

# Sycamore Creek TMDL Update

Great Trinity River Bacteria TMDL I-Plan
Coordination Committee

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#### RECAP

## **TMDL** Purpose

- To create a measure for improved water quality by reducing bacteria loading into Sycamore Creek.
- To restore Sycamore Creek water quality with bacteria levels that support designated aquatic use.
- To maintain partnerships in support of regional bacteria control efforts.

<u>June 16, 2016</u>: Discussed overview of Sycamore Creek watershed and TMDL development plan with a goal to include final TMDL in the Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL Implementation Plan.



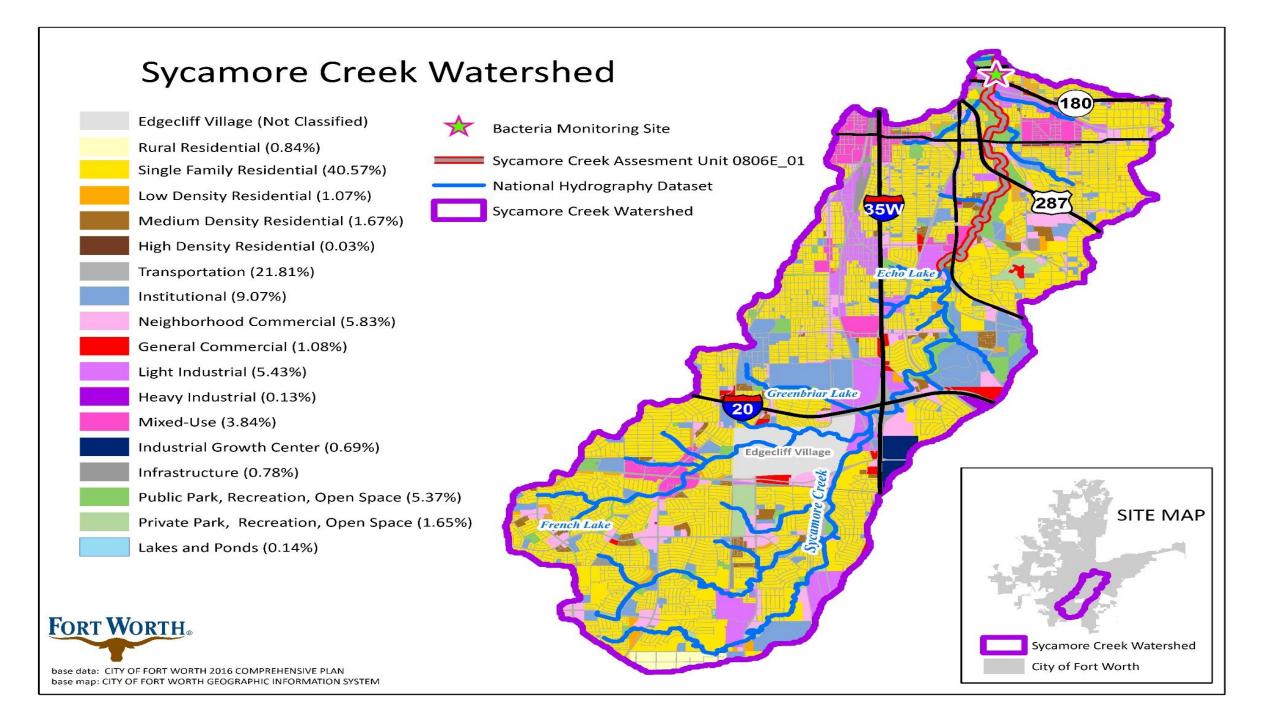
### **RECAP**

## Sycamore Creek

- Watershed 22,660 acres
- 95.5% is within City of Fort Worth
- 303(d) listed for bacteria impairment in 2006

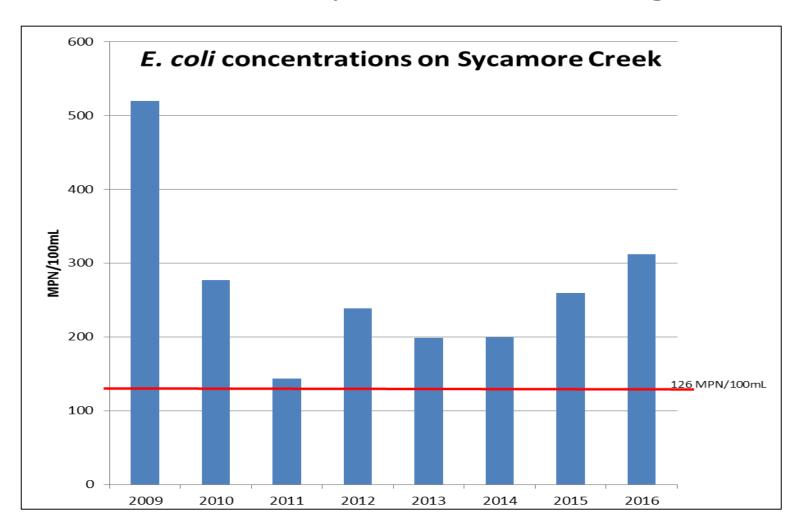








## Sycamore Creek Average Annual Bacteria Concentrations



Values based on average of monthly samples.



## Status Update

- TCEQ finalized QAPP to acquire data for a TMDL which allowed Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER) [contractor] at Tarleton State University to begin work in 2016.
- TIAER to finalize TMDL Technical Support Document in June/July 2017.
- TCEQ, with support from City of Fort Worth, to hold public meeting in August 2017 in Fort Worth.
- City of Fort Worth to begin watershed-based research for sources of bacteria in Fall 2017.



## **Next Steps**

- TCEQ plans to finalize TMDL in late 2017 or early 2018.
- City of Fort Worth to request support for a resolution to adopt Sycamore Creek into the existing Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL I-Plan on June 14, 2018 (next year).
- City of Fort Worth and partners to continue efforts for watershed-wide bacteria management research.
- City of Fort Worth to begin implementation of identified bacteria mitigation strategies.



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