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Public education and outreach are essential to the implementation of a successful Watershed Protection Plan. In addition to the physical BMPs to be implemented by landowners and jurisdictions in the watershed, behavioral BMPs can be addressed by everyone in the watershed. Public Participation can include public education workshops, distribution of educational materials, and participation in activities to improve water quality.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LEAD AGENCY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

##### STAKEHOLDER FACILITATION

Stakeholder meetings will be facilitated by H-GAC. H-GAC will set and distribute meeting agendas prior to each meeting with adequate time for members to add items if necessary. Draft agendas will be made during the previous meeting. Agendas will be reviewed prior to the start of stakeholder meetings and agreed upon before the start of the meeting.

Stakeholder Group members are expected to participate fully in group deliberations. Members will identify and present insights, suggestions, and concerns from a community, environmental, or public interest perspective. Group members are expected to work constructively and collaboratively with other members toward reaching consensus.



## PROJECT PARTNERS

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H-GAC will work with TCEQ in the preparation of the Watershed Protection Plan. A number of cities and school districts are located in the watershed. There are also a number of state and local agencies that operate within the watershed.

### PARTNERS LIST

#### Counties:

Austin  
Brazoria  
Colorado  
Fort Bend  
Wharton

#### Cities:

Eagle Lake  
Wallis  
East Bernard  
Kendleton  
Needville  
Wharton  
West Columbia  
Sweeny  
Brazoria  
Jones Creek  
Wild Peach Village

#### School Districts:

Belleville  
Sealy  
Columbus  
Rice Consolidated  
Kendleton  
Needville  
Brazos  
Lamar Consolidated  
Damon  
Sweeny  
Columbia-Brazoria  
Brazosport  
Boling  
East Bernard  
Wharton  
El Campo

## WPP STAKEHOLDER GROUP

### STAKEHOLDER GROUP STRUCTURE

The Stakeholder Group was divided into committee members with voting privileges and at large stakeholder group members who will participate as available. Committee members will ultimately be responsible for plan implementation in the watershed.

#### GROUP MEMBERSHIP

##### Voting Committee Members:

Commissioner Dude Payne (Brazoria County)

Nancy and Fred Kanter (FOR)

John Phillips (Waters Davis SWCD)

Jeremy Jett (Industry/Walmart, Sealy)

Darrell Schwebel (Cradle of Texas Conservancy/DOW)

Carol Jones (homeowner)

Kirby Rapstein (homeowner, Sweeny)

Roy and Jan Edwards (homeowners, Rivers End)

Linda and Ken Wright (FOR)

William Todd (Ag producer)

Greg Roque (business/industry, Sealy)

Sheri and Melvin Ganske (Boling property owners)

Karen Carroll (Brazoria Co. Health)

Richard Forgason (ag, Hungerford)

Darrell Gertson (Colorado County Commissioner)

Harry Anderson (ag, East Bernard)

Mickey Reynolds (business, Wharton County)

Terry Hlavinka (Ag, East Bernard)

Raymond Rabijs (Ag, East Bernard)

**At Large Stakeholder Group Members:**

Charles Boettcher (Ag, East Bernard)

Irama and James Wesselman (homeowners)

Harry Goudeau (Ag, Hungerford)

Eric Scheibe (business, Wharton)

John Wallace (landowner, Brazoria)

Mickey Dufilho (homeowner)

Michael Lange (FWS)

Bill and Jackie Benson (homeowners)

Paul Wood (engineer)

Valroy and Adalia Maudlin (homeowners)

**SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKGROUPS**

In order to carry out its responsibilities, the Stakeholder Group has discretion to form standing and ad hoc work groups to carry out specific assignments from the group. Stakeholder Group members will serve on a work group and represent that work group at Stakeholder meetings to bring forth information and recommendations.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Stakeholder group members assist with:

- Site visits, photos, sample site descriptions
- Advertising the plan
- Provide/gather information on issues and concerns of the watershed
- Knowledge of existing programs or plans to consider or integrate
- Technical assistance in developing and implementing the plan
- Responsible for implementation and communication to other affected parties
- Provide review and comments on plan as it is written.

**AGENCIES INVOLVED AS STAKEHOLDERS**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Texas Parks and Wildlife

U.S. Fish and Wildlife

National Marine Fisheries

United States Army Corps of Engineers

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)

Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Extension Agents – Ag and Natural Resources

District Conservationists

US Department of Agriculture (USDA) – RC&D

General Land Office

## CITIZENS INVOLVED AS STAKEHOLDERS

Friends of the River - San Bernard is a very active citizen group involved in the watershed. The group is currently organized into committees based on their interests and professional affiliations. H-GAC will continue to look for other interested citizen organizations to work with the Stakeholder Group.

## GOALS DEVELOPMENT

Stakeholder group members will assist with the goals and visioning of the project, and will identify and prioritize programs and practices to achieve these goals. The stakeholder committee members are ultimately responsible for the implementation of projects to achieve these goals.

## SELECTION OF THE LEAD ORGANIZATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION/UPDATE OF THE WPP

Selection of the lead organization for implementation and update of the WPP will occur after the subcommittee has been convened.