

MEETING SUMMARY
NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 7, 2026

The May 7th meeting of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee was held as an in-person only event at 3555 Timmons Lane in Houston, Texas. The meeting began at approximately 1:30 PM.

NRAC members present (6 voting, 2 advisory*):

Brian Koch	Joe Garcia (for Cathy	Lisa Marshall*
Claudia Sandoval	Rogers-McCoy)	Tom Douglas
Gabriela Sosa*	Jonathan Holley	
	Katie Wilson	

Phone numbers not connected to a Committee Member weren't counted as present. Apologies for any inconvenience. If you were present via call-in and it isn't marked here, [please let Rachel Windham know](#).

NRAC members not present (30 voting, 4 advisory*):

Andrew Isbell	Denae King	Mac Martin*
Adeel Malik	Dennis Cote	Phyllis Frank
Ayanna Jolivet Mccloud	Ellis Pickett	Richard Zahn
Bill Balboa	Glenda Callaway	Robert Pechukas
Bob Stokes	Hien Pham	Scott Jeansonne
Brian Shmaefsky	Jin Ye*	Scott Saenger
Brittani Flowers*	Kelli Gallagher	Shane Porter
Carol Guess	Kelli Ondracek*	Troy Harrison
Charles "Chuck" Rogers	Ken Barnadyn	Upendra Sahu
Christina Moore	Latrice Babin	William Hajdik
Christopher Hunniford	Leroy Cerny	
Deborah January-Bevers	Mel Vargas	

Current Vacancies:

Current vacancies include:

NRAC Appointed
Academia
Chambers of Commerce
Chambers of Commerce
City of Houston Water Resources
Conservation
Consulting
Gulf Coast Authority
Harris County Pollution Control Services Department

Industry
Power Generation or Transmission Utility
Private Citizens
Professional Organizations
River Authority
Small Cities Less than 25,000

Board Appointed
Austin County
Colorado County
Fort Bend County
Galveston County
Liberty County
Montgomery County

H-GAC Staff Present (6):

H-GAC staff present included Andrea Tantillo, Erin Livingston, Jenny Oakley, Steven Johnston, Todd Running, and Rachel Windham.

Call to Order/Welcome

Chair Tom Douglas welcomed those present for the official start of the meeting.

Warm-Up

Todd Running spoke about the history of the Clean Rivers Program and shared anecdotes from his experience with the program.

Introductions and Certify Quorum

Roll was called for both in-person and online participants. Quorum was not reached.

Approve Meeting Report

Mr. Douglas called for review and comment on the February 5th Meeting Minutes for comments. The minutes were not approved because quorum was not reached. Approval will be deferred until the August meeting.

Membership

The majority of both county and NRAC appointed member terms have lapsed. Ms. Windham is coordinating with the governmental affairs department at H-GAC to coordinate county appointed positions. Other suggestions to fill vacancies or recommend replacements for current positions can be brought forward by members of the NRAC to Ms. Windham at rachel.windham@h-gac.com.

Environmental Program Highlights

- **Tamina Community Assistance**
Mr. Running shared progress with using watershed protection plan implementation dollars to assist the City of Shenandoah in their efforts to convert the Tamina community from on-site sewage to sanitary sewer.
- **Basin Highlights Report**
Jenny Oakley gave an update on the work of H-GAC's Clean Rivers Program in developing the 2026 Basin Highlights Report.
- **Parks & Natural Areas (PNA) Roundtable**
Andrea Tantillo shared information about the Parks and Natural Areas roundtable and the next meeting date. See Attachment A for flyer. For additional information, visit the [PNA website](#).
- **Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Projects**
Steven Johnston gave an update on TMDL and EPA projects in the Houston-Galveston Area region and invited members to attend upcoming public meetings. More information can be found on the H-GAC [website](#). See Attachment B for study area map.
- **Watershed Protection Plans (WPPs)**
Ms. Windham provided updates on ongoing WPP projects (see Attachment C for study area map) and shared information on upcoming public meetings. Information on WPP projects can be found on H-GAC's watershed-based plan [project website](#), and more information can be provided by Ms. Windham (rachel.windham@h-gac.com).
- **Trash Bash 2026**
Ms. Windham shared statistics from the annual Trash Bash event held on March 28, 2026.
- **Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP)**
Ms. Windham provided an overview of elements to be included in the annual update of the WQMP for the Houston-Galveston region. She shared the projected timeline for completion of the first draft, submission for public comment, close of public comment, request of NRAC approval, request of H-GAC Board of Directors approval, and final submission. As the NRAC's approval of the draft WQMP will be requested at the August 6th meeting, Ms. Windham encouraged attendance at the next meeting to assure quorum.

Environmental Committee Highlights

- **Regional Flood Management Committee**

Amanda Ashcroft provided information on activities and updates from the past quarter. Meetings of the Regional Flood Management Committee are scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM in the months of January, April, July, and October. Meetings are held at the H-GAC offices. Learn more by visiting the committee's [website](#).

- **Solid Waste Management Committee**

Erin Livingston provided information on activities and updates from the past quarter. Solid Waste Management Committee meetings are scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the months of January, April, July, and October. Meetings are held at the H-GAC offices. Learn more by visiting the committee's [website](#).

