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WORKSHOP PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR MAINTAINING STREAM PROPERTY

Riparian Vegetation is Critical to the Safety and Health of your Stream

GOLIAD, TX – Landowners from all counties are invited to participate in a Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Workshop on April 25, 2018 at The Fire Pit restaurant in Goliad. The workshop is hosted by The Goliad County Soil and Water Conservation District, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Goliad, the Texas Water Resources Institute and the San Antonio River Authority (SARA). The workshop is worth three Continuing Education Units (CEU) for the Pesticide Applicators License as well as several other CEUs.

“A stream is an asset to your property. It provides wildlife habitat and beauty, however erosion in the stream can destabilize stream banks and endanger your property,” said SARA Director of Technical Services Steve Raabe “One of the most effective strategies for protecting your stream and property is to manage the riparian area, which protects and enhances your stream by maintaining appropriate riparian vegetation.”

The area around a stream with grass, shrubs and trees is known as a riparian buffer and is one of the best ways to protect property from erosion. Buffer areas stabilize stream banks and regulate the stream flow while at the same time improving water quality by filtering sediments and pollutants. Riparian buffers are also a great way to improve habitat for wildlife and, as such, improve the aesthetic and recreational value of a property.

“The workshop will help landowners understand how their streams and the watershed work, as well as the management tools that can be used to prevent or resolve erosion and degradation issues,” said SARA Board Director for Goliad County James Fuller. “They will also learn to identify key plant species in Texas coastal streams and will receive native seed packs to start their own riparian restoration.”

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To learn more about the workshop, visit <http://texasriparian.org/upcoming-training-locations/> and RSVP with Clare Entwistle at 210-277-0292 ext. 205.

SARA's mission is to protect and enhance our creeks and rivers through service, leadership and expertise. Partnering with The Goliad County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Texas Water Resources Institute and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Goliad to provide educational workshops for landowners is one of the ways that SARA is working to meet that mission.

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The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) was created by the 45th Texas Legislature on May 5, 1937 and reorganized in 1961 to plan, manage and implement water-related programs and projects within the San Antonio River Watershed. The State of Texas empowered SARA to preserve, protect and manage the resources and the ecology of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. To learn more about the SARA, visit our website at www.sara-tx.org.