

Residential Workgroup
Friday, November 14, 2008
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Individuals Present:

BIG Liaison – Marilyn Christian (HCPHES-EPH); Steven Johnston (TCEQ); Lauri Thanheiser (Environmental Infrastructure Planning); Frank Green (Montgomery County); Dimetra Hamilton (Harris County); Trent Martin (Harris County); Mary Purzer (AECOM)

H-GAC Staff Present:

Carl Masterson; Rachel Powers; Erin Anderson

Sources:

- Pet waste (dogs, cats, horses, chickens, cattle, rabbits, pigs)
- Koi ponds/decorative ponds
- Fertilizers lead to growth
- Grass clippings
- Mulch/compost/manure
- Poor maintenance of septic system
- Litter
- Overwatering
- Impervious surfaces
- Commercial lawn care
- FOG

Implementation Activities:

- Rain gardens/rain barrels/LID
- Public reporting know-how (call in complaints)
- Water conservation (helps with septic systems)
- Planting native species vegetation (plants in general)
- Promote xeriscaping
- Commercial lawn care certification for fertilizer application
- Outlaw certain fertilizers (high phosphorus products)
- Promote master Composting program
- Stormwater Inlet Marking (SWIM)
- Education
- HHW collection days/voucher program with permanent facility
- “Yard-Wise” classes
- Develop education materials in many forms and on many topics

- Education on proper method of power washing that will minimize pollutants to the waterways

Next meeting:

Friday, December 5, 2008, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at H-GAC offices, Conference Room B