

Clean Rivers Program Basin Steering Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, February 29, 2025
10:00-12:00**

Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions 10:00
- Public Comment 10:10
- Draft Basin Highlights Report 10:15
- Coordinated Monitoring Meeting Summary 10:35
- Texas Stream Team 10:45
- River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayou Trash Bash 11:00
- Targeted Bacteria Monitoring – Halls Bayou 11:15
- Other Business and Upcoming Events 11:30

Draft Basin Highlights Report

Interactive Preview of the Story Map
Conducted Live at Meeting

Coordinated Monitoring Meeting Summary

FY26 Clean Rivers Program Monitoring

- Continue to partner with all 7 monitoring entities
- Coordinated Monitoring Meetings held April 7-8
- Working through action items which may have minor impacts on the monitoring schedule.
 - Removing some duplicate efforts
 - Adding stations to segments that are not currently monitored
 - Re-evaluating effort of special samples: TKN and Chlorophyll-a
 - Moving effort of 24hr DO to different AUs
 - Investigating an AU for potential future biological assessment

H-GAC's Water Resources Information Map (WRIM)

- Updates to the WRIM coming in the later Summer-Fall 2025
 - Current WRIM
 - Inspirational template for new WRIM – SARA Water Quality Viewer

WRIM User Questionnaire →



Texas Stream Team

H-GAC's local Texas Stream Team network

- Provide Standard Core Trainings
- Coordinate program with Texas Stream Team and other local groups like Galveston Bay Foundation
- Coordinate Community Scientist equipment and reviews data
- Upload data to the WRIM and Texas Stream Team DataMap
- Send out a quarterly program newsletter

CORE WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS

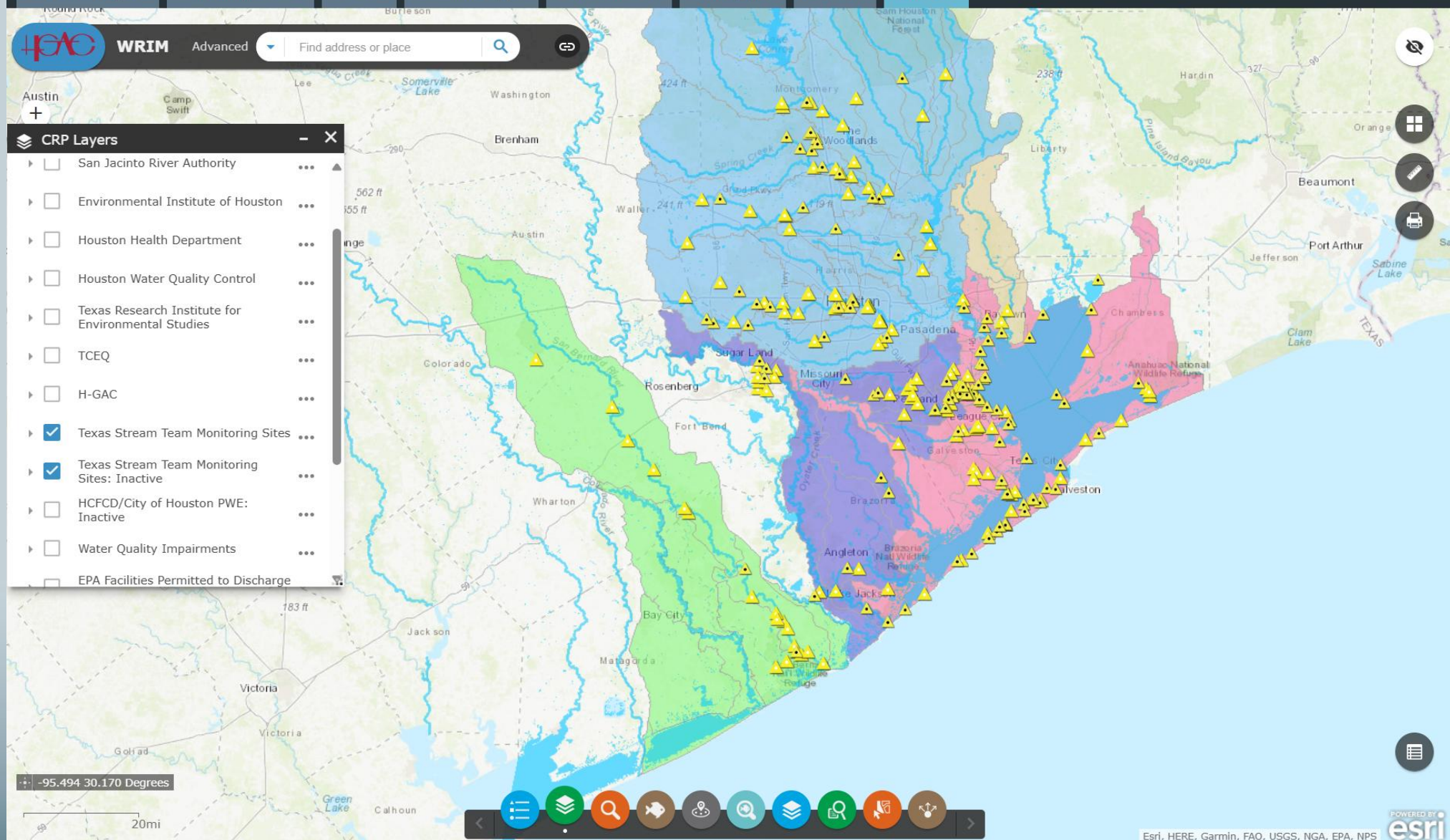
- Field Observations
- Temperature (Air & Water)
- Water Transparency/
Water Clarity
- Depth
- Conductivity or Salinity
- Dissolved Oxygen
- pH

