

You can learn more about Double Bayou and help make it better!

- Attend public stakeholder meetings to listen, learn, and have a say.
- Meetings are typically bi-monthly, on 3rd Tuesdays, at the Double Bayou Community Building.
- Participate in workgroups to help find voluntary solutions to potential watershed problems.
- Visit our website: www.doublebayou.org.



We all live in a watershed!



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DOUBLE BAYOU WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

The **WATER** in **DOUBLE BAYOU**:

- Is it healthy for fish?
- Is it safe for people to swim and boat?
- Is it worth improving?



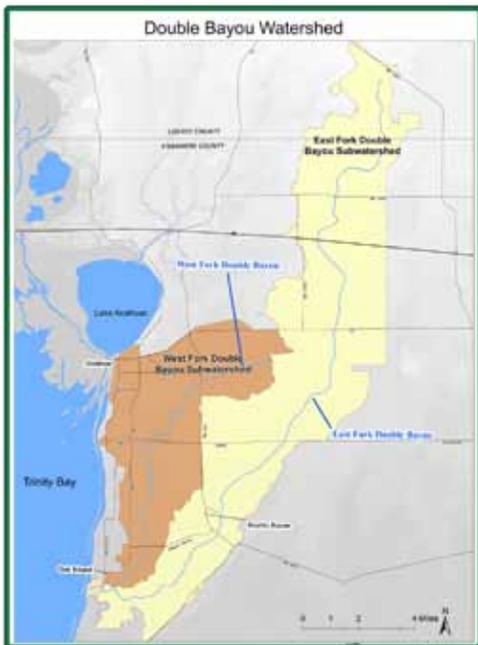
If the answers to these questions interest you, read on! Everyone can help improve the Double Bayou watershed.

What's a Watershed?



A watershed is an area of land that catches rain and drains into a marsh, bayou, creek, river, lake, or bay. *All* land is part of a watershed.

Where is the Double Bayou Watershed?



How's the water?

State and federal agency scientists have sampled the water in both the West and East forks of Double Bayou for many years. They test for substances that determine the health of streams like Double Bayou:

For PEOPLE:

Bacteria levels can be too high to support contact recreation in the bayous.

For FISH:

Dissolved oxygen levels can be too low to support healthy aquatic life.

For GENERAL USE:

Chlorophyll levels - indicating the presence of algae - suggest too many nutrients or perhaps not enough shade over the water. High levels have been found, but especially in the West Fork. Too much algae leads to other problems, such as fish kills.

Double Bayou water quality is not beyond repair, and action now could avoid more costly problems later.

Why a Watershed Protection Plan?

- What happens on the land affects the streams that run through it.
- Watersheds cross political boundaries and authorities.
- A Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) identifies potential sources of pollutants.
- Stakeholders contribute important local knowledge on their watershed.
- A WPP combines local and expert knowledge on voluntary strategies to meet water quality standards.
- Successful voluntary measures can avoid the need for regulatory requirements.

