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Recent Webinars: Bacterial Source Tracking Webinar Avian Management Webinar

Thank you to all who attended our Bacterial Source Tracking and Avian Management Webinars!

The **Bacterial Source Tracking Webinar** took place on April 1, 2022. The webinar included presentations from

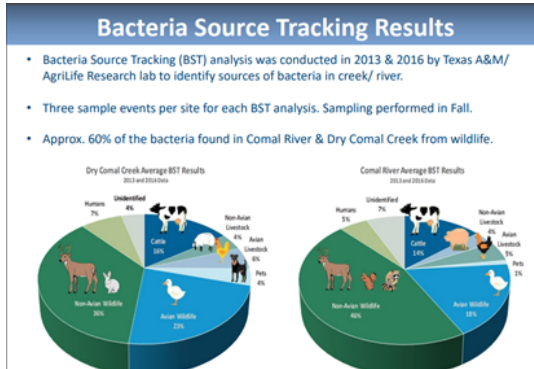
- Dr. Terry Gentry, Professor and Director of Soil and Aquatic Microbiology, Soil and Crop Sciences Department, Texas A&M University,
- Shaun Donovan, Environmental Sciences Department Manager, San Antonio River Authority,
- Mark Enders, Watershed Program Manager, City of New Braunfels, and
- Dr. Christina Lopez, Watershed Coordinator, Plum Creek Watershed Partnership.

Dr. Gentry presented an overview of bacterial source tracking (BST) and items to consider when planning a BST project. Shaun Donovan, Mark Enders, and Dr. Lopez presented results of their respective BST projects, along with the impacts the project had on their water quality activities, including informing public education and outreach, Watershed Protection Plans, and more. Copies of their presentations and the webinar recording can be found online at www.nctcog.org/TMDL under the "Workshops" header.

The **Avian Management Webinar** was held on May 10, 2022. This webinar included presentations from


- Rachel Richter, Urban Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife,
- Adam Henry, Wildlife Damage Management Biologist, US Department of Agriculture - Texas Wildlife Services, and
- Yvette Stewart, Community Outreach Coordinator, Bird City Texas/Audubon Texas.

Rachel Richter shared information on how to discourage feeding ducks and managing nuisance rookeries. Adam Henry presented an overview of black vulture roosts and issues associated with Canadian geese. Yvette Stewart shared information on the Bird City Texas program, including information on how this program can benefit water quality. Copies of their presentations and the webinar recording can be found online at www.nctcog.org/TMDL under the "Workshops" header.



What is a Rookery?

- Nesting or roosting birds in trees
- Vary in size
- Prefer large, mature trees with dense canopy cover
- Birds may return to same location every year



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Trash Free Waters Update



The latest information on the Trash Free Waters project can be found in the May 2022 edition of the Trash Free Waters: North Central Texas Newsletter, which is linked below.

Be sure to subscribe to the Trash Free Waters: North Central Texas Newsletter [here](#) and connect with us on social media! Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)! Use the hashtag **#TrashFreeTexas** so everyone can see the ways you are keeping Texas trash free!

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2022 North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge



NORTH TEXAS COMMUNITY CLEANUP CHALLENGE

The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge (NTCCC) took place once again this year! The 2022 Community Cleanup Challenge ran this spring from March 1, 2022, through May 31, 2022.

Participating communities still have until June 30th to log their cleanup data. You can view the leaderboard to learn more about the NTCCC at: www.communitycleanupchallenge.com.

Many thanks to the following communities who joined our cleanup challenge!

2022 NTCCC Participating Communities

Carrollton
Fort Worth
Grand Prairie
Irving
Little Elm

Mansfield
Mesquite
Plano
Rowlett
Shady Shores

[North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge Website](http://www.communitycleanupchallenge.com)

TMDL Project Updates - New Video Resources Coming Soon!

NCTCOG is in the process of creating two new videos to add to your currently available resources.

The first video will highlight guidelines and best practices for human interaction with birds.

The second video will discuss the importance of keeping our wastewater free from paper towels, tissues, and other non-flushable debris.

NCTCOG will provide the opportunity for stakeholders to provide input on these videos and future project topics and types



at the upcoming Joint TMDL Stormwater & Wastewater Technical Subcommittee meeting, currently scheduled for July 26, 2022 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams. Add this meeting to your calendar below.

Add TMDL Subcommittee Meeting to Calendar



Draft TMDL Addendum for North Fork Cottonwood Creek (0841P_01) and State Water Quality Management Plan now open for public comment.

The draft TMDL Addendum for North Fork Cottonwood Creek (0841P_01; Addendum Two to Four TMDLs for Indicator Bacteria in the Cottonwood Creek, Fish Creek, Kirby Creek, and Crockett Branch Watersheds Upstream of Mountain Creek Lake) is now available for public review and comment through **June 7, 2022**.

The full draft State Water Quality Management Plan is also available for public review and comment through **June 7, 2022**. Please note that the North Fork Cottonwood Creek addendum is located on pages 99-119 in this document.

More information, including instructions on how to provide comments, is available on the TCEQ website at www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wqmp/WQmanagement_comment.html.

TCEQ Announces Request for Grant Applications

On June 1, 2022, TCEQ posted its Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) for nonpoint source projects under the Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Grant Program, listed below:

Solicitation Name: RFGA FY 2023 Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Grant

Solicitation Number: 582-22-32781

Proposal Due Date: July 15, 2022, at 3:00 PM (Central Time)

This solicitation can be accessed through the [Electronic State Business Daily](#) (ESBD) website (Google Chrome browser recommended). At the website, enter the solicitation number into the "Solicitation ID/PO Number" field, and then click on "Search" to access this solicitation.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Wendy Foley at TCEQ by email wendy.foley@tceq.texas.gov.

The deadline for questions and clarifications is June 15, 2022 at 3:00pm (Central Time) .

Visit the [Nonpoint Source Program Grants Web page](#) for information on this grant program, applicants and activities eligible for funding, and other supporting information

NCTCOG & TRWD Stream Trailer Facilitator Training

NCTCOG and the Tarrant Regional Water District will host a joint training on Stream Trailer Facilitation on July 20th, 2022 from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM in the NCTCOG Parking Lot. (616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011). Space is limited, so prior registration is required.



If you plan to attend the training, you may register via the link below. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

[Register for Training](#)

Upcoming TMDL Meetings



TMDL Coordination Committee

June 15, 2022
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Virtual, via Microsoft Teams

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Joint TMDL Stormwater & Wastewater Technical Subcommittee

July 26, 2022
9:30 AM- 11AM
Virtual, via Microsoft Teams

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Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee

August 16, 2022
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Virtual, via Microsoft Teams

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Upcoming NCTCOG Meetings



Water Resources Council

July 13, 2022
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

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Public Education Task Force

July 20, 2022
9:30 AM-11:00 AM
Metroplex Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, Centerpoint II
616 Six Flags Dr.
Arlington, TX 76011

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Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

July 21, 2022
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

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This newsletter was developed with funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is working with stakeholders to implement best management practices to address and prevent bacteria TMDLs in the North Central Texas region. To view the current Implementation Plan, or to utilize available resources, please visit www.nctcog.org/TMDL.



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