

Total Maximum Daily Load Newsletter

Second Quarter - March 2019



Featured TMDL Implementation Strategy: 1.3: Regional Participation in Fats, Oils, and Grease Program

Pouring fat, oil and grease (FOG) down the drain results in clogged pipes that are costly to repair and damage the environment by causing sanitary sewer overflows. To address this serious issue, the Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) developed the annual Holiday Grease Roundup, which is an educational campaign that encourages residents to take FOG to be recycled rather than pouring it down the drain. Most of the FOG collected during the Roundup is recycled into biofuel. During the 2018 Holiday Grease Roundup, 14 participating entities recycled over 3,500 gallons of FOG! Additionally, some drop off sites are available year round. Check out the Defend Your Drains North Texas website for a map of available sites. For more information on the WATER program, please visit their website.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Holiday Grease Roundup!

City of Arlington
City of Cedar Hill
City of Colleyville
City of Dallas
City of Denton
City of Duncanville
City of Garland

City of Lewisville
City of Mansfield
City of McKinney
City of North Richland Hills
City of Richardson
City of Watauga
North Texas Municipal Water District

Sycamore Creek TMDL Update

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality approved the adoption of One Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Indicator Bacteria in Sycamore Creek of the Trinity River Basin on January 16, 2019. This TMDL will be added to the Implementation Plan for TMDLs for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region and will be brought to the TMDL Coordination Committee meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2019 for approval by the committee.

For more information on the Sycamore Creek TMDL, please click [here](#).

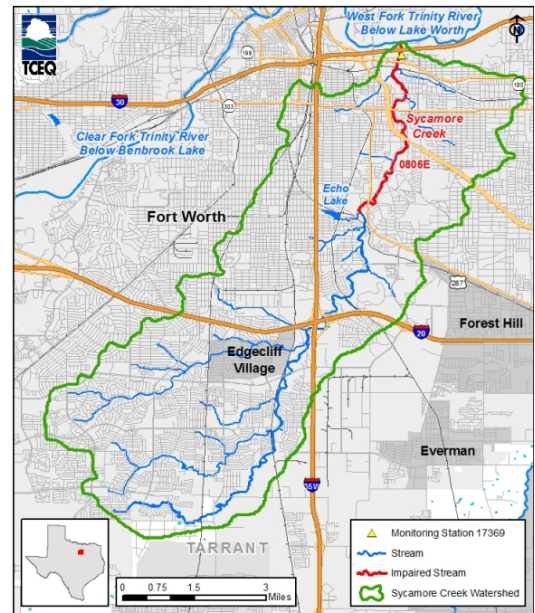


Figure 1. Overview map showing the Sycamore Creek Segment/AU, watershed, and TCEQ water quality monitoring station.

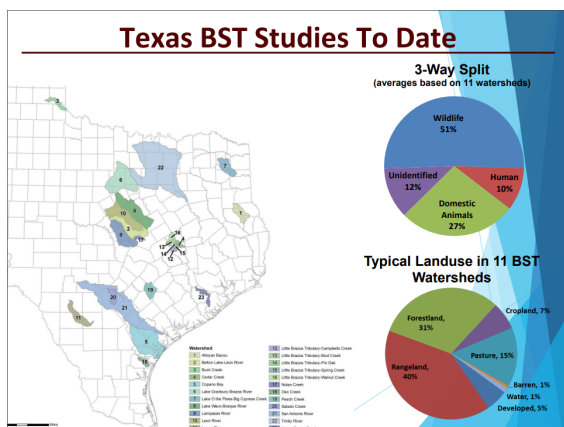
North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholder Meeting

NCTCOG held the first North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholder Meeting on March 5, 2019. This meeting covered Bacteria Source Tracking and included a presentation from Dr. Terry Gentry, Texas A&M Soil and Crop Sciences Department, and from Mark Ender, City of New Braunfels.

- [Dr. Terry Gentry's Presentation](#)
- [Mark Ender's Presentation](#)

NCTCOG will be hosting another North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholder Meeting in August 2019. More information on this meeting will follow in the coming months.

If you have any questions, please contact [Cassidy Campbell](#).



March is Texas SmartScape Month!

March is the time of year where the weather starts warming up, and gardens begin needing some "TLC" (Tender Loving Care) after the long winter. We encourage people to use TX SmartScape as a tool to plan out your garden before the planting begins. When planning, please consider elements such as; using less fertilizer, reducing turf grass or using practical turf in areas that get more sun or shade, using efficient watering methods for water conservation, placing plants in areas where they will flourish by planting them in areas with more or less sun and in groups of similar water needs, and planting Texas native plants.

Visit the [Texas SmartScape Website](http://www.txsmartscape.com) to learn more!



Upcoming Meetings & Workshops



TMDL Coordination Committee Meeting

June 13, 2019
9:30 - 11:30 AM
Regional Forum Room
NCTCOG Offices
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

[Add to Calendar](#)



TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum Meeting

May 16, 2019
9:30 - 11:30 AM
Regional Forum Room
NCTCOG Offices
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

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Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable Meeting

June 5, 2019
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Metroplex Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

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Save the Date! Upcoming Green Infrastructure for Texas Workshop in Arlington - April 9, 2019

This FREE half-day workshop geared towards local elected officials, municipal representatives, county staff, landowners, and facilities managers will cover the following topics:

- Collecting and cleansing stormwater at home and in the local neighborhood,
- Using wetlands in flood control basins to enhance water quality and wildlife, and
- Protecting and restoring large-scale wetlands and natural areas for flood control and water quality benefits.

Registration is required.

[Register Here!](#)



Save the Date! 21st Annual EPA Region 6 Stormwater Conference - Denton, TX July 28 - August 1, 2019

Please join the EPA, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and NCTCOG in Denton for the 21st Annual EPA Region 6 Stormwater Conference.

Proposed presentation topics include:

- Municipal Stormwater Management Programs,
- Construction and Industrial Stormwater Management,
- Resiliency, Sustainability, Green Infrastructure, and Low Impact Development,
- Watershed Protection and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs),
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) Case Studies,
- Advanced Research Topics and Innovative Technologies, and
- Public and Private Partnerships.

More information will be made available in the coming months.

[Learn More Here!](#)

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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 to utilize available resources, please visit www.nctcog.org/TMDL.



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