

North Central Texas Stewardship Forum

Update of Activities

Starting the Forum

- Began as an EPA grant funded project awarded to Stewardship Action Council with Gresham, Smith and Partners in 2012
- A Steering Committee was developed
 - Dallas, Fort Worth, Plano, Denton
- 5 priority areas were developed:
 - Energy, Green Purchasing, Waste Minimization, Air Quality, Stewardship of Water Resources
 - Groups held conference calls, webinars, speaker presentations, shared documents and other information

- Original Mission Statement:

The Forum is dedicated to bringing together North Texas governmental and quasi-governmental organizations and their partners to share best practices, lessons learned and resources to support practices that can measurably improve the environment and promote economic vibrancy. The Forum will serve as a model for similar initiatives in North Texas, the state of Texas and the United States through networking and the sharing of resources

- Forum held 1st annual meeting in October 2013 at the University of Texas at Arlington

What happened next?

- Grant ended
- Received feedback
 - Developed and sent out a survey to Forum participants
 - Participants found value in the group
- Steering committee discussions continued
 - How and what format to use to continue the group

Current Status

- The Steering Committee in partnership with EPA and the NCTCOG has developed a Forum Framework
 - The purpose of the Forum:
 - Align partner initiatives
 - Leverage regional resources and share best practices
 - Provide networking and capacity building opportunities
 - Identify funding opportunities for projects
 - Provide mentorship
 - Communicate Forum initiatives and/or activities through online and social media

What's Next

- Internal city review of the framework
- Steering Committee cities signing document
- Continue to move forward with the Forum's priorities
- Continue to add membership to the group