Presented by United States Congressman Jim Chapman and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Working toward environmental initiatives for Caddo Lake and the Cypress Valley Watershed.

CADDO LAKE INITIATIVE

1993-1994 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Introduction

Important to and welcomed by all who are contributing to the initiative.

Wasted is critical to the success of the Caddo Lake Initiative. Your participation is
community’s involvement in the implementation of long-term goals for the Caddo Valley
Program and a vital component to the future success of the initiative.

The local

and national resources for the use and development of the

and continue to enhance the benefits of Caddo Lake and the Caddo Valley

members of the local community have also shown their

and shared experience to date is due in part to local and state

One year after the launching of this proposal, significant progress

Other Community Initiatives

activities. Sustainable Development, Infrastructure Improvements, and

outlines activities planned for 1993. Five categories that define the

and accomplishments and

Vision

and provide economic advancement for the local

involving a variety of projects. The goal of the Caddo Lake Initiative is to project and promote the

director for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), this proposal officially launched

development for Caddo Lake and the Caddo Valley. First presented on October

Caddo Lake Initiative is a proposal for environmental initiatives and sustainable

Photo: Joe Whiteman, Jefferson Improvement

Conservation Jim Champion (center)
Economic development in the region, projected to work toward developing a plan for sustainable economic development in the region.

Historic Map of Caddo and Fair Play, TX.

Another important change is occurring with the downsizing of United States and the first in Texas. Worldwide loss of wetlands. It is one of only 13 such sites in the world under the Ramsar Convention. An international treaty to stem the tide of international importation, especially from waterways, began in 1979. On October 23, 1993, the area was designated a "Wetlands of International Importance." Caddo Lake is one of the largest in the state, and wildlife management sensitive habitat in the Caddo Lake area. This area became a Wildlife Management Area in 1975 to provide protection for 7,000 acres of wetlands.

On March 3, 1992, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) under Executive Director Wayne Skipper, received a

Caddo Lake: A Rare Treasure of the Red River Valley: Water Quality Issues and the Environment. This proposed water resource project would have made it difficult for the Red River development on the Arkansas River. The Red River Valley Water Area, discussed the proposed development.
Texan, at announcement of Ramsay designation.

Don Fendley, Executive Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife, East Texas regional office, presented this afternoon his plan to develop a new state park in east Texas. The plan will increase the number of state parks in the region by 25 percent, creating more recreational opportunities for Texans.

"The parks will offer a variety of activities, including camping, hiking, fishing, boating, and wildlife observation. They will be located in close proximity to major population centers, making them easily accessible to residents of the region." said Don Fendley.

Environmental significance:

 environments are important for maintaining biodiversity and preserving natural resources. They provide habitat for wildlife and plants, and contribute to the overall health of ecosystems. The Caddo Lake and Cypress Valley Watershed area is rich in biodiversity, with a variety of plant and animal species.

Caddo Lake (Canada) is a great source of information about Caddo Lake.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently designated the Cypress Valley Watershed as an "endangered species." The designation is based on the high conservation value of the area due to its unique geological features and diverse plant and animal species.

Caddo Lake, home to a variety of wildlife, is a popular destination for bird watchers and nature enthusiasts. The lake is known for its abundant waterfowl, including species of ducks and geese.

The Cypress Valley Watershed also supports a diverse range of vegetation, including hardwood forests, wetlands, and grasslands. These ecosystems provide critical habitats for a variety of wildlife species.

The Caddo Lake and Cypress Valley Watershed area is rich in biodiversity, offering a unique and valuable resource for conservation and recreation.
Community

Local residents and understanding the desires of the
their work in the developed by talking the time to meet
extra effort to ensure public participation and approval of
repetitions of a new kind of partners. They have made an
The federal agencies and representatives involved in the
the federal agenda and skills employed by agency representatives.
only utilizing federal dollars but by depending on the
only the cadillo Lake initiative have gotten underway by not
in support of community desires. Many of the components
is due in part to real and site efforts designed to work
Much of the success of the cadillo Lake initiative to date

Entertainment center of northern Louisiana.

Population of 198,725.

