



# ***Forming the Double Bayou Watershed Partnership***

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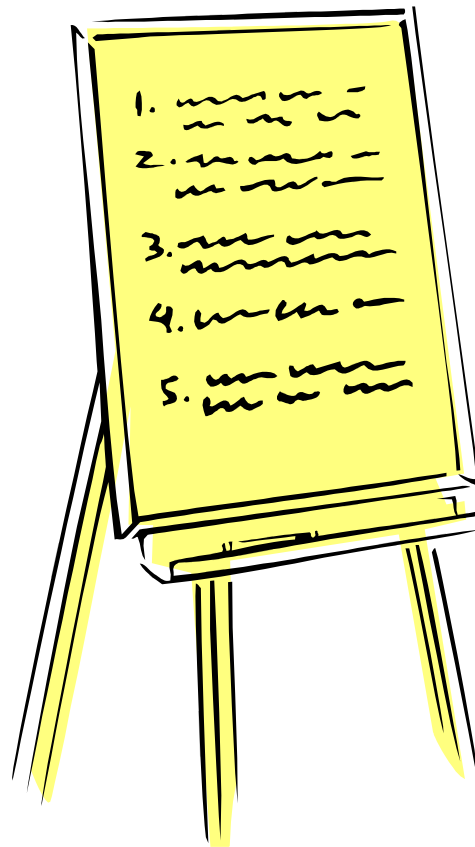




## ***Team Goals for the Double Bayou Project***

- Assist with the creation of a partnership to improve water quality in Double Bayou that will:
  - Remove/prevent the impairment listing of both forks of the bayou.
- Assist with the development of a Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) that will:
  - Identify voluntary measures that stakeholders would implement to improve water quality in their watershed.

# *What might be some of your goals for the project?*





# ***A Typical Overall Structure***

- **The Double Bayou Watershed Partnership**
- **A decision-making body**
- **Work groups**
- **Technical advisory group**
- **Other participants / supporters**
- **The Project Team (TSSWCB, HARC, USGS,  
Shead Conservation Solutions)**

# *The Partnership*



- The *Partnership* is an informal group of *stakeholders*.
- A *stakeholder* is anyone who:
  - Is affected by the decisions;
  - Has interest in the decisions;
  - or -
  - Can influence the results of decisions.

You are a stakeholder!

## *More Considerations for Stakeholders*

- **Responsible for implementation of the plan**
- **Affected by implementation of the plan**
- **Provide information on the watershed and the issues and concerns**
- **Have knowledge of existing programs or plans that could be integrated into the plan**
- **Provide technical and/or financial assistance in developing**



# *What are some categories of stakeholders in the DB watershed?*

## Categories





## ***Roles for a Decision-Making Body***

**A decision-making body could:**

- **Represent stakeholders in making decisions for the Partnership.**
- **Help develop and sign the WPP document.**
- **Communicate the WPP to affected parties.**
- **Lead the effort to implement the WPP.**





## ***Considerations for Membership in a Decision-Making Body***

- **Local stakeholders**
- **Represent balance of interests developed by the stakeholders**
- **Individuals identified through self-nomination or strategic partners**
- **Make commitment to participate**
- **Develop, and agree to, ways to work together**

# *Who might be some members of a decision-making body?*

## Committee Possibilities



# *Possible Goals for Operating Procedures or Ground Rules*



- Foster participation
- Build partnerships
- Focus on constructive discussion
- Provide a means to achieve project goals

# *Example Elements of Operating Procedures or Ground Rules*



- **Description of roles and responsibilities of the key participants & groups**
- **Information on meetings and materials**
- **Decision-making process**



# *Work Groups*

- **Work groups are established by the decision-making body to address specific issues.**
- **Work groups might include at least one member of the decision-making body.**



# ***Examples of Work Groups***

- **Wastewater Infrastructure: treatment facilities, onsite septic systems**
- **Agricultural Nonpoint Sources**
- **Development Nonpoint Sources: urban stormwater, pet waste, construction**
- **Habitat, Wildlife & Feral Hogs**
- **Industrial & Commercial**







# Technical Advisory Group

- Coordinated by TSSWCB and HARC, with stakeholder input.
- Provide information and resources for developing the plan.
- Bring resources to the DB project from other related projects.

## The Alphabet Soup:

*AgriLife Extension, FSA, GBEP, H-GAC, NOAA, NRCS, RRC, TCEQ, TGLO, TDA, TPWD, TSSWCB, TWDB, TXDOT, USACE, USEPA, USFWS, USGS*





# ***Partnership Structure: Next Steps***

## **September Meeting:**

- **Consider finalizing members for the decision-making body**
- **Discuss elements of operating procedures or ground rules**
- **Start forming work groups**





# Questions?

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