

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Roundtable

June 7, 2023



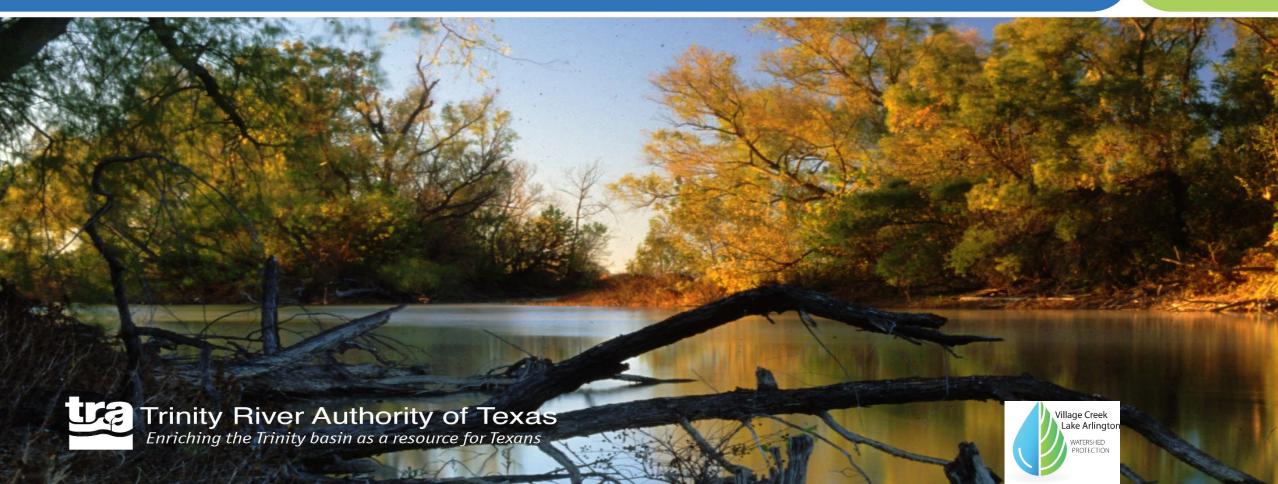


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# Don't Feed the Goat - A Public-Private Partnership to Combat Floatable Litter

June 2023





### Installing Trash Barriers in VCLA and Fort Worth Parks







#### Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program

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#### PARTNERS

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- · U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- BNSF Railway
- FedEx
- Southern Company

To learn more, go to www.nfwf.org/fivestar

#### ABOUT NEWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildliffe Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 5,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$6.1 billion.

Learn more at www.nfwf.org

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#### Installing Trash Barriers in Village Creek Lake Arlington Watershed and Fort Worth Parks (TX)