Trainings have three phases
are typically held over one
full day.



H-GAC's Water Resources Information Map (WRIM)

- About the Program
- Monitoring Stations
- Bacteria
- Dissolved Oxygen
- PCBs and Dioxin
- Chlorophyll *a*
- Nutrients
- Advanced



H-GAC's Texas Stream Team FY2026 Goals

- Continue providing Standard Core Trainings
- Coordinate quality assurance sessions for Community Scientists
- Explore options to expand Advanced monitoring in the local program

River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayou Trash Bash



TRASH BASH® 2025

You Came to "Clean It Like
You Mean It!"®



2,414 volunteers
removed



38.69 tons of trash
&



119 tires
from

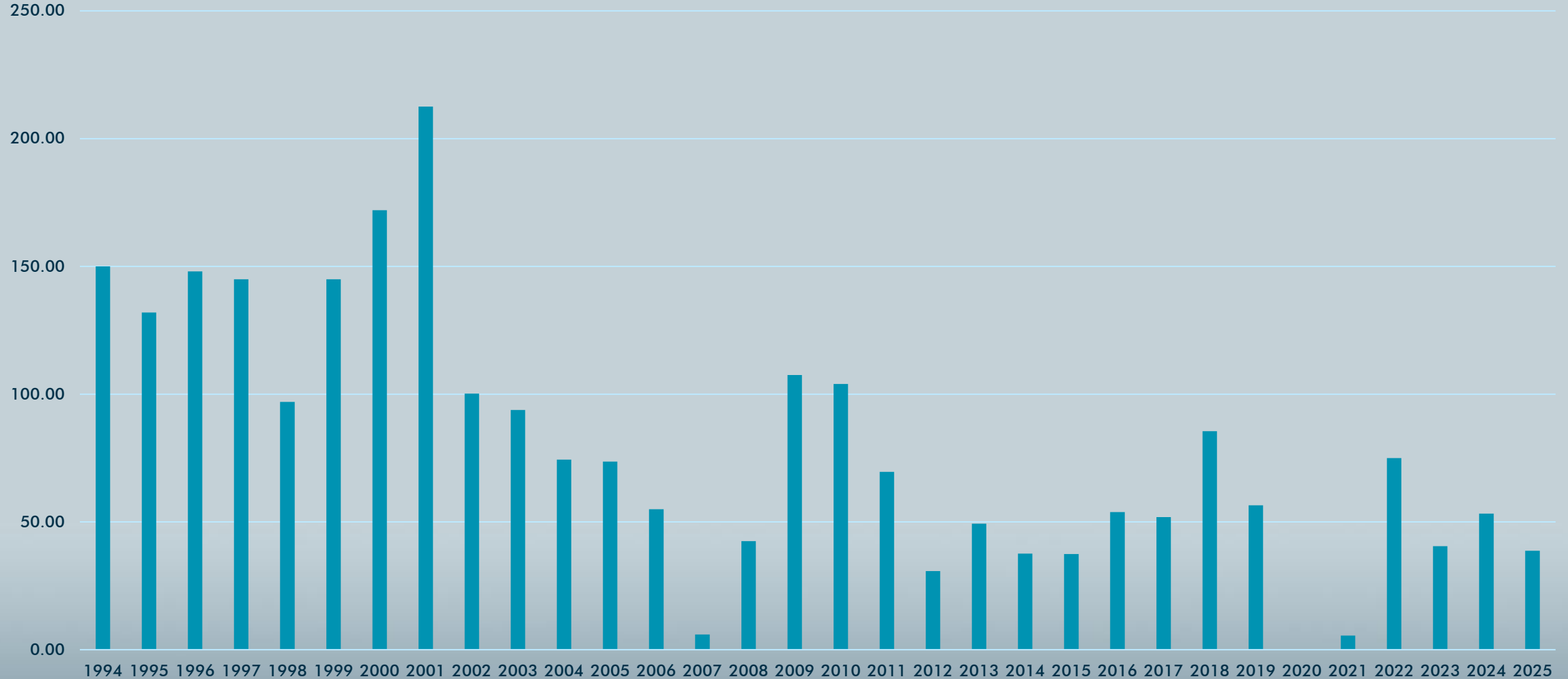
58 miles of the Galveston Bay watershed!

