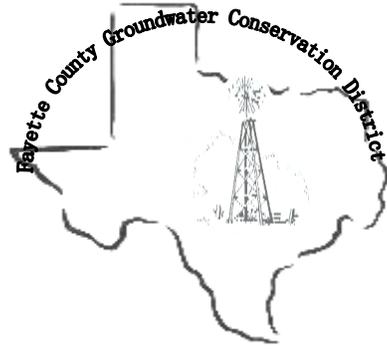


# Protecting our most precious resource - WATER



## Three Year Groundwater Study Coming to an End

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### OUR MISSION:

To provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharge, and prevention of waste of groundwater and of groundwater reservoirs for the People of Fayette County.

*Fayette County Groundwater News* is a yearly publication of the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District. Subscriptions are free upon request.

The District offers free brochures and information sheets concerning many aspects of water conservation and protection. Just drop by the office during regular office hours.

### Protect Your Water-Register Your Well!

The Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District is conducting a **well inventory** throughout Fayette County. You can help by registering **your** water well. This will assist the District in estimating how much water the people of Fayette County need now and for projected growth. Forms can be found on the District's website or by contacting us at (979) 968-3135.

In 2013, the board of directors and staff developed, and embarked, on the largest project the district has ever undertaken, a comprehensive study of the groundwater within Fayette County, mirroring a similar study conducted by the Texas Water

Development Board in 1965. From the onset, the objective of the project was to collect a sample from every aquifer, in every state well grid, in Fayette County. The final samples for the Countywide Water Sampling project were collected on December 7, 2016.

Initial goals were to collect samples from over 340 volunteer wells within the district. Final tallies came up a bit short, with a total of 273 wells sampled. This is still an excellent data set and Paul Kirby of Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, FCGCD's contract geologist, is compiling all of the data and a final report will be available in 2017.

Over 50 constituents were analyzed from each sample. Why so many? The board wanted to copy the 1965 study, but also collect as much data as possible regarding heavy metals and agricultural chemicals. Water quality is very important to the district and this new information will greatly advance the science of groundwater management in the district.

Some good news from the project. Preliminary data from the first two years of the project have shown very little, if any changes, to the groundwater in Fayette County.

The board of directors and the district staff extend their sincerest thanks to all of the well owners that volunteered to participate in the project. Without volunteer well owners, projects such as this would be impossible

# THANK YOU

