

The goal of the Lake Houston Water Quality project is to improve the water quality of the Lake Houston watershed by abandoning old septic systems within the immediate environs and connecting those properties to the City of Houston's wastewater collection system where applicable, while exploring other initiatives to mitigate these potential sources of bacteria where connection to the sewer collection system is not a viable option.

Septic and holding tanks can frequently cause excess bacteria and nutrients to be flushed into adjacent water bodies during rainfall events or other overflows, causing unacceptable levels of household sewage to flow into the lake. The City has recently installed sanitary sewer service to the Happy Hideaway, Spanish Cove and Saddle Creek Ranch subdivisions. Although the majority of houses are now connected to the sewer system, some remain unconnected, due to financial limitations of the owners and/or engineering difficulties connecting.