

Plum Creek Watershed Partnership

Watershed Protection Plan 2025-2026 Updates

Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee Meeting
April 1, 2026

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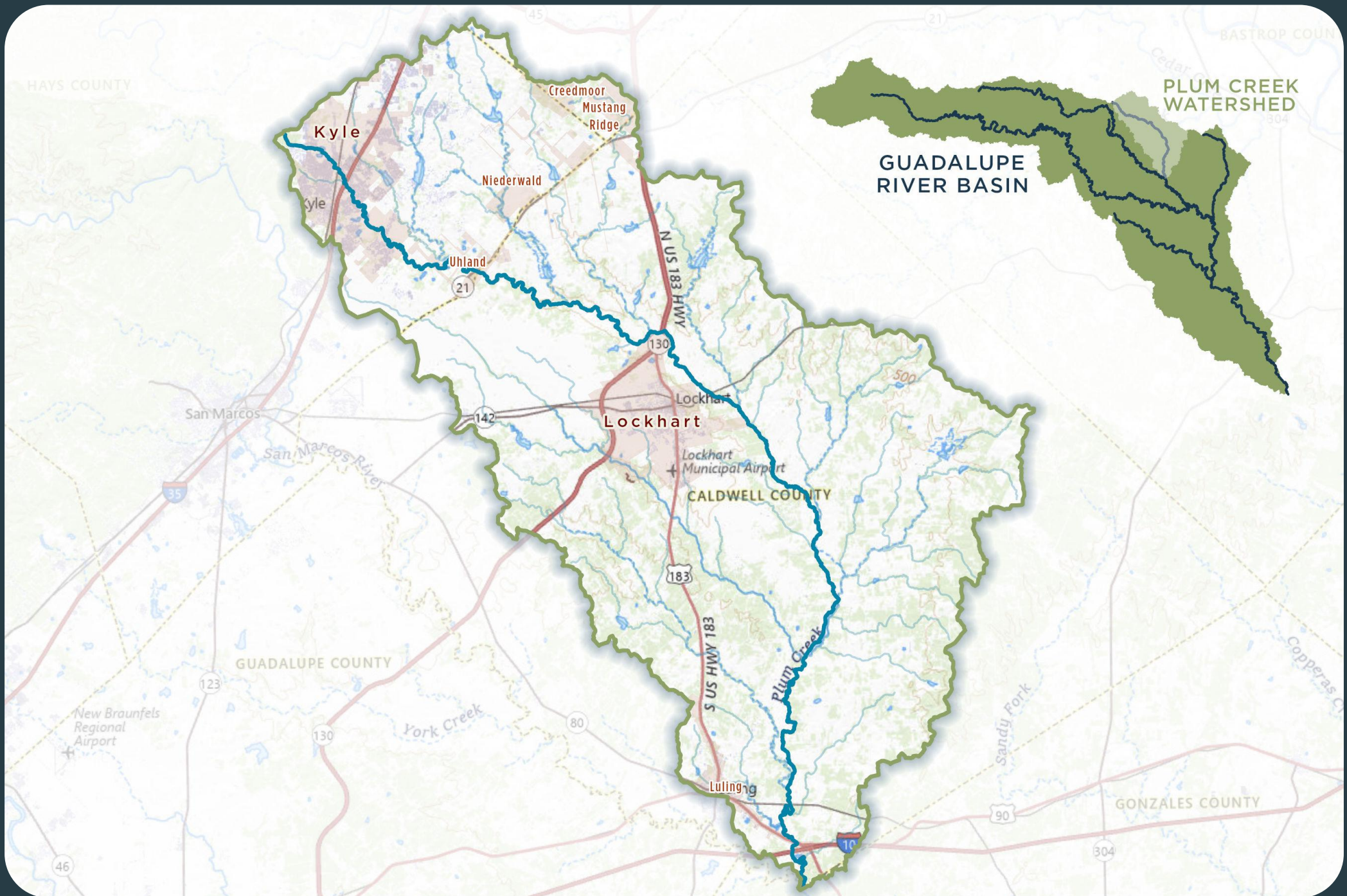


