

Gilleland Creek Annual Stakeholders Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions – Louanne Jones, TCEQ

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff and meeting participants introduced themselves and their organizational affiliations.

Presentation:

Water Quality Status and Implementation Activities – Louanne Jones, TCEQ

The TCEQ Project Manager (PM), Louanne Jones, presented an overview of the Gilleland Creek watershed, including information on the status of all assessment units (AUs) in the TMDL watershed. This information specifically included a table detailing water quality geomean data related to the 2020 Texas Integrated Report and previous Integrated Reports. In addition, the PM shared a graph for each AU and its corresponding water quality monitoring station with data from both current and previous IRs. Each graph included available data for instantaneous flow, *E. coli* geomean, and a linear progression of *E. coli*. The TCEQ PM concluded the presentation with the highlights from the I-Plan Status Report and requested any additional updates be sent as soon as possible.

Open Discussion of Status and Watershed Observations

The City of Austin discussed the excursion reported for the Dessau Road wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). The excursion occurred on June 2, 2021. The WWTF has experienced a lot of hydraulic loading issues, due to rapid population growth and an increase in non-flushable items, such as wipes, in the wake of COVID. Dessau Road is in the process of expanding, which will increase its current capacity (<1 MGD). In addition, Tammy West (City of Austin) reported that the Walnut Creek cutover to the Dessau Road WWTF should be completed in about two years.

Stakeholders discussed the continued delay of SWMP approvals from the TCEQ Stormwater Permitting team. There are multiple Stormwater Management Programs (SWMPs) in the Gilleland Creek watershed that have been pending since 2019, except for Travis County's SWMP, which was approved since the last status update in 2021.

Lisa Benton (LCRA) reported that water quality data are now being collected at station 18762, which is in AU 1424C_04 near the midpoint of the AU within the City of Pflugerville and Station 20474 at Travis County's Northeast Metropolitan District Park sampling station at the lower end of the AU. Sampling began in September 2021 and LCRA is hopeful that an update next year will be more informative of what is happening in that AU. The additional sampling location was added in response to last year's status update meeting.

Chase Williams (City of Pflugerville) reported that there has been a lot of construction near Gilleland Creek and its drainage areas. The City is working to mitigate its effects, but it is an ongoing issue with the rapid population growth in the Austin metroplex. The City has begun to use more TCEQ Take Care of Texas (TCOT) materials for proper waste disposal.

Pauline Gray (City of Manor) reported that the City has hired an inspector for MS4-related activities and to help monitor erosion control. The inspector has helped with the rapid development in the area.

Chuck Barry (SWWC Utilities) updated the stakeholders that the Windemere WWTF was approved to reduce their monitoring frequency from seven days per week to five days per week. The WWTF has experienced no *E. coli* issues since the last update.

Discussion of a Possible I-Plan Update – Louanne Jones, TCEQ

Louanne Jones explained that the following year, 2023, will be the fifth year since the Gilleland Creek I-Plan was revised. The stakeholders elected to revise the I-Plan via email communication with the stakeholder email group and meet once or twice to ratify the revisions. The revisions for the Updated I-Plan will consist only of moving the management measures for which City of Austin is the responsible party into control actions that reflect their approved SWMP. The stakeholder will be able to begin these revisions once TCEQ Stormwater Permitting has approved the City of Austin's SWMP.

Louanne Jones reminded stakeholders to submit their status on I-Plan activities as soon as possible if they had not already done so. TCEQ will post the status report on the Gilleland Creek TMDL project page, along with a meeting summary. Nicole Reed (TCEQ) will notify stakeholders when this information is posted and provide information about her follow-up action items at the same time.

There being no further business raised, the meeting adjourned.

People Attending the Meeting

List in the order in which they joined the online meeting.

Name	Organization
Louanne Jones	TCEQ
Nicole Reed	TCEQ
Sahrin Jahan	TCEQ
Tammy West	City of Austin
Robert Quinlan	Travis County
Jana Lloyd	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
Lisa Benton	Lower Colorado River Authority
Chuck Barry	SWWC Utilities Windemere
Julie White	City of Austin
Justin Murray	Unknown
Pauline Gray	Jaeco, formerly Jay Engineering, for City of Manor
Jeremy Frazzell	City of Pflugerville
Chase Williams	City of Pflugerville
Chiana Palmer	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Travis County
William Dyess	City of Pflugerville