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Quarter 1 - December 2020

Trash Free Waters Grant Update

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This spring, NCTCOG was one of 17 entities awarded a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of its Trash Free Water grant program, which focuses on the prevention and removal of litter in waterways as well as outreach and education.

NCTCOG has partnered with the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment on a 3-year project. The geographic area for this project is the North Central Texas and Houston regions, but it is anticipated to serve as a model for other regions throughout Texas as well.

The main tasks of the project are:

- Add adopt-a-spot litter cleanup locations to the [Trash Free Texas website](#),
- Collection of regional trash removal data,
- Implement regional public engagement events and outreach opportunities,
- Develop a local government trash reduction and educational toolkit, and
- Work with the restaurant industry on plastics reduction through a certification program.

As part of this project, NCTCOG recently distributed a survey aimed at receiving feedback from member governments, non-profits, and other stakeholders across the state responsible for clean-ups and litter control to inform ongoing collaborations amongst partner organizations to develop a statewide, publicly available litter data collection database. **This survey closes on December 7, 2020 and should take about 15-20 minutes to complete.**

[Link to Survey](#)

Additionally, NCTCOG will also be hosting a webinar on how to connect volunteers with litter cleanup locations on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** Attend the webinar to find out how you can add "adopt-a-spot" locations from your community to the [Trash Free Texas website](#). To register for this webinar, click [here](#).

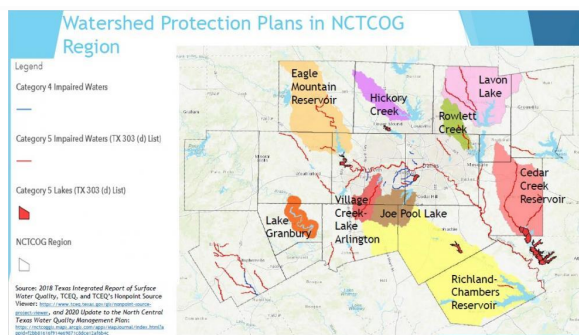
**Register for the Trash Free Texas Webinar:
Connecting Volunteers with Litter Cleanup Locations**

Recent Webinar: Watershed Protection Plans in North Central Texas: A Virtual Roundtable

On November 30, 2020, NCTCOG hosted a webinar: *Watershed Protection Plans in North Central Texas: A Virtual Roundtable* where project managers for the watershed protection plans (WPP) in the NCTCOG region came together virtually to present their latest updates, management strategies, and any lessons learned.

The presentation slides, and the recording when it is available, can be found under the green "Webinar" banner on NCTCOG's website linked below.

During the webinar, the project managers for Rowlett Creek and Joe Pool Lake noted that the development of stakeholder groups is in the early stages for these watershed plans. If you are interested in becoming a stakeholder, or if you would like more



information about the webinar, please contact Elena Berg at eberg@nctcog.org.

[View Webinar Presentation](#)

2020 Holiday Grease Roundup



Be sure to keep your holiday grease out of drains by participating in the 7th Annual Holiday Grease Roundup through [Defend Your Drains North Texas](#). This year, there are 31 participants and over 55 locations where cooking oil and grease can be recycled for free! Below is a table of the 2020 Holiday Grease Roundup Participants. For more information, please visit [Defend Your Drains North Texas](#).

2020 Holiday Grease Roundup Participants

City of Arlington	City of Lancaster
City of Azle	City of Lavon
City of Cedar Hill	City of Lewisville
City of Cleburne	City of Mansfield
City of Colleyville	City of McKinney
City of Coppell	City of North Richland Hills
City of Corinth	City of Princeton
City of Dallas	City of Richardson
City of Duncanville	City of Red Oak
Town of Edgecliff Village	City of Southlake
City of Euless	City of Westworth Village
City of Farmers Branch	City of White Settlement
City of Fort Worth	North Texas Municipal Water District
City of Grand Prairie	Trinity River Authority
City of Garland	Tarrant County
City of Irving	

[Defend Your Drains North Texas](#)

TCEQ Requests Comments on Draft October 2020 WQMP Update

October 2020 Update to the Texas Water Quality Management Plan



The public comment period for the draft October 2020 Update to the Water Quality Management Plan is now open.

The comment period closes on **Wednesday, December 9, 2020**.

This update includes the proposed withdrawal of TMDLs for Nickel in the Houston Ship Channel System, an addendum to TMDLs for Bacteria in Lake Houston Upstream Watersheds, updates to bacteria TMDLs for the San Jacinto River, East and West Forks, and Upper Oyster Creek, along with dissolved oxygen TMDLs for Upper Oyster Creek.

More information is available at the TCEQ website, linked below.

[More Information](#)

Upcoming TMDL Meetings



TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum

January 7, 2021

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in at:

+ 1(903) 508-4574

Conference ID: 207 780 183#

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TMDL Stormwater Technical Subcommittee

January 14, 2021

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in at:

+1 (903) 508-4574

Conference ID: 652 336 140#

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TMDL Wastewater Technical Subcommittee

January 28, 2021
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in at:
+1 (903) 508-4574
Conference ID: 652 572 445#

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Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee

February 9, 2021
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in at:
+1 (903) 508-4574
Conference ID: 207 780 183#

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Upcoming NCTCOG Meetings



Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

December 8, 2020
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft
Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in
at: + 1(903) 508-4574
Conference ID: 126 559 641#

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Water Resources Council

January 13, 2021
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft
Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in
at: + 1(903) 508-4574
Conference ID: 719 857 441#

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Public Education Task Force

January 20, 2021
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft
Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Audio through computer, or call in
at: + 1(903) 508-4574
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