Richland Chambers Hosts Stakeholder and USDA-NRCS Incentive Program Meeting

The Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), in cooperation with Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Service, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), hosted a stakeholder and USDA-NRCS Incentive Program meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at the Cowboy Church of Ennis. The meeting had two major purposes: to communicate new progress and gather feedback on the Richland Chambers Watershed Protection Plan (WPP), and to inform and help register qualifying landowners for the local National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) program.

The TRWD provided an overview of the Richland Chambers WPP, which is currently being developed to protect water resources, reduce pollution, and accommodate for a growing population by developing useful planning tools for homeowners throughout the watershed. The NWQI presented information on their program’s financial and technical assistance for farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners interested in improving the water quality and aquatic habitats in priority watersheds of Chambers Creek.

For more information on the Richland Chambers WPP or the NWQI, please contact Sarah Grella (TRWD) at 940-765-3262 or at sarah.grella@trwd.com.

HAPPENING NOW! 2018 Holiday Grease Roundup

November 26, 2018 - January 7, 2019

Rather than pouring your grease in the drain during the holidays, participate in the 2018 Holiday Grease Roundup and recycle it for free! For more information about this program and grease collection sites, visit www.ceasethegreasentx.com or contact Hannah Allen, hallen@nctcog.org.
Characterizing the Rowlett Creek Watershed

Rowlett Creek flows through the cities of Plano, Garland, McKinney, Frisco, Allen, and Murphy, and into a major water supply reservoir owned by the City of Dallas.

The characterization of this highly urbanized watershed will address a bacteria impairment, as well as other parameters selected by stakeholders. Routine water quality and stormwater monitoring will be conducted to analyze pollutant concentrations associated with these flows. Data will be used to assess current conditions and document water quality trends in Rowlett Creek.

The project, which is part of the TCEQ’s 303d Vision Project in the Upper Trinity River Basin, began September 2018, and is a joint effort between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and the City of Plano.

For more information about the Rowlett Creek Characterization Program, please visit the TCEQ website here, or contact Dr. Fouad Jaber at Fouad.Jaber@ag.tamu.edu.

Texas A&M Feral Hog Reporting Site is Now Available!

The Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute (NRI) has released a feral hog reporting tool that allows users to report feral hog sightings and damage. The easy-to-use tool is open to all members of the public and is available on the NRI’s Wild Pigs website, here: https://wildpigs.nri.tamu.edu/

Save the Date!

Upcoming TMDL Meetings

Stormwater Technical Subcommittee Meeting
January 22, 2019, 9:30am

Wastewater Technical Subcommittee Meeting
February 7, 2019, 9:30am

Monitoring Coordination Forum
May 23, 2019, 9:30am

TMDL Coordination Committee Meeting
June 13, 2019, 9:30am

All meetings will be held at the NCTCOG Offices at 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, 76011. Due to construction in our offices, rooms are to be determined. For more information, please visit the TMDL website or email Mayra Lopez at mlopez@nctcog.org.
Calendar Photo Contest Winners Announced!

2019 Doo the Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest

The 2019 Doo the Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest was a big success! 1,147 votes were cast to choose the winners from over 200 submissions.

Thank you to all the dog owners who took the Doo the Right Thing pledge, this helps keep people and pets healthy and our local waters clean—congratulations to all our winners!

Your votes and “shares” made this calendar possible—Thank you! We continue to encourage communities to take the pledge to Doo the Right Thing.

To see the full photo gallery of all entries, submit your dog’s photo for next year’s contest and /or pledge to Doo the Right Thing, visit www.dfwstormwater.com/petwaste.

For more information on this program, contact Crysta Guzman at cguzman@nctcog.org.
## 2019 Urban Riparian Symposium
Grapevine Convention Center Grapevine, Texas
February 27 – March 1, 2019

- Early Registration is Open! [Register Online](#)
- Conference Room Block at Comfort Inn Hotel Grapevine Ends 02/05/2019. King or Double Rooms $99/night and free parking. [Reserve a room through this link for special conference rate.](#)

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Sponsorship includes logo on all materials and complimentary registrations.
Creek Sponsorship $500 – includes logo on all materials and 2 complimentary registrations.
River Sponsorship $1,000 – includes logo on all materials and up to 4 complimentary registrations.
Payment can be made by check or credit card through Paypal. Learn more at [Sponsorship webpage](#).

### CALL FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS
Abstracts are being sought for oral presentations and posters on Urban Riparian and Stream restoration with a focus on community involvement. Please submit abstracts via email to Blake Alldredge at balldredge@utwrd.com with the subject line “TRA Abstract 2019” on or before December 7, 2019.
If your abstract is accepted, it will be published in the Conference Proceedings. The sessions for the Conference Program will be organized based on the list of topics below. Provided your presentation meets the selection criteria, we will do our best to include you in the program.

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| Watershed or Reach Scale | Case Studies (Good or Bad) | Bidding/Contractor Issues |
Feeding waterfowl is a very popular public activity near urban lakes. However, the feeding of waterfowl has become an increasingly larger issue in ecological and human health terms. The US Fish and Wildlife Service actively discourages the supplemental feeding of waterfowl for several reasons:

- Can lead to dependency on humans
- Transmission of disease
- Delayed (or eliminated) migration
- Overpopulation
- Poor water quality

Several cities in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, including Addison, Bedford, and Dallas, have passed ordinances against feeding wildlife.

The goal of Implementation Strategy 4.3 is to focus on measures that discourage avian feeding in Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) with bacteria-impaired waterways to reduce the bacteria loading of water bodies caused by avian populations. The NCTCOG will work with TMDL communities to develop education materials to educate their citizens on the hazards of avian feeding.

A list of wildlife feeding ordinances (local and non-local), as well as a collection of literature on the effects of waterfowl on water quality, available on the TMDL Stormwater Subcommittee website.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is working with stakeholders to implement bacteria TMDLs throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. To view the I-Plan for Twenty-one Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region, or utilize available resources, please visit www.nctcog.org/TMDL.