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### **DEQ's Drinking Water Protection Program moves to St. Mary Parish**

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has selected St. Mary Parish as the next stop for its drinking water protection campaign, “Protect Drinking Water One Drop at a Time.” The program’s goal is to increase the public’s awareness and participation in protecting their area’s drinking water.

The campaign officially kicks off with the St. Mary Parish Drinking Water Protection Program Community Meeting. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Bayou Vista Community Center, 1333 Belleview St., Bayou Vista. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting will outline the program and provide the public an opportunity to get information, talk to the Drinking Water Protection Team members and sign up for the committee. The public is invited to attend and take an active role in ensuring clean drinking water for the future.

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 ways in which citizens may participate. Since clean water is essential for good health, DEQ’s Drinking Water Protection Team will share protection and conservation tips that residents can use in their homes and businesses.

DEQ is seeking volunteers to serve on committees to work with the community in creating a sustainable drinking water protection program. For more information, contact the Drinking Water Protection Team at 225-219-3510 or visit the DEQ Web page at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/AEPs>.