



North Central Texas Feral Hog Forum

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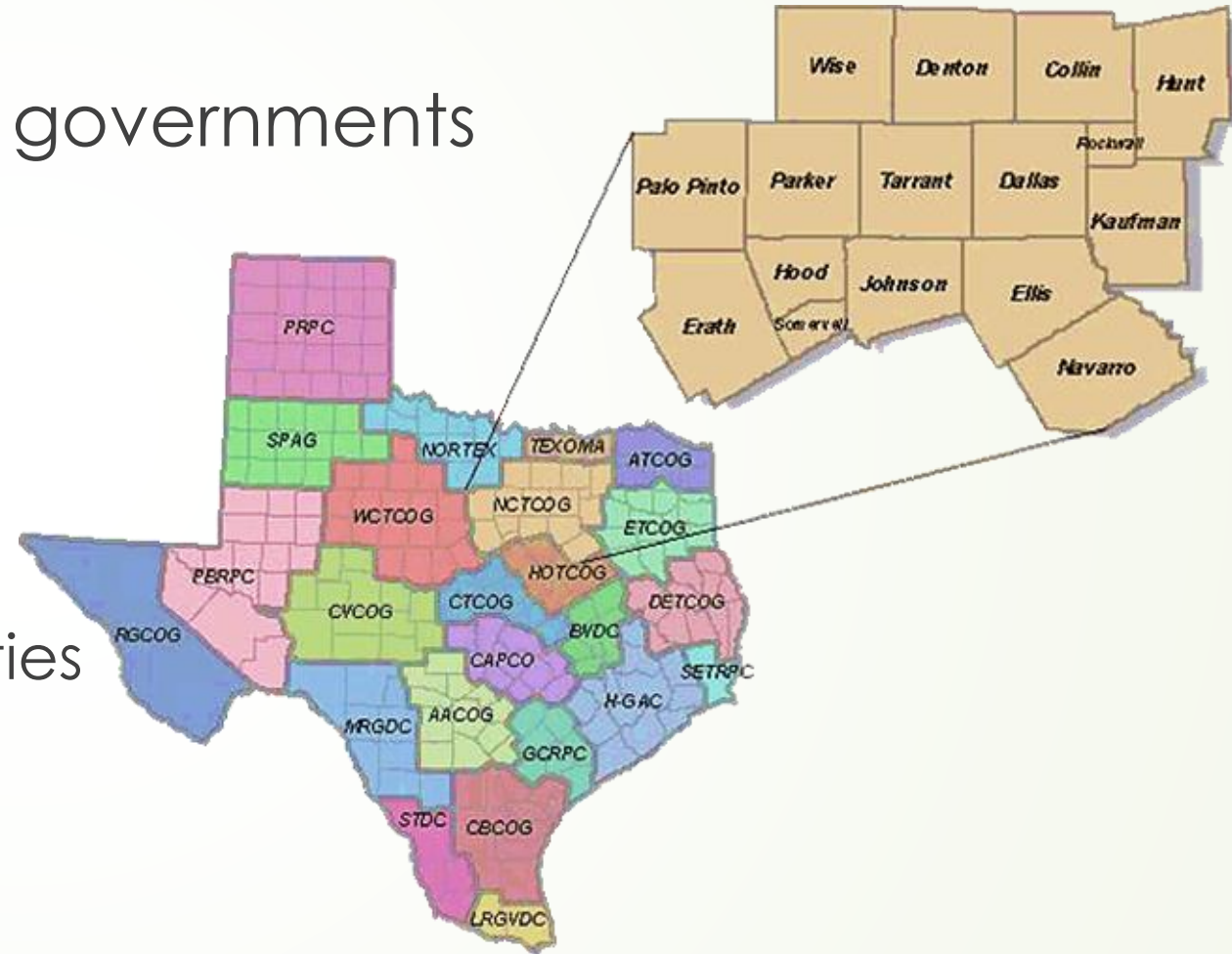
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What is the North Central Texas Council of Governments?

- Voluntary association of local governments
- Established in 1966
- Assists local governments in:
 - Planning for common needs
 - Cooperating for mutual benefit
 - Recognizing regional opportunities
 - Resolving regional problems
 - Making joint decisions



Environment and Development Department

- Work with a diverse set of stakeholders to address regional challenges
- Facilitate committees that work to find solutions to regional challenges
- Grants and local partners fund work activities



Watershed Management



Water Conservation



Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency



Efficient Infrastructure



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Bacteria Impairments in the DFW Metroplex

➤ **What does impairment mean?**

- A waterway is not meeting state water quality standards for its designated use.

