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North Texas Community Clean-Up Challenge



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The Stormwater Public Education Task Force (PETF) will be hosting its first North Texas Community Clean-Up Challenge (NTCCC) this fall during the months of September and October. The NTCCC is structured as a friendly region-wide competition, where communities can organize and participate in litter cleanup events during the designated timeframe. Participants are also encouraged to take individual action picking up litter on behalf of their city at any point throughout the challenge timeframe. This cleanup challenge strives to reduce the negative impact escaped trash and litter causes our environment and tackle the problem from a region-wide

So what activities count for the challenge? Litter picked up from any cleanup event may be logged for the challenge and counts towards the overall totals for the city where the cleanup occurred. This means that organized cleanups through KTB affiliates, local non-profits, Scout troops, and environmental clubs all count towards the city's total! 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.

To learn more about the challenge, please visit CommunityCleanUpChallenge.com or check out the [presentation](#) and [recording](#) from a recent informational webinar held on August 5th.

The deadline for cities to sign up for the North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge is **October 5, 2021**.

[Community Clean-Up Challenge Website](#)

WATER Grease Interceptor Inspector Workshop



On August 5, 2021, the Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) and NCTCOG hosted a free Grease Interceptor Training and Roundtable. During this training, attendees heard from Elijah Dorminy and Ignacio Beltran, City of Irving, and Madisson Dunn, City of Southlake. Their presentations covered grease interceptor inspections, replacements, repairs, and proper cleaning and maintenance. The training presentations and recording are available online for review via the links below.

- [NCTCOG Presentation](#)
- [Elijah Dorminy, City of Irving, Presentation](#)
- [Madisson Dunn, City of Southlake, Presentation](#)
- [Ignacio Beltran, City of Irving, Presentation](#)

[WATER Webpage](#)

[Workshop Recording](#)



Workshop Recap: Feral Hog Forum

On August 24, 2021, NCTCOG hosted a Feral Hog Forum. During this workshop, attendees

heard from Rachel Ritcher, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, and Adam Henry, US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services. Their presentations included an overview of the basics and biology of feral hogs, as well as the steps TPWD is taking to curb the impacts of feral hogs and the USDA Wildlife Services' direct actions that are currently utilized to manage feral hog impacts. Following the presentations, attendees participated in a robust roundtable discussion.

The workshop presentations and available resources are available online for review via the links below. A recording of the workshop will be posted to [NCTCOG's YouTube page](#) soon.

- [NCTCOG Presentation](#)
- [Adam Henry, USDA Wildlife Services Presentation](#)
- [Rachel Richter, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Presentation](#)
- [Dealing with Feral Hogs, Texas Parks & Wildlife YouTube Video](#)
- [Ecology and Management of Wild Pigs, Texas Parks & Wildlife Publication](#)

Trinity River National Water Trail Update



The [Trinity Coalition](#), in partnership with NCTCOG, initiated the Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force in early 2021, following the recognition of the Upper Trinity River as a National Water Trail by the National Park Service in October 2020. The goal of this Task Force is to collaborate on the maintenance and promotion of the National Water Trail, and to support its use and expansion

throughout our region and beyond. Task Force members include representatives from cities and counties along the Water Trail as well as regional agencies and nature-based nonprofits.

A Task Force meeting was held on August 18, 2021, during which Task Force members shared plans for new launch sites and other initiatives along the Trail. The materials from this meeting, as well as all past Task Force meetings, can be found on the NCTCOG website [here](#).

For more information or to be added to the Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force, please contact Breanne Johnson at bjohnson@nctcog.org.

Educational Explainer Videos

As part of the Public Education Task Force and Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable programs, NCTCOG has developed educational explainer videos over an array of topics that are available for sharing from NCTCOG E&D's YouTube. Available videos and their descriptions are listed below!

Personal Care Items Video: This video explains why personal care items such as floss, hair, and cotton balls should never be flushed down the toilet, and why you should only ever flush the 3 P's - pee, poo, and (toilet) paper! View the video [here](#).

The Lifecycle of Drinking Water Video: Do you know where the water in your tap comes from? This video explains the cycle of drinking water throughout our communities, from the source to the tap, to the treatment plant, and back to streams and lakes. View the video [here](#).

Proper Pool Draining in North Texas Video: This video explains how to drain your pool properly, so you do not pollute local streams and creeks - or kill your lawn. View the video [here](#).

Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste: Leftover paint, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizer, and other household wastes can be hazardous, and should never be disposed of through your drains! These chemicals are difficult and expensive to remove from the water and could damage your pipes. Learn more by viewing the video [here](#).

Stormwater Pollution Prevention - Lawn Care: Learn how to maintain your lawn while preventing stormwater pollution. View the video [here](#).

Stormwater Pollution Prevention - Litter: This video explains why litter is a big problem for you and the environment, and what you can do to prevent litter in the first place. View the video [here](#).

Fats, Oils, and Grease Explainer Video: This video showcases what happens when you put fats, oils, greases, and other solids (FOGS) down the drain. These substances can severely damage your household pipes and city sewer lines. Learn more by viewing the video [here](#).

Wipes Clog Pipes Video: This video explains how wipes and cleaning cloths can clog household pipes and create problems for local wastewater treatments plants. Even products labelled "flushable" can create clogs as they may not break down in water. View the video [here](#).

NCTCOG YouTube Channel

Upcoming TMDL Meetings



TMDL Stormwater Subcommittee

September 14, 2021
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams.

[Link to Join Meeting](#)



TMDL Wastewater Subcommittee

September 21, 2021
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams.

[Link to Join Meeting](#)



TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum

September 28, 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) 408-4574
Conference ID: 454 500 335#

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Upcoming NCTCOG Meetings



Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

October 7, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft
Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

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at: +1 (903) 508-4574
Conference ID: 113 851 57#

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Water Resources Council

October 13, 2021
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft
Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

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at: 1-903-508-4574
Conference ID: 642 215 023#

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Public Education Task Force

October 20, 2021
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft
Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

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at: 1-903-508-4574
Conference ID: 488 811 792#

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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.



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