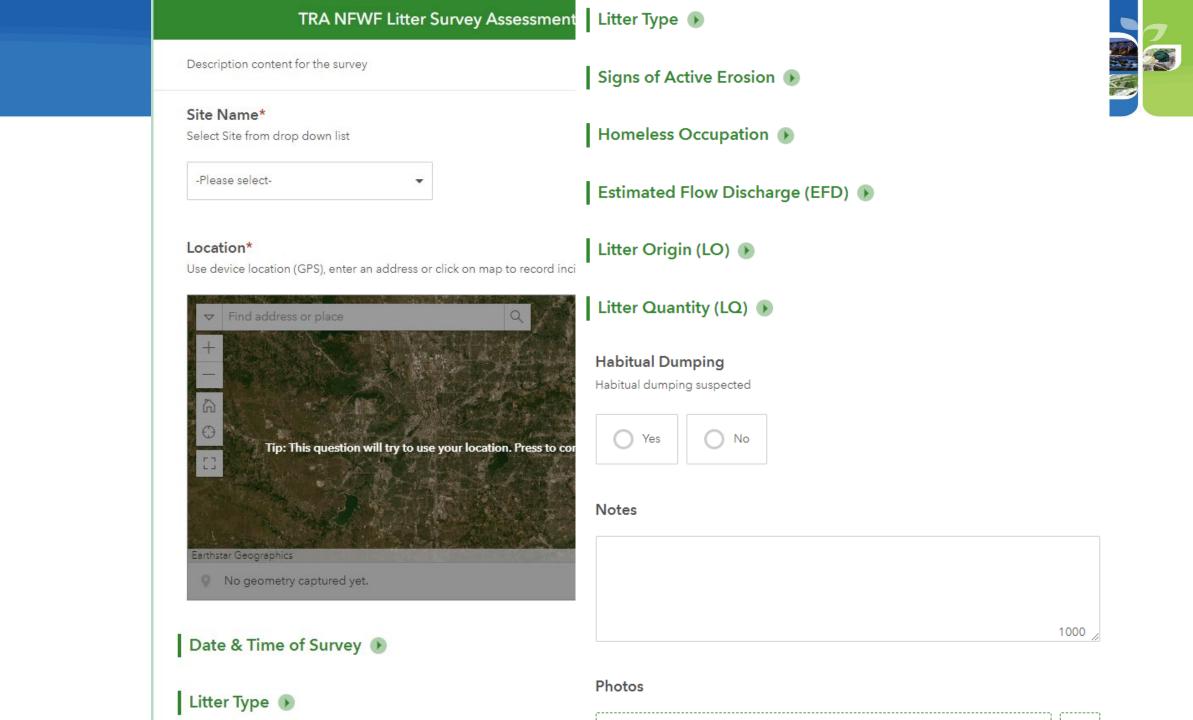
Volunteers plant trees in Los Angeles, CA | credit: Los Angeles Audubon Society

#### OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is pleased to announce the 2021 Five Star and Urban Waters grant recipients. Major funding is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FedEx, Southern Company and BNSF Railway. The goal of this grant program is to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships for wetland, forest, riparian and coastal habitat restoration, as well as stormwater management, outreach and stewardship with a focus on water quality, watersheds and the habitats they support. 43 projects totaling over \$1.8 million were awarded, generating over \$4.1 million in matching contributions from grantees, and providing a total impact of over \$5.9 million.

