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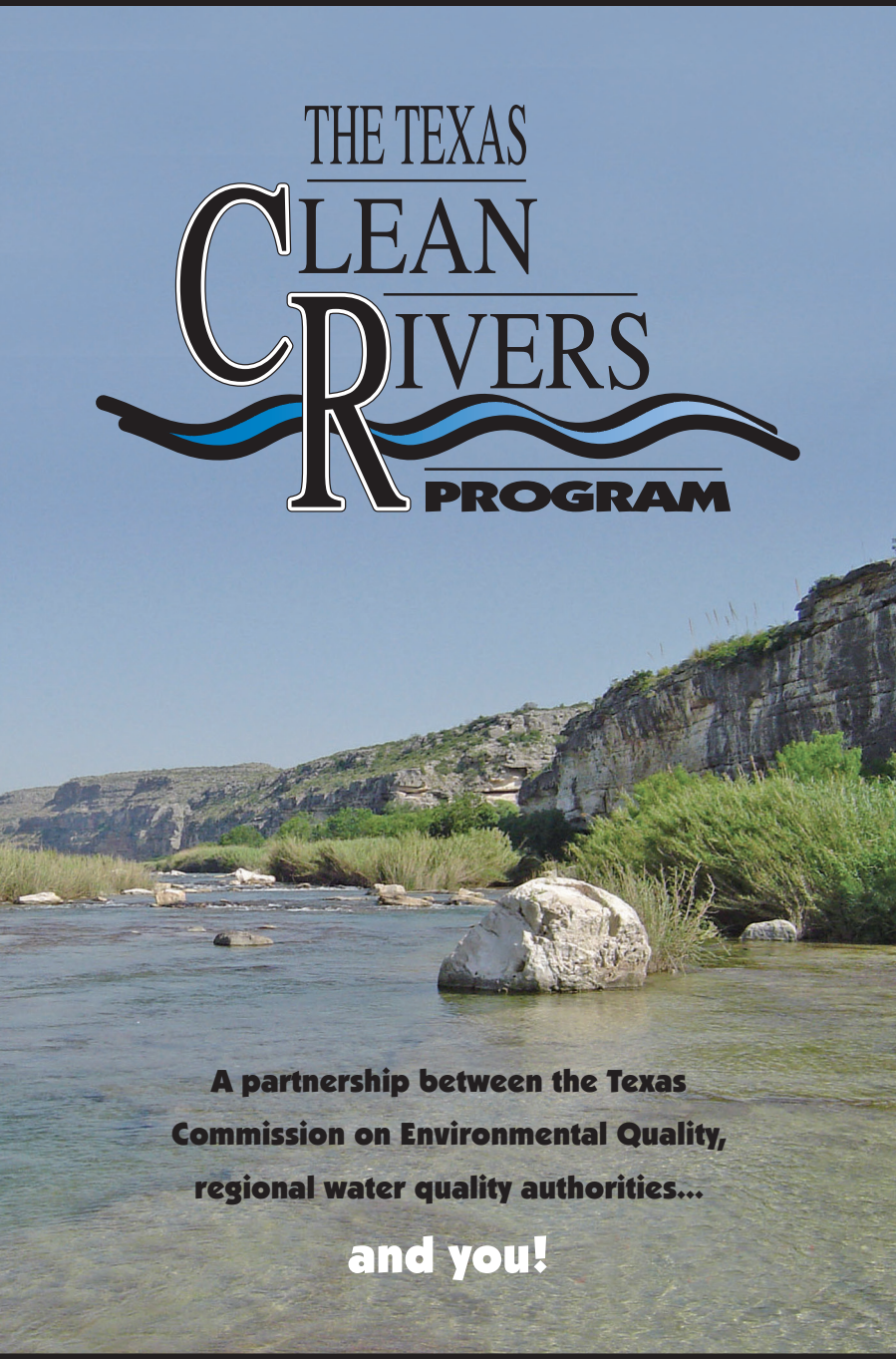

A partnership between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, regional water quality authorities...

and you!

