



Total Maximum Daily Load Newsletter

Quarter 2 - March 2021

Upcoming Virtual Workshop: TMDL Calculations Workshop

Please join NCTCOG virtually on April 20, 2021 at 9:30 AM for the TMDL Calculations Workshop.

During this workshop, attendees will hear from Jimmy Millican, Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER) and Macayla Coleman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).



Attendees will learn how to calculate waste load allocations, load duration curves, and will receive information about flow data and more. Attendees will also be provided an overview of the TMDL Benchmarks that are utilized in TCEQ's Stormwater Permits.

More information, including registration, is available at the link below.

[Register for Workshop](#)

2020 Holiday Grease Roundup Results

2020 Holiday Grease Roundup Nov. 23–Jan. 4

Don't pour your Thanksgiving grease down the drain.
Recycle it for free instead!

Cease the GREASE

Learn more at
www.DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com

The graphic features a blue U-shaped drain pipe on the left. A yellow turkey head is positioned at the end of the pipe, facing right. The words "Cease the GREASE" are written across the pipe, with "GREASE" in a larger, bold, white font. The background is a solid red color. At the bottom, there is a small white box containing the text "Learn more at www.DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com".

The 2020 Holiday Grease Roundup ended on January 4, 2021. 33 participants collected **over 6,500 gallons** of grease! Thank you to everyone who participated. Next year's roundup is tentatively scheduled for November 22, 2021 through January 10, 2022.

Missed the Holiday Grease Roundup? Check out [Defend Your Drains North Texas](#) to find a year-round drop off site near you!

More results and feedback from the 2020 Holiday Grease Roundup will be shared at the upcoming Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable meeting, scheduled for March 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams. [Add this meeting to your calendar.](#)

2020 Holiday Grease Roundup Participants

City of Arlington	City of Irving
City of Azle	City of Lancaster
City of Carrollton	City of Lavon
City of Cedar Hill	City of Lewisville
City of Cleburne	City of Mansfield
City of Colleyville	City of McKinney
City of Coppell	City of North Richland Hills
City of Corinth	City of Princeton
City of Dallas	City of Richardson
City of Denton	City of Red Oak
City of Duncanville	City of Southlake
Town of Edgecliff Village	City of Westworth Village
City of Euless	City of White Settlement
City of Farmers Branch	North Texas Municipal Water District
City of Fort Worth	Trinity River Authority
City of Garland	Tarrant County
City of Grand Prairie	

Please Respond to the Annual TMDL Questionnaire!



NCTCOG is gathering information from entities in the North Central Texas region on their water quality related initiatives to document efforts made to improve water quality and address or prevent bacteria impairments.

If you have not done so already, please respond to the 2021 TMDL Questionnaire, located at the link below, by close of business Friday, March 12, 2021. This questionnaire should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. The feedback received from this questionnaire will help guide the

development of future projects, workshops, and priorities for the TMDL Program.

You do not have to be within the TMDL Project Area to submit a response to this questionnaire, and more than one questionnaire can be submitted from each entity.

[Link to Questionnaire](#)

Save the Date! Upcoming North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholder Meeting - March 24, 2021

Save the date! The next North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholder Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams.

These meetings provide a forum for all watershed stakeholders in the North Central Texas region to come together, learn new information, and share successes and challenges of watershed management. Each meeting consists of a presentation followed by a roundtable discussion.

Information on past meetings can be found under the green banner labeled

"Committees" at the website linked here.

For questions or more information, contact Elena Berg at eberg@nctcog.org or 817-608-2363.



Add North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholder Meeting to Calendar

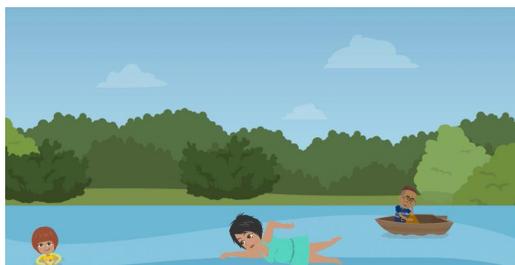
TMDL FY2021 Project Updates

At the January TMDL Stormwater Technical Subcommittee and TMDL Wastewater Technical Subcommittee meetings, attendees selected projects to complete in FY2021.

The TMDL Stormwater Technical Subcommittee is developing an educational explainer video: "*What is a Total Maximum Daily Load?*" Examples of other educational explainer videos developed by NCTCOG are available on the [NCTCOG E&D YouTube Page](#).

The TMDL Wastewater Technical Subcommittee opted to develop a social media toolkit focusing educating the public on on-site sewage facilities, including maintenance, requirements, and general information.

These projects will be presented to the subcommittees at their upcoming meetings, scheduled for May 2021.