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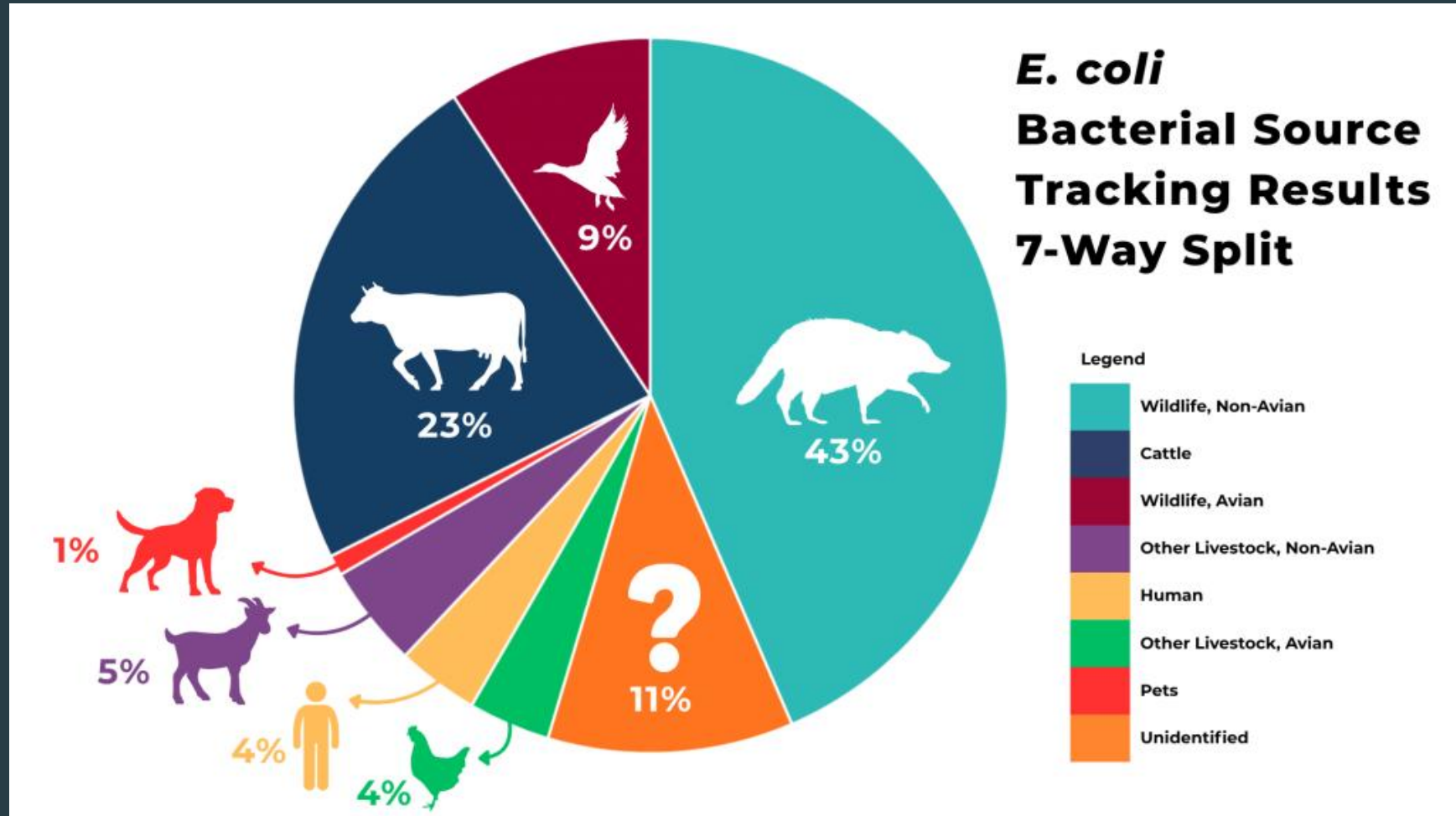
- Stretches across Caldwell, Hays, and Travis Counties
- 400 square miles
- Plum Creek flows 52 miles before emptying into the San Marcos River
- Segment 1810, 3 Assessment Units
 - GBRA monitors all AUs and several tributaries under CRP and WPP monitoring

Impairments
E. coli bacteria

Concerns	
Nitrate	Ammonia Nitrogen
Total Phosphorus	Dissolved Oxygen
Fish & Macrobenthic Communities	Habitat



Plum Creek Watershed





Education, Engagement, and Events



WPP Objectives

- Restore and protect water quality through:
 - Education and outreach
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Best management practice implementation

A photograph of a stream with a young plant growing on the bank. The stream is in the foreground, with water flowing over rocks. The background shows a forested area with trees and foliage.

