



## NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

### Fiscal Year 2026 Work Program

December 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026

#### Introduction

The Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council (RSWMCC) is comprised of local and regional governmental agencies in the North Central Texas Region. This Annual Work Program has been developed under the direction of the RSWMCC as part of a regional effort to provide mutual support, address common needs relating to the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES), and to promote regional stewardship of the urbanized surface waters of North Central Texas.

#### RSWMCC Focus Areas:

The goal of the RSWMCC is to provide regional resources for the planning and implementation of stormwater best management practices (BMP) in North Central Texas. The RSWMCC will address common challenges and barriers associated with implementing stormwater BMPs in communities. Additionally, the RSWMCC will look for ways to support member communities and foster collaboration at the regional level.

#### Focus Areas include:

- Finding solutions to address high program administration costs.
- Discussing stormwater policies and topics that lack policy guidance.
- Addressing any regulatory barriers in the stormwater field.
- Providing clarity and understanding of stormwater subject matter.
- Developing training or other stormwater related resources.

The RSWMCC will develop resources and provide training to address common challenges in stormwater management related to the Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) outlined in the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. **Activities directed by the RSWMCC include:**

**1) Providing Workshops, Webinars, and Training for Diverse Audiences (management, city leadership, inspectors, etc.) related to:**

- Inspector training for all inspection types (e.g. post-construction, industrial, etc.).
- Policy, enforcement, and maintenance of construction and post-construction stormwater management activities.
- Funding opportunities for stormwater projects and replacement of aging stormwater infrastructure.
- Increasing outreach and awareness to the development community.
- Coordinate regional roundtables on a variety of topics of interest to the members.

**2) Coordination with the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) Public Works Council and *integrated* Stormwater Management Subcommittee (iSWM) on creation of standard details for stormwater infrastructure and best management practices.**

**3) Coordination with the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) *integrated* Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure study, which may produce:**

- Model Ordinances
- Outreach Materials
- Strategies that could reduce flooding and pollution including post-construction controls
- Recommendations to fund stormwater management activities

**4) Coordination with partner organizations of the Public Education Task Force (PETF) to increase public awareness of stormwater management challenges.**

- 5) **Develop regional recommendations for stormwater management (e.g. model ordinances, model contractors, guidance documents, templates, checklists, etc.).**
- 6) **Provide regional mini-conference or events to share information and improve knowledge amongst North Central Texas communities and partners.**
- 7) **Support the formation of ad hoc committee(s) to assist in addressing changes to the MS4 General Permit.**

**Ongoing Support Activities of the RSWMCC:**

**Ongoing Support Activities may include, but are not limited to:**

- Coordination and facilitation of The Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council and its active Task Forces.
- Coordination of the Work Program Committee and any Ad Hoc Committees appointed by the Council Chair.
- Providing administrative support to the Council, Task Forces, and Committees.
- Performing general liaison functions with TCEQ and other regulatory agencies including tracking of regulatory information.
- Representing the regional program at local, state, or national conferences as feasible.
- Advertising stormwater-related trainings and events such as the NCTCOG Training and Development Institutes' <i>Storm Water Pollution Prevention During Construction</i> .
- Hosting county roundtables, as needed.
- Supporting and maintaining the regional stormwater website and maintaining a case study library of resources and tools.
- Ensuring coordination with other Water Resources programs to convey related pertinent information (i.e. integrated Stormwater Management, Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan, Water Quality Management Plan, and others).
- Providing public education and outreach, as needed.
- Quarterly updates on RSWMCC Program budget.
- Management of the RSWMCC Bylaws and Work Program, as needed, including any revision or clarification needed during the fiscal year.