Upcoming Webinar: Healthy Creeks and Waterways - Vegetation and the Flow of Healthy Waterways

Please join NCTCOG on March 31, 2021, at 9:30 am for a webinar on the role of riparian buffers and vegetation in maintaining the health of waterways.

This webinar will include presentations given by Blake Alldredge of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District and Aaron Hoff of the Tarrant Regional Water District.

Topics to be covered include:

- An overview on riparian buffers and greenbelts and their impacts on water quality,
- Whether or not the establishment of mowing ordinances are right for your municipality,
- Strategies for addressing public safety concerns and perceptions related to "no-mow" zones, and
- Resources that are available to help develop plans for riparian buffers and more.



The webinar will end with a short overview of NCTCOG's related available resources.

More information, including registration, is available at the link below.

[More Information](#)

Trash Free Waters Grant Update

**TRASH
FREE
TEXAS**

NCTCOG has partnered with Texas State University's Meadow Center for Water and the Environment as well as our counterpart in the Houston region, the Houston-Galveston Area Council, on a multi-year project, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Trash Free Waters Program, that has the following goals:

1. Increase Adopt-A-Spot locations and promote a statewide Trash Collection Database.
2. Support regional clean-up events through partnerships with local governments, recreational clubs, and Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates.
3. Partner with Texas-based restaurants to reduce the use of single-use plastic.
4. Share project successes with other councils of government and replicate this work across the state.

[Data Submittal Form](#). If you have questions about adding your sites, please do not hesitate to contact Elena Berg, at eberg@nctcog.org, or The Meadows Center, at contact@TrashFreeTexas.org.

NCTCOG hosted a webinar on January 19, 2021 about how cities and other entities can add litter cleanup sites to the Trash Free Texas Adopt-a-Spot map. The recording of the webinar and the presentation slides can be found under the green banner called "Past Events" on [NCTCOG's Trash Free Waters Project webpage](#).

Additionally, the very first *Trash Free Waters: North Central Texas Newsletter* was sent on February 26, 2021. This newsletter is intended to highlight all the many great ongoing partnerships, projects, and events that focus on reducing trash in North Central Texas waterways, including a focus on the products and resources being produced by NCTCOG and partners under the Trash Free Waters Project. To subscribe to this newsletter, [click here](#). To request a copy of the first newsletter, email Elena Berg at eberg@nctcog.org.

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Subscribe to the Trash Free Waters: North Central
Texas Newsletter

Coming Soon: North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge Scheduled for Fall 2021

The first ever North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge (NTCCC) has been scheduled to take place this fall during the months of September and October! An initiative of the Regional Stormwater Management Coordination Council (RSWMCC), the NTCCC layers a friendly region-wide competition on top of all litter cleanup events and activities happening during this designated timeframe.



The RSWMCC recognizes the negative impact that escaped trash and litter has on our environment, particularly when it reaches our local waterbodies where it can harm wildlife and negatively impact our drinking water sources. The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge is an effort to tackle this problem from a region-wide perspective.

The great thing about the challenge is that *any* type of litter cleanup activity counts towards the overall totals for each city where the activity occurred. This means that organized cleanups through KTB affiliates, city departments, local non-profits, Scout Troops, and environmental clubs all count! Informal cleanup activities such as collecting trash and litter on a daily walk or jog through neighborhoods and parks also count towards the goal of removing as much trash and litter from our environment as possible! Each of these activities can be logged to help push cities a little closer towards the goal of being the community that collected the most trash and litter during our challenge timeframe.

To learn more, please visit: [North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge](#). Additional details on how to sign on your city to the challenge and resources to support cleanup efforts will be posted to the website in the coming months.

[North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge Webpage](#)

Upcoming TMDL Meetings



TMDL Stormwater Technical Subcommittee

May 4, 2021
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in at:
+1 (903) 508-4574
Conference ID: 872 553 2#

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TMDL Wastewater Technical Subcommittee

May 13, 2021
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in at:
+1 (903) 508-4574
Conference ID: 876 112 199#

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TMDL Coordination Committee

July 1, 2021
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Location to be determined in Spring 2021

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Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee

August 10, 2021
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Location to be determined in Summer 2021

[Add to Calendar](#)

Upcoming NCTCOG Meetings



Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

~~March 10, 2021~~
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in at: +1 (903) 508-4574
Conference ID: 664 588 04#

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Water Resources Council

~~April 15, 2021~~
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

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Conference ID: ~~561 041 062#~~

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Public Education Task Force

~~April 21, 2021~~
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in at: +1 (903) 508-4574
Conference ID: 488 811 792#

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For questions or additional information on this newsletter, please contact:

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This newsletter was developed with funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

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-Three Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region, or to utilize available resources, please visit www.nctcog.org/TMDL.