➤ **What could be causing the impairment?**

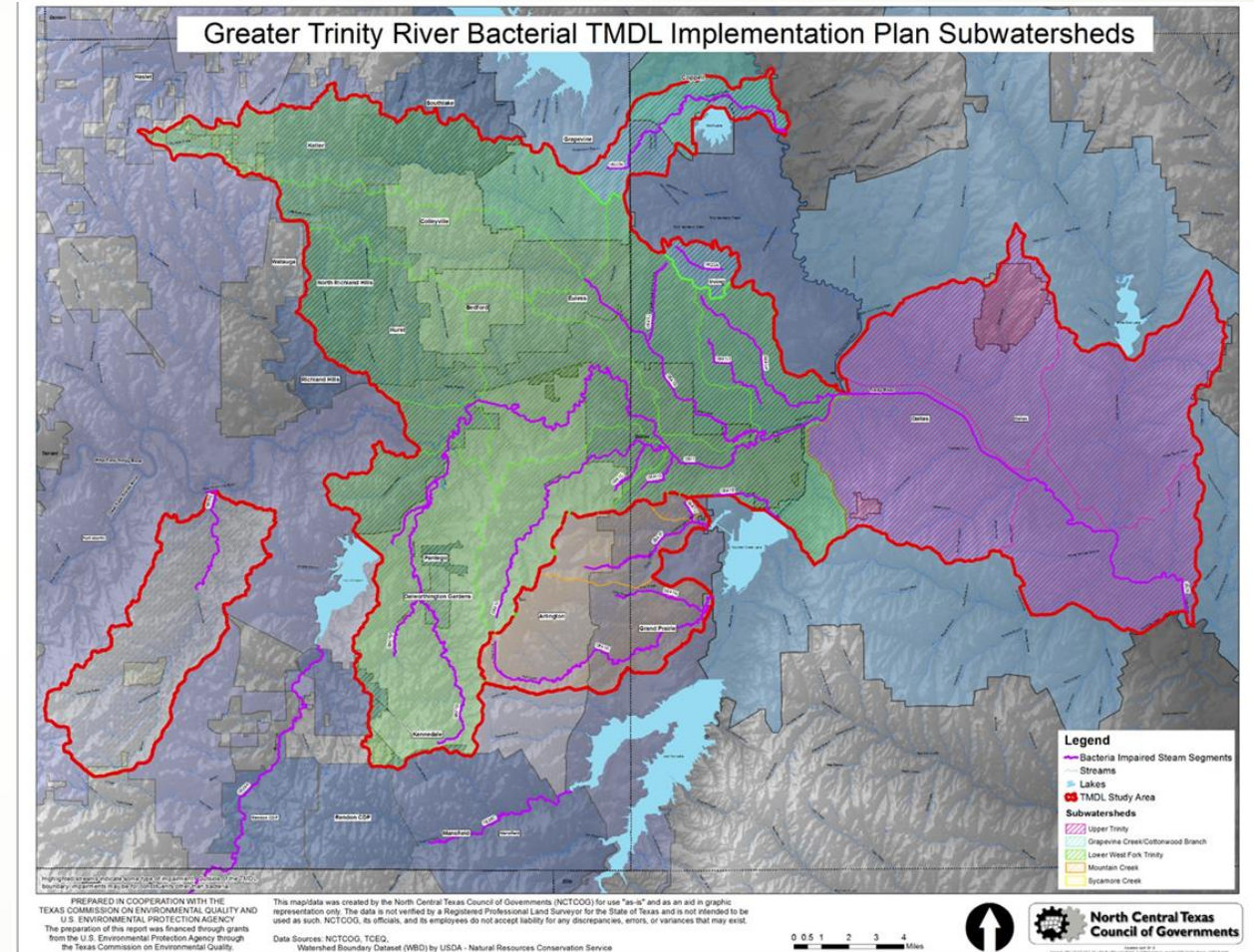
- Pet waste, sanitary sewer overflows, agricultural practices, wastewater treatment plants, illicit discharges, onsite sewage facilities (septic systems), and wildlife waste

➤ **What is a total maximum daily load (TMDL)?**

- A budget for a pollutant that estimates the amount of a pollutant that a waterway can receive and still support its designated use.

