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Bastrop County Conservation Partners Host Soil Health Workshop and Local Working Group Meeting

When: August 27, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: First National Bank Conference Room, 489 Highway 71 West, Bastrop, TX 78602

Bastrop, Texas, July 15, 2013—The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Bastrop County and the Bastrop Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend a Soil Health Workshop and the 2013 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting on August 27, 2013. The Soil Health Workshop will start at 9 a.m. and the LWG meeting will immediately follow at 11 a.m.

Willie Durham, NRCS State Agronomist, will give the Soil Health Workshop. Demonstrations and a presentation will show how practices such as no-till farming, cover cropping and improved grazing management can increase productivity, reduce inputs and protect our natural resources.

The purpose of the annual LWG meeting that will follow the workshop is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Bastrop County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to update attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Bastrop County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Bastrop County are invited to participate.

Attendance to both events is free of charge and do not require RSVP.

For more information, please contact Hilary Bravenec, District Conservationist, at (512) 321-2489 Ext-3. Please contact 2 weeks prior to meeting with any special needs for hearing or visually impaired. For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

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