

**Response to Public Comments on the
Implementation Plan for Indicator Bacteria
in Four Austin Streams
(Segments 1403J, 1403K, 1428B, and 1429C)**

August 7, 2014

Tracking Number	Date Received	Affiliation of Commenter	Request or Comment	Summary of TCEQ Action or Explanation
001	8/7/2014	Private Citizen	A citizen encouraged the committee to consult with officials at Camp Mabry and other adjoining state-owned lands above Taylor Slough South. He believes the impact of a few homeowners below is inconsequential compared to whatever is happening up above on the state-controlled lands.	<p>The TCEQ appreciates the concern by citizens for potential problem areas near impaired streams.</p> <p>The I-Plan identifies strategies to address this concern. The City of Austin will seek a representative from Camp Mabry for involvement with implementation.</p> <p>No changes were made to the I-Plan in response to this comment.</p>
002	8/7/2014	Private Citizen	<p>A citizen encouraged additional education on the deleterious effects of pet waste on water bodies.</p> <p>He complained about excess pet waste just below Barton Spring Pool and in the dry creek bed at Campbell's Hole. He mentioned excess trash and litter near Bouldin Creek and suggested looking into using Travis County inmates to pick up the litter.</p>	<p>The TCEQ appreciates citizen concern for the problem of pet waste and litter.</p> <p>The City of Austin is evaluating the bacteria levels below Barton Springs Pool and whether to legalize swimming in that area. Ordinances address leaking wastewater and pet waste.</p> <p>No changes were made to the I-Plan in response to these comments.</p>
003	8/7/2014	Austin Sierra Club and Gracy Woods Neighborhood Association representative	The citizen/representative noted a strong smell of sewage at Walnut Creek at North Lamar Boulevard just before Parmer Lane, west of Mopac. He praised restoration efforts by the Gracy Woods Watershed Protection group. He spoke of an effort to get landowners together to buy private land near Walnut Creek to bring it under City of Austin control. He said the City needs to better enforce pet waste regulations in off-leash areas. He pointed out an erosion problem at a ravine by a private creek parallel to North Lamar Boulevard, flowing into Walnut Creek.	<p>The TCEQ appreciates citizen representatives of environmental and neighborhood groups and the specific environmental concerns for the areas noted.</p> <p>The Parmer Lane area is an E. Coli "hot spot." The cause is unknown and the cause is under investigation. The I-Plan has strategies to manage pet waste.</p> <p>No changes were made to the I-Plan in response to these comments.</p>