



## North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

### Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee

9:30 AM, Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

**2. Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee Overview.** NCTCOG will provide a brief background on the purpose of the UTRB-CC.

**3. Special Presentation: Trinity River Bioremediation Demonstration Project.** Virginia Kilgore, Water is Alive, will present information on the Trinity River Bioremediation Project, a project in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Dallas that utilizes biofilters to reduce *E. coli* in a tributary of the Trinity River.

Virginia Kilgore, Water is Alive, presented information on the Trinity River Bioremediation Project, a project that utilizes leftover food and mushrooms in filters to remove e. coli and other pollutants from the water. A copy of Virginia's presentation is [available online for review](#).

**4. Special Presentation: Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force.** Breanne Johnson, NCTCOG, will present on Task Force activities, including the maintenance, promotion, and expansion of the Trinity River National Water Trail.

Breanne Johnson, NCTCOG, provided information on the Trinity River National Water Trail and associated task force. The paddling trail was designated as a National Water Trail status in October 2020. The task force was created in Spring 2021 to support the designation and advance the expansion of the trail. Additional information on the Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force is available online at [www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/trinity-river-national-water-trail-task-force](http://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/trinity-river-national-water-trail-task-force).

**5. Project Updates.** Member discussion of ongoing and planned activities.

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  - The June 2021 TMDL Newsletter is now [available online](#).
  - NCTCOG is hosting a Feral Hog Forum, scheduled for August 24, 2021, at 10:00 AM. This forum will include presentations from Rachel Richter, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and Adam Henry, US Department of Agriculture.
  - NCTCOG has completed two projects for the TMDL subcommittees, including the ["What is a Total Maximum Daily Load?" educational explainer video](#) and the On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) social media toolkit.
  - The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge is scheduled for September 1 through October 31, 2021. The challenge is a friendly competition among North Texas communities to pick up the most litter per capita. Additional information on the

North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge is available at [www.communitycleanupchallenge.com](http://www.communitycleanupchallenge.com).

- Upcoming Meetings:
  - TMDL Stormwater Technical Subcommittee: September 14, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
  - TMDL Wastewater Technical Subcommittee: September 21, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
  - TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum: September 28, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
  - Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable: October 7, 2021 at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams
- City of Arlington
  - The City of Arlington did not have any updates.
- City of Dallas
  - The City of Dallas did not have any updates.
- City of Fort Worth
  - The City of Fort Worth is working on a project to install metering devices on creeks and waterways. It is currently in the initial phases and more will be coming soon.
- City of Grand Prairie
  - The City of Grand Prairie is in the process of installing floatable control devices.
- City of Irving
  - The City of Irving did not have any updates.
- City of Plano
  - The City of Plano is starting New Rivers Program with Trinity River Authority in November and were recently audited by TCEQ for their industrial program.
- DFW Airport
  - DFW Airport did not have any updates.
- North Texas Municipal Water District
  - The North Texas Municipal Water District have started watershed protection planning for Bois d'Arc Lake in Fannin County. It should be finished in December or January, and then will be submitted to the EPA. They have also partnered with the City of McKinney, Texas Parks Foundation, and Texas Forest Service for applying to Coors Seltzer Water Grant Program for Wilson Creek Restoration. They have been awarded \$51,000 for the restoration, which will take place in November.
- Tarrant Regional Water District
  - The Tarrant Regional Water District is hosting a Trash Bash Cleanup event in September and will be cohosting two facilitator trainings for the DFW Metroplex for the use of their stream trailer. Additionally, TRWD is retrofitting the Fort Worth campus to showcase GSI and stormwater RainScapes.
- Texas A&M AgriLife
  - Texas A&M AgriLife is working on finishing modeling for the QAPP on the Rowlett Creek Project and have released a Green Stormwater Infrastructure Report for the City of Dallas with The Nature Conservancy. Additionally, in partnership with EPA, they have released a [GIS tool](#) that identifies areas in Denton County that are flood prone.
- Texas Stream Team
  - Texas Stream Team did not have any updates.
- Trinity River Authority
  - The Trinity River Authority has completed sediment PCB and sediment E. coli sampling projects from the last two years and expect to finalize the reports soon.



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Additionally, they are cohosting a Healthy Lawn Healthy Waters Workshop with the City of Grand Prairie.

- Upper Trinity Regional Water District
  - Upper Trinity Regional Water District did not have any updates.

### 6. **Roundtable.** Discussion of watershed-level challenges.

There was no roundtable discussion.

### 7. **Schedule for the next meeting.** The next UTRB-CC meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2022 at 9:30 AM. The location for this meeting is to be determined.

### 8. **Adjournment**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Hannah Allen at (817) 695-9215, or by email at [hallen@nctcog.org](mailto:hallen@nctcog.org).

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## ATTENDANCE

NAME	REPRESENTS
Daniel Bagby	
Renee Pearl	NCTCOG
Hannah Allen	NCTCOG
Virginia Kilgore	Water is Alive
Cassidy Campbell	NCTCOG
Angela Kilpatrick	Trinity River Authority
Nusrat Munir	City of Dallas
Chandani Rana	City of Grand Prairie
Jeff Shiflet	City of Irving
Nixalis Benitez	City of Fort Worth
Grace Darling	Arlington Conservation Council
Katie Myers	Tarrant Regional Water District
Kathy Jack	
Janice Tower	City of Richardson
Edith Marvin	NCTCOG
Breanne Johnson	NCTCOG
Liz Savage	
Echo Rexroad	City of Plano
Mac Martin	
Kyle Wright	NRCS
Rachel Richter	Texas Parks & Wildlife
Mike Wilson	
Blake Allredge	Upper Trinity Regional Water District
Heather Firn	Trinity River Authority
David Cowan	North Texas Municipal Water District
Fouad Jaber	Texas A&M AgriLife
Kevin Hurley	City of Dallas
Jordan Wilson	City of Denton
Aaron Hoff	Tarrant Regional Water District
Casey Cannon	NCTCOG
George Marshall	
W. J. Bud Melton	
Tamara Cook	NCTCOG
Michelle Wood-Ramirez	Tarrant Regional Water District