Greater Trinity River Bacterial TMDL Implementation Plan Subwatersheds

- Upper Trinity River Segment 0805,
- Elm Fork Tributaries of Grapevine Creek and Cottonwood Branch
- Lower West Fork Trinity River Segment 0841 and 11 of its tributaries,
- Upstream of Mountain Creek Lake Segments 0841F, 0841K, 0841N, and 0841V, and
- Sycamore Creek Segment 0806E



How is NCTCOG working with local governments to address TMDLs?



Approved by the Commission: December 11, 2013
Approved by the Coordination Committee: July 11, 2012
Revised by the Coordination Committee: June 13, 2019

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

Upper Trinity River

Segment o8o5

Assessment Units o8o5_03 and o8o5_04

Cottonwood Branch and Grapevine Creek

Segments o822A and o822B

Assessment Units o822A_02 and o822B_01

Lower West Fork Trinity River

Segments o841, o841B, o841C, o841E, o841G, o841H, o841J, o841L, o841M, o841R, o841T, and o841U

Assessment Units o841_01, o841_02, o841B_01, o841C_01, o841E_01, o841G_01, o841H_01, o841J_01, o841L_01, o841M_01, o841R_01, o841T_01, and o841U_01

Mountain Creek Lake Tributaries

Segments o841F, o841K, o841N, and o841V

Assessment Units o841F_01, o841K_01, o841N_01, and o841V_01

Sycamore Creek

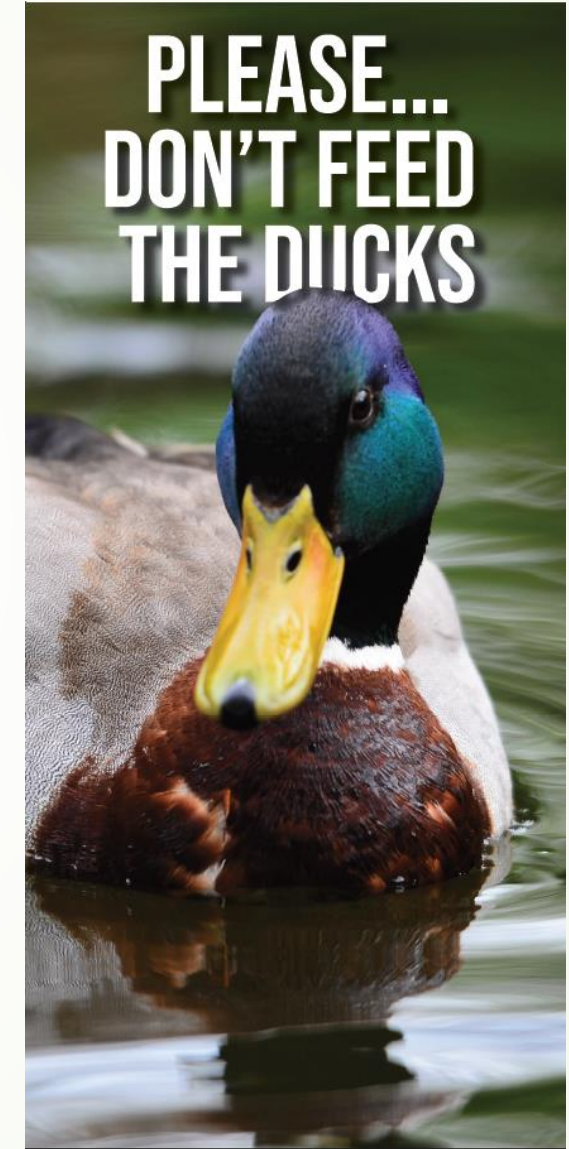
Segment o8o6E

Assessment Unit o8o6E_01

- Through the Implementation Plan for Twenty-Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region, NCTCOG works with local governments to implement best management practices (BMPs) to reduce the sources of bacteria
 - Examples of BMPs,
 - Participation in regional initiatives,
 - Education and outreach, and
 - Ordinance, guideline, or management plan adoption.
- This Implementation Plan also guides the projects and workshops selected by the TMDL Coordination Committee.

Upcoming TMDL Projects and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2020

- Septic System Educational Materials for Homeowners, Home Inspectors, and Real Estate Agents
- Septic System Educational Courses for Home Inspectors and Real Estate Agents
- Analysis of new bacteria sampling techniques
- Social media toolkits and other educational materials for local governments related to urban wildlife feeding and pet waste



Today's Agenda

- Feral Hog Basics – Rachel Richter, Urban Wildlife Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife
- NRI's Feral Hog Reporting Tool – Josh Helcel, Extension Associate with Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute
- Local Government Roundtable – facilitated by Adam Henry, Wildlife Damage Management Biologist with USDA-Texas Wildlife Services



Questions?



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