

Total Maximum Daily Load Coordination Committee

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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One Total Maximum Daily Load for an Indicator Bacteria Listing in Dry Branch Creek

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Action Items

3. The [July 1, 2021 Meeting Summary](#) will be presented for approval.

- During this meeting, TIAER presented information on the North Fork Cottonwood Creek TMDL. NCTCOG presented the 2021 Annual Program Summary, updates on subcommittee projects, and discussed FY2022 tasks.
- Please unmute to vote.

Action Items

4. Approval of the TMDL Annual Program Summary

- NCTCOG shared the [TMDL Annual Program Summary](#) in the meeting save the date and reminder for review prior to this meeting. This document has also been made available on the [TMDL webpage](#).
- Please unmute to vote.



5. TMDL Program Activities Update

- Bacterial Source Tracking Webinar
 - Held on April 1, 2022
 - 98 registrants
- Avian Management Webinar
 - Held on May 10, 2022
 - 43 registrants
- Slides, recordings, and speaker resources available online at www.nctcog.org/TMDL
- Next workshop/webinar topics?

Prevention

- Early Detection
 - Deterrents should focus on **sentry** birds
 - Birds are nervous when they first arrive
 - Need to act **before eggs are laid**
- Public Awareness
 - Public education improves early detection
- Develop a Plan
 - **Before** birds arrive

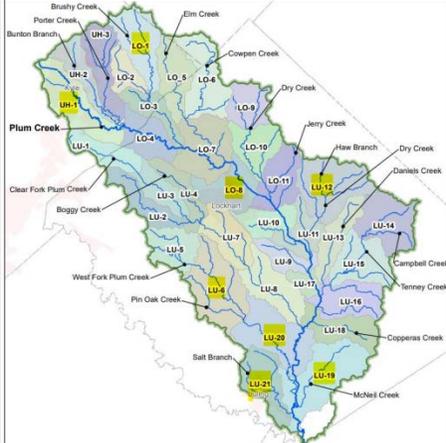


Focus Areas in WPP

2020 Update

- 8 Focus areas throughout watershed
- BST results & local knowledge
- Reduce potential urban and agricultural *E. coli* sources

Upper: LO-1 and UH-1
Mid: LO-8, LU-12, and LU-6
Lower: LU-20, LU-19, and LU-21



5. TMDL Program Activities Update

- Stormwater Technical Subcommittee
 - Met on October 5, 2021 and January 27, 2022
 - Next meeting date: July 26, 2022 at 9:30 AM
 - Joint Meeting will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams
- Projects:
 - [TMDL Tri-Fold Educational Brochure for City Officials/Executives](#)
 - [Industrial Facilities and TMDLs: What You Need to Know FAQ Sheet](#)
 - Under development: “Don’t Feed the Birds” educational explainer video

Industrial Facilities and TMDLs: What You Need to Know

What is a TMDL?

A TMDL, or Total Maximum Daily Load, describes the greatest amount of a pollutant, such as phosphorus or *E. coli*, that a waterbody can receive without impacting its designated use. Designated uses include fishing, general recreation, and overall support of aquatic life. The load, or budget for the pollutant, is allocated among the known pollution sources in the watershed, and measures to reduce the pollutant are developed. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) develops TMDLs for impaired waterways that exceed the pollutant load. In North Central Texas, the primary pollutant of concern is *E. coli*.

What is a TMDL?

*A guide for understanding
Total Maximum Daily Loads and
their importance to the
North Central Texas region*



www.nctcog.org/TMDL



5. TMDL Program Activities Update

- Wastewater Technical Subcommittee
 - Met on September 21, 2021 and January 27, 2022
 - Next meeting date: July 26, 2022, 9:30 AM
 - Joint Meeting will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams
- Projects:
 - Wastewater Door Hanger for Apartment Complexes
 - “Septic System Maintenance for Homeowners” educational explainer video
 - Under development: “No Muss, No Fuss – Be Wise When You Flush” general wastewater educational video

Protect Your Pipes!

To keep our waterways safe and clean, make sure you always protect your pipes by only flushing the three P's (Pee, Poo and Toilet Paper) and never putting anything down the drain that doesn't belong! To avoid expensive damage to your pipes, home, and the environment, never put anything down the drain or in the toilet that doesn't belong.

Keep These Items Out of Your Pipes:

- Any Type of Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Cotton Balls
- Cotton Swabs
- Dental Floss
- Pet Waste
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Fats, Oils, & Grease
- Coffee Grounds
- Food
- Medication
- Cleaning Products
- Paint & Pesticides



5. TMDL Program Activities Update

- Monitoring Coordination Forum
 - Met September 28, 2021 and March 3, 2022
 - Presentations from Brigette Gibson, City of Arlington, and Julian Holmes, City of Mansfield
 - Next meeting date: September 29, 2022, 9:30 AM
 - Meeting will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams
- Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee
 - Met August 17, 2021 and February 15, 2022
 - Presentations from Virginia Kilgore, Water is Alive, and David Cowan, NTMWD, and Mac Martin, Texas A&M Forest Service
 - Next meeting date: August 16, 2022, 9:30 AM
 - Meeting will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams

6. NCTCOG Updates

- Public Comment Period for North Fork Cottonwood Creek TMDL Addendum and State WQMP Next Steps
- [June 2022 Newsletter](#) is now available online for review
- Trash Free Waters Update:
 - Follow our new social media accounts! @TrashFreeTexas on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
 - Add your litter clean-up sites to the Trash Free Texas Adopt-A-Spot Map by contacting Elena Berg at eberg@nctcog.org and Partner Up with Trash Free Texas at www.trashfreetexas.org/partner.
- North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge:
 - 2022 Challenge ended on May 31. Participants have until June 30th to enter their data online. Winners and metrics will be announced later this summer!
- Trinity River Paddling Trail Update

6. NCTCOG Updates

- **Upcoming NCTCOG Meetings**

- **Water Resources Council:** July 13, 2022 at 10:30 AM, Regional Forum Room, NCTCOG Offices
- **Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable Meeting:** July 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams
- **Public Education Task Force Meeting:** July 20, 2022 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
 - **Tarrant Regional Water District Stream Trailers Training**
- **Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council Meeting:** August 17, 2022 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams

- **Next TMDL Coordination Committee Meeting:**

- Tentatively scheduled for June 14, 2023 at 9:30 AM

7. Roundtable

What's happening in your community?

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