

Project Proposals (**in order**)

Directions

- All projects must have at least a 40% match
- Brazoria County, TCEQ and GBEP must all approve the projects

The Projects

1. The trash bash event was held on March 28, 2009 and the next one will be March 29, 2010. This is the second community cleanup event in the area. 2009's trash bash was featured in the Texas Salt Water Fishing magazine with nearly 150 volunteers. The event was also covered by The Facts newspaper. Other donations will be used to cover lunch, trash collection containers, gloves, T-shirts, roll-offs and dumpsters. \$7,500
2. Upon approval of the WPP, the Soil Board has agreed to match \$5,000 in cash to landowners/lease holders who voluntarily agree to limit runoff from their property. Individual plans must be reviewed/approved by TSSWCB and are a legal contract. 15-25 parcels of property with direct access to the bayou are expected to participate. \$40,000
3. Texas Stream Team training event was held on February 28. Eight volunteers are monitoring in the watershed. \$12,750
4. Hire a part time grant writer to assist Demi-John residents to build a WWTP. The community is requesting assistance in the form of a grant writer who will assist the community to remove all failing septic systems and install a WWTP. \$75,000
5. Large tracts of land in the county were last sold prior to the economic crisis. If a large landowner were to sell the property, they would experience a loss. If they donate the property then they can use the property valuation from 2007, which are significantly higher. Therefore, there is an economic incentive to donate property for the tax write-off than selling. This creates a unique opportunity to acquire property given the currently economic situation. \$45,000
6. The Brazosport ISD science curriculum assistance, the school district could also use Texas Stream Team kits in the classroom as an adjunct to the regular laboratory work. \$24,000
7. The County intends to use the educational kits at the courthouse, public fairs as well as the Trash Bash events. \$2,400
8. The trail would be used by the local community and feature educational signs and offer a place for ecological tours within the watershed. DOW chemical has agreed to a \$20,000 grant as match to help develop the trail. The program dollars will be used for educational signage, interpretative materials as well as brochures and publications. \$20,000

9. An abandoned shrimp boat was discovered in the Bayou during Trash Bash. \$25,000
 10. There is currently only one environmental enforcement officer for the entire county. Brazoria County may agree to staff two additional officers for the position. Due to economic conditions, the county is under a hiring freeze at this time but may "loan" two sheriff deputies to the environmental enforcement division. The new officers will report to and be supervised by the Environmental Enforcement Division. \$75,000
 11. Signage and an illegal dumping hotline number at popular fishing locations. The county could construct the signs with the 319 funding used to provide the hotline. \$25,000 (annual)
 12. Model Homeowner Association By-laws hold the potential for enhancing enforcement of septic system regulations in new communities. \$10,000
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