

## Local Conservation District to Host Local Work Group Meeting and Conservation Workshop March 29

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LAMPASAS – The Hill Country Soil and Water Conservation District, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership, will host a Conservation Workshop and Local Work Group meeting on March 29 in Lampasas. Topics include drought management planning for local farms and ranches and setting priorities for natural resource funding in Lampasas and Burnet Counties for the next fiscal year.

The workshop is offered at no charge and will be held at the Lampasas County Farm Bureau Office at 1793 US-281, in Lampasas. The workshop will begin at 9:00 and conclude at noon. Light refreshments will be served

As we continue through this drought, it's imperative that agriculture producers are equipped with a drought management plan for their operation, Kevin Churchwell, Hill Country SWCD Chairman said. "We are pleased to offer this program in conjunction with our annual Local Work Group meeting. Local Work Group Meetings are a valuable part of the NRCS planning process, providing an opportunity for local land managers to be part of a collaborative effort to improve natural resources within their county."

Participants will be asked to provide input to determine natural resource priorities and criteria for NRCS conservation and programs planning for the upcoming fiscal year as part of the annual Local Work Group. Through this process, local agriculture stakeholders can help shape plans and priorities for future projects, identify where the best investments can be made to address natural resource issues and review the work that has already be done in Lampasas and Burnet counties.

"Attendees will also hear information about local natural resource programs that offer technical and financial incentives that are available to landowners and our new Feral Hog Trap Rental program", said Paul Holland, Hill Country Soil and Water Conservation District Technician.

Two general Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education credits (CEUs) for non-commercial pesticide applicator license holders will be offered, the cost of which is sponsored by the Hill Country SWCD.

Visit [www.lampasriver.org](http://www.lampasriver.org) to register for this program. A workshop flyer and more information can also be found there. You may also register or get more information by calling Holland at 512-556-5572, extension 3.

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