The largest city and parish seat is Shreveport with a
government and military facilities and various service-oriented
medical complex. Diverse manufacturing industries.
The economy of Caddo Parish is broad-based with an extensive
ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

Parties with a total estimated 1992 population of 335,077.
Metropolitan Statistical Area encompassing Caddo and Bossier
extremely diverse economic base. It is part of a Standard
Caddo Parish with a total population of 247,933, has an
Central City of northeast Texas.

23,662. Marshall has a varied economy and is a cultural center
largest city is the County seat of Marshall with a population of
production, primary manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism. The
more diversified economy dependent on production and timber
Harrison County, with a total population of 74,182, has a

over 60 bed and breakfast facilities in the city.
neighborhood. Today, it is main source of income is tourism with
Jefferson has a rich historical heritage based on commercial
City is the County seat of Jefferson with a population of 2,199.
production and gas production and agriculture. The largest
ECONOMIC considered around recreational activities. Limber

Louisiana.

2,187 square miles along the border between Texas and
Parties in Louisiana. These two counties and one parish occupy
of focus is Marshall and Harrison Counties in Texas and Caddo
Louisiana Counties located in the watershed. The primary area
Economic conditions vary throughout the Texas and
Prepare a marketing plan for proposed actions

Promote job training and job creation

Promote environmental education and awareness

Research natural and cultural features

Restore or protect historical and archaeological resources

Promote natural habitats

Utilize existing facilities and resources

Compatible activities

Promote outdoor tourism through environmental

accomplish the goals of the initiative include:
cultural resources, and future generations. Objectives that
might strengthen the communities and maintain the quality of life for
this initiative is to provide economic opportunities which will
healthy ecosystem. The purpose of sustainable development in
research is to provide information important to maintaining a
opportunities for the area. The purpose of environmental
in the Cypress Valley Watershed and increase economic
domain. The goal of the Caddo Lake initiative is to protect and

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
Accomplishments and Activities for 1995

Significant progress has been made over the past year. The following sections will highlight the projects which have begun under the major headings of research, protection, sustainable development, infrastructure and community initiatives. The success of these activities to date is due to the dedication of individuals participating at the local, state and federal levels.

The federal funding allocated to this initiative was provided by Congressman Chapman through his position on the House Appropriations committee. Congressman Chapman worked to ensure that the Caddo Lake Initiative was a priority for the budgets of participating federal agencies. His federal assistance has helped start many of the ongoing activities and will supplement the state and local resources contributed toward these projects.
assistance of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration),

Photography of the Caddo Lake region collected earlier in the year by the NWRC with the
Sheffield, Chief Scientist for the Cypress Valley Watershed Study. The survey utilized aerial
photography to support the project through the coordination of Dr. William

TPWD provided logistical support for the project.

of over 200 plant species

small portion of the 750-acre Cypress Ranger Unit, which revealed a highly diverse flora consisting

of many species of the S. a/spies. The surveys expanded upon prior work conducted by SFA botanicals in a

high of contact. The surveys expanded upon prior work conducted by SFA botanicals in a

Potomac Department at Shepherd P. Austin State University (SPA) in Nacogdoches, Texas and

Wildlife Management Area. The work was completed by Dr. James Vankers of the Biology

recovered federal lands to conduct surveys of native vegetation at Caddo Lake State Park and

In 1994, the National Biological Service's National Wetlands Research Center (NWRC)

for remediating old growth bottomland hardwood forests in the South.

The Herbert Bayou Wetland Area, which is managed by the US Army, contains one of the

soil in which the undergrowth is dense with a diverse array of woody plants. The study

important model for understanding the structure and function of bottomland hardwood

forested wetlands. Such as those that lie between Caddo Lake and the Wetlands of Caddo Lake are an

Most U.S. wetland losses in the United States during the past 20 years occurred in southern

Vegetation

evaluate the natural and cultural resources

the ecosystem. The primary goal of scientific research at Caddo Lake is to inventory and

and the collection of adequate data is necessary for long-range planning and management of

Part of the uniqueness of the Caddo Lake ecosystem is its complexity. Quality research

Research Initiatives
ecosystems. Some resource managers believe that current population models on Caddo Lake and the surrounding wetland area provide managers and scientists with an inventory that allows for a lack of cypress and resources. This research also discovered an abundance of wetland cypress was found in the Lake's wetlands, which are cypress forests, cypress swamps, and hardwoods. NonTraditional ways of toilet, park, and recreation have been identified on Caddo Lake -- at least five types of major Caddo Lake ecosystems are one of the most extensive cypress forest ecosystems in the U.S.

