

Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL Project



First Annual Coordination Committee Meeting
July 23, 2014

2013

- At last year's May meeting, the Implementation Plan (I-Plan) was at Management Review Draft level.
- That summer, it became Public Review Draft.
- December 2013, I-Plan approved by TCEQ Commissioners.
- No major changes to the Plan.
- Available online at <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEclean/wq/tmdl/TMDLI-Plan.asp>



2014

- In May, the first annual meetings of the eight technical subcommittees.
- All subcommittees reviewed implementation strategies applicable to their areas.
 - The Parks and Recreation subcommittee did not form and their strategies were reviewed by the Stormwater Subcommittee.
 - The Planning and Development subcommittee lost membership to remain viable. Their implementation strategies were reviewed by the Stormwater subcommittee.
- All subcommittees were asked for their recommendations to NCTCOG regarding program priorities going forward.

The Results of Implementation Strategy Review

Given timing, few of the new, non-permit strategies identified in the I-Plan have been implemented, although none were identified as problematic either.

Specific strategies that are being implemented are covered within the Regional Stormwater Management Program.

- Public education materials are already being modified to include (and new materials created with) mention of bacteria.
- The Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Task Force is reviewing their materials for the appropriateness of including bacteria.



Subcommittee Recommendations

- ❖ Education & Outreach: the priority should be the implementation of Strategy 8.0 – the Best Management Practices (BMP) Library.
 - It was noted that membership sustainability may become an issue and at some time in the future, merging the responsibilities of this subcommittee with the Stormwater Public Education Task Force may be appropriate.

- ❖ Monitoring Coordination: the priority is moving forward with the Monitoring Coordination Forum (Implementation Strategy 6.1) in lieu of the subcommittee.
 - Initial membership will target those Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) with monitoring requirements and participants in the Clean Rivers Program.

- ❖ On Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF): the priority should be the BMP Library.
 - OSSF also elected to combine with the Wastewater Subcommittee going forward.

Subcommittee Recommendations

- ❖ Pets, Livestock & Wildlife: the priority should be the implementation of Strategy 8.0 – the BMP Library.
 - NCTCOG will also be partnering with Texas Parks and Wildlife on feral hog workshops and urban wildlife management concerns.

- ❖ Stormwater: prioritize the BMP Library and focus efforts on bacteria-related programs.
 - Annual reports might be a good source for BMP examples since they discuss the BMPs being used.

- ❖ Wastewater: the priority should be adding wastewater –related topics to workshops offered by NCTCOG – especially Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) prevention. The annual Public Works Roundup would be a good fit for this discussion.
 - The BMP Library is also a priority.

BMP Library

- Current vision is a hybrid between MS4 permit requirements and I-Plan strategies.
- Would likely be coordinated with the current Stormwater BMP web page for one web location simplicity.
- Bacteria-specific BMPs would be highlighted.
- As examples, here are the current lead BMP page and three alternative graphic options.





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Stormwater BMP Library

Welcome to the Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) library.

Stormwater BMPs

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Public Education
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Public Education & Outreach



Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination



Pollution Prevention

Parks and Recreation



Wastewater

SSO
OSSF
Lift Stations
FOG
SSO/COMOM
Liquid Waste Haulers



Construction & Post Construction



Green Infrastructure & Low Impact Development



Industrial Inspections

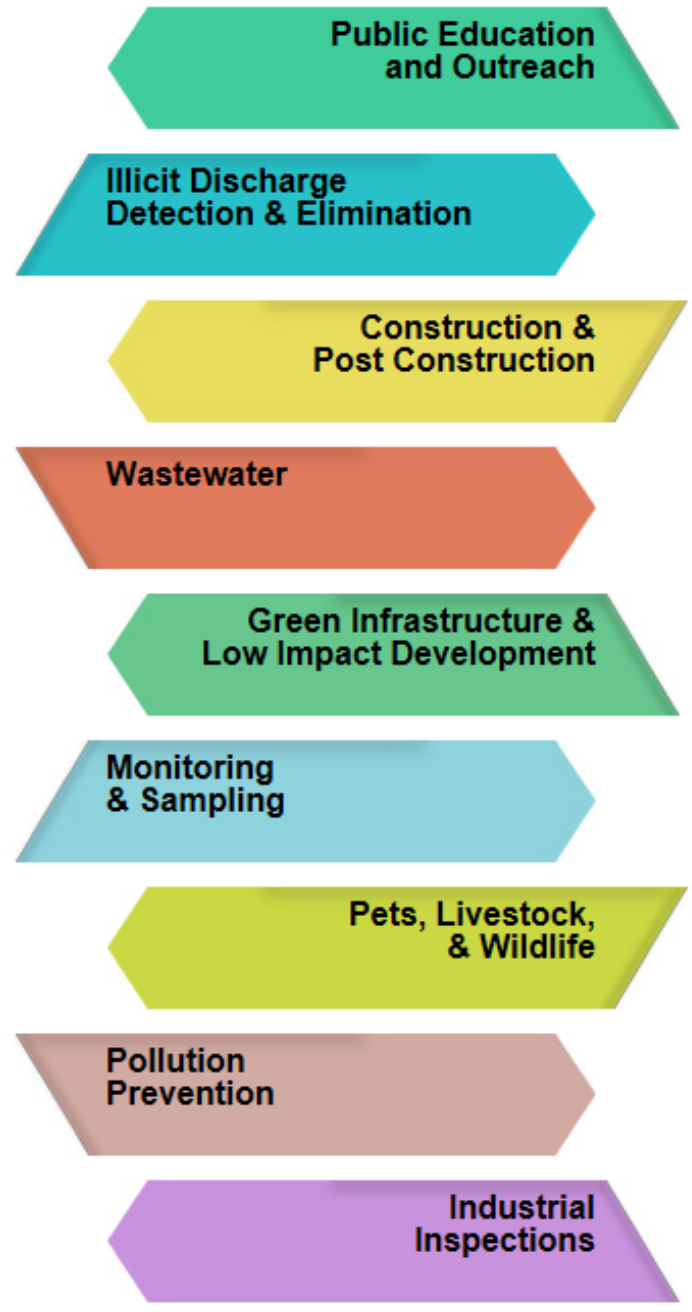


Monitoring & Sampling



Pets, Livestock, & Wildlife





Committee Membership

Technical Subcommittees

- Currently four subcommittees are tasked with reviewing implementation strategies annually – Education & Outreach, Pets, Livestock & Wildlife, Stormwater, and Wastewater, and in lieu of Monitoring Coordination, the Monitoring Forum.
- Are changes needed?

Coordination Committee

- Formalize membership changes?
- Add new members?



PCB Program Update

Newly listed PCB impaired waterbody – discussed by Dania Gundmann, TCEQ

- New approach for the Greater Trinity. No I-Plan is required at this time due to the challenges posed by determining a TMDL for a legacy pollutant.
- Instead, our region has an opportunity to creatively address the issue with a variety of options.
- NCTCOG is engaged in a stakeholder education and discussion effort with a wide range of interests in the impaired watersheds.
- The overall goal is for fully informed stakeholders to determine the path going forward.

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Next Steps and Future Plans