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WESTSIDE CREEKS RESTORATION PROJECT

Makes its debut at Earth Day with an all-ages Westside Creeks Imagination Station

WHAT: The San Antonio River Authority will host an all-ages extravaganza at the 2009 Earth Day Celebration at Woodlawn Lake. The Westside Creeks Imagination Station will provide an opportunity for the general public to envision the future of Alazán, Apache, Martínez, and San Pedro Creeks.

The Westside Creeks Imagination Station will include maps of each of the creeks and will encourage participants to identify opportunities for amenities such as parks, hike/bike trails, and recreational facilities along each of the four Westside Creeks. Kids are encouraged to participate through age-appropriate games and activities.

The event will include educational exhibits and exercises, door prizes, and fun activities for younger audiences.

WHO: People of all ages and from all parts of the county are invited to take part in this all-day event.

WHEN: The Westside Creeks Imagination Station will take place in conjunction with the 2009 Earth Day Celebration at Woodlawn Lake on:

- Saturday, April 18, 2009
- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: While most Earth Day events take place near the Island House on Woodlawn Lake, this event will be located at:

- Woodlawn Lake Gymnasium
- 1103 Cincinnati (78207)

Parking is available at the gymnasium for those who wish to start at the Westside Creeks Imagination Station.

WHY: The feedback collected at the Westside Creeks Imagination Station will be incorporated into the Westside Creeks Restoration project. This community-based planning effort was initiated by SARA with the goal of:

1. Developing concepts for restoring the environmental condition of the Alazán, Apache, Martínez, and San Pedro Creeks.
2. Maintaining the current flood control components of the creeks.
3. Providing increased opportunities for people to enjoy these urban creeks.

The Westside Creeks Restoration Project aims to restore the creeks in a manner that enhances the rich historical and cultural background of the community. It will also provide ecosystem restoration that will increase the biological stability of the creeks and reintroduce native vegetation and wildlife.

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