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DEQ'S DRINKING WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM Moves to Bossier Parish

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality recently selected Bossier Parish as the next stop for its drinking water protection campaign. “Protect Drinking Water One Drop at a Time” is the slogan for the program that is aimed at increasing the public’s awareness and participation in protecting the area’s drinking water.

The campaign will officially kickoff with the first Bossier Parish community meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bossier Parish Courthouse. It will be held in the Police Jury Meeting room, 204 Burt Boulevard in Benton. A second community meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, at the public service complex of the Bossier City Parks and Recreation Department. This complex is located at 3223 Old Shed Road, Bossier City.

The Drinking Water Protection Program is a voluntary program designed to assist communities in protecting their drinking water sources. The campaign seeks to involve private citizens, community groups, water systems, local government officials, businesses and industry in the protection of the parish’s waters. The meeting will address the goals of the program and how people can participate. Clean water is essential for good health and DEQ’s Drinking Water Protection Team will share protection and conservation tips that residents can use in their homes and businesses. DEQ is encouraging all residents in Bossier Parish to attend one of the community meetings and to take an active role in ensuring clean drinking water for the future.

DEQ is seeking volunteers to serve on committees to work with the community in creating a sustainable drinking water protection program. For more information you may contact drinking water team members Micaela Marchand Coner or Jesse Means at (225) 219-3510 and visit the DEQ web page at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1724/Default.aspx>

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