

Animal Workgroup
Friday, November 14, 2008
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Individuals Present:

BIG Liaison – Helen Lane (Houston Audubon Society); Steven Johnston (TCEQ); James Walls (HCPID-WPG); Brian Koch by phone (TSSWCB); Winston Denton (TPWD-Dickinson); Nancy Sullins (AECOM); Lauri Thanheiser (Environmental Infrastructure Planning); Rick Jordan (Montgomery County); Mike Heimer (Montgomery County)

H-GAC Staff Present:

Carl Masterson; Rachel Powers; Erin Anderson; Jeff Taebel

Sources:

- Migratory birds/wading birds/waterfowl
- Birds roosting under bridges/bats
- Deer
- Feral hogs
- Livestock show/show animals
 - Washing down animals in parking lot
 - Bedding material (clean-out/storage, fresh material too)
 - Horse trails
- Livestock not at show
- Small mammals
- Large mammals
- Entertainment animals
- Aquaculture (under Ag)/associated birds
- Stock ponds
- Fish (no E. coli)
- Small carnival/circus
- Petting zoo
- Turtles
- Feral dogs/cats
- Buzzard problem
- Livestock show cowboys/participants
- Dog parks

Implementation Activities:

- Livestock sale barn BMPs
- More people cleaning up parking lot at livestock show

- Better containment/better dumpsters (cover roll-off bins)
- Shooting feral hogs
- Funding for BMPs from TSSWCB (cost share assistance)
- EQIP
- Alternate water sources
- Livestock pipeline
- Minimum grass height (have to move animals)
- Cross fencing
- Water quality plan/conservation plan
- Target those not participating in existing incentive programs
- Rice farm BMPs
- Wildlife management techniques, discuss with TPWD

Next meeting:

Friday, December 5, 2008, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, at H-GAC offices, Conference Room B