

# Using Watershed-based Plans to Improve Water Quality



**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**



**Clean Waters Initiative**

# Agenda

- 2:00 p.m.** .....**Welcome**  
Kathy Janhsen,  
Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 2:05 p.m.** ..... **Status Update for H-GAC Total Maximum Daily Load Studies**  
Steven Johnston,  
Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 2:30 p.m.** .....**Implementing Watershed-based Plans in Coastal Communities**  
Becki Begley,  
Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 2:55 p.m.** ..... **Demonstrating Water Quality Improvements through Agricultural Initiatives**  
Brian Koch,  
Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board
- 3:20 p.m.** .....**Closing**  
Kathy Janhsen,  
Houston-Galveston Area Council

## Upcoming CWI Workshops

H-GAC's Clean Waters Initiative (CWI) program offers workshops that help local governments, landowners and citizens develop effective strategies to reduce pollution in area waterways.

Upcoming CWI workshop:

October 24, 2017

**Better Public Education Practices** (Registration opens soon)

November 28, 2017

**Freshwater Inflows (Rescheduled from August)** (Registration opens soon)

To RSVP or to join our mailing list, e-mail Kathy Janhsen at [kathy.janhsen@h-gac.com](mailto:kathy.janhsen@h-gac.com) or visit [www.h-gac.com/cwi](http://www.h-gac.com/cwi).

# Speakers

## Steven Johnston



Steven Johnston is a Senior Planner for H-GAC. He has spent the past four years working with the Houston-Galveston region's stakeholders developing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies and executing TMDL implementation plans to

address the area's water quality impairments. Prior to joining H-GAC, he spent 12 years working as a project coordinator for the TCEQ's Galveston Bay Estuary Program, implementing the Galveston Bay Plan Monitoring and Research and Water and Sediment Quality action plans. Steven received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Houston at Clear Lake.

## Becki Begley



Becki Begley is the Outreach Program Coordinator for H-GAC's Water Resources Group, managing the annual River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash®, the largest single-day waterway cleanup event in Texas, and the Coastal Communities Public Outreach grant. Prior to her

time with H-GAC, she worked as the Education & Outreach Program Coordinator for the City of Fort Worth, planning and implementing outreach initiatives targeting residents, business/industry, visitors and employees on topics such as stormwater quality, household hazardous waste, outdoor air quality, brownfields, general sustainability. Becki holds a Bachelor of Science in Social Studies Education and a Masters in Education – Curriculum and Supervision from Wright State University.

## Brian Koch



After a short stint in the commercial nursery business, Brian Koch joined the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) in 2005 as the Regional Watershed Coordinator serving TSSWCB's Wharton Regional Office service area covering

47 counties in Southeast and South Central Texas. As Regional Watershed Coordinator, Brian has aided in the development and implementation of several WPPs and TMDL I-plans, including: Plum Creek, Geronimo Creek, Mill Creek, Cedar Bayou, Double Bayou, Bacteria Implementation Group, Mission and Aransas Rivers, and Upper San Antonio River. Brian also represents the agency on the Coastal Coordination Advisory Council, Galveston Bay Estuary Program, and Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program, and assists with the TSSWCB's Water Quality Management Plan Program. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Range and Wildlife Management from Texas A&M University Kingsville.

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