### George W. Shannon Wetlands at Richland-Chambers



#### Region C: 2060 Long-Range Water Management Strategies



1990 Long-Range Plan concluded that the District should pursue the option to divert water from the Trinity into its reservoirs

# Water Resource Challenges

### Water Quality: Eutrophication

### 20-Year Trend Study Chlorophyll-a

	Media	1
Lake	N (u/gL)	Trend (%APR)
Arlington	27.5	6.23
Cedar Crk	20.0	3.60
Eagle Mtn	18.8	2.84
Richland	11.4	2.70
Benbrook	16.7	2.48
Bridgeport	3.5	1.79



# **3 Types of Reuse Considered by TRWD**

### Wetlands







#### Aquaculture



# **Constructed Wetlands for Water Reuse**











# TRWD WETLANDS



# **Project Timeline**



# **TRWD Pilot-Scale Wetland Project**





### **RC Reservoir Construction Mitigation**

TPWD RCWMA North Unit: 5,000 acres South Unit: 8,000 acres





### Field Scale Construction 2000-2003







Full Scale Wetland Operation October 2013



# **Constructed Wetlands**

5 major components:
– River Pump Station
– Sedimentation Basins
– Conveyance Canals

- Wetland Cells
- Relift Pump Station





WETLAND LAYOUT





SED. BASINS 1 - 5



#### TYPICAL WETLAND CELL





# WETLAND SYSTEM STRUCTURES





#### COLLECTION POOL OUTFLOW STRUCTURE

SB3, 4, & 5 INFLOW STRUCTURE



# WETLAND SYSTEM STRUCTURES



#### TYP. PH II INTERMEDIATE STRUCTURE



TYP. FIELD SCALE OUTFLOW STRUCTURE

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- Wetland Plants Play a Key Role in Wetland Treatment Performance by:
  - Shading the water column
  - Providing media for microbial growth
  - Aiding in cycling organic carbon and nutrients
- Wetland Plant Types
  - Emergent vegetation
  - Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)
- A diverse mixture of emergent and submerged aquatic species is desirable to provide robust water quality improvement.



# EMERGENT VEGETATION FIELD-SCALE AND PHASE I







### SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION





### Wet Cell 14 Summer 2014

# **Wetland Monitoring**

pH Dissolved oxygen Temperature Flow Nitrogen Phosphorus Turbidity (suspended sediment)

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### TRWD Field Scale Wetlands Vegetation Monitoring Sites

Vegetation Survey Transect Line
Vegetation Survey Photo Station

FIGURE 15

500

500 Feet

#### Wetland vs. RC Tributary: Water Quality (April 2015)



#### Full Scale Operation Oct 2013 – March 2015 (n=45)

	Average Concentration In (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )			Average Concentration Out (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )			Percent Concentration Reduction		
Location	TSS	TN	TP	TSS	TN	TP	TSS	TN	ТР
Sed Basins	139.10	8.53	1.03	35.27	8.03	0.94	75%	6%	8%
Wetlands	35.27	8.03	0.94	15.30	2.27	0.44	57%	72%	53%
Overall System	139.10	8.53	1.03	15.30	2.27	0.44	89%	73%	57%





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### **Outreach and Education**

### Questions?

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