

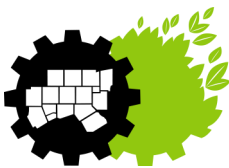
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Texas Stream Team: Train-the-Trainer Workshop a Success!

NCTCOG hosted a second Texas Stream Team workshop on July 25th, 2018. The event is part of a series of workshops intended to help the Texas Stream Team expand the Citizen Scientist program in North Central Texas. The workshop was instructed by Michael Jones from the Meadows Center, and Chris Morris from the City of Dallas.

NCTCOG is currently preparing to host a third workshop focused on riparian and macroinvertebrate assessments. A flyer will be distributed with the final date. Stay tuned!



2018 Upper Trinity Symposium

Participants will hear from industry and local experts on the benefits of LID practices for stormwater management, effective ways to promote LID implementation by developers, and how cities can use different planning strategies to encourage implementation. During his keynote speech, Dr. Robert Mace of the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment will discuss the importance of land conservation to mitigate flood risk and enhance quality of life.

Cost for the Symposium is \$15 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Three (3) Continuing Education Credits for the Texas Floodplain Management Association are available. Three (3) AICP CM credits for the American Planning Association are also available. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

The 2018 Upper Trinity Symposium is hosted by the NCTCOG and the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust.

Date and Time

Friday, September 21, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM CDT

Location

Bentley Station

222 Betchan Drive, Lake Dallas, TX 75065

For more information, to register, and to view the agenda, please click [here](#).

For questions please contact Blake Alldredge at balldredge@utrwd.com.

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Upcoming Events: Illegal Dumping Trainings

The North Central Texas Council of Governments would like invite you to register for the upcoming FREE Illegal Dumping Workshops during fall 2018. These various workshops will be instructed by Dr. John Ockels, Director of Texas Illegal Dumping Resource Center. For more information, please see the registration pages for each workshop.

Upcoming Workshops:

- ⇒ Local Control of Scrap Tires Workshop
September 26, 2018 in Waxahachie, TX
- ⇒ Mosquito Control Through Enforcing Public Health Nuisance Laws
October 19, 2018 in Mansfield, TX
- ⇒ Coordinated Local Criminal Enforcement of Illegal Dumping
November 1, 2018 in Garland, TX

Additional Workshops:

- ⇒ Advanced Illegal Dumping Enforcement Workshop
Lewisville, TX (Details TBD)
- ⇒ Local Control of Scrap Tires Workshop
Fort Worth TX (Details TBD)
- ⇒ Elected Officials Illegal Dumping Workshop
Details TBD

To register for any of these events, please visit:
<http://www.nctcog.org/envir/events.asp>

Changes to Future TMDL Technical Subcommittee Meetings

During the TMDL Coordination Committee meeting on June 14, 2018, committee members voted to change the meeting schedule of the three TMDL subcommittees: The Stormwater and Wastewater subcommittees will now meet as needed, and the Monitoring Coordination Forum will meet once per year, in May.

The changes were requested due to low participation rates in the regularly scheduled subcommittee meetings, which occurred every six months.

NCTCOG will send subcommittee members email updates via email between meetings. For more information on the meeting schedule, or for questions, please contact Mayra Lopez at Mlopez@nctcog.org.

Winners to be Announced for the 2018 Doo the Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest!

2018 Doo the Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest has been a big success! 1147 votes were cast to choose the winners from 257 photo submissions. Winners will be announced mid-September via the NCTCOG website.

Thank you for your votes and shares! We continue to encourage communities to take the pledge of keeping people and pets healthy, and our local waters clean!

For more information on this program, contact Kathleen Myers at Kmers@nctcog.org



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Call for Volunteers!

Under the guidance of the Water Resources Council, NCTCOG will be facilitating development of a North Central Texas regional water resources clearinghouse. The purpose of this effort is to provide a regional platform that serves as a one-stop-shop for residents, businesses, cities, schools, non-profits, etc. to gain information and resources about all things water in the North Central Texas region. This platform will be a website the NCTCOG creates and maintains. The development of this resource is a collaborative effort that aims to compile and leverage existing resources, campaigns, and tools utilized by our members.

NCTCOG is requesting volunteers to serve on an Advisory Group to assist in determining the scope, content, and elements of this regional platform. We are seeking water resource experts related to water supply, wastewater, water efficiency, and water conservation to serve. Volunteers are not required to be Water Resources Council members. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ryann Cline at Rcline@nctcog.org.

Save the Date!

2018 Holiday Grease Roundup
November 26, 2018—January 7, 2019

Rather than pouring your grease in the drain during the holidays, participate in the 2018 Holiday Grease Roundup and recycle it for free!

For more information about this program and grease collection sites, visit www.ceasethegreasentx.com or contact

Hannah Allen, Hallen@nctcog.org



Grease Interceptor Inspector Training is Now Open!

The Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) is hosting the Grease Interceptor Inspector Training on **October 1 and 2, 2018**.

This course is aimed at municipal staff responsible for inspecting grease interceptors. The objective of this course is for participants to learn about the management, operation, and maintenance of grease interceptors and traps (grease vessels). It introduces wastewater collection system concerns and initial fats, oils, and grease (FOGs) program action plans. It also covers the basics of restaurant and kitchen inspections related to grease vessels; vessel inspections, compliance, approvals, and installation; and documentation.

Neal Klimek, of Knowgrease Services Inc., will be instructing the training. The first day of instruction is in a classroom environment. Participants will visit facilities with various types of interceptors/grease vessels on the second day. Participants will need to coordinate their own travel/carpool to sites. The classroom location will be at **NCTCOG Offices, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011**. Sites will be in **Arlington, Texas**.

Up to two individuals from each WATER cost-sharing organization are eligible for the discounted registration fee of \$135; additional registrants will be charged \$275. Non-WATER cost-sharing organizations will be charged \$275 for each registrant.

Lunch, beverages, and other refreshments are included in the cost of registration. NCTCOG will invoice individuals after registration is complete.

Please click [here](#) to register for the training. Space is limited to 25 attendees, so register today!

If you have any questions, please contact Cassidy Campbell at ccampbell@nctcog.org.

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And
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This Quarter's Featured TMDL Implementation Strategy:

Implementation Strategy 2.1: Local Supplemental Environmental Projects

Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) is a program managed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) through which the respondent of an enforcement action can fund an approved project to offset assessed penalties. SEPs are projects that prevent pollution, reduce the amount of pollution reaching the environment, or enhances the quality of the environment. Potential SEPs include cleanup of abandoned tire sites or illegal dump sites; community collection of electronics, large municipal household items, or household hazardous waste; and pollution prevention projects that exceed regulatory requirements. Cities and non-profits can become recipients of SEP funds by submitting a third-party [application](#) to

TCEQ. FAQs for third-party administrators can be found [here](#).



Examples of Third-Party Administrators

Keep Texas Beautiful	The Trust for Public Land
City of Fort Worth	NCTCOG
UT Arlington	City of Arlington
Texas State U.	National Audubon Society

The goal of implementation strategy 2.1 is to encourage cities and non-profits to establish SEPs at the local level. To promote and facilitate the creation of SEPs in the north central Texas region, NCTCOG will be hosting a webinar presented by TCEQ, where participants can learn more about the SEP program. Stay tuned for a date!

More information on SEPs can be found on the TCEQ website, [here](#).

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is working with stakeholders to implement bacteria TMDLs throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. To view the I-Plan for Twenty-one Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region, or utilize available resources, please visit www.nctcog.org/TMDL.