Field observations reveal the outstanding character of the cypress forest ecosystem on Caddo Lake, which is characterized by large trees, dense undergrowth, and a variety of wildlife species. The cypress forest is one of the most extensive cypress forest ecosystems in the U.S.

Wildlife

The cypress forest ecosystem on Caddo Lake is home to a variety of wildlife species, including birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. The cypress forest provides habitat for a wide range of bird species, including the bald eagle, woodpeckers, and warblers. The cypress forest also supports a variety of reptiles and amphibians, including snakes, frogs, and toads. Additionally, the cypress forest is home to a variety of mammals, such as deer, rabbits, and squirrels. The cypress forest is an important habitat for these species, providing them with food, shelter, and a place to breed and raise their young. The cypress forest is a vital ecosystem for the survival of many species, and it is important to protect and preserve this unique habitat for future generations.
The first research study at Caddo Lake focused on the ecological impacts to the environment caused by beavers. The findings are that the lake is supports a non-native population of beavers, which have caused significant ecological changes in the area. The impact of these changes is not well understood, but further research is needed to better understand the effects on the ecosystem. The existing beaver population may be contributing to the degradation of the ecosystem. The study recommends more research to better understand the interaction between beavers and the environment at Caddo Lake.
HARDWOODS

will be incorporated into the study.

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coordinated with Louisiana State University at Shreveport.

breeding birds at LHAPP. The breeding bird survey will be conducted in

The objective of this study is to determine the presence and distribution of

The approved project will fund a survey of birds breeding at LHAPP.

of those resources.

property and implementing the Legacy program will assist in the conservation

public lands and facilities. LHAPP has a number of significant environmental areas on their

restoration of biological, geophysical, and historical resources which exist on DOD lands.

Management Program was created to provide management, conservation, research, and

Applications for additional Legacy programs are pending with DOD. The Legacy Resource

Announcement Plan (LHAPP) under the Department of Defense (DOD) Legacy Program.

The Department of the Army has approved funding for a project at Louisiana Army

LEGACY RESOURCE PROGRAM

Cypress Valley Watershed.

some of the ways the Caddo Lake Initiative is working toward preserving the resources of the

development is ultimately dependent on a healthy ecosystem. The following sections describe

in Texas. The ability to maintain the quality of the environment and promote sustainable

property of the Caddo Lake Initiative. Caddo Lake is one of the most biologically diverse areas

necessary for the benefit of present and future generations. This is an important goal and a top

Protecting the ecological and cultural integrity of the unique resources of Caddo Lake is

PROTECTION ACTIVITIES
RESTORATION
BIG CYPRESS BAYOU WETLAND

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a habitat restoration project to restore portions of Big Cypress Bayou wetland and riparian areas. This project involves various wetland flows that are observed at backwater areas that have been disturbed by Hurricane Andrew. The project's objective is to improve conditions for fish and wildlife conservation. The Corps of Engineers has determined that the flows to be generated from the Lake Okeechobee and Lake Worth drainage projects will be sufficient to maintain the natural flow regime and provide suitable conditions for fish and wildlife. The project focuses on improving water quality and maintaining the natural flow regime to support fish and wildlife habitat.

To date, the project has obtained mapping information for the area around Big Cypress Bayou and adjacent wetlands. The project will complement the research efforts on addressing LHPD and will enhance conservation programs on the Lake Okeechobee Basin.

Species

The project area includes various species, including fish and wildlife. Some of the species of interest include the Brown Tarpon, Redfish, Snook, and Red Drum. These species are native to the area and are important to the local ecosystem.

Additional projects under consideration include improving fish habitat, riparian areas, and streamflow conditions.
What is a watershed? No matter where we live, we are in a watershed. A watershed is a geographic area that contains water resources. A watershed is made up of lands used for agriculture, urban development, forest, and urban areas. Our watershed is made up of lands used for agriculture, industry, and urban development. It is used to develop a watershed management plan.