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### Litter Survey



Site 1 Village Creek at Kennedale

Site 2 Prairie Creek at 820

**Site 3 Wildcat Branch** 

**Everman Road** 

**Site 4 Eastland Creek Upstream** 

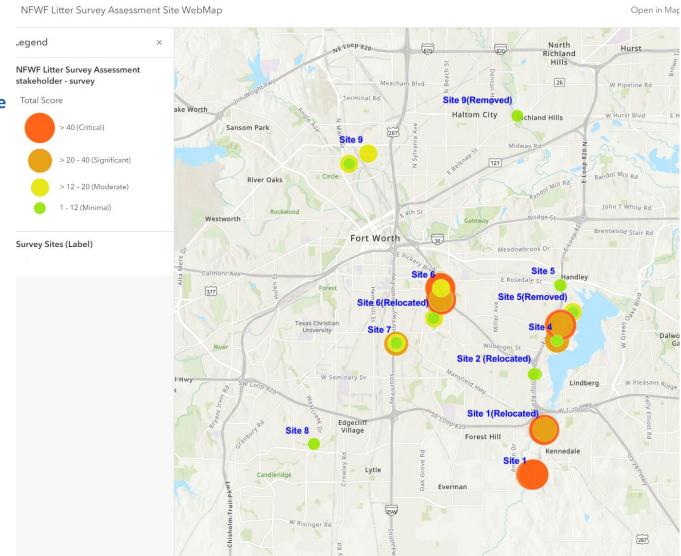
Site 5 East Rosedale @S820

Site 6 Cobb Park

Site 7 Echo Lake

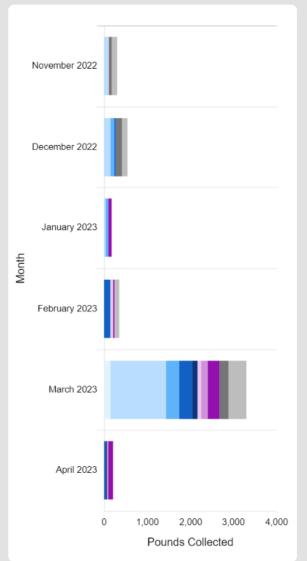
**Site 8 Krauss Baker Park** 

Site 9 Trail Drivers Park Site 10 Marine Creek at Stockyards



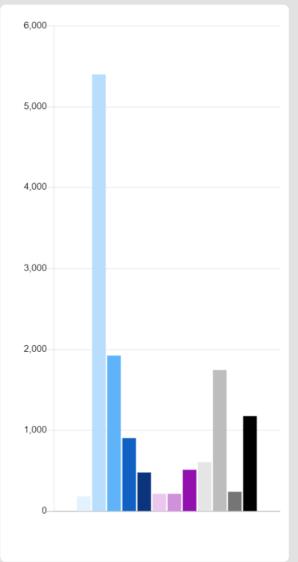
#### **Trinity River Authority Watergoats**

#### Weight Collected by Month (lbs)





#### Weight Collected Life-to-Date (lbs)





Results through 05/18/23

Note: Weights estimated at an average 30 lbs per bag

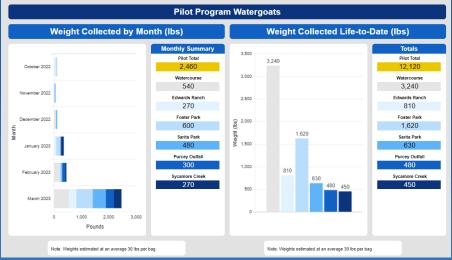
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Many streams in the City of Fort Worth are impacted by litter. To addess this issue, Trinity River Authority, UpSpire, and the City of Fort Worth have collaborate to install watergoet litter traps in sixteen locations. Six were installed as a pilot program by UpSpire in January 2022, and the remaining ten were installed by Trinity River Authority in May 2022.

#### **Watergoat Locations**

#### Trinity River Authority Watergoats

- Village Creek a Kennedale Parkway
- 2. Prairie Creek at I-820
- 3. Wildcat Brancl
- 4. Eastland Creek
- 5. Eugene McCray Park
- O. C. L. D. I
- 7 Esha Laka
- 8 Krauss Baker Park
- Big Fossil Creek at Broadway [Removed June 2022]
   Marine Creek at Stockyards

Location 9, Big Fossil Creek at Broadway was removed in June 2022 after being damaged by vandalism.

