

## Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee - Objective

H-GAC's Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee fulfills two key roles. It serves as the primary forum for discussion of various water quality issues raised through the assessment process and advises staff on all administrative matters related to the Clean Rivers Program, including work plan and budget development, monitoring of progress toward project milestones, and review of the draft and final basin reports and other work items.

Most importantly, the Steering Committee brings together all the key agencies and basin interests whose involvement and coordination is critical to the Clean Rivers process.

The Steering Committee:

- sets area-wide priorities based on its deliberations of water quality issues, which then translate into work plan and budget priorities;
- provides a regional perspective and local expertise and experience to the assessment process;
- serves as a resource to project staff, who consult individual committee members on particular issues, to obtain water quality data and background information, and to identify appropriate contact persons within agencies and organizations;
- communicates the concerns and priorities of the groups each member represents, solicits input from within those groups, and helps to disseminate information from the Clean Rivers Program back to these groups, and;
- provides another opportunity for public input into the Clean Rivers process by setting aside time for public comments and questions at all committee meetings.

H-GAC's Steering Committee includes representatives of local government, state and federal agencies, and key interest groups, as well as several members of H-GAC's Natural Resources Advisory Committee. The Steering Committee normally meets at H-GAC's offices in Houston two to three times per year, although this varies based on the timing of project milestones and administrative needs.

If you would like to get involved with H-GAC's Clean Rivers Program, please attend one of our Steering Committee meetings or join the [Texas Stream Team](#). If you would like further information, please contact:

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