Education

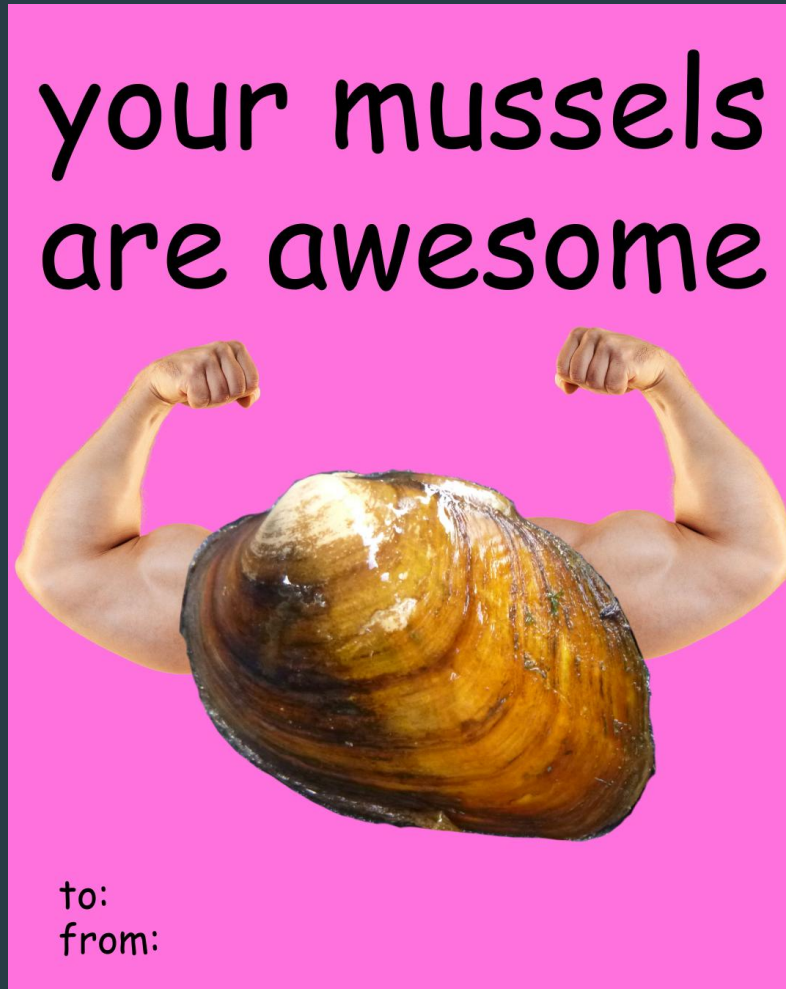
- Lockhart State Park Field Trips
 - Stream Erosion
 - 3 dates
 - 200+ 5th Grade Students impacted
- Hays High School Aquatic Science Class
 - Water Quality Bioassessments
 - 100+ High School Students impacted



Engagement

- Steering Committee Meetings
 - Held bi-quarterly
- Public Stakeholder Meetings
 - Held bi-quarterly
- Social Media Posts
 - Goal of 2 monthly posts

Social Media Engagement





Events

- Feral Hog Trap Loan Program Kickoff
 - June 2025 at the Luling Foundation in Luling
- Lone Star Healthy Streams
 - September 2025 at the Big Red Barn in Seguin
- Rainwater Harvesting Workshop
 - October 2025 in Kyle
- Texas Watershed Stewards
 - February 2026 in New Braunfels



Cleanups

- Keep Lockhart Beautiful Cleanup
 - November 8, 2025
 - 38 Volunteers
 - 106 Bags of Trash Removed
 - Lockhart City Park in Lockhart, Texas
- 2026 Annual Great Texas River Cleanup
 - March 7, 2026
 - 112 Volunteers
 - 5,137 Pounds of Trash Removed
 - Lake Kyle in Kyle, Texas



Keep Lockhart Beautiful Fall Cleanup 2025



2026 Great Texas River Cleanup



Upcoming Events & Plans

- OSSF Virtual Workshop – April 20
- Urban Riparian & Stream Restoration Workshop – May 27
- Texas Well Owners Network – August 5

Upcoming Events & Plans

PLUM CREEK WATERSHED
OPEN HOUSE
GET TO KNOW YOUR WATERSHED

CONNECT.
EXPLORE.
CREATE.
LEARN.
PLAY.

