## George W. Shannon Wetjands 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 <br> $n$ <br> Lake <br> $(\mathrm{u} / \mathrm{gL})$ | 仓े <br> Trend <br> $(\%$ 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



## IRWD 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



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

- 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




## Wetland Monitoring

## pH

Dissolved oxygen
Temperature
Flow
Nitrogen
Phosphorus
Turbidity (suspended sediment)

## TRWD Field Scale Wetlands Vegetation Monitoring Sites

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




## Wetland Treatment Performance Full Scale Operation

Full Scale Operation Oct 2013 - March 2015 ( $\mathrm{n}=45$ )

|  | Average Concentration <br> In (mg L-1) |  |  | Average Concentration Out <br> $\left(\mathrm{mg} \mathrm{L}^{-1}\right)$ |  |  | Percent Concentration <br> Reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Location | TSS | TN | TP | TSS | TN | TP | TSS | TN | TP |
| 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 | $89 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $57 \%$ |

## Wetland Treatment Performance Full Scale Operation



## Wetland Treatment Performance Full Scale Operation

Removal of Trinity River Total Nitrogen at Alligator Creek


## Wetland Treatment Performance Full Scale Operation

Removal of Trinity River Total Phosphorus at Alligator Creek



## Questions?

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