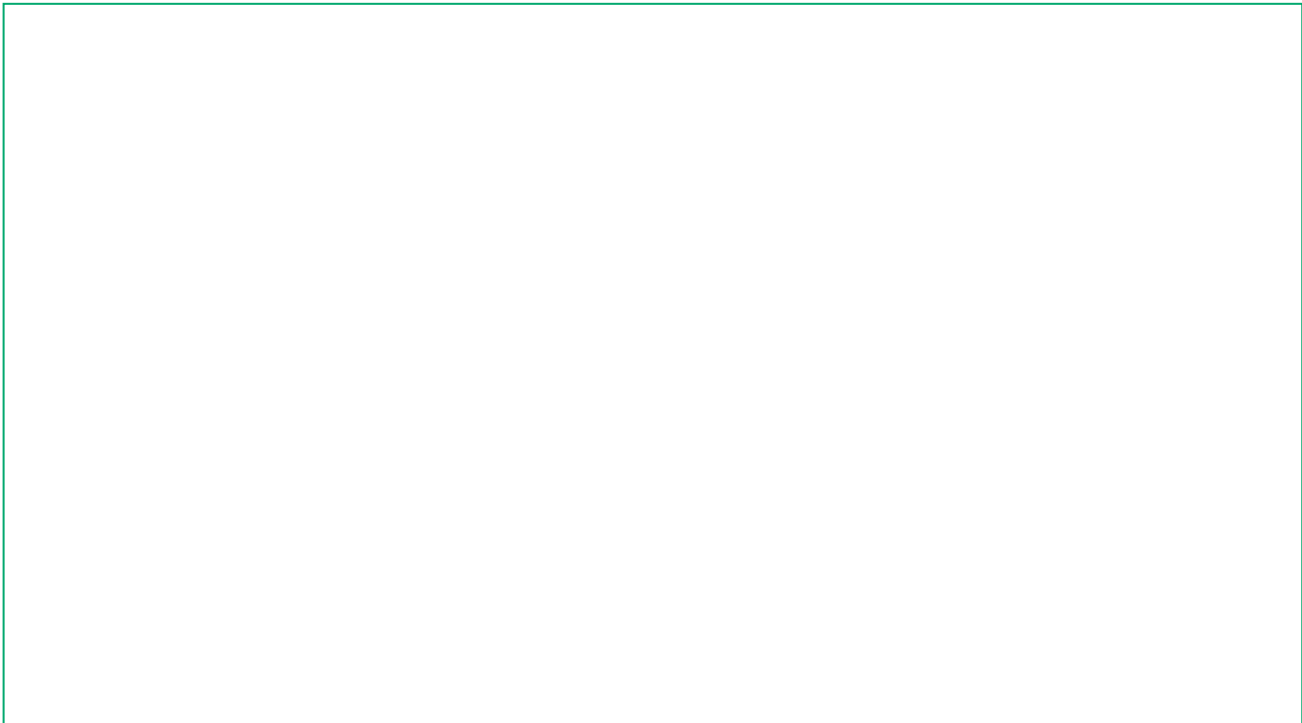




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Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee Meeting Recap

The Upper Trinity River Basin Coordination Committee (UTRBCC) held a meeting on August 16 via Microsoft Teams. During the meeting, [Texas Stream Team](#) presented training opportunities for citizen scientists. The 31-year old program offers group and individual trainings in topics related to surface water quality such as E. coli bacteria, Riparian Evaluation, and a standard core training. The program seeks to "facilitate environmental stewardship" by empowering everyday citizens to engage in "environmental education, data collection, and community action". A comprehensive list of the trainings offered can be found on the [program's website](#).

The next UTRBCC meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 14, 2023 at 9:30 AM. The location for this meeting is to be determined.

Trash Free Waters Update



The new [Recreational Litter Cleanup Toolkit](#) has been added to the Trash Free Texas website! Recreational activities, such as plogging (picking up litter while jogging) or pladdling (picking up litter while paddling), are an easy way for people to be involved in community cleanup while they are already engaged in outdoor recreation. This toolkit includes templates for signage and brochures, among other things, to help include recreational groups, such as running and paddling clubs, in litter clean-up.