DOOR PRIZES

FREE EVENT

APRIL 8TH
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

LOCKHART STATE PARK RECREATION HALL
2012 STATE PARK RD
LOCKHART, TEXAS 78644

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- Plum Creek Watershed Open House
 - April 8th | 5:30 –7:30 PM
 - Lockhart State Park donated venue
 - Multiple Sponsors



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
- Began installations in October 2025
- Loaned and installed five traps





Feral Hog Trap Loan Program

Trap #	Oct. '25	Nov. '25	Dec. '25	Jan. '26	Feb. '26	Mar. '26	Total
1	Installed	13	0	1	6	4	24
2	-	-	Installed	0	0	0	0
3	-	-	Installed	0	0	0	0
4	-	-	Installed	9	Landowner paused		9
5	-	-	-	Installed	0	0	0

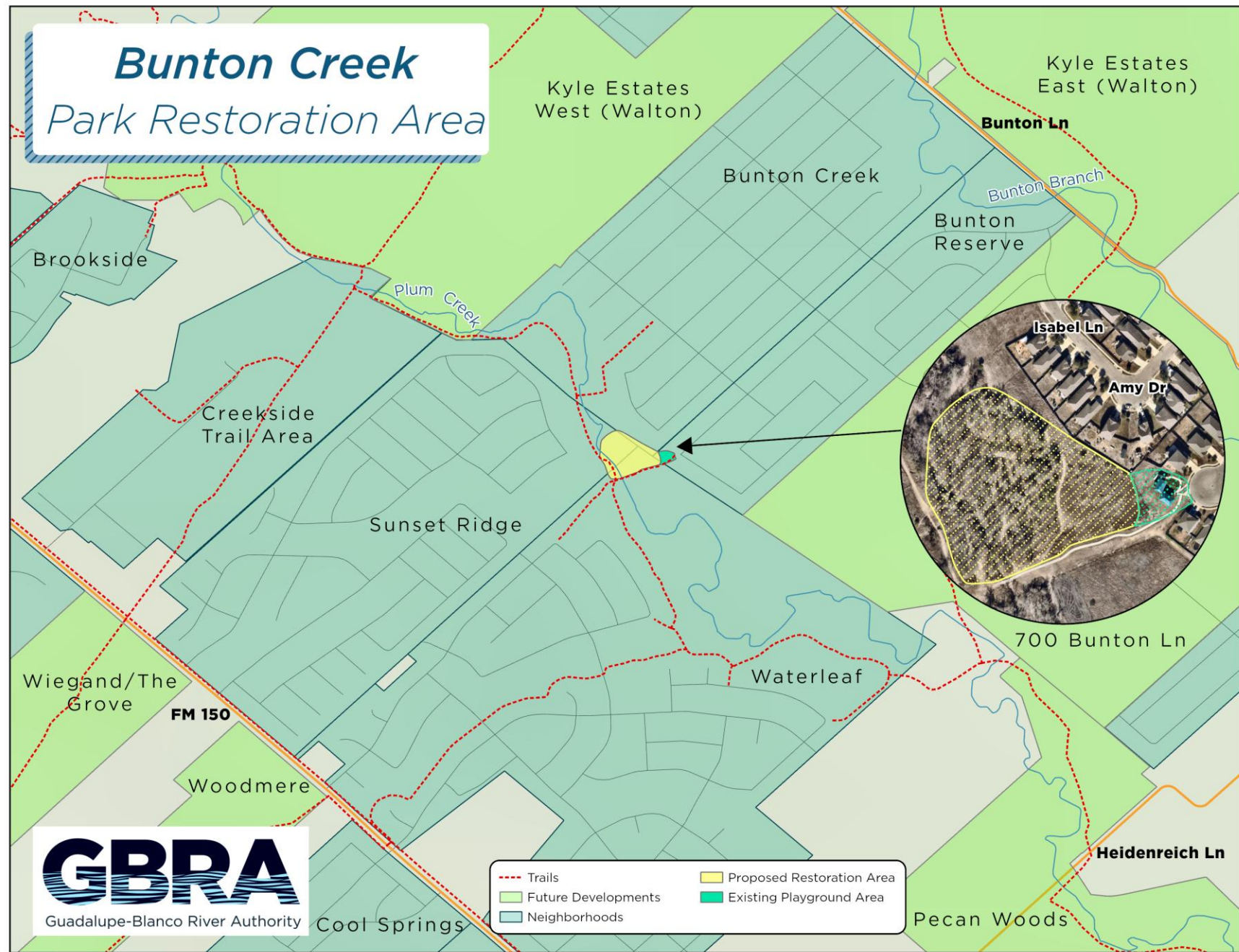


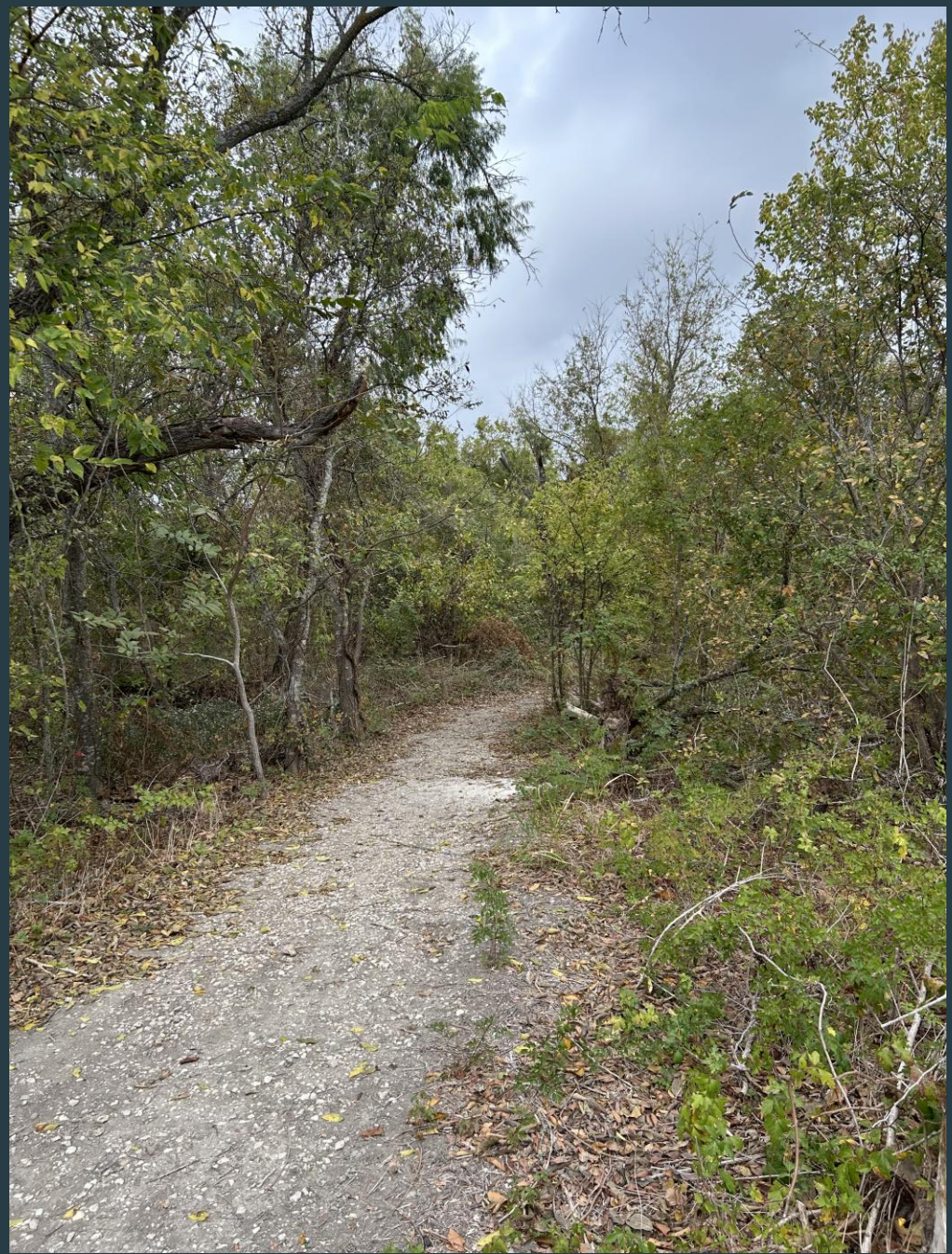
Texas A&M Forestry Service Watershed Protection Plan Implementation Grant

- Offered by Texas A&M Forestry Service
- Only available to areas with watershed protection plans
- \$50,000 grant funds with no in-kind required
- Applied in November for a riparian restoration project, partnering with the City of Kyle
 - Invasive Species Removal
 - Planting 400 saplings and 40 woody plants
 - Educational events & signage



Bunton Creek Park Restoration Area





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