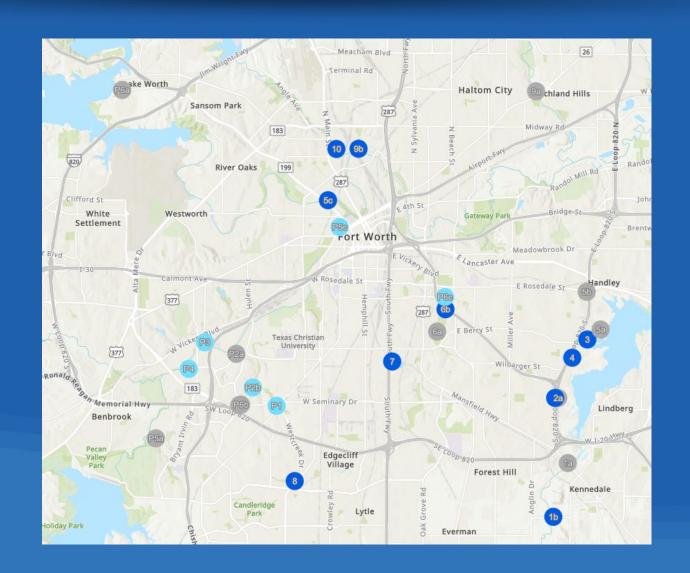








# Fort Worth Watergoats (P)



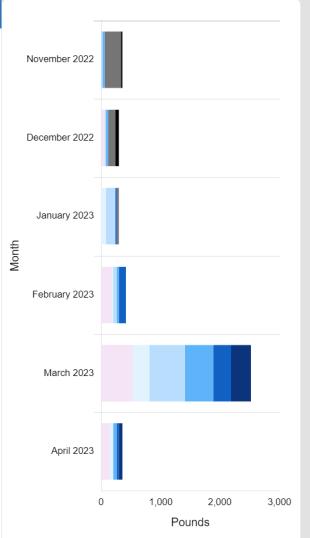


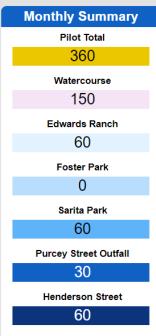




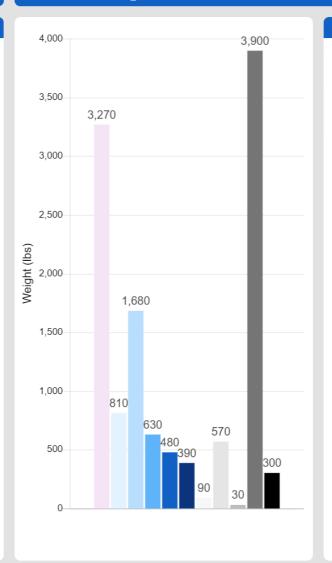
#### **Pilot Program Watergoats**

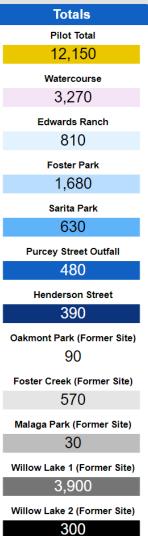
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The watergoats program was formed as part of the Village Creek-Lake Arlington Watershed Protection plan to remove unwanted litter and restore the water quality in Lake Arlington and Village Creek. The initiative was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2019.

TRA and UpSpire (Presbyterian Night Shelter subsidiary), in collaboration with the UTA Office of Sustainability, Tarrant Regional Water District, and the Dorris Family Foundation were awarded a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant to fund litter removal efforts. In May 2022, the Trinity River Authority purchased and installed 10 watergoats in the Village Creek-Lake Arlington watershed.

#### HELP US KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN!

By participating in litter cleanups, you can play an active role in protecting our environment. Sign up with your UTA Office of Sustainability Mavs Go Green Team.

Trash ends up in waterways through illegal dumping. Rain and wind can also carry debris into rivers and streams through drains.

#### WHAT IS A WATERGOAT?

A floating boom device that creates a barrier preventing trash from clogging creeks, ponds, stormwater outfalls and other bodies of water.

See where the watergoats are located

SCAN







One watergoat can capture 120 lbs. of trash per month.



