

# Newsletter

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### North Texas Regional Feral Hog Conference

Hosted in three locations across the greater DFW Metroplex area, the North Texas Regional Feral Hog Conference focused on addressing the issue of feral hogs from a multi-landowner, watershed-wide perspective. Attendees, speakers, and facilitators discussed funding mechanisms and other tools available to those looking to alleviate the threat of feral hogs on property, pets, crops, and livestock. The conference was well attended with 71 individuals participating and speakers from agencies including TRWD, Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, Texas Parks & Wildlife, and Texas Wildlife Services.

**Thank you to everyone who participated and made this conference a success!**



### COST SHARE FOR FERAL HOG TRAP

Auction open: 11/27/17–12/08/17

#### Feral Hog Cost Share Program

Farmers in the Southeast are eligible to participate in a unique, high-tech hog trap cost-share program.

This “silent auction” style program allows folks to put in their bids of anywhere between 1–100% of the trap’s cost (approx.

\$4,000) **between 11/27 and 12/08**. If your bid is selected, a grant through USDA will pick up the remainder of the cost of the Jager Pro M.I.N.E. trapping system, along with delivery, installation, and training. In addition, landowners can earn a \$50 gift card just by completing a short AgVISE survey. Bidders must be able to show \$1,000 in annual agricultural production.

Visit [www.agvise.us](http://www.agvise.us) for more information on how to sign up.

### Save the Date!

#### 2017 Holiday Grease Roundup

**November 27, 2017 - January 08, 2018**

Instead of washing your grease down the drain, participate in the 2017 Holiday Grease Roundup and recycle it for free instead!

For more information about this program and grease collection locations, visit [www.ceasethegreasentx.com](http://www.ceasethegreasentx.com) or contact Kate Powers, [kpowers@nctcog.org](mailto:kpowers@nctcog.org).



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### Field Technician Training Non-Potable Water Sampling

NCTCOG, in partnership with WATER, hosted a Field Technician Training with 50 attendees. This training took place on October 10 & 11, 2017, in Irving, TX. The training, conducted by Marlene Moore, Advanced Systems, Inc., included both a classroom and field/site visit component. Topics covered included: sampling techniques appropriate for collecting non-potable water, 40 CFR 136, and chain of custody requirements.



### NCTCOG E&D Service Day with Groundwork Dallas



On Saturday, November 4, 2017, the NCTCOG Environment and Development (E&D) Department joined Groundwork Dallas in their weekly Frasier Dam Recreational Area Clean Up event.

Groundwork Dallas is dedicated to improving the natural surroundings of Dallas and beyond. They work closely with citizens, like-minded organizations, and the city to work toward a safer, cleaner, and healthier environment.

To learn more and get involved, visit their webpage at [groundworkdallas.org](http://groundworkdallas.org), or look up Groundwork Dallas on [meetup.com](http://meetup.com).

### TMDL Technical Subcommittees: Upcoming Meeting Dates

Wastewater: November 30, 2017

Monitoring: December 7, 2017

Stormwater: December 18, 2017 **(NEW DATE)**

Tejas Conference Room, NCTCOG Offices,  
600 Six Flags Dr., 3rd Floor, Arlington, TX 76011  
For more information, please contact  
Kate Powers at [kpowers@nctcog.org](mailto:kpowers@nctcog.org).



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### Calendar Photo Contest Winners Announced! 2018 Doo The Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest

The 2018 Doo the Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest has been a big success! Over 750 votes were cast to choose the winners from 126 submissions.

Thank you to all the dog owners who took the Doo the Right Thing pledge, helping keep people and pets healthy and our local waters clean— and congratulations to all our winners!

January



February



March



April



May



June



July



August



September



October



November



December



Your votes and shares made this calendar possible— Thank you! We continue to encourage communities to take the pledge to Doo the Right Thing.

To see the full photo gallery of all entries, submit your dog's photo for next year's contest, and/or pledge to Doo the Right Thing, visit [www.dfwstormwater.com/petwaste](http://www.dfwstormwater.com/petwaste).

For more information on this program, contact Derica Peters, [DPeters@nctcog.org](mailto:DPeters@nctcog.org).



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### This Quarter's Featured TMDL Implementation Strategy

**Implementation Strategy 7.0:** Ongoing stormwater public education participation and inclusion of bacteria-specific materials

The North Central Texas region is fortunate to benefit from the existence of many water-focused public education efforts. In addition to NCTCOG-coordinated programs such as *Doo the Right Thing*, yard waste efforts, cooperative purchase for stormwater education materials, and Texas SmartScape, there is also a partnership regarding fats, oils, and grease (FOG) with the Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER), the Regional Stormwater Management Program's (RSWMP) Public Education Task Force, and the efforts of the Trinity River Environmental Education Society (TREES).

The Stormwater Public Education Task Force was created by the Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council (RSWMCC) to fulfill its mission and goal to:

- Promote municipal stormwater public education in North Central Texas through the exchange of professional experience and to explore, develop, and implement opportunities for mutual cooperation.
- Create a unified stormwater public education message for the region while maintaining the uniqueness of individual municipal programs.



The next meeting of the Stormwater Public Education Task Force is Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in the Tejas Conference Room, NCTCOG Offices, 600 Six Flags Drive, 3rd Floor, Arlington, TX 76011.

### Stormwater Educator's Toolbox

With the help of the Regional Stormwater Program's Public Education Task Force, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has compiled a list of helpful links for environmental educators related to stormwater issues.



Filter by Grade Level:

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<http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEclean/stormwater/program-areas/>

As part of the TMDL I-Plan, NCTCOG and municipal MS4 stakeholders will continue their participation in, and support of, existing stormwater education campaigns such as *Doo the Right Thing*, Texas SmartScape, FOG, and others through RSWMP. As funding is available, NCTCOG and stakeholders will develop or expand the availability of more bacteria-specific public education materials to RSWMP participants. Support will also continue for the existing stormwater education webpage and, as funding and technology become available, NCTCOG will continue to enhance web site functions. Please visit the web-site at [www.dfwstormwater.com](http://www.dfwstormwater.com).

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is working with stakeholders to implement bacteria TMDLs throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. To view the I-Plan for Twenty-one Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region, or utilize available resources, visit [www.nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.nctcog.org/TMDL).