Additionally, NCTCOG and its Trash Free Texas project partners are looking for volunteers, such as local governments, recreational groups, or Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates, to pilot some or all of the resources in the toolkit and provide feedback through an online survey. The survey assesses how the resources helped encourage and implement recreational cleanup activities. The pilot trial runs through the end of September. To participate, contact [Crysta Guzman](#).

2022 North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge



NORTH TEXAS COMMUNITY CLEANUP CHALLENGE

The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge (NTCCC) wrapped up earlier this summer and the results are in! NCTCOG would like to congratulate the **City of Grand Prairie** for beating out the rest of the pack to secure the trophy this year! Grand Prairie residents certainly put in the work with over 1,000 volunteers showing up for 82 different events or cleanups happening around their city.

The 2022 Community Cleanup Challenge ran this spring from March 1, 2022, through May 31, 2022. Volunteers put in over 14,000 hours and cleaned up 270 different areas! To learn more about the NTCCC, please visit www.communitycleanupchallenge.com. Many thanks to the following communities who have joined our friendly regional Community Cleanup Challenge!

2022 NTCCC Participating Communities

Carrollton
Fort Worth
Grand Prairie
Irving
Little Elm

Mansfield
Mesquite
Plano
Rowlett
Shady Shores

Save the date of March 1 – May 31, 2023 for the next North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge! More details to follow over the coming months.

North Texas Community Clean Up Challenge Website**Trinity River National Water Trail Recap**

The Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force is a coordinated effort between the Trinity Coalition, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and the communities and organizations situated on the Upper Trinity River. The Task Force was created to advance recreation, tourism, and economic development along the Water Trail.

In October 2020, the [Trinity River Paddling Trail](#) was awarded the National Water Trail designation by the National Park Service. The goal of the Task Force is to support this designation by maintaining the physical features of the trail and promoting its use as a recreational attraction for the region. NCTCOG and the Trinity Coalition are involving Parks & Recreation, Planning, Floodplain Administration, and Economic Development departments from communities along the Trail, as well as various regional, state, and nonprofit organizations relevant to the Trinity River in service of this goal.

The Task Force is currently open to communities and entities surrounding the Trinity River. If you are interested in joining the movement, check out the next [virtual meeting](#) scheduled for November 1, 2022 at 10:00 am.

TMDL Project Updates

The videos **"Don't Feed the Birds"** , and **"No Muss, No Fuss, Be Wise When You Flush"** will be available for review at the Joint TMDL Stormwater and Wastewater Meeting. "Don't Feed the Birds" showcases the avian issues associated with feeding local waterfowl. "No Muss, No Fuss, Be Wise When You Flush" discourages viewers from placing anything but the "3 P's" (**P**ee, **P**oop, and toilet **P**aper) in the toilet. The Joint TMDL Stormwater and Wastewater meeting will be held in October. Stakeholders will be invited to share feedback at that time. Final videos will be ready for use in the late fall.



Upcoming TMDL Meetings



TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum Meeting

September 29, 2022
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Virtual, Microsoft Teams



UTRBCC Meeting

February 14, 2023
9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
Location TBD



TMDL Coordination Committee

June 14, 2023
9:30 a.m.- 11:30 am.
Location TBD

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Upcoming NCTCOG Meetings



Public Works Roundup

September 13, 2022
8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
1209 S Main Street
Grapevine, TX

[Register Here](#)



Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

October 20, 2022
10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Metroplex Conference Room,
NCTCOG Offices

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Water Resource Council

October 12, 2022
10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Virtual, Microsoft Teams

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Stormwater Public Education Task Force

October 19, 2022
9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.



Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force

November 1, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council

November 9, 2022

Virtual, Microsoft Teams

Virtual, Microsoft Teams

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location TBD

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IDDE Industrial Inspectors Workshop

September 20, 2022

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

707 Pleasant Ridge Court, Mansfield, Texas 76063

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The North Central Texas Council of Governments is working with stakeholders to implement best management practices to address and prevent bacteria TMDLs in the North Central Texas region. To view the current Implementation Plan, or to utilize available resources, please visit www.nctcog.org/TMDL.



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