The study will provide a comprehensive database of resources to develop a watershed management plan. This study will provide a comprehensive database of resources to develop a watershed management plan. The study will provide a comprehensive database of resources to develop a watershed management plan.
Every lover of nature, every man who appreciates the beauty

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CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Incentives for Private Landowners

The Caddo Lake ecosystem is complex, with numerous partners and stakeholders involved. To illustrate the complexity of this system, a multi-disciplinary approach is needed. The project team consists of

- Biologists
- Aquatic ecologists
- Water resource managers
- Fisheries
- Landowners

The project aims to assess and improve water quality and aquatic habitat conditions. The project will

- Identify key areas for restoration
- Develop management plans
- Implement restoration projects

The project will be implemented through a comprehensive and collaborative approach.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1905)

described.

clearing of prairie and woodland, and seasonally--from

vastness -- the living pastures, and game birds, and game

and beauty of the wilderness and of wild life, should strike

and make man appreciate the beauty.

healthy wildlife populations in the long run.

preservation wildlife habitat on their own lands in order to ensure

with the means by which they may take a role in maintaining and

The essence of this effort is to provide citizens in the Basin

private land

voluntary efforts in improving and protecting wildlife habitat on

something to offer almost everyone who is interested in a

organizations, educational institutions. The program will

create, renew, or develop. Local groups, private

function. Anyone may be a participant in the program.

the goals of understanding of wildlife

are aimed at improving the understanding of wildlife

management problems. Habitat protection programs that provide

improved protection of wildlife, economic assistance in solving land

management for damaged or unused property that can be

Partnerships will include habitat restoration and

and individuals, while leaving the land in private ownership.

supportive activities, and wildlife habitat on private lands through

Service's partners for wildlife programs. This program improves

enhancement activities within the watershed through the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on wildlife restoration

In 1995, the Bureau of Reclamation will work with the

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TPWD has played a leading role in the conservation, protection, and promotion of the unique natural and cultural resources surrounding Caddo Lake for over 60 years. The agency's presence on these shores dates back to the creation of Caddo Lake State Park in the 1930s. Last year, the park celebrated its 60th anniversary and welcomed some 250,000 visitors.

Fred and Louville Dahmer were honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 50th Birthday of Caddo Lake State Park. Andrew Sansom, TPWD Executive Director, presented the award.

Photo: Joe Wayne Dennis, Jefferson Jimpielecub
ENVIROMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

The Caddo Lake Initiative promotes the idea of several types of centers to be located throughout the Watershed as a component of a sustainable development plan. This idea has been met with great enthusiasm — particularly by the City of Jefferson and the newly formed Caddo Lake State Park and Wildlife Management Area. The plan will include an educational component.

DURING 1993, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is developing a long-range plan for...

MASTER PLAN FOR STATE LANDS

Using this concept:

This section outlines some of the ways in which the Caddo Lake Initiative is expected to meet the needs of the region. The term “sustainable development” means the needs of the present generation must be met without compromising the quality of life and ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This section outlines some of the ways in which the Caddo Lake Initiative is expected to meet the needs of the region. The term “sustainable development” means the needs of the present generation must be met without compromising the quality of life and ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The most outstanding asset of the Cypress Valley Watershed, including the cultural and...
The BOR has agreed to assist in the funding of this effort. Moving toward a conceptual design of an environmental center, understanding a number of aspects in support of the health and workshops to identify goals and explore potential themes. The site visit included an examination of the Tennessee Valley Authority's land between the Lakes' extensive outdoor park system for potential development. The BOR and local interests to develop a 1997 to work with Tpwd and local interest to develop a professional planning and marketing organization will begin in local and state groups to proceed the development of this center. A proposed model educational program group will serve as the educational planning. Tpwd could be used in support of this effort.