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What is the Goal of the Program?

Maintain and improve the quality of water within each river basin in Texas through an ongoing partnership involving the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, river authorities, other state agencies, regional entities, local governments, industry, and citizens.

Through the program's watershed management approach we identify and evaluate water quality issues, establish priorities for corrective action, work to implement those actions, and adapt to changing priorities.

How Do We Achieve Our Goal?

- Provide Quality-Assured Data to the Commission for Use in Water Quality Decision Making
- Identify and Evaluate Water Quality Issues
- Promote Cooperative Watershed Planning
- Inform and Engage Stakeholders
- Maintain Efficient Use of Public Funds
- Adapt Program to Emerging Water Quality Issues

So How Does the Program Work?

1. Find Problems
2. Set Priorities
3. Seek Solutions

Stakeholder involvement is woven into each step of the process.

Find Problems

- Conduct water quality monitoring using standardized techniques, and coordinate monitoring efforts throughout each basin
- Evaluate water quality problems and trace them to their sources
- Provide a forum for citizens to contribute ideas and express concerns about water issues
- Promote volunteer monitoring of local water bodies
- Analyze data to identify trends and relative impacts
- Study complex issues such as nonpoint source pollution, toxic materials, and nutrients to evaluate their effect on water quality and the biological health of aquatic life

Set Priorities

- Decide on the most serious water quality problems
- Focus monitoring on immediate threats to high quality waters
- Give local residents a voice in determining the most important water quality issues in their communities

Seek Solutions

- Increase public awareness of water quality issues
- Help identify preventive or remedial measures
- Recommend water quality improvement and protection strategies in cooperation with local, regional, and state organizations

Working Together for Clean Water and Science-Based Decisions

Partner Agencies

Each regional water quality authority that conducts work under the Clean Rivers Program has established a Steering Committee to set priorities for its basin(s). Committee members represent the diverse interests of the basin(s), such as the public, government, non-profit organizations, and industry.

How to Get Involved

Contact the partner agency in your river basin listed on the back of this brochure to find out how you can participate. For information on contacting your local partner agency, visit our web site and click on "Partner Agencies". Attend your basin's steering committee meetings. Express your water quality concerns and your knowledge of sources in your watershed. Tell others about the program. Organize community efforts to address local water quality issues.

How Can CRP Help You?

Everyone in a river basin is a stakeholder and the CRP is designed to address stakeholder concerns. The CRP can investigate water quality concerns, bring people to the table to coordinate efforts, and work together to address the water quality issue. We can assist communities by collecting water quality data to support permit decisions. We can support your local watershed action efforts.

Texas River Basins and Clean Rivers Program Planning Areas

Clean Rivers Program Planning Areas

- Red River Authority
- Sulphur River Basin Authority
- Northeast Texas Municipal Water District
- Sabine River Authority
- Angelina & Neches River Authority
- Lower Neches Valley Authority
- Trinity River Authority
- Houston-Galveston Area Council
- Brazos River Authority
- Lower Colorado River Authority
- Lavaca-Navidad River Authority
- Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
- San Antonio River Authority
- Nueces River Authority
- International Boundary & Water Commission

River and Coastal Basins

1. Canadian River Basin
2. Red River Basin
3. Sulphur River Basin
4. Cypress Creek Basin
5. Sabine River Basin
6. Neches River Basin
7. Neches-Trinity Coastal Basin
8. Trinity River Basin
9. Trinity-San Jacinto Coastal Basin
10. San Jacinto River Basin
11. San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin
12. Brazos River Basin
13. Brazos-Colorado Coastal Basin
14. Colorado River Basin
15. Colorado-Lavaca Coastal Basin
16. Lavaca River Basin
17. Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basin
18. Guadalupe River Basin
19. San Antonio River Basin
20. San Antonio River Basin
21. Nueces River Basin
22. Nueces-Rio Grande Coastal Basin
23. Rio Grande Coastal Basin
24. Bays and Estuaries
25. Gulf of Mexico Jurisdictional Area

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