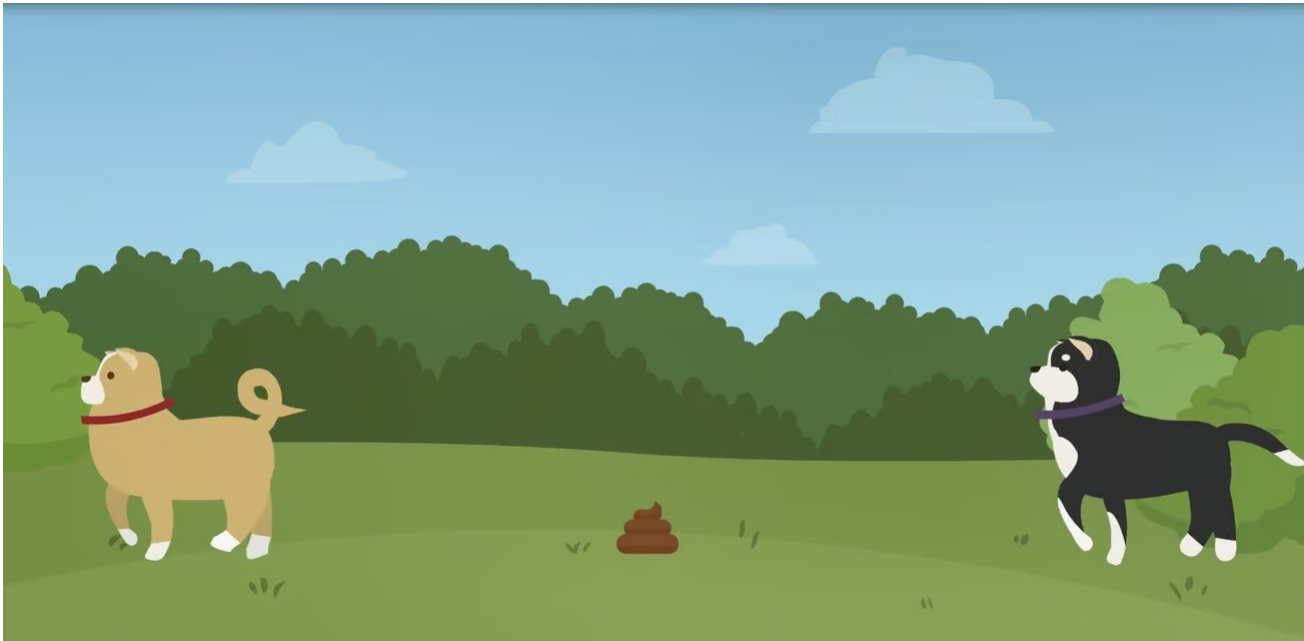




Total Maximum Daily Load Newsletter

First Quarter - March 2023



TMDL Project Update

Total Maximum Daily Load's (TMDL) Stormwater subcommittee is working on a new Doo the Right Thing video aimed at pet owners in North Texas. The video highlights the detriment that pet waste causes to water quality, especially increased E. coli exposure,

and provides helpful tips for disposing of pet waste properly. Once finalized, the video will be uploaded to [NCTCOG's Environment and Development's YouTube](#) channel.

Additionally, TMDL's Wastewater subcommittee has drafted an On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) postcard/mailer that will be available for communities to print and distributed to permitted OSSF owners. The final mailer will be posted on the Total Maximum Daily Load page.

Previews of both the video and the mailer are available on their respective TMDL [Stormwater](#) and [Wastewater](#) subcommittee pages and are now open for feedback until March 31. A draft of the video and mailer will be reviewed at the next [Joint TMDL Stormwater/Wastewater subcommittee meeting](#) on March 21, 2023.

Final versions of both the mailer and the video will be also be sent in June's TMDL newsletter.

[Preview the video](#)

[Preview the mailer](#)



Holiday Grease Roundup Recap

The 2022 Holiday Grease Roundup ended on January 9, 2023. This year's roundup had 45 participants and 71 drop off locations, and over 7,500 gallons of FOG were collected! Thank you to everyone who participated. Save the date for next year's Holiday Grease Roundup: November 13, 2023 through January 12, 2024. Missed this year's Roundup? Visit Defend Your Drains North Texas to find a year-round drop off site near you! More results and feedback from the 2022 Holiday Grease Roundup will be shared at the upcoming Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable meeting, scheduled for April 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM. This meeting will be held in person in the Metroplex Conference Room. Add this meeting to your calendar [here](#).

