

# Armand Bayou I-Plan Kickoff Meeting

January 24, 2013



# Why are we here today?

To better understand:

- Bacterial contamination in the watershed
- How to develop a plan to improve water quality
- How you can participate

Begin building a representative and inclusive coordination committee and other public involvement



# Goals

- Better understanding of:
  - Total Maximum Daily Load process
  - Water quality issues with Armand Bayou
  - Implementation plan development
  - How local stakeholders can participate
- Begin building a representative and inclusive coordination committee and other public involvement

# Agenda

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Aubin Phillips**  
**(5 minutes)**

**TMDLs and implementation plans**  
*Presentation followed by Q&A*

**TCEQ TMDL team**  
**(25 minutes)**

**Armand Bayou overview**

**Todd Running**  
**(15 minutes)**

*Presentation Followed by Q&A*

**The implementation plan process**

**Aubin Phillips**  
**(10 minutes)**

*Presentation followed by Q&A*

**Forming a Coordination Committee**

**Meeting participants**  
**(30 minutes)**

- **Size**
- **Interests that should be represented**
- **Who could represent interests**

**Next steps**

**Aubin Phillips**

# Who's Involved?

## **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)**

- Funds this process
- Approves implementation plan

## **University of Houston**

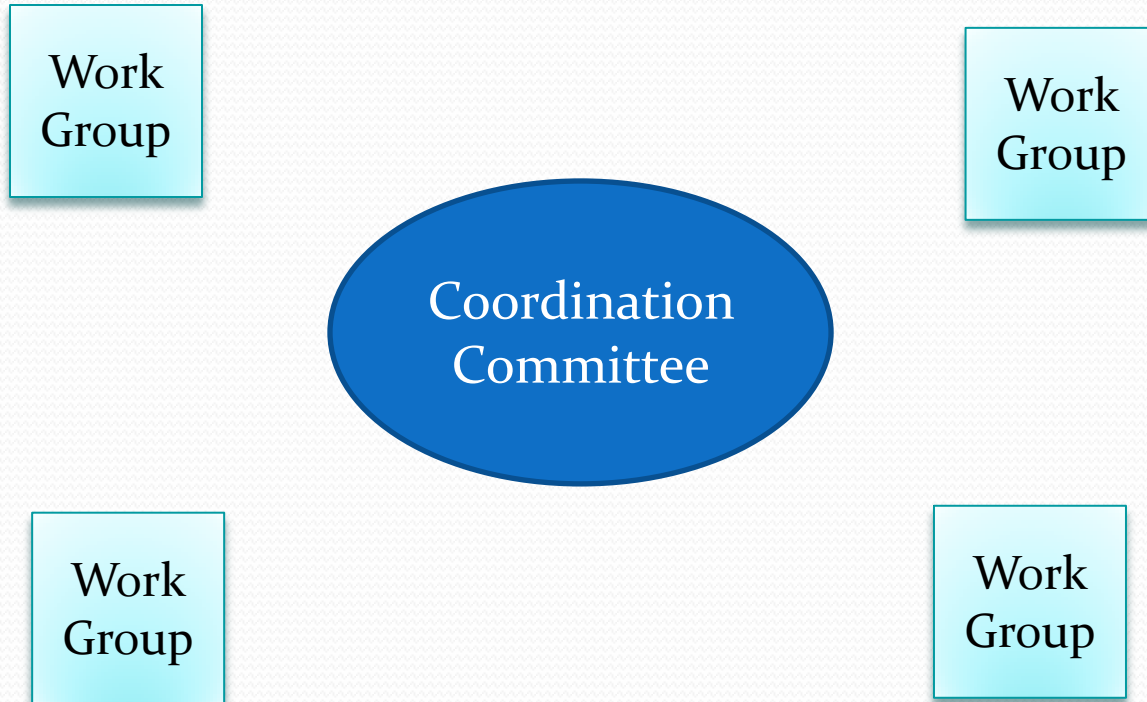
- TMDL process

## **H-GAC**

- Requested implementation plan process
- Expertise
- A participant in developing the plan
- Key to implementing