The House Appropriations Committee for the Tpwd and local agencies. The House Appropriations Committee for the development of a professional program group could begin prior to consideration of a program that could benefit local residents. The meeting included the development of an environmental education center. Tpwd could be used in support of this effort. Following the tour, a public meeting was held to share the findings of the trip with local residents. At the meeting, it was announced that the effort could easily assist with the development of the professional center. The group also discussed the need for the development of an environmental education center. The group also discussed the need for the development of an environmental education center. The group also discussed the need for the development of an environmental education center.
The Corps will develop an ecotourism promotion and marketing plan in 1995. A recreation and tourism development plan for the Caddo Lake area was proposed in 1992 to examine this option for the Caddo Lake watershed. The Caddo Basin Communities of Concern are characterized by economic development strategies being employed by many of the rural communities in the Caddo Valley watershed. Ecotourism is a key goal of the Caddo Lake initiative to provide new employment opportunities to strengthen the economic security of the local communities.

Caddo Valley Watershed Study. Results of this plan will be presented in conjunction with the comprehensive approved and can be executed by the community. The objective is to develop an ecotourism plan that can meet a local need. Local input will ensure that the necessary information is an implementation plan, and marketing and execution of the education, etc. Education of fiscal conditions, development of industry, conservation, commercial development, tourism, identification of opportunities (in the areas of pattern, etc.); development of interest (in the area of baseline documentation), local activities, current conditions, and so on.

With funding provided by BOR, the Caddo Valley
ECOTOURISM PROMOTION
AND MARKERS
NAVIGATION MARKERS
RAW WATER IMPROVEMENTS

In order to ensure any new infrastructure system is cost effective, BOR will also examine using LIAP for improved raw water. Providing both wastewater and raw water services together could lead to cost efficiencies when implementing any new system.

WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

The Bureau of Reclamation will undertake a planning, design, and engineering study for wastewater treatment in or near areas in 1995. BOR has conducted a site visit along with local officials and representatives from LIAP, and is developing an outline and appraisal for necessary work.

The infrastructure must be in place to support the increased demands of residents and visitors to Cado Lake. With added development, there may be more demand on public facilities and services. While these added demands can be looked at as a cost of promoting sustainable development, they can also provide great benefits to the local residents.
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is pursuing a historic restoration project for the Port of Jefferson. This historical preservation area would be a focal point in downtown Jefferson to be used for educational purposes and in conjunction with local festivals and activities. The components of the Corps plan include a market and carrying capacity assessment, public scoping, and master planning; archaeological and historic overview; and site analysis and design. The Corps has retained the National Park Service to assist in the interpretation and design of this restoration project.

In mid-October 1994, a local design workshop was held for a full week in the City of Jefferson. Participants in the workshop included the Corps, the National Park Service, TPWD, SFA, the University of Houston, and representative of the community. The goal of the workshop was to formulate conceptual plans for restoration of the historic Port of Jefferson. The meetings provided an opportunity for local residents to express their desires and ideas for the project. The steering committee will be made available for the public in a report and will be used to develop alternatives for the port restoration. Public input will continue with an evaluation of the pros and cons of each concept plan in this fiscal year.

Develop Access to Waterfront Areas

The Caddo Lake Initiative outlined the option of improving access to the waterfront by providing additional launch sites and improved parking at launch facilities for boating visitors. During the public meetings held on the Caddo Lake Initiative, many residents expressed their desire for additional facilities. Connecting any access to the Lake was the top priority concern voiced by many residents.

In 1995, the Bureau of Reclamation will design and construct additional boat ramp facilities on the Lake in cooperation with TPWD. One of two boat ramps are currently being planned that would include parking facilities and would cater to multiple seasonal activities, i.e., canoes, rentals, concessions, etc. Data obtained from the recreational studies monitoring program will be established to determine user groups, impacts to the immediate environment, and future needs of these facilities. This data will support the development of a recreational carrying capacity model for the resource area.
Guide to outdoor recreation and related opportunities at Cadde Lake; and an initiative development and an environmental impact study presentation. A comprehensive ecosystem newsletter containing topics of interest relating to Cadde Lake: sustainable economic.