Learn more at www.trashbash.org
and join us next year!

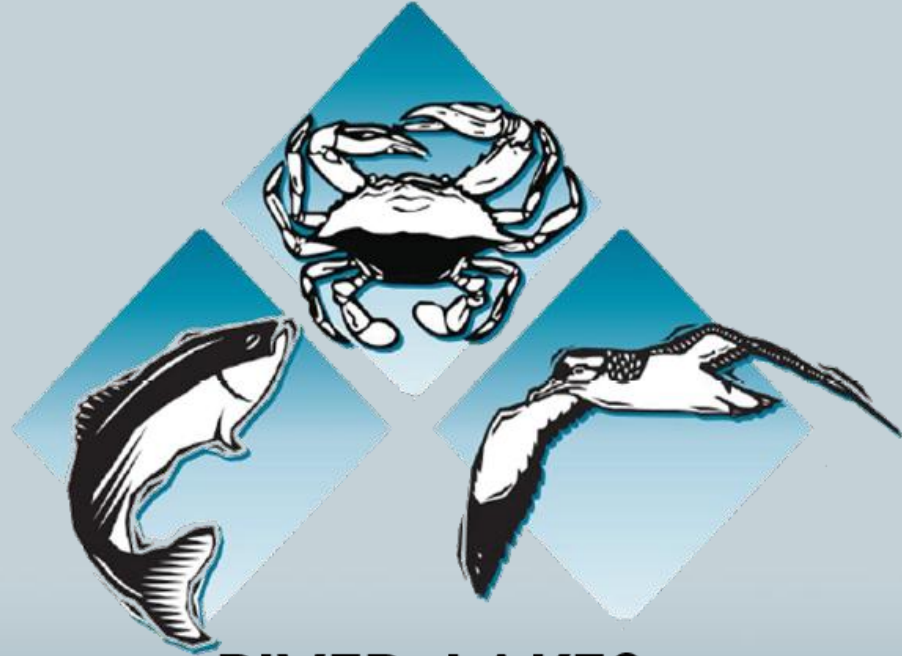
31 Years of Trash Bash Cleanups:

124,119 Trash Bash®
volunteers have cleaned up
2,125 miles of shoreline in
the Galveston Bay
watershed, removing **2,543**
tons of trash, **12,529**
illegally dumped tires, and
23 tons of recyclable
materials.

Trash (tons) Removed During Trash Bash Cleanups Since 1994



**We hope you will join us for the 32nd event on
March 28, 2026!**



**RIVER, LAKES
BAYS 'N BAYOUS TRASH BASH®**

Targeted Bacteria Monitoring Special Study – Halls Bayou

Background