**Public: YOU develop the plan**

# How will you develop this plan?



# Coordination Committee

- Represents interests of people or organizations
- Drafts an implementation plan for TCEQ approval
- Decides its own process
- Appoints work groups
- Communicates with public
- Meets February – early Fall 2013



# Work Groups

- Perform roles assigned by coordination committee
  - Technical work
  - Recommendations
  - Focused on specific issues or processes
  - Other work assigned or undertaken

Include broad public involvement





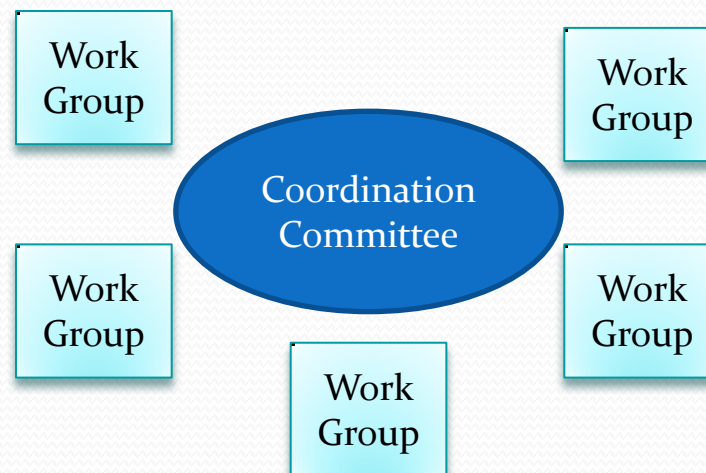
# How can you help?

- Begin forming the coordination committee TONIGHT
- Help find people for coordination committee & work groups and offer to participate yourself
- Attend meetings of coordination committee, work groups, other public meetings
- Keep up via web, e-mail, other media
- Other?



# Coordination committee:

- **What size?**
- **What interests on the committee?**



# Who should be on this coordination committee?

## Some considerations

Responsible for implementing  
Affected by implementation  
Provide information on issues and concerns  
Knowledge of programs to integrate into plan  
Other?

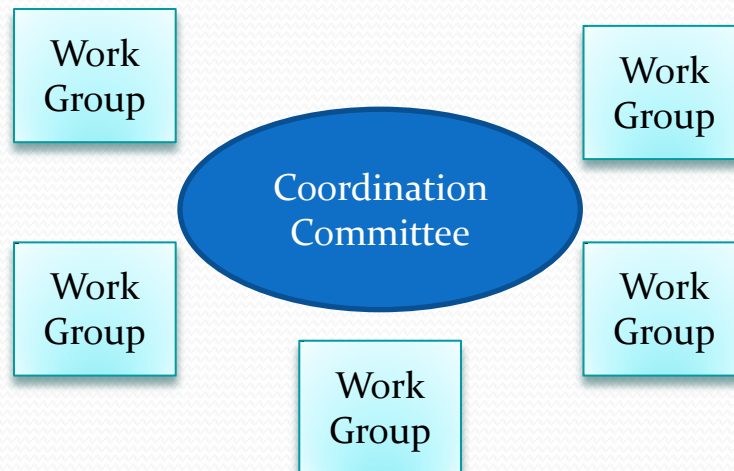
## Possible categories

Governmental entities  
Citizens from each stream  
Homeowners  
Business and industry  
Parks interests  
Community organizations  
Environmental groups  
Universities, colleges, schools

# Coordination committee:

## How big, what interests on the committee?

- Discuss:
  - the ideal size of the committee
  - the interests that should be on the committee
- Share your recommendation with the entire group



# Who might be on the coordination committee?

**Break into small groups by interests, and develop list of possible committee members for that interest**

## **Possible criteria**

- Represents an identified interest
- Geographic diversity
- Cultural/ethnic diversity
- Willingness to commit time
- Good communicator:
  - with others on coordination committee
  - with identified interest group
- Open to ideas of others

# Next Steps

- Form coordination committee
- Coordination committee meets in February, and makes preliminary decisions such as:
  - Members
  - Meeting rules
  - How to make decisions
  - Schedule
  - Workgroups



# Thank You

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