

Nonpoint Source Program

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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The goal of the grant program is to

- restore impaired waterbodies
- protect waterbodies

**Voluntary
Program**



**Achieve your
water quality
goals**

Stakeholder Driven

Texas Nonpoint Source Program

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

- Silviculture
- Agriculture



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

- Urban – work that is not required under MS4 management plans
- Other – e.g., septic systems, riparian restoration

Watershed Protection Plans

A voluntary, comprehensive planning document that is developed with stakeholder input

Provides management measures to reduce nonpoint source pollution

Meets the Nine Elements listed in EPA's *Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans*



Project Types

Implementation of the Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program

Development of Watershed Protection Plans

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Projects in areas without watershed protection plans

Data collection

Education programs



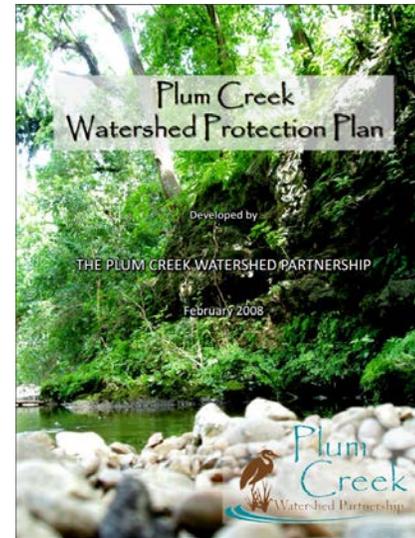
Development of Watershed Protection Plans

