

Why a watershed approach?

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What is a watershed?

- A geographic area in which water, sediments, nonpoint source pollutants, and dissolved materials drain into a common body of water.
- Can be a stream, lake, estuary, aquifer, or ocean.
- Can be large or small



Double Bayou Watershed



Major River Basins In Texas





Land use and water quality









Double Bayou 2006 Land Use/Land Cover Data Source: NOAA Coastal Change Analysis Program





Point source pollution







Nonpoint source pollution









DOUBLE BAYOU WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Why a watershed approach?



- Allows for a flexible
 framework that
 incorporates stakeholder
 involvement
- Supported by sound science and appropriate technology
- It helps local governments and stakeholders incorporate appropriate best management practices