Thank you to the following participating communities and partners:

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| Allen | Haltom City |
| Arlington | Irving |
| Azle | Lavon |
| Bedford | Lewisville |
| Carrollton | Little Elm |
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Trash Free Texas Project Update

The Trash Free Texas team is working to pilot materials from two Trash Free Texas resources: 1) The [Recreational Litter Cleanup Toolkit](#); and, 2) The Trash Free Texas Restaurant Program, which includes a toolkit for [communities](#) and a toolkit for [restaurants](#).

For the Recreational Litter Cleanup Toolkit, piloting would mean hosting a recreational event that includes picking up litter, such as a plogging or pladding event. Plogging means picking up litter while jogging or walking, and pladding means picking up litter while paddling. The materials available for piloting this toolkit include adhesive decals, signs, and cleanup bags.



Regarding the Trash Free Texas Restaurant Program, project team has received input from the Single-Use Plastic Reduction Workgroup on the Trash Free Texas Restaurant Program's draft toolkit for communities and draft toolkit for restaurants at its last meeting on November 7, 2022. The recording of that meeting is available [here](#). Thank you to all our partners who have provided feedback and support in their development! These toolkits are still in draft stage because we intend to incorporate any needed changes that may arise during piloting. The toolkits in the Trash Free Texas Restaurant Program provide resources for restaurants and communities looking to implement win-win strategies that reduce single-use plastic consumption among local eateries while

helping them save money. The strategies and templates from these toolkits are now ready for piloting by restaurants and communities and are intended as the first steps in implementing behavior change at restaurants and with takeout orders. The rewards of committing to the measures in the long-term will show in cost-savings to restaurants, appreciation and support by customers, and a reduction in trash and litter.

Entities interested in piloting can sign up [here](#). Please indicate if you would like to pilot the Restaurant Program's resources, the Recreational Litter Cleanup Toolkit or both. We will be in touch to discuss which materials you would like to receive. Thank you to those who have already responded. We appreciate your patience as we work through the details.

When it comes to piloting these toolkit materials, the Trash Free Texas project team is not aiming for perfection as the goal, but rather, a willingness to try and learn lessons along the way. We appreciate your willingness to try something new!

[Sign-Up to Learn More About Piloting](#)

North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge Kicks Off Next Month



The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge (NTCCC) is set to start next month on March 1st! This annual program of NCTCOG's Stormwater Public Education Task Force aims to engage residents across the North Central Texas region in a friendly competition to see whose community can clean up the most litter and trash during the challenge timeframe. A perk of the NTCCC is that **most** types of litter cleanup activities, not just organized events, count! See the [FAQ](#) page for details.

This year, the NTCCC will run from March 1st through May 31st with participating communities having until June 30th to log their cleanup data. Interested communities need to sign on by April 15th in order to participate in the challenge. To sign on your community to the NTCCC, please visit www.communitycleanupchallenge.com. First time participants will need to create a new user account by clicking on the "Join the Challenge" button at the bottom of the [Leaderboard](#) page. Past participants can go straight to the [Sign-In](#) page and update their information. Completing these steps lets us know you are committing to the challenge for 2023.

The NTCCC is a great way to amplify and build energy around existing cleanup efforts happening in your community! Participation is as easy as 1) Sign on by April 15th, 2)

Clean up litter in your community between March 1st and May 31st, and 3) Log all of your cleanup data by June 30th. When logging your data in the Texas Litter Database, participants must use the External ID **CCC23** so we can pull your data. Visit the NTCCC [program page](#) for resources such as [FAQs](#) about the program, a [Quick Guide to Using the Texas Litter Database](#), as well as infographics and wrap-up reports from previous years. For questions about the program, please contact the program staff at stormwater@nctcog.org.

Upcoming TMDL Meetings



TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum Meeting

March 9, 2023
9:30 - 10:30 AM
Virtual, via Microsoft Teams

[Add to Calendar](#)



Joint Stormwater and Wastewater Subcommittee Meeting

March 21, 2023
9:30- 10:30 AM
Virtual, via Microsoft Teams

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TMDL Coordination Committee

June 14, 2023
9:30- 11:30 AM
Location TBD

[Add to Calendar](#)

Upcoming NCTCOG Meetings



Water Resources Council

April 12, 2023
10:30-12:30 PM
Virtual, via Microsoft Teams

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Stormwater Public Education Task Force

April 19, 2023
9:30-11:30 AM
Virtual, via Microsoft Teams

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Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

April 25, 2023
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
NCTCOG Offices
Metroplex Conference Room

[Add to Calendar](#)



Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council

May 10, 2023
9:30- 11:30 AM
NCTCOG Offices
William Pitstick Conference Room

[Add to Calendar](#)

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The North Central Texas Council of Governments is working with stakeholders to implement best management practices to address and prevent bacteria TMDLs in the North Central Texas region. To view the current Implementation Plan, or to utilize available resources, please visit www.nctcog.org/TMDL.