## Task Force Activities:

### Public Education Task Force (PETF)

The Public Education Task Force supports a unified stormwater public education message for the region while maintaining the uniqueness of individual municipal programs. It also offers educators an opportunity to explore areas of mutual cooperation and to learn from each other's programs. **In support of the Public Education Task Force, NCTCOG staff will:**

- Conduct up to four (4) Public Education Task Force meetings
- Coordinate and support Texas SmartScape activities, including those related to the annual March Is Texas SmartScape Month initiative.
- Maintain the Texas SmartScape website and analyze the website for areas to improve.
- Support seasonal campaigns covering stormwater-related topics such as the proper disposal of pet waste, yard waste, fats, oils, and greases, and general stormwater issues.
- Conduct the annual North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge and Mayors' Challenge and produce associated materials such as a wrap-up report and/or infographic. Coordinate with the FIFA Sustainability Committee for the ongoing partnership with the FIFA World Cup in 2026.
- Explore and support other educational campaigns as feasible.
- Special Projects as identified by the Task Force.
- Help develop initiatives for future work programs.

### Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) & Municipal Pollution Prevention (P2) Joint Task Force

Local governments need an increased array of tools such as training programs, inspection methods, or monitoring and tracking procedures for addressing businesses and citizens that may be contributing to contaminated discharges in stormwater.

Local governments will also lead by example if they are to succeed in changing the practices and habits of businesses and residents. The goal of governments should be to prevent or reduce pollutant runoff from municipal operations including streets, highways, municipal parking lots, maintenance facilities, storage yards, and waste transfer stations.

This joint Task Force exists to offer an opportunity for participants to network, collaborate, coordinate efforts, and meet training component of permit requirements. **In support of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) & Municipal Pollution Prevention (P2) Joint Task Force, NCTCOG staff will:**

- Conduct up to three (3) Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) & Municipal Pollution Prevention (P2) Joint Task Force meetings.
- Coordinate and Host (1) Dry Weather Field Screening Workshops in partnership with local or regional governmental agencies, as feasible.
- Coordinate and Host (1) Municipal Industrial Inspectors Training or (1) Fish Kill Training, as feasible.
- Coordinate and Host (1) peer-to-peer exchange opportunity, such as a site tour/mock self-inspection or a BMP Show and Tell, as feasible.
- Special Projects as identified by the Task Force.
- Help develop initiatives for future work programs.

#### Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program

NCTCOG is in preparation of facilitating the implementation of a new program term for the TCEQ-approved monitoring program that is based on in-stream monitoring of selected watersheds. Phase I entities will use the tracking of long-term water quality trends and effectiveness of BMP implementation in meeting requirements of their permits. The costs of the consultant required for this program are provided by the participating Phase I MS4 permit holders. **In support of the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program, NCTCOG staff will:**

- Oversee consultant procurement activities as necessary to initiate the new contract term.
- Negotiating contracts and billings for new program/contract monitoring services.
- Maintain communication with Monitoring Task Force on future consultant activities.
- Update and maintain <a href="http://www.dfwstormwater.com">www.dfwstormwater.com</a> site with sampling data.
- Complete annual regional monitoring report and submit to TCEQ by deadline during years when a report is required.
- Administer the 1 <sup>st</sup> year of the 5 <sup>th</sup> permit term, pending approval from TCEQ.

## Budget Summary

The RSWMCC budget goal for the FY2026 Work Program is \$308,307.00. These expenses are cost-shared among active participants. NCTCOG will send requests for commitment to the program and will continue to inform and educate cities of the benefits of the program. Completion of the full work program is contingent upon receiving this level of funding from participating local governments. The **approximate** projects costs and budget are presented in the table below.

Personnel/Salary	Salary for planning staff and management oversight, and administrative, fiscal, and technology support staff.	<b>\$140,000</b>
Fringe Benefits	47.8% of salary	<b>\$ 66,920**</b>
Travel	In-region travel for project meetings, conducting presentations, and providing support to program participants. Out-of-region travel to meet with TCEQ as needed, attend the annual EPA Region 6 MS4 conference, and possibly one national conference.	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
Supplies	Consumable supplies	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
Contractual	<i>* The contract for our monitoring program consultant is covered under separate sub-program agreements</i>	<b>\$ 0*</b>
Other Direct	Printing, copying, mailing, postage, GIS, network services, room rental, rent, communications.	<b>\$ 58,762</b>
Indirect Cost Rate	A 17.7% indirect rate is applied to the sum of salaries and fringe benefits.	<b>\$ 36,625</b>
	<b>Total Budget Expenses</b>	<b>\$308,307</b>