

Total Maximum Daily Load Newsletter

Quarter 4 - September 2020

Featured TMDL Implementation Strategy: 8.0 - Best Management Practices Library

The Best Management Practices (BMP) Library is a database of resources available for stakeholders to utilize to help address bacteria impairments in the North Central Texas region.



In FY 2021, the BMP Library will be undergoing several improvements to the functionality and available resources, including a thorough review of the resources and the incorporation of a better search and filter function.



This will be an ongoing project, so please provide any feedback, including suggested improvements or requested resources, to Hannah Allen at hallen@nctcog.org.

Currently, the BMP Library houses over 170 resources for the following topics:

- Public Education and Outreach,
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination,
- Construction and Post Construction,



- Wastewater,
- Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development,
- Monitoring and Sampling,
- Pets, Livestock, and Wildlife,
- Pollution Prevention,
- Industrial Inspections,
- Training Opportunities, and
- Funding Opportunities.

Be sure to check out the latest resources added to the BMP Library: Texas Parks & Wildlife's [Dealing with Feral Hogs](#) and [Please Don't Feed the Ducks](#) educational videos.

[View the BMP Library](#)

"Doo the Right Thing" Contest Now Digital!



NCTCOG's Doo the Right Thing photo contest has moved to a digital version! This program is focused on bringing awareness to the importance of individuals always picking up after their dog to prevent bacteria from entering our waterways.

Winners of the photo contest will be featured on the program's social media pages. This year's contest closed on August 31, 2020 and voting by the Public Education Task Force will occur in September.

For more information about the contest, to view past calendar winners or regional watersheds, or to find useful resources to share the campaign, visit NCTCOG's [Doo the Right Thing! webpage](#).

[Doo the Right Thing Webpage](#)

Updated I-Plan for Twenty-Three Total Maximum Daily Loads

The updated Implementation Plan for Twenty-Three Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region is now available for viewing online on [NCTCOG's Total Maximum Daily Load](#)

[program page](#)

The updated I-Plan includes the addition of North Fork Fish Creek, as well as updated references, rosters, and other administrative revisions. This document is also now ADA-compliant!

For questions related to the updated I-Plan, please contact Hannah Allen at hallen@nctcog.org.



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**Implementation Plan Twenty-Three
 Total Maximum Daily Loads for
 Bacteria in the
 Greater Trinity River Region**

Upper Trinity River

Segment 0805
 Assessment Units 0805_03 and 0805_04

Cottonwood Branch and Grapevine Creek

Segments 0822A and 0822B
 Assessment Units 0822A_02 and 0822B_01

Lower West Fork Trinity River

Segments 0841, 0841B, 0841C, 0841E, 0841G, 0841H, 0841J, 0841L, 0841M, 0841R, 0841T, and 0841U
 Assessment Units 0841_01, 0841_02, 0841B_01, 0841C_01, 0841E_01, 0841G_01, 0841H_01, 0841J_01, 0841L_01, 0841M_01, 0841R_01, 0841T_01, and 0841U_01

Mountain Creek Lake Tributaries

Segments 0841F, 0841K, 0841N, 0841Q, and 0841V
 Assessment Units 0841F_01, 0841K_01, 0841N_01, 0841Q_01, and 0841V_01

Sycamore Creek

Segment 0806E
 Assessment Unit 0806E_01

[View I-Plan](#)

Discouraging Avian Feeding Webinar Summary

On August 31, 2020, NCTCOG hosted the Discouraging Avian Feeding Webinar.

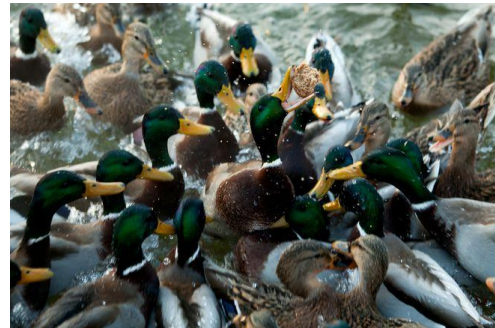
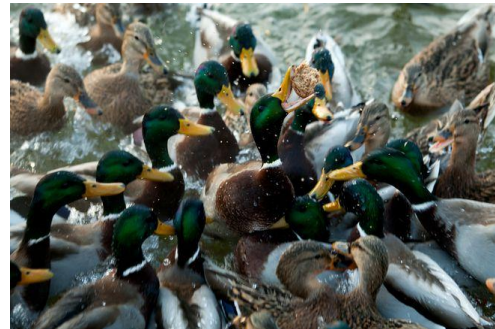
During this webinar, attendees heard from Rachel Richter, Wildlife Biologist with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, and Mark Enders, Watershed Program Manager with the City of New Braunfels.

