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Partnership wins environmental award

The Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) and the Buck Creek Watershed Partnership recently won the Texas Environmental Excellence Award in the agriculture category. The partnership, including landowners in the Buck Creek watershed, worked for more than 10 years to restore Buck Creek and have it removed from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) impaired water bodies list.

Created by the Texas Legislature in 1993, the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards honor individuals, organizations and businesses that protect the state's human and natural resources while ensuring clean air, clean water and the safe management of waste.

Research efforts, education and workshops were provided by TWRI,

Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Red River Authority of Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture and local soil and water conservation districts that, along with local stakeholders, form the Buck Creek Watershed Partnership. Funding for the projects of the partnership was provided through a Clean Water Act nonpoint source pollution grant provided by TSSWCB and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Members of the partnership received the award at a banquet in May. Shown left to right are: Dr. Paul DeLaune, Texas A&M AgriLife Research environmental soil scientist; Dr. John Sij, retired AgriLife Research agronomist; Phyllis Dyer, AgriLife Research watershed coordinator; Lucas Gregory, TWRI project specialist; Dr. Kevin Wagner, TWRI associate director; and Mitch Conine, project management coordinator of the TSSWCB Nonpoint Source Management Program.