



Bastrop Bayou Implementation

Water Body	Bastrop Bayou (Seg 1105)
Location	Brazoria County
River Basin	San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin
Contractor	Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)
Project Period	September 1, 2013 to November 30, 2016
Project Total	\$126,990 (Federal 60% and Local Match 40%)

Background

Bastrop Bayou is a coastal stream whose watershed is entirely contained within Brazoria County. Bastrop Bayou and its tributaries are experiencing increasing concentrations of fecal bacteria as the area population increases. Two of its tributaries were listed on the 2010 303(d) list as impaired for exceeding the contact recreation use due to elevated concentrations of fecal bacteria. One tributary was listed as impaired due to low levels of dissolved oxygen.

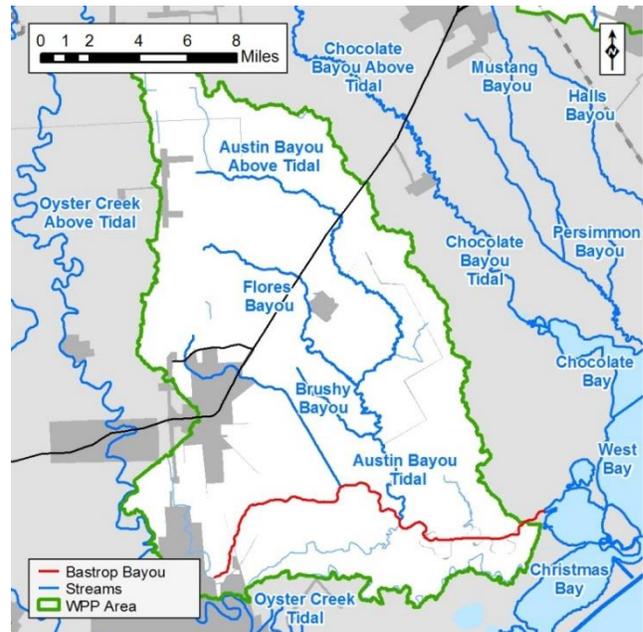
H-GAC, with local stakeholders input, has facilitated the development of a Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) for the Bastrop Bayou watershed.

Project Description

For this project, H-GAC is expanding upon efforts conducted under the original development and preliminary implementation of the Bastrop Bayou WPP. It has convened several stakeholder conference calls to coordinate WPP implementation efforts. H-GAC project staff is coordinating with project partners to identify specific implementation opportunities, to arrange supporting services for implementation efforts, and to provide outreach and education on watershed issues. H-GAC installed several pet waste stations in the watershed. It is funding the proper decommissioning of septic systems where wastewater collection services are being extended.

Current Status

The contract was effective as of September 1, 2013. The design for educational kiosks has been approved. A total of 7 pet waste stations (2 more than required) have been installed at stakeholder facilities. Educational events completed include three Trash Bash



events, two OSSF educational events, two informational meetings for agricultural producers, a feral hog management workshop, a Texas Stream Team volunteer training event, and several booth displays at public events in the watershed.

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Project Highlights

- 09/2013 – The contract was initiated, and the post-award conference was held.
- 03/2014 – The design for educational kiosks to be used at local events was approved.
- 06/2014 – The installation of seven pet waste stations was completed.
- 06/2014 – First Trash Bash event (funded and implemented).
- 08/2014 – Stakeholder meeting.
- 09/2014 – First OSSF education event held.
- 12/2014 – Stakeholder meeting.
- 03/2015 – First educational display at local event.
- 06/2015 – Second educational display at local event.
- 06/2015 – Second Trash Bash event (funded and implemented).
- 02/2016 – First OSSF education event.
- 04/2016 – Stakeholder meeting.
- 05/2016 – School educational event on pet waste.
- 07/2016 – Second OSSF education event.
- 07/2016 – Informational meeting for agricultural producers.
- 08/2016 – Texas Stream Team volunteer training.
- 08/2016 – Third Trash Bash event (implemented).
- 08/2016 – Feral Hog workshop.
- 10/2016 – Second informational meeting for agricultural producers.