

Education/Outreach/Recreation/Residential

Work Group Meeting Summary

Armand Bayou I-Plan

July 31, 2013

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Meeting Attendees: Grace Martinez (Sierra Club), Steve Hupp (BPA), Einer Goerland (TLV), Latrice Babin (HC-PCS), Bianca Locke (City of Pasadena), Charriss York (TCWP), William Stefanov (NASA-JSC), Lisa Vanderbloemon (NASA-JSC)

This meeting was held at the Armand Bayou Nature Center. Participants made self introductions before getting started with the meeting. The group discussed the implementation activities from other I-plans around the state.

The group discussed expanding stream team activities in the watershed and expanding the e.coli monitoring done by steam team volunteers – BPA would be willing to help with this. There was some discussion of emphasizing FOG or FROG education – it is low cost, but highly effective. The City of Dallas has had a very successful program that Charlene Bohanon with GBF is working to bring to Houston.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection was discussed. There is not currently a local place to do this. University of Houston used to do one. Pasadena has a service for City residents. There was also discussion about drug take back programs. These are not well publicized and people do not know what to do. There also need to be more awareness about pet waste campaigns.

There was a question if the farm plans that are offered by TSSWCB are available to businesses?

There was a question about how many OSSFs there are in the watershed, they may not really be that big of a problem compared to some other places. H-GAC has identified at least 20 OSSFs in the watershed, but there may be more that are grandfathered or unpermitted.

There is an iphone app available for reporting issues in your city or watershed: “City of Houston 311”

There were some questions about doing DNA marking to find out where exactly the problems are coming from.