Monitoring

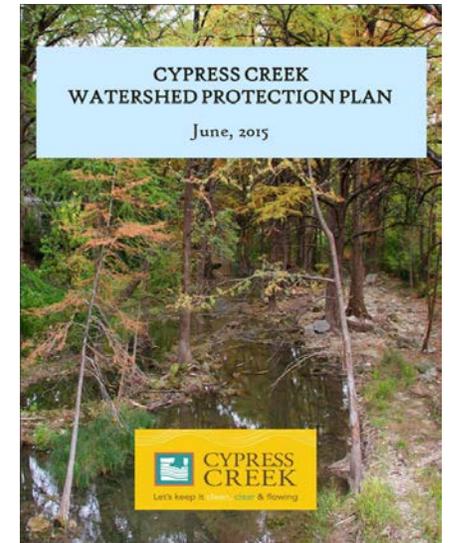
Modeling

Stakeholder coordination

Writing of the plan



Restoration

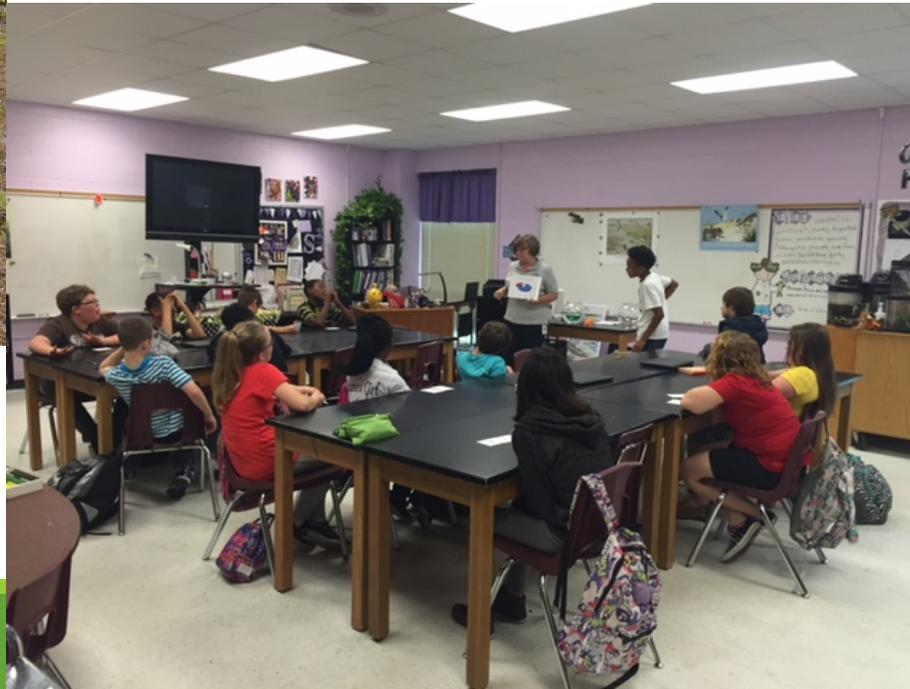


Protection

Implementation of Watershed Protection Plans

Best Management Practices

Education and Outreach



Funding for Projects

TCEQ awards approximately \$2.5 million Clean Water Act Section 319(h) funds annually

Project Funds are 60% Federal/40% Match

Project Costs Range approximately \$50,000-\$700,000 (federal)



Matching Funds for Projects

Sources can include:

Cash

Salaries

In-kind

Volunteer hours

Lab analysis

CRP Monitoring

Questions about match?



We can help!

Building Partnerships



State agencies

Counties

Cities

River Authorities

Public Universities

Nonprofit Organizations

Councils of Governments

319(h) Application Process and Grant Cycle

Competitive application process opens online in early summer.

Announcement posted to the Nonpoint Source listserv. (Don't forget to sign up!)

Approximately 12 months from proposal to project kick off.



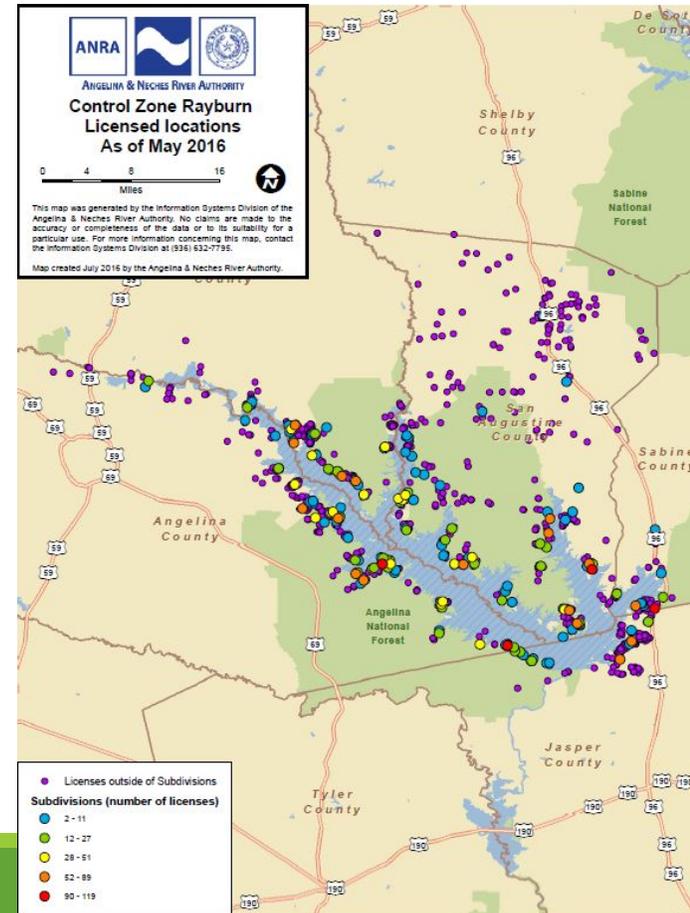
Examples of Implementing Watershed Protection Plans

