

**BACTERIA IMPLEMENTATION GROUP**  
**Animal & Agriculture Workgroups**  
**Friday, December 5, 2008**  
**9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**

**Individuals Present:**

Helen Lane (Houston Audubon Society); Steven Johnston (TCEQ); James Walls (HCPID-WPG); Brian Koch (TSSWCB); Winston Denton (TPWD-Dickinson); Nancy Sullins (AECOM);

**H-GAC Staff Present:**

Rachel Powers; Todd Running

**Brainstorm Session:**

- Regarding migratory birds, we can create alternative wetland areas; evaporate water as part of crop rotation
- Regarding birds and bats... alternative habitat can be created away from streams and bridges, over grass. TWRI is studying bats at Chimney Rock.
- Feral animals should include cats
- "Horse trails" should be horse trail riders
- "Livestock not at chow" should include cattle, horses, pigs, rabbits, chickens. Should have specifics for each.
- Entertainment animals include animals in parades, etc.
- Buzzard should be vulture
- Unregulated animal shelters should be addressed
- Ornamental ponds should be addressed
- Dead animals should be addressed
- Exotic animals should be addressed
- Building and bridge construction can be designed to discourage direct deposition
- Mulch should be broken down into creation and application
- Funding sources: Brian Koch volunteered additional information.
  - EQIP—Counties set their own priorities
  - R503—up to 75% and \$10,000—based on Senate Bill 503
  - 319 Funds (areas under a stormwater permit are not eligible for 319 funds)
- Residue management plans address many issues, and may include drop pipes, grade stabilization structures, erosion prevention, riparian areas, buffer zones, flyers at feed stores, fences (although these can get flooded)
- We might want to involve the Office of State Chemists
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**Next meeting:**

Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, at H-GAC offices, Conference Room C