TMDL Implementation Status for Caney Creek

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Responsible Parties Abbreviations

AA – County Authorized Agent
H-GAC – Houston-Galveston Area Council
NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Service
SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation Districts
TCEQ – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TEEX – Texas A&M Engineer Extension
TPWD – Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
TSSWCB – Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
WWTFs – Wastewater Treatment Facilities

Management Measures

Management Measure 1: Support Land Management Initiatives

Responsible Party	Implementation Measure	Implementation Milestone	Status
H-GAC, TX AgriLife, TSSWCB, SWCD, Drainage Districts, Local Governments	1.1.Riparian Workshop	▪ Year 1: Host 1 workshop; Number of attendees ▪ Year 4: Host 1 workshop; Number of attendees	▪ 1.1 – H-GAC will schedule a workshop in FY 2026.
H-GAC, TX AgriLife, TSSWCB, SWCD, Land Owners/Producers	1.2.Agriculture BMP Workshop	▪ Year 2: Host 1 workshop; Number of attendees ▪ Year 4: Host 1 workshop; Number of attendees	▪ 1.2 – H-GAC will schedule a workshop in FY 2026/2027.
H-GAC, TX AgriLife, TSSWCB, SWCD, Drainage Districts, Local Governments	1.3.Riparian Corridor Project Proposal	▪ Year 2: Identify partners and develop proposal project framework; identify a funding source ▪ Year 3-4: Submit proposal, and if funded, initiate project. ▪ Year 5: Complete or track progress	▪ 1.3 – H-GAC will initiate talks with local governments and drainage districts to evaluate interest.

Responsible Party	Implementation Measure	Implementation Milestone	Status
TSSWCB, SWCD, NRCS	1.4. Grazing Management Plans or Water Quality Management Plans, and Conservation Management Plans	▪ Year 3: Minimum of 4 plans, 2 Grazing or WQMP, and 2 CMPs ▪ Year 4: 2 Grazing or WQMPs, and 2 CMPs ▪ Year 5: 2 Grazing or WQMPs, and 2 CMPs	▪ 1.4 - TSSWCB noted that work continues to promote WQMPs though a technician. They will report effort to H-GAC.
H-GAC or Watershed Coordinator	1.5. Strategy Report	▪ Year 5: Draft report	▪ 1.5 - -no action.

Management Measure 2: Promote Safe OSSF Use and Maintenance

Responsible Party	Implementation Measure	Implementation Milestone	Status
H-GAC, TX AgriLife, TCEQ, AA	2.1. Homeowner Workshop	▪ Year 1: Host 1 workshop; number of attendees. ▪ Year 4: Host 1 workshop; number of attendees.	▪ 2.1 – H-GAC will schedule a workshop in FY 2026.
H-GAC. Texas Real Estate Commission, State Inspection Association, AA, TCEQ	2.2. Home Inspection Training Course	▪ Year 1: Host 1 workshop; number of attendees. ▪ Year 4: Host 1 workshop; number of attendees.	▪ 2.2 – H-GAC will schedule a workshop in FY 2026.
H-GAC, TX AgriLife, TCEQ, AA	2.3. Maintenance, repair or replace failing systems	▪ Year 1: One system ▪ Year 2-5: Eight systems	▪ 2.3 – H-GAC will, depending on funding, evaluate feasibility of completing one within the watershed.
H-GAC or Watershed Coordinator	2.4. Strategy Report	▪ Year 5: Draft report	▪ 2.4 - -no action.

Management Measure 3: Promote Feral Hog Management

Responsible Party	Implementation Measure	Implementation Milestone	Status
H-GAC or Watershed Coordinator	3.1. Schedule feral hog outreach programs	▪ Year 1: Coordinate programs; develop schedule.	▪ 3.1 – H-GAC will schedule a workshop in FY 2026
H-GAC, TX AgriLife, TSSWCB, TPWD	3.2. Workshops and One-on-One meetings	▪ Year 2-3: Conduct meetings and workshops ▪ Year 4-5: Track reduction efforts	▪ 3.2 – no action.
H-GAC or Watershed Coordinator	3.3. Strategy Report	▪ Year 5: Draft report	▪ 3.3 – no action.

Management Measure 4: Improve WWTF and Sanitary Sewer Collection System Function Reduce Stormwater Source Such as Pet Waste and Illegal Dumping

Responsible Party	Implementation Measure	Implementation Milestone	Status
H-GAC or Watershed Coordinator, TCEQ, Wastewater Associations, TEEX	4.1. Technical Assistance	▪ Year 1: Develop permittee contact list ▪ Year 2 and Year 4: Technical Assistance Workshop; attendees	▪ 4.1 – H-GAC will begin a contact list.
H-GAC, TCEQ, TX AgriLife	4.2. Fats, Oils, Grease, and Wipes Education Campaign	▪ Year 1: Develop Campaign ▪ Year 2: Initiate Campaign ▪ Year 3: Host Workshop; number of attendees ▪ Year 3 and Year 4: Continue Campaign ▪ Year 5: Assess Campaign Results	▪ 4.2 – depending on funding level, H-GAC will determine feasibility of initiating a campaign.
H-GAC or Watershed Coordinator	4.3. Strategy Report	▪ Year 5: Draft report	▪ 4.3 – no action.

Management Measure 5: Reduce Stormwater Source Such as Pet Waste and Illegal Dumping

Responsible Party	Implementation Measure	Implementation Milestone	Status
H-GAC or Watershed Coordinator; local governments	5.1. General Stormwater Outreach and Pet Waste Station Installation	▪ Year 1: Identify funding for pet waste stations; identify locations ▪ Year 2 and Year 3: Install a minimum of 6 pet waste stations in identified years ▪ Year 3: Host workshop timed with MM4; number of attendees ▪ Year 4 and Year 5: Deliver outreach materials to homeowners	5.1 – H-GAC, likely as part of 4.1, will identify potential funding sources.
H-GAC; local government; TCEQ	5.2. Illicit Discharge and Illegal Dumping	▪ Year 1: Channel review with local input ▪ Year 2 and Year 3: Identify funding ▪ Year 4 and Year 5: Conduct target monitoring	▪ 5.2 – H-GAC, likely as part of 1.3, will start discussions with local governments.
H-GAC, TX AgriLife, TSSWCB, SWCD, Drainage Districts, Local Governments	5.3. Riparian Corridor Project Proposal	▪ Year 2: Identify partners and develop proposal project framework; identify a funding source ▪ Year 3-4: Submit proposal, and if funded, initiate project. ▪ Year 5: Complete or track progress	▪ 5.3 – H-GAC, as part of 1.3, will start discussions with local governments.
H-GAC or Watershed Coordinator	5.4. Strategy Report	▪ Year 5: Draft report	▪ 5.4 – no action.

Summary of Implementation

Ten stakeholders attended the July 31, 2025, Annual Implementation meeting. Last year's meeting was lightly attended, so this meeting is functioning as the first-year implementation kick-off. This meeting reviewed implementation opportunities within the Caney Creek watershed. We discussed hosting at least one workshop focused on stream health, agriculture practices, feral hog removal, and onsite-sewage facility maintenance and repair. Coordination will take place between H-GAC, TSSWCB, NRCS, TX AgriLife Extension, and others to schedule this workshop.