*Low Impact Development and Riparian Education
in the Geronimo Creek watershed*



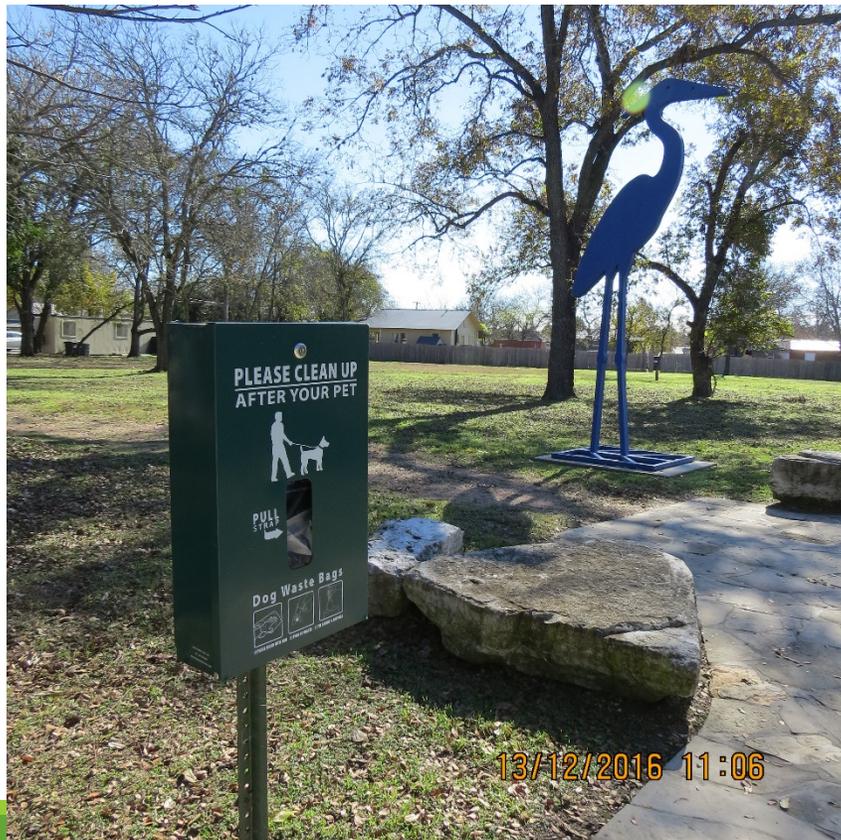
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Septic system repair/replacement and database creation for Lake Sam Rayburn



Examples of Implementing Watershed Protection Plans

Pet waste stations and riparian enhancement on Upper Cibolo Creek



Education and Outreach

Stakeholder involvement through:

Trainings and workshops

Publications

Public Service Announcements

Events



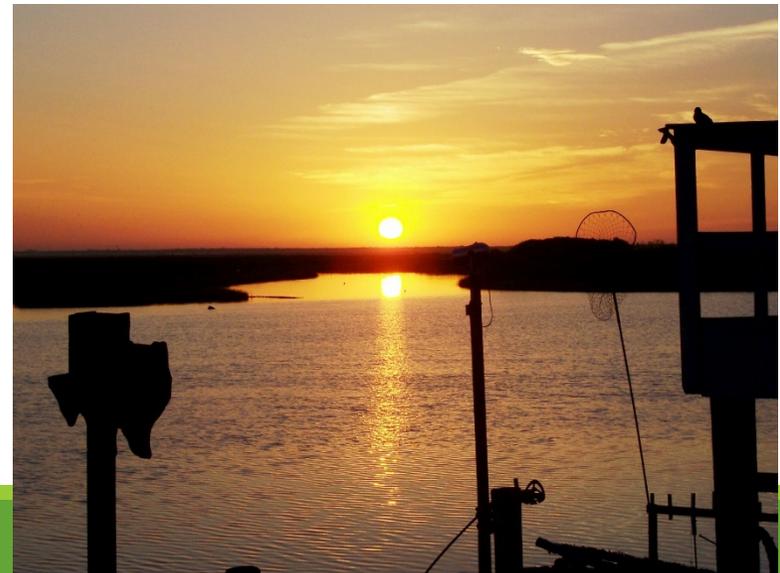
How does the Nonpoint Source Program benefit you?

Mobilization of stakeholders to implement local priorities

Expands funding opportunities for approved plans

Water quality improvements/restoration

Water quality protection



More information about the Texas Nonpoint Source Program

➤ www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/nonpoint-source

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Don't forget to sign up for the TCEQ Nonpoint Source listserv to receive information about upcoming grant opportunities!