Rachel Richter's presentation covered why avian feeding negatively impacts our waterways and their associated bacteria levels, as well as the steps the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department is taking to discourage feeding.

Mark Enders' presentation covered the City of New Braunfels' no feeding ordinance, challenges and successes, as well as public perception and lessons learned.

NCTCOG presented the available resources for discouraging avian feeding in the North Central Texas region:

- Avian Feeding Signage,
- Avian Feeding Social Media Toolkit, and
- Avian Feeding Brochures and Flyers.



For more information, please review the webinar presentation, linked below.

[View Webinar Presentation](#)

North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge - POSTPONED



The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge, a friendly competition between North Texas communities to see which one can collect the most litter per resident, has been postponed until Spring 2021 in order to make this a safe and beneficial experience for communities.

The Clean Up challenge will work by having citizens or organizations within a community track how much litter has been collected. At the end of the challenge, the DFW community with the most litter collected will receive the North Texas Community Clean Up award, which can be proudly displayed in their city hall. Each year, the award will move from community to community, with the winning community's name included for each year. Please share this with organizations who you think would be interested in participating in your community, such as Girl Scout or Boy Scout troops, churches, Facebook groups, companies, or your own city's green organization. May the *cleanest* community win!

At the January 2021 Public Education Task Force meeting, members will determine specific dates and other pertinent decisions relating to this challenge. For more information, please visit the Public Education Task Force webpage and the North Texas Community Cleanup Webpage.

[Public Education Task Force Webpage](#)

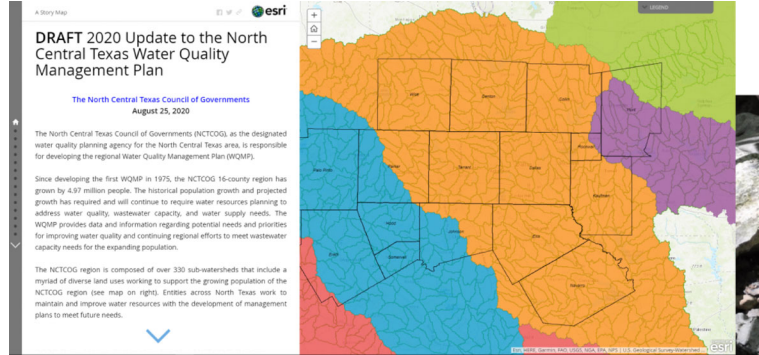
[North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge Webpage](#)

2020 Water Quality Management Plan Available

The 2020 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP), developed by NCTCOG, provides an overview of water quality efforts and future planning needs in the region.

The 2020 iteration of the North Central Texas WQMP is the first to be fully created in the format of a Story Map Journal rather than a report. This format allows the reader to click on the interactive maps to view data for specific locations.

For more information, please contact Elena Berg at eberg@nctcog.org.



[View the Water Quality Management Plan](#)

Texas Watershed Steward Workshop

On September 15, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a free Texas Watershed Steward Workshop. In-person and virtual attendance options are available. The event, and it's available continuing education credits, are free and open to the public.

Topics discussed at the workshop include:

- Water quality related to the Joe Pool Lake watershed,
- Land and watershed management,
- Water quality law,
- Agricultural and urban best management practices, and
- Hydrology

A free, take-home boxed-lunch will be provided to in-person workshop attendees at the conclusion of the event. The in-person training will take place at the Chris W. Burkett Service Center located at 620 S. Wisteria St, Mansfield, TX 76063. [Click Here to View Map of Mansfield Workshop Location for In-Person Attendees.](#)

Pre-registration is required to attend in-person or virtually.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Upcoming Meetings & Workshops



Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

September 9, 2020
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
WebEx Meeting
[Link to Join](#), or call
+1-415-655-0002,
Access Code:
127 094 2701

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Water Resources Council

October 15, 2020
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Microsoft Teams Meeting
[Link to Join](#), or call
+1-903-508-4574,
Conference ID:
784 876 407#

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TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum

October 20, 2020
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
WebEx Meeting
[Link to Join](#), or call
+1-415-655-0002
Access Code:
127 798 3753

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Public Education Task Force

October 21, 2020
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Microsoft Teams Meeting
[Link to Join](#), or call
+1-903-508-4574,
Conference ID:
459 924 180#

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TMDL Stormwater Technical Subcommittee

October 29, 2020
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
WebEx Meeting
[Link to Join](#), or call
+1-415-655-0002,
Access Code:
127 187 9634

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TMDL Wastewater Technical Subcommittee

November 18, 2020
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
WebEx Meeting
[Link to Join](#), or call
+1-415-655-0002,
Access Code:
127 353 6861

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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.



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