Subcommittees

- **Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence (WISE) Awards**

Ms. Windham shared the timeline for the 2026 WISE awards application process. See Attachment F for flyer. For additional information on this subcommittee and awards program, visit the [WISE award website](#).

Topic of the Day

NRAC Member Jonathan Holley (Harris County Flood Control District) shared a presentation titled "Lessons Learned for Environmental Compliance and Planning During Flood Control Project Development."

Roundtable Discussion

Members shared updates about upcoming events.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Next Meeting Date

Unless otherwise notified, the next scheduled meeting is **Thursday, August 6, 2026 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.** This will be a **hybrid** meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Douglas adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.



PARKS & NATURAL AREAS

The Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable serves as a forum for discussion of parks and natural areas across the region.

For more information or to be added to the mailing list, contact Andrea Tantillo at andrea.tantillo@h-gac.com

www.h-gac.com/parks



SHARE IDEAS

We meet the second Monday of March, July, and September from 2 to 4 p.m. at H-GAC.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

We visit parks around the region for guided tours in the spring and fall.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS

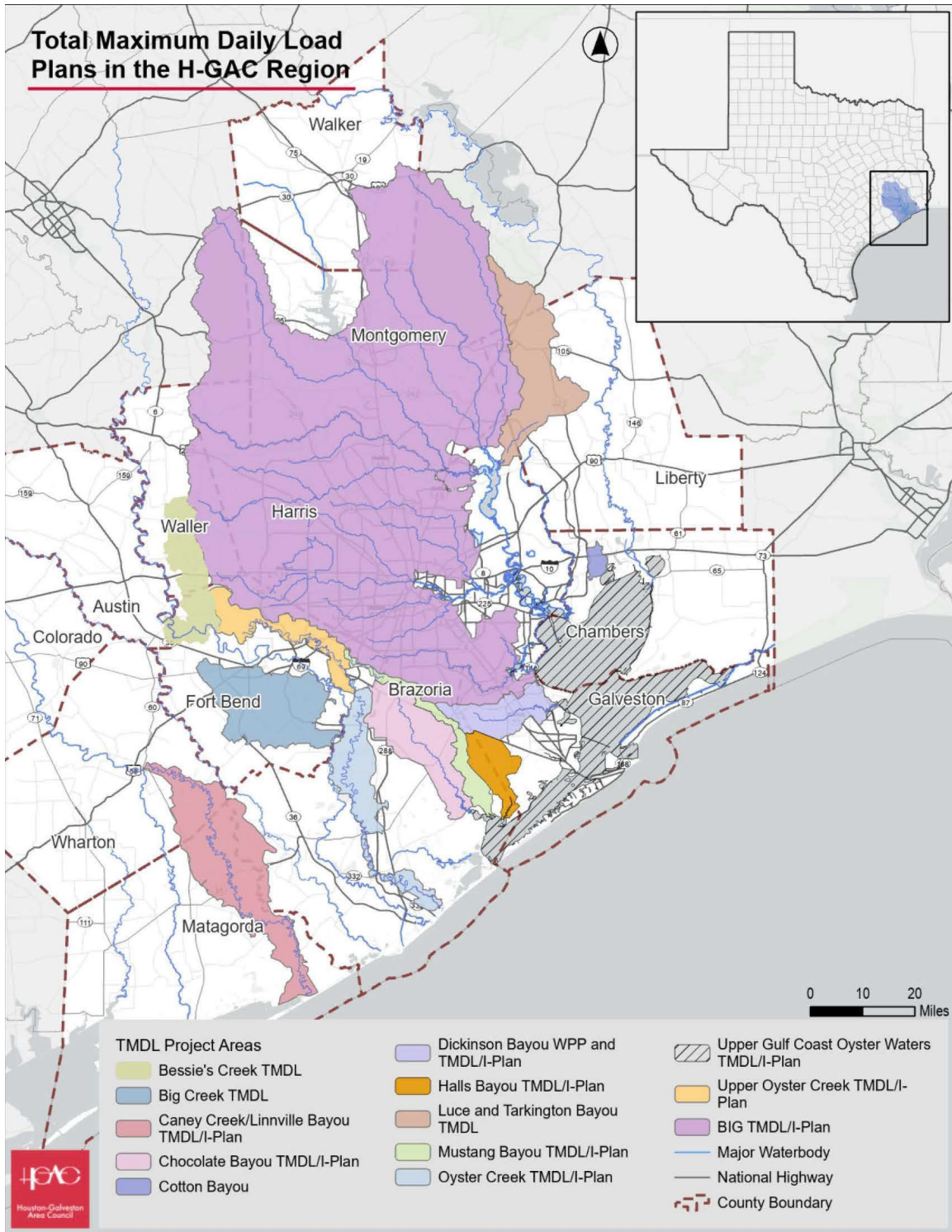
We honor projects that serve as models on how parks and natural areas can improve water quality, habitat, and quality of life.



The Houston-Galveston Area Council is the regional organization through which local governments consider issues and cooperate in solving area-wide problems. The 13 counties in H-GAC's service region are Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton. The Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable meets at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston.

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Attachment E: Parks and Natural Areas Flyer



Attachment B: TMDL and EPA Projects Study Area

