

Clean Rivers Program Basin Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025
10:00-12:00

Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions 10:00
- Public Comment 10:10
- Draft Scope of Work FY26-27 10:25
- Draft Budget for FY26-27 10:55
- Basin Highlights Report 11:15
- FY25 Coordinated Monitoring Meetings 11:25
- Watershed Protection Plan Updates 11:30
- Total Maximum Daily Load Study Updates 11:40
- Other Business and Upcoming Events 11:50

Welcome and Introductions

Public Comment

FY2026-2027 Draft Scope of Work and Budget

January 14, 2025

Task 1 (Draft) – Project Administration

- Keep administrative costs at, or below 10%
- Progress reports
- Staff Training
 - Required
 - Elective
- Contractor and Subcontractor Evaluations
- Invoicing
- Procurement Procedures Documentation
- Review or On-site Visit

Task 2 (Draft) – Quality Assurance

- Develop and maintain Regional QAPP
 - Amendments
 - Appendix B (annual update)
- Conduct Regional Monitoring Workgroup (RMW) meetings
- Provide training to local partner agencies
- Conduct monitoring system audits of sub-participants
- Fund NELAP Proficiency Tests and Accreditation Costs
- Plan special studies/permit support monitoring

Task 3 (Draft) – Water Quality Monitoring

- Conduct annual Coordinated Monitoring Meeting
 - Update Coordinated Monitoring Schedule (<http://cms.lcra.org>)
- Report on monitoring conducted under Regional QAPP on a quarterly basis
- Conduct ambient monitoring at 20 sites quarterly
- Conduct 24-hour monitoring at selected sites quarterly
- Conduct *Site Characterizations* at selected monitoring sites
 - Submit associated reports for each

Task 4 (Draft) – Data Management

- Manage a quality assured water quality monitoring database
 - Receive, verify, and validate data from all local partners
 - Produce and submit Data Summary reports and Validator Reports for each data submission
- Transfer data to TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Information System (SWQMIS) database in required format
- Maintain TCEQ approved water quality data on H-GAC web page – biannually
- Upgrade and maintain GIS data management & analysis capabilities
- Upgrade and maintain Water Resources Information Map (WRIM)

Task 5 (Draft) – Data Analysis and Reporting

- Produce annual Basin Highlights Report (BHR) FY2026
 - *Watershed Characterizations*
- Produce Basin Summary Report (BSR) FY2027
- Publish and post BHR and BSR to H-GAC web page

Task 6 (Draft) – Stakeholder Participation & Public Outreach

- **Establish Basin Steering Committee**
 - Conduct annual or bi-annual meetings
 - Define water quality objectives and basin priorities
 - Review and assist in development of work plans
 - Provide input for monitoring priorities and review monitoring plans
- **Conduct education & outreach activities**
 - Newsletters & brochures
 - Clean Waters Initiative (CWI) workshops
 - Information booths
 - Committee memberships
- **Maintain H-GAC Web page & WRIM**
- **Promote and conduct a Texas Stream Team volunteer monitoring program**

FY26-27 *Draft* Budget Discussion

- FY26 Allocation - \$1,149,758
- FY27 Allocation - \$1,149,758
- **Total Allocation - \$2,299,516**

FY26-27 DRAFT BUDGET

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY26 - FY27
BUDGET CATEGORIES*	9/1/25 - 8/31/26	9/1/26 - 8/31/27	TOTAL
a. Personnel/Salary	\$ 424,655.92	\$ 441,642.16	\$ 866,298.08
b. Fringe Benefits (46.27% of a.)	\$ 196,488.29	\$ 204,347.83	\$ 400,836.12
c. Travel	\$ 11,542.50	\$ 11,542.50	\$ 23,085.00
d. Supplies	\$ 15,440.42	\$ 15,440.42	\$ 30,880.84
e. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
f. Contractual	\$ 238,146.00	\$ 238,146.00	\$ 476,292.00
g. Other	\$ 163,875.00	\$ 169,466.68	\$ 333,341.68
h. Total Direct Costs (sum a-g)	\$ 1,050,148.13	\$ 1,080,585.59	\$ 2,130,733.72
i. Indirect costs (13.32% x {a.+b.})	\$ 82,736.41	\$ 86,045.87	\$ 168,782.28
j. Total Reimbursable Costs (h+i)	\$ 1,132,884.54	\$ 1,166,631.46	\$ 2,299,516.00

