

What's a Watershed Protection Plan Process?

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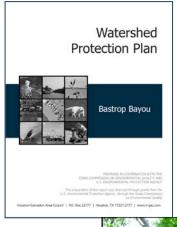








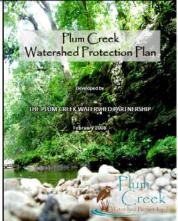
A Watershed Protection Plan Is...



Locally-Driven – by people who know and appreciate the watershed.

Based on Up-to-date Science

- informed by local knowledge.



A Written Plan – to provide guidance to achieving water quality standards.



Features of a Watershed Protection Plan



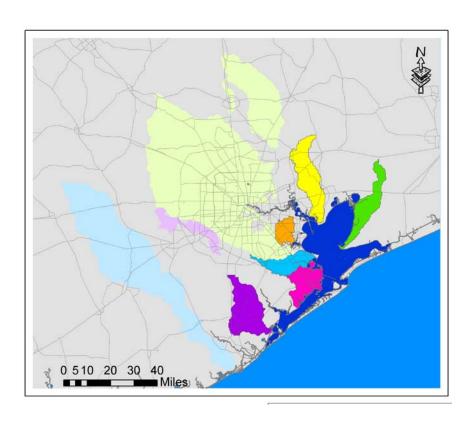




- Strictly Voluntary
- Collaborative and Participatory
- Comprehensive
- Flexible
- Integrated



Other Watershed Projects in the Region



- Armand Bayou
- Bacteria Implementation
 Group
- Bastrop Bayou
- Cedar Bayou
- Dickinson Bayou
- Double Bayou
- Highland Bayou
- San Bernard
- Upper Oyster Creek
- Upper Gulf coast Oyster Waters
- Westfield Estates



Stakeholders







A stakeholder is anyone who:

- Is affected by;
- Is interested in;or
 - Can influence...

the end results.



Current Double Bayou Stakeholder Categories

- Local landowners and residents
- Local governments
- Local business & industry
- Commercial fishing
- Nonprofit organizations

- Recreationalists
- Academia
- State and federal government agencies
- Land grant entities
- Commodity organizations



Steps in a Watershed Protection Plan Process

- 1. Build Partnerships
- 2. Characterize the Watershed
- 3. Finalize Goals and Identify Solutions
- 4. Design an Implementation Program



6. Measure Progress and Make Adjustments





The Science Behind the Plan





Characterization and Analysis Tools:

- GIS
- Statistical packages
- Monitoring
- Load calculations
- Model selection tools
- Models
- Databases



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Next Steps

- General Meeting Schedule
 - Typically bi-monthly
 - Workgroups and special events in between
- Texas Watershed Stewards Training
 - June 25, 1-8 p.m., Oak Island Lodge
- Meeting Logistics
 - Days/times/locations?
 - Refreshments!?
- July Meeting
 - Topic: Double Bayou Water Quality

