



LAKE CREEK PRESERVE NEWS

March 20, 2017

LAKE CREEK GREENWAY PARTNERSHIP (LCGP) PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED BY KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL - We received word that LCGP placed third in Keep Texas Beautiful 2017 Civic Organization Awards category. Thanks to all of the Scouts and other volunteers whose contributions made it possible.

27th EAGLE PROJECT COMPLETED ON LAKE CREEK PRESERVE – Eagle candidate Jake Thomas led a team that constructed and installed four benches along the Lake Creek Preserve trails to increase visitor's enjoyment of the natural area.



7 additional Eagle candidates are working on projects to improve accessibility and the wildlife viewing/teaching value of the preserve. Projects include adding about 120' of boardwalks, an informational kiosk at the trailhead, the first of two wildlife viewing platforms, additional benches and new sections of the nature guide which can be accessed through your cell phone at lakecreektx.org.

OTHER TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS/SAFETY FEATURES – John Maldonado, Bob Wise, Dave Price and Tony Gonzalez volunteered their time to improve safety on the creek loop trail. They installed signage and fencing to keep visitors (especially children) away from a steep and badly undercut stream bank. The fencing improves safety, while still allowing for a great view of the creek.



The creek loop trail also crosses several ravines that can get quite slippery after a modest rain. Those areas now have crude steps to minimize slipping.



Finally, we will continue to add additional educational signage as we obtain sponsors.

PADDLE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT - Weather permitting, the paddle trail committee will be making a scouting run down Lake Creek on Friday March 31 to inventory and GPS obstacles, potential take out points and special points of interest. Work on removing obstacles will be saved to another trip. Anyone interested in volunteering with the Paddle Trail Committee should email trails@lakecreektx.org.

LAKE CREEK PRESERVE MAINTENANCE - The second quarter trail maintenance day for Lake Creek Preserve will take place on Saturday, April 15. This will involve mowing, weed eating, trimming growth encroaching on the trail, removing tripping hazards and deadfall etc. to get ready for spring hikers and our joint Arbor Day celebration with Woodforest. We are looking for area residents interested in helping maintain the trails in the preserve. Those interested in the Preserve Trails Committee should email trails@lakecreektx.org

OTHER LCGP EVENTS MARCH/APRIL

March 21 – Magnolia Rotary will hold their weekly meeting at the preserve.

March 25 – LCGP booth at Woodlands Greenup

April 1 – LCGP booth at Woodland and Wildlife Expo

April 29 – Arbor Day activities at the preserve. Planned activities include: guided tours of the trail, NRCS Soil Conservationist and presentations on soils, San Jacinto River Authority, Watershed Activities, Lake Creek Greenway exhibit and information, Friends of Texas Wildlife.

SUPPORT THE LAKE CREEK GREENWAY

By contributing to Friends of Lake Creek or listing Lake Creek Greenway Partnership for a shopping match at Kroger. We depend entirely on volunteer support through service and/or contributions. Help us grow the vision.

Friend of Lake Creek Donation Form

I want to become a Friend of Lake Creek and support the programs of the Lake Creek Greenway Partnership by:

- ☐ Enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities in our area
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- ☐ Supporting educational programs on local flora and fauna, water quality, soil and water conservation, and other conservation issues.
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Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple updating the Community Rewards selection on your Digital Account.

- Sign into your Digital Account (if you haven't already).
- Select 'My Account'.
- Scroll down to the 'Community Rewards' section of your account page.
- Select 'Enroll Now' or 'Edit'.
- Select **Lake Creek Greenway Partnership: Kroger NPO # 85770** click on 'Save'.

Your selected organization will now display in the Community Rewards section of your account page.

Any transactions moving forward using the card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program.

It takes approximately 10 days for the Community Rewards total to begin displaying on your receipt.