BDR and TPWD are cooperating to find other activities in 1999, these include a quarterly

his weekly service. Cadde Lake's historical significance and produced a special issue on Cadde Lake which aired on

nous releases press conferences and ad spots. TPWD also produces promotional video on

public television. Cadde Lake through the media on a national scale with regular video and print

chests and workshops. TPWD continues to be instrumental in helping produce positive

through Department sponsored events such as boat tours, bird watching tours, and various

The TPWD staff also assisted in informing and educating the public about Cadde Lake's uniqueness.

Coordinating research and learning activities with the Cadde Lake Scholars Program,

environmental education programs that encourage and the community was set

develop a research agenda that deals with conservation issues. The first two main aims are to

activities in cooperation with volunteers from Texas Audubon. Outlines for two main aims include

last year at Cadde Lake. TPWD staff conducted numerous research and public outreach

preservation, environmental resource management and environmental education,

Examinations environmental education programs in the Watershed are important. TPWD has

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OUTREACH

Activities

Environment and Outreach can all have a positive impact in the communities.

Watershed. For example, improving job skills, professional development, and environmental
development could be implemented for the benefit of the community in the Cross Valley and

A wide range of activities that do not necessarily fall into the areas of protection or

OTHER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
Public Education and Computer Technology

The National Wildlife Research Center provides assistance in areas of research, data collection, and computer technology training and education. The field ecology program, which is a summer course for selected students and teachers, is also offered. The research center's mission is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the environment, its resources, and their interactions, with the ultimate goal of promoting conservation and sustainable development.
OPEN HOUSE COMMENTS

Local involvement and participation are key elements of the Caddo Lake project. The community's support and involvement are essential for the project's success. The public is encouraged to participate in the project and voice their opinions and concerns. The project's goals are to enhance the community's quality of life and promote economic development.

LOCAL INVOLVEMENT

Community involvement and participation are essential for the project's success. The community is encouraged to participate in the project and voice their opinions and concerns. The project's goals are to enhance the community's quality of life and promote economic development.
The Cypress Valley Watered consists of 11 communities. Constructive work shows environment is a positive accomplishment. Individual plans while still keeping the goals in mind. This differentiation roles and priorities and have formulated their
local communities. These groups have acknowledged their
independently by a variety of organizations, private citizens, and
components of the proposal have been examined and produced
community strategies for implementation and grassroot support
The success of the Caddo Lake Initiative is dependent on a

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

continue.

The enthusiastic that has been generated around the Caddo
Lake initiative has been substantial. Marshfield, Texas,
(Continued from page 1) is the Caddo Lake Research
Commissioner.

Speaker series at the Caddo Lake Library and the Murphy
home in Marshfield, Texas (located at left) hosts events for the
Home Family. The Stur family
information, articles, sites and buildings. The Stur Family
of the lake through education and preservation of historical
Caddo Lake. The Caddo Lake Historic Research Commission was
formed to preserve the ecological, natural, and cultural history
of the lake. The Caddo Lake Initiative Committee was
formed to pursue particular projects and focus on how

over 50 local meetings have been held on the Caddo Lake
initiative to any groups of individuals interested in participating. To date,
Congressman Champion and L.P. offered to speak and listen
from varying perspectives. After these ideas were outlines,
geographic area and local residents look at these opportunities

The Caddo Lake Initiative encompass ideas for a large

LOCAL MEETINGS

Wildlife
Stair Home in Marshfield, Texas. Photo: Carolyn Spears, Texas Parks and

members can help identify cooperative activities that will extend
and protect the group's interest and the Willows will be a place where members can document the opinions
other activities that are ongoing in the watershed. Not only will
of citizens will act as liaisons between their respective
communities and the broader plans, projects, and
members of this development plans for the Watershed. The members of the
for the environmental and sustainable
future, and work to provide
identified problems, share community values, and work to provide
ecological vision and take a
leadership role in promoting that vision. On January 12, 1995, a
representative group of citizens gathered to discuss the potential
plans have been made to form a watershed and
consensus that the community is behind these actions.
and will be to ensure that local leadership directs the activities in
involves public access to information about ongoing activities in
the Watershed. A broad based community coalition will also
improve the health and well-being of the ecosystem can be better promoted if
the Watershed, the only way to ensure that the ecosystem
recognize geographic or political boundaries -- the impacts to
the environment in one small area of the watershed may impact
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