



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Total Maximum Daily Load Coordination Committee

Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

In-Person at NCTCOG

William Pitstick Conference Room, First Floor

Centerpoint Two Building

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, 76011

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Meeting Attendees:

Heather Finn - Trinity River Authority

Hope Mathis - City of Fort Worth

Megan Paliwoda - City of Fort Worth

Lauren Plunk - North Texas Municipal Water District

Joe Trammel - Director of Field Operations Pct. 1

Susan Alvarez - North Central Texas Council of Governments

Joy Douglas - North Central Texas Council of Governments

Alyssa Knox - North Central Texas Council of Governments

Christi Upton - North Central Texas Council of Governments

ACTION ITEMS

- 2. Meeting Summary.** The [June 17, 2025 meeting summary](#) will be presented for review and approval.

The meeting summary was approved unanimously by the Coordinating Committee.

- 3. Approval of the TMDL Annual Program Summary.** NCTCOG will present the [TMDL Annual Program Summary](#) to the TMDL Coordination Committee for review and approval.

The Annual Program Summary was approved unanimously by the Coordinating Committee.

- 4. Overview of Implementation Strategy Revisions.** NCTCOG will present the current status of the revisions to the TMDL Implementation Plan Strategies.

NCTCOG gave a general overview of proposed strategy revisions.

The Implementation Plan strategies currently have fixed deadlines with defined metrics for each water quality goal. The stakeholders have requested that we incorporate flexible deadlines to allow for appropriate application based on their programmatic needs. There was discussion on the regulatory requirements around fixed deadlines. Stakeholders stated changing language would allow for implementation that meets each entity's unique needs.

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NCTCOG suggested developing doable goals for the year and then determining what to tackle first. Goals should align with the 5-year status report timeline. Update milestones every 5 years to match the CRP metric evaluation cycle.

Lauren Plunk, North Texas Municipal Water District, stated there is a need to continue to focus on feral hog programming in the Implementation Plan. Heather Firn, Trinity River Authority, suggested that we initiate a call for contractors for feral hog workshops. NCTCOG agreed and suggested working with TX Share to coordinate services.

TCEQ has a spreadsheet that calculates expected reductions of bacterial impairments for each strategy. Stakeholders encouraged NCTCOG to get the spreadsheet from TCEQ to calculate TMDL's success. Heather Firn, Trinity River Authority, said she would coordinate with Angela Kirkpatrick, Trinity River Authority, about CRP for local evaluation of the TMDL successes.

Stakeholders discussed the monitoring coordination strategy and deliberated whether the monitoring coordination forum needs to be revised. Heather Firn, Trinity River Authority, and Megan Paliwoda, City of Fort Worth, said it was originally disbanded because of the redundancy with other NCTCOG groups and that the monitoring forum's goals may be met via participation in other groups.

Lauren Plunk, North Texas Municipal Water District, stated that we still need model ordinances. This is a big need for TMDL. NCTCOG staff will be working on finding resources to share in FY2027.

Stakeholders discussed how we are determining successful bacterial reduction loading. NCTCOG will begin researching data sources to determine success.

a. Presentation of updated TMDL I-Plan maps

Stakeholders asked if Wildcat Branch was added to the impairment list. NCTCOG informed the committee that TCEQ may be adding that as an addendum, but it has not been officially added yet.

Stakeholders requested some revisions to the TMDL maps. Their recommendations are as follows.

- The bacteria stream segments should be in red. There was a question about using a basemap that showed roads as well.
- Outline the project area in purple.
- Access the shapefile for cities and adjust the labeling to showcase cities in the project area more.
- Seek a Google Maps-type look that is readily recognizable.
- Stream segment designation Upper Trinity subwatershed HUC 8
- In Figure 7 the icons are a little big. Heather Firn, Trinity River Authority, recommended using size-related symbology to adjust the icon size based on the different levels of permitted discharge.
- Adjust the permitted discharge to be only related to the Implementation Plan.

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- Map extent in Figure 8 and 9 shows potential upstream influences, and could be used, when appropriate, such as land use, SSOs, and OSSFs. The MS4 Phase II map should delineate Phase II permit levels..
- In Figure 9 the city limits are not defined so increasing the weight of the city labels could help with the visual distinction necessary for readability.
- In Figure 12 the census blocks should be more prominent
- In Figure 13 check if it includes 2026 data.
 - Lauren Plunk, North Texas Municipal Water District, developed open space is not always very accurate.
 - Heather Firn, Trinity River Authority, I-Tree can support a more defined layer

NCTCOG is working internally to pull information on what is permitted for discharge and if it has bacteria in the permit, it will be included in the maps.

DISCUSSION

5. **Future TMDL Activities and Stakeholder Engagement.** NCTCOG will request feedback from attendees on the future of the TMDL Program and how to continue encouraging stakeholder engagement in the program, both within and outside of the TMDL Project Area.
6. **NCTCOG Updates.** NCTCOG will provide general updates on relevant programs and events.
7. **Roundtable.** The group will share what is happening in their communities.

Trinity River Authority - Just finished basin summary report. Done every 5 years; includes trends, loads, potential sources. Draft has been distributed. Sources are 63% related to bird/mammalian. Megan- Irving's source tracking has shown birds are a bigger source. Enhanced riparian zones could help with that.

NCTCOG - Met with TCEQ to understand the lifespan of TMDL. Found that once a TMDL, always a TMDL so there may be a chance to engage communities that may be subject to TMDL requirements to raise awareness and illicit participation.

City of Fort Worth - Working to collaborate with other departments on activities related to the TMDL. Fort Worth is monitoring a decrease in reportable SSOs. Potential Stockyard discharges are being monitored. TCEQ monitors by Loop 820. Riparian areas are threatened. 0841_D. Wildcat Branch impairment rate has is parallel with the TMDL designation.

8. **Adjournment.**

The next TMDL Coordination Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for **June 2027**. The details for this meeting will be announced closer to the meeting.

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