creek Watershed Partnership invites community members, landowners, and stakeholders to a public meeting to discuss ongoing efforts to improve water quality in the Plum Creek Watershed. The meeting will be held from 6:00-7:30 PM at Lockhart State Park Recreation Hall.

Plum Creek is a vital resource for local communities and wildlife in Comal and Gillespie Counties; however, concerning bacteria levels have impaired the stream. The Partnership, in partnership with local governments, area organizations, and community members, strives to increase knowledge and awareness of water resources and maintaining water quality in the Plum Creek Watershed. Funding provided through a federal Clean Water Act Section 319(h) grant, administered by the Plum Creek Water Conservation Board, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. During the Public Stakeholder meeting, attendees will hear watershed conservation projects. The public will also have the opportunity to share concerns about their watershed.

"This meeting is a great opportunity for residents and landowners to learn more about Plum Creek," said Sierra Murray, Watershed Coordinator. "Community involvement is the success of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan."

For more information, contact Sierra Murray at [SMurray@GBRA.org](mailto:SMurray@GBRA.org) or visit [PlumCreekWatershed.org](http://PlumCreekWatershed.org) about the watershed at



[PLUMCREEKWATERSHED.ORG](http://PLUMCREEKWATERSHED.ORG)

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Restoring and Protecting Water Quality in Plum Creek Watershed for Generations



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# MARCH 22 WORLD WATER DAY



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*The Plum Creek Current*

Spring 2025

## Plum Creek Updates



### City of Kyle Joins Keep Texas Beautiful

City of Kyle is on a mission to "inspire a Kyle that residents and visitors are proud of by maintaining a litter-free, clean, and beautiful community." City of Kyle is now an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, the second city in the Plum Creek Watershed to join KTB.

Congratulations, City of Kyle!

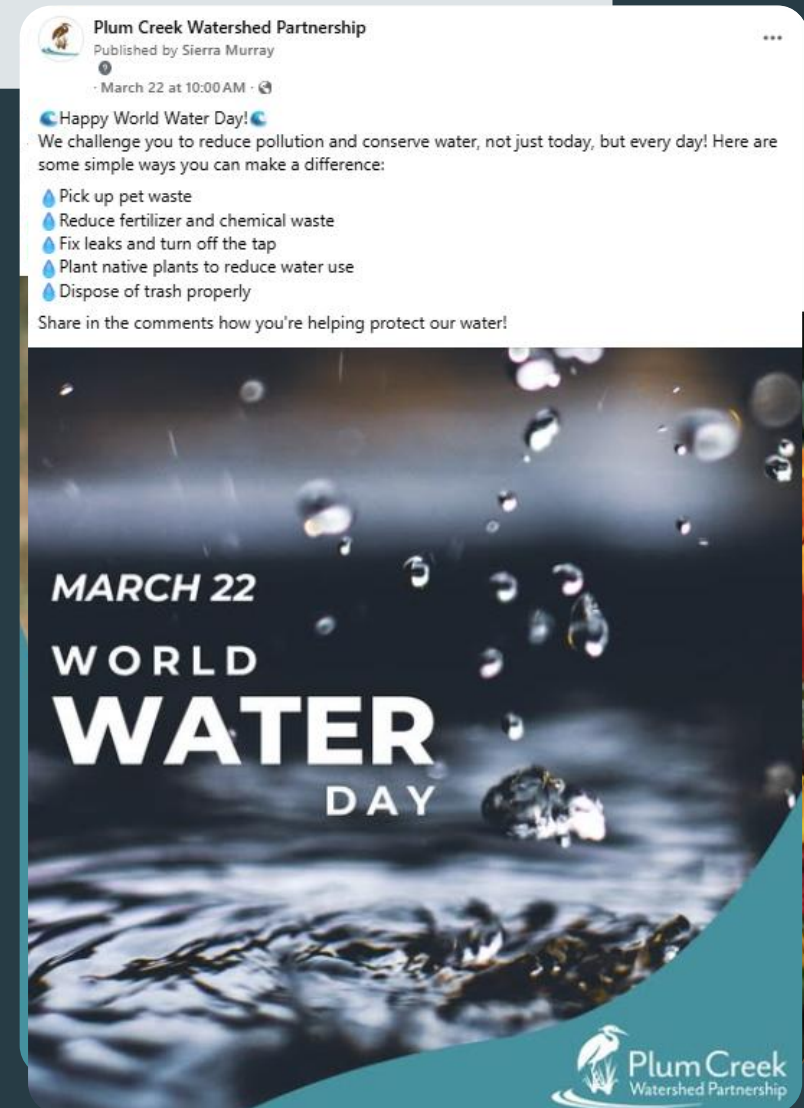


## Feral Hog Trap Loan Program



# Education

- Signage
  - Caldwell County Justice Center Rain Garden
  - City of Lockhart Parks
- Social Media
  - Pet Waste
  - Native Plants
  - World Water Day







# Engagement

- Caldwell County 4-H Kickoff Event
- Negley Elementary STREAMS Night
- Plum Creek Coffee Hour
- Aqua Water Supply Corporation Membership Meeting
- Lockhart State Park Fieldtrips







A vertical photograph on the left side of the slide shows a river with white water rapids. A small green plant with long leaves is growing from the rocky bank in the foreground. The background shows more of the river and some trees.

# Cleanups

- Keep Lockhart Beautiful Cleanups
  - April 12, 2024 & November 9, 2024
  - 80 Volunteers
  - 1200 Pounds of Trash Removed
  - 4 Parks, Downtown Lockhart, and Town Branch in Lockhart, Texas
- Caldwell County Community Tires Only Collection Event
  - June 8, 2024
  - 150 participants
  - 2,500 tires
- 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Texas River Cleanup
  - March 1, 2025
  - 50+ Volunteers
  - 6,680 Pounds of Trash Removed
  - Waterleaf Park in Kyle





Keep Lockhart Beautiful Cleanup 2024



Great Texas River Cleanup 2025





# Upcoming Plans

- Keep Lockhart Beautiful Spring and Fall Cleanups
- Plum Creek Stewards Revitalization
- Plum Creek Page Turners Book Club Return
- Story Stream Partnership





# Programs





# Feral Hog Trap Loan Program

- Sponsored by Caldwell-Travis Soil & Water Conservation District and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
- Available for Caldwell County Landowners
- 3-month Pig Brig Trap System Loan
  - Includes trap, t-posts, anchors, game camera, and solar panel
- July 2025 Start Date



# Feral Hog Trap Loan Program



Photo Courtesy of Pig Brig Trap Systems





## Caldwell County Justice Center Rain Garden

- Site selected in 2015 for low-impact development grant
- Help manage stormwater runoff and improve water quality
- Upcoming plans for the cleanout and planting of native plants
- Utilize the 10,000-gallon rainwater harvesting system previously installed



# Caldwell County Justice Center Rain Garden



Caldwell County Justice Center, Lockhart Texas  
Photo courtesy of Google Maps



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