Pounds of trash collected from May 2022 to Dec. 2022

**PARTNERS** 



















# Installation







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# Signage Installation







# Successes – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022











# Successes – January 27th, 2023







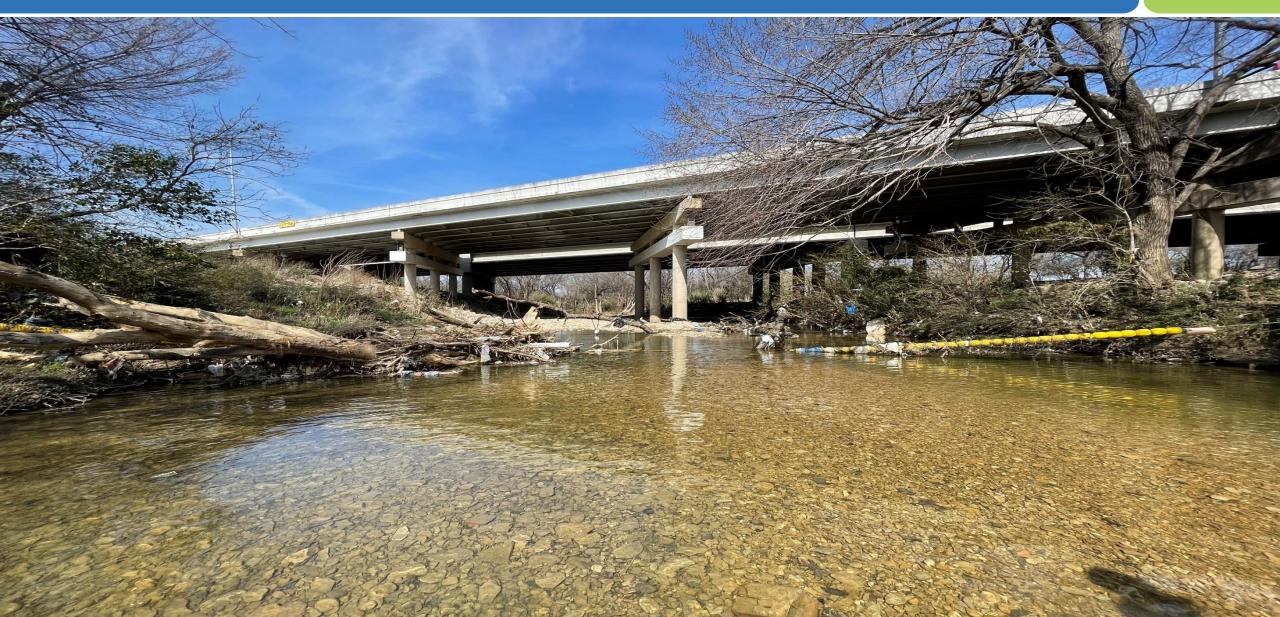




















### Challenges & Lessons Learned

- Length of watergoat
- High flow and low flow
- Gabion wall installation
- Woody debris is not our friend
- Locations in visible areas have received good responses
- Doesn't impede kayak traffic
- Litter abatement devices preference



### Questions?

https://trinityra.org/basin\_planning/village\_creeklake arlington wpp/index.php

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### FY24 Special Project Ideas

### **Potential Special Project Ideas:**

- Municipal Pollution Prevention BMP Poster Templates (PP)
- Update Shop Posters (<u>PDF</u>)
- Update Pollution Prevention Supplemental <u>Presentations</u>
  - E.g. Land Disturbance Module (PDF)
- Instructor's Guide (PDF)

All links are live and will take you to the existing resource



### Other Stormwater Updates

- The <u>Stormwater Monitoring Task Force</u> has recently met with TCEQ & EPA, and NCTCOG staff is currently drafting the proposal for continuation of the program in a Fifth Permit Term. NCTCOG staff has also submitted the Final Comprehensive Report for the Fourth Permit Term to TCEQ.
- The <u>Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Task Force</u> is scheduled to hold inperson Dry Weather Screening Workshop, on June 16, 2023, at the City of Irving. <u>Registration Required!</u> Register at <a href="https://www.nctcog.org/envir/Events">https://www.nctcog.org/envir/Events</a>



### News

- EPA's MS4 Compendium Series: Off-Site Stormwater Management
- National Wildlife Federation's <u>Green Infrastructure Funding Microsite</u>
- White House Report <u>Opportunities To Accelerate Nature-based</u>
   <u>Solutions: A Roadmap For Climate Progress, Thriving Nature, Equity, & Prosperity</u>
  - Report Companion <u>Nature-Based Solutions Resource Guide</u>



### **Events**

- NAFSMA 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Seattle, July 24-27, 2023
- Texas Watershed Steward Workshop, Burleson, July 25, 2023
- <u>International Low Impact Development Conference</u>, Oklahoma City, August 6-9, 2023
- <u>StormCon 2023</u>, Dallas, August 29-31, 2023



# Roundtable Discussion

NOW, It's YOUR TURN...

# Upcoming Meetings

P2 Meeting

DEC

2023

IDDE Meeting

13
2023

PETF Meeting

19
2023

Coordination
Committee Meeting

JUNE

14

2023

**Annual TMDL** 

Time: 9:30 am

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**NCTCOG Offices** Microsoft Teams

# Important Date To Remember

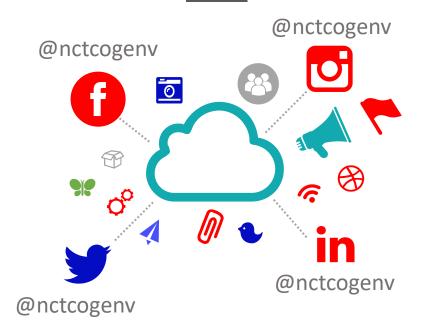
**Next Meeting: RSWMCC** 



**Time: 9:30am** 

**Location: NCTCOG Offices** 

# Social Media



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