FY26-27 Draft BUDGET (Personnel and Fringe)

- Covers a percentage of 22 staff
- 6 FTEs
 - Administrative
 - Field Staff
 - QA Staff
 - Data Management and Analysis
 - GIS
 - Public Outreach
 - Support Staff

FY26-27 Draft BUDGET (Contractual)



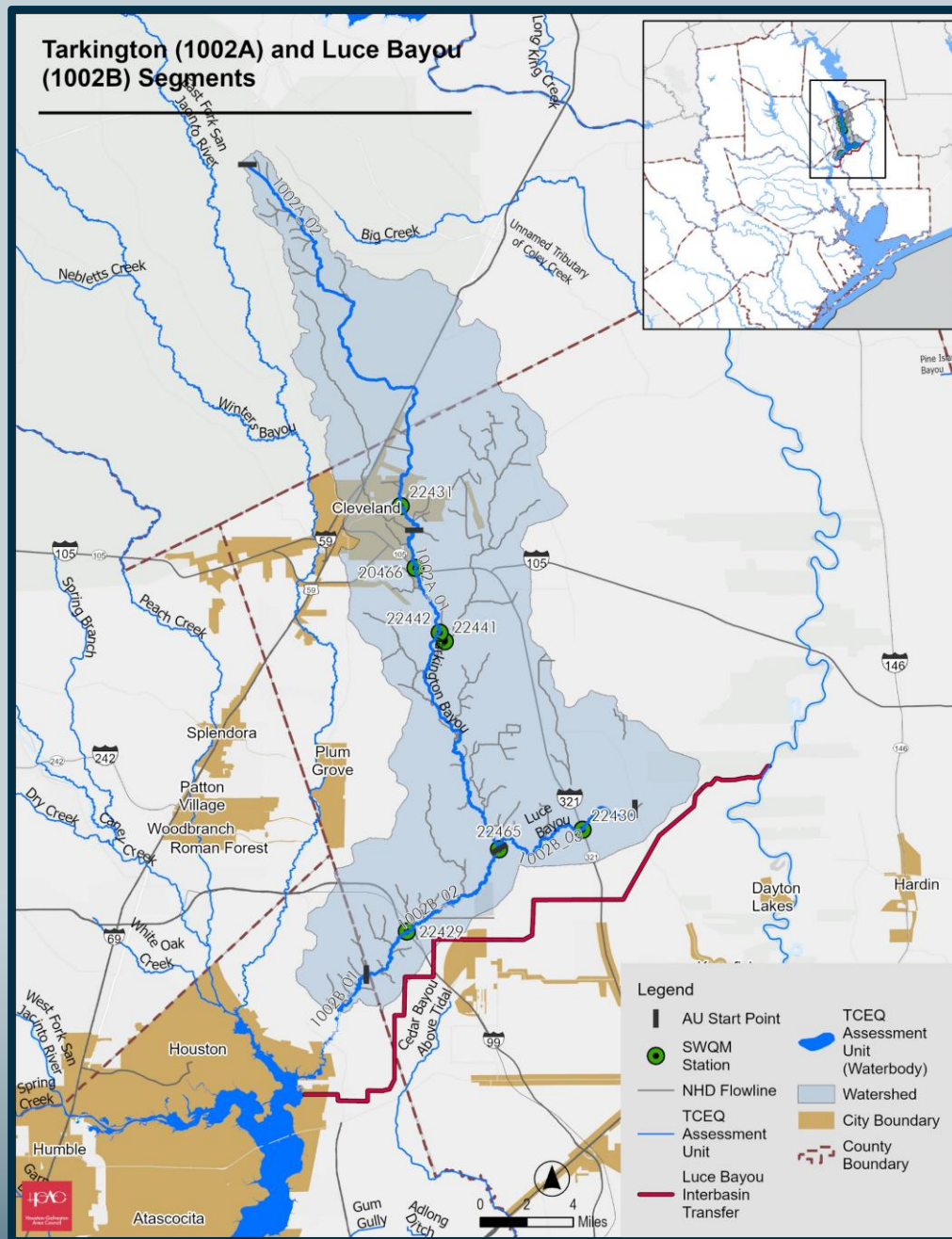
- City of Houston Health and Human Services
- Environmental Institute of Houston
- Sam Houston State University
- Eastex Environmental Laboratory



FY26-27 Draft BUDGET (Other)

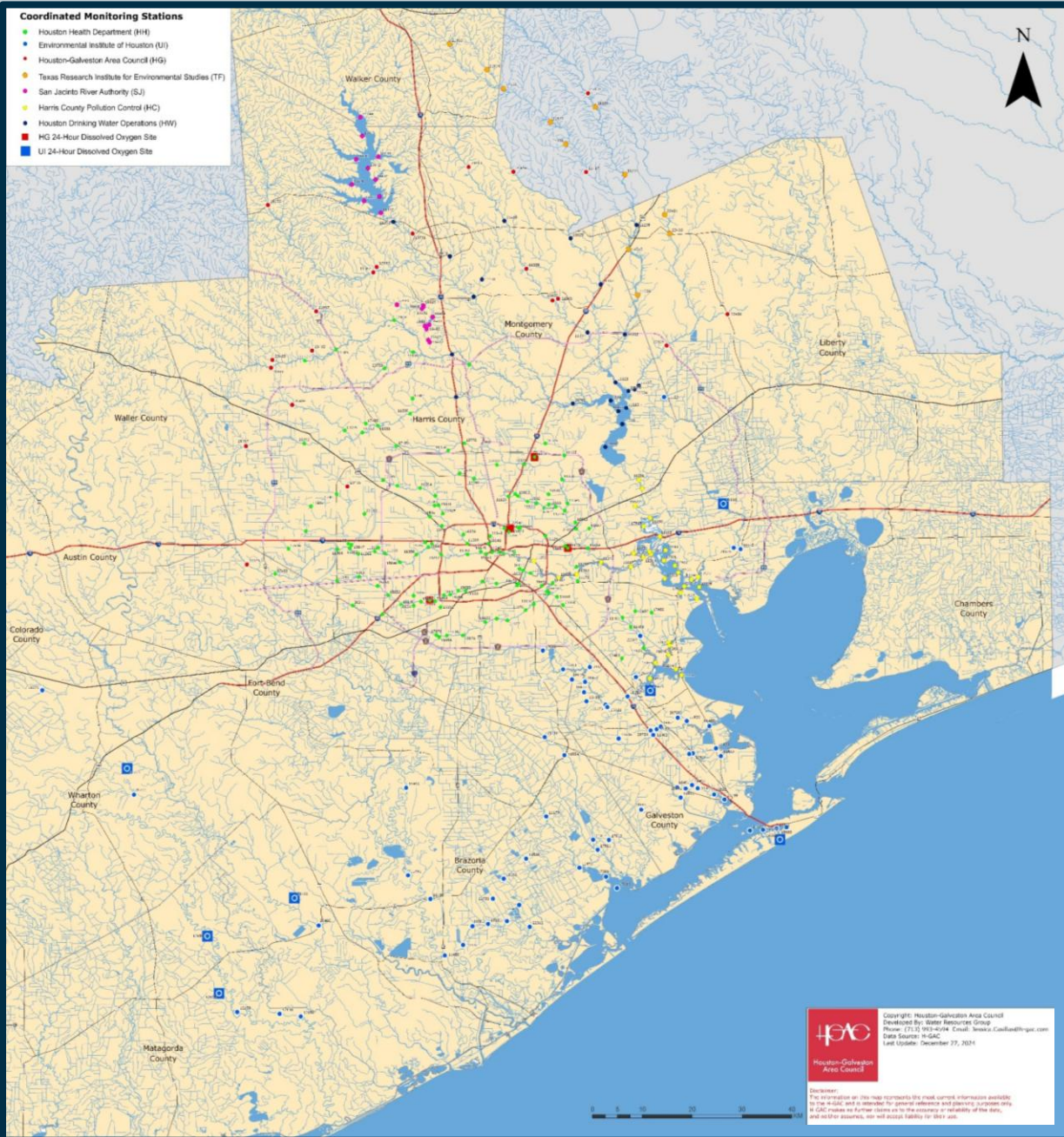
- Other Contract Services
- Auditing
- Legal Services
- Rent Allocation
- Maintenance and Repair
- Postage and Delivery
- Printing
- Publications
- Expendable Equipment
- Software and Database
- Employee Development
- Program Promotion
- Recruiting
- Licenses and Permits
- Subscription-Membership
- Legal Notice
- Meeting Expenses
- Communications
- Print Shop
- Network Allocation
- GIS Allocation

Tarkington (1002A) and Luce Bayou (1002B) Segments



Basin Highlights Report

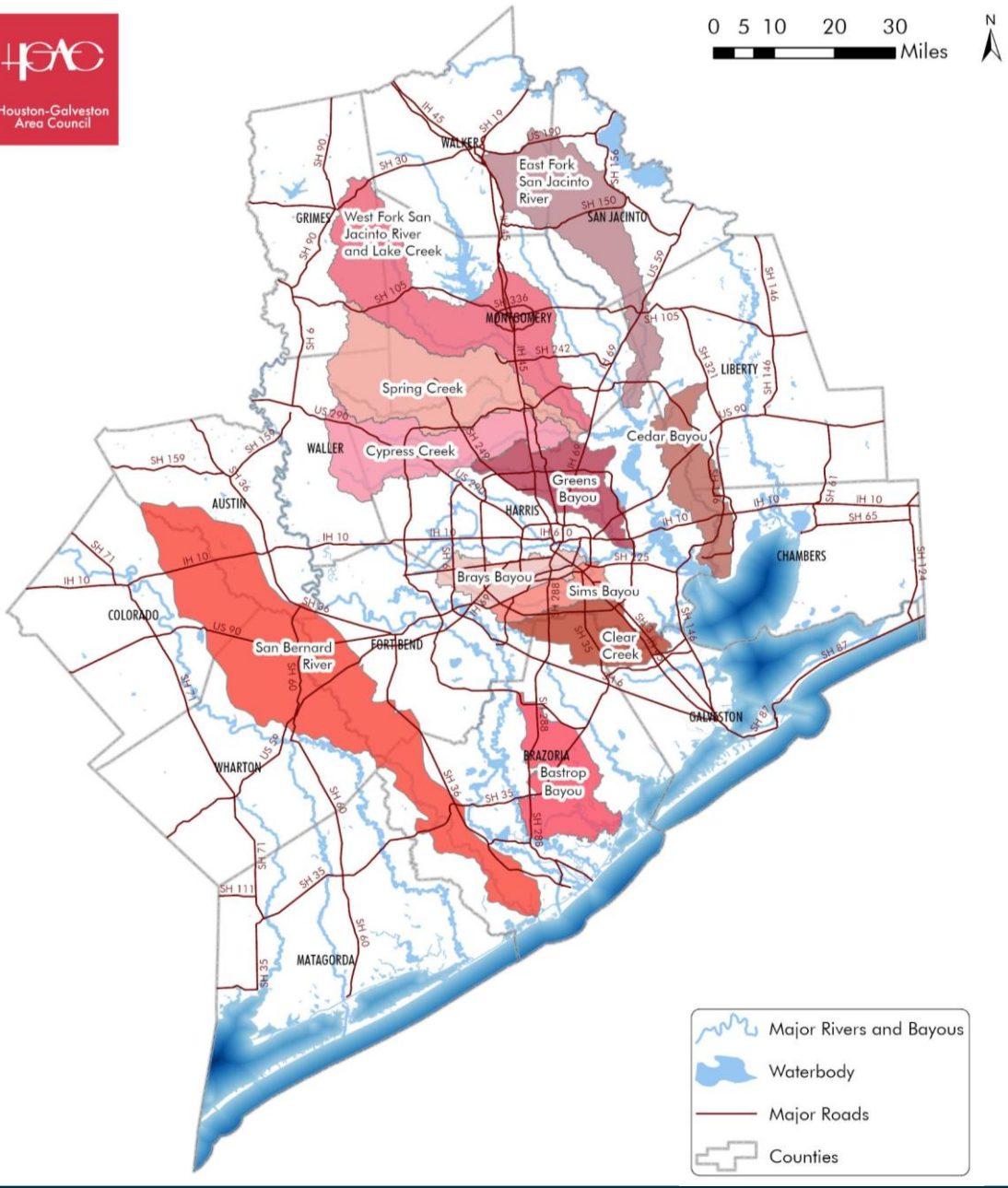
- Regional Brief Summary (frog chart)
- Luce Bayou Watershed
 - Lake Houston Watershed
 - Draft due - February 15
 - Final due - May 15
 - Website: Story Map - June 30



FY25 CRP Monitoring

- 7 monitoring entities
- 315 - Routine Monitoring Sites
- 10 - 24hr Dissolved Oxygen Sites

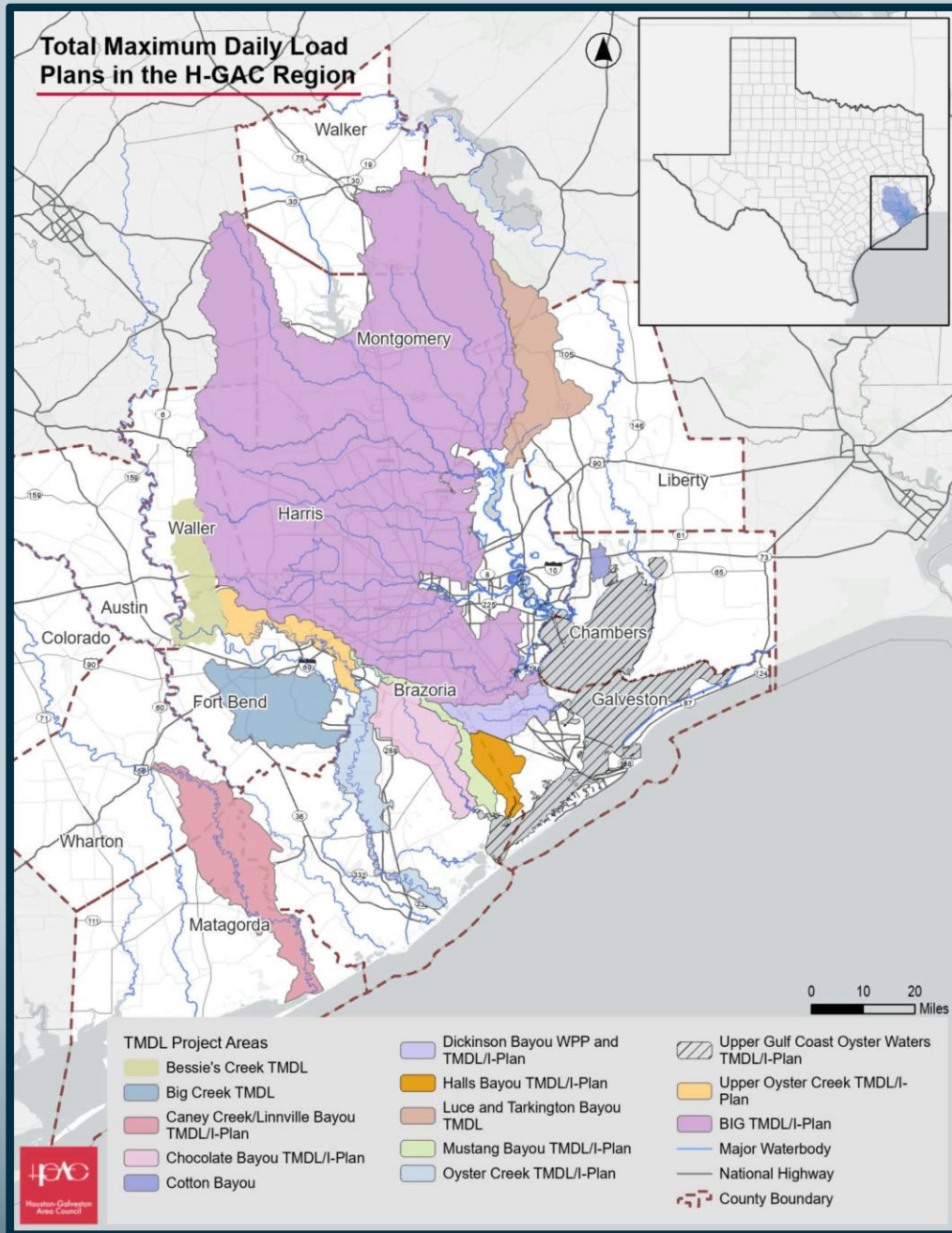
- Coordinated Monitoring Meetings
 - Tentative: April 7 and 8, 2025



Watershed Protection Plan Updates

- **Clear Creek WPP**
 - WPP draft accepted by EPA Jul 2024
 - Implementation underway
- **East Fork San Jacinto WPP**
 - WPP draft accepted by EPA Nov 2024
 - Seeking partners for Implementation
- **Greens Bayou WPP**
 - On-going, next public meeting Feb 2025
- **Brays and Sims Bayou WPP**
 - New Project, first public meetings anticipated in fall 2025
- **West Lake Houston Implementation**
 - Implementation underway
 - Distribution of pet waste stations and forestry projects planned for 2025

Total Maximum Daily Load Plans in the H-GAC Region



Total Maximum Daily Load Study Updates

- **Luce and Tarkington Bayou TMDL**
 - Data collection
- **Bessie's Creek TMDL**
 - Beginning data collection February 2025
- **BIG TMDL/I-Plan**
 - Targeted Bacteria Monitoring – Halls Bayou
- **Cotton Bayou TMDL/I-Plan**
 - TMDL Addendum
- **Big Creek TMDL/I-Plan**
 - TMDL I-Plan Approval
- **Basin 11**
 - Oyster Creek I-Plan Approval
 - Halls/Willow Bayou TMDL Public Meeting January 22nd

Upcoming Events & Announcements

- Natural Resources Advisory Committee Meeting – February 6, 2025 1:30-3:30 (Hybrid)
- Clean Waters Initiative; Microplastics in Surface Waters – February 25, 2025 9:00-12:00 (Hybrid)
- River, Lakes, Bays, 'N Bayous Trash Bash® – March 29, 2025 (In-Person)
- Coordinated Monitoring Workgroup Meetings – April 7-8, 2025 (Remote-Teams)
- Next Basin Steering Committee Meeting – TBD: Early May, 2025

SURFACE WATER QUALITY MONITORING TRAINING

PARTIAL COURSE: MARCH 17 • FULL COURSE: MARCH 17 – 20

The Environmental Institute of Houston and the Houston-Galveston Area Council are collaborating to offer a two-part course on surface water assessments. Guided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Surface Water Quality Monitoring (SWQM) guidelines, this course combines classroom learning with field-based instruction. Participants will gain a solid understanding of SWQM theory and methodology and apply their knowledge through hands-on activities in local rivers and streams.

Partial Course (Day 1):
Water Quality & Hydrological Monitoring

Full Course (Days 1-4): Partial +
Biological & Physical Habitat Monitoring

For more information, contact us at
281-283-3950 or EIH@uhcl.edu.

COURSE DETAILS

Cost: Partial: \$250*/\$300
Full: \$900*/\$1,000
*Register by Feb. 10 for
early bird rate.

Dates: Partial: March 17, 2025
Full: March 17-20, 2025

Location:
Environmental Institute of Houston
University of Houston-Clear Lake
2700 Bay Area Blvd, NOA I
Houston, TX 77058

REGISTRATION

Registration is available at
bit.ly/eihtraining
Registration closes on March 2

- Environmental Institute of Houston at the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Surface Water Quality Monitoring Training Course. March 17, 2025



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Any individual requiring an accommodation in order to participate in this event or utilize these services will need to contact the Environmental Institute of Houston at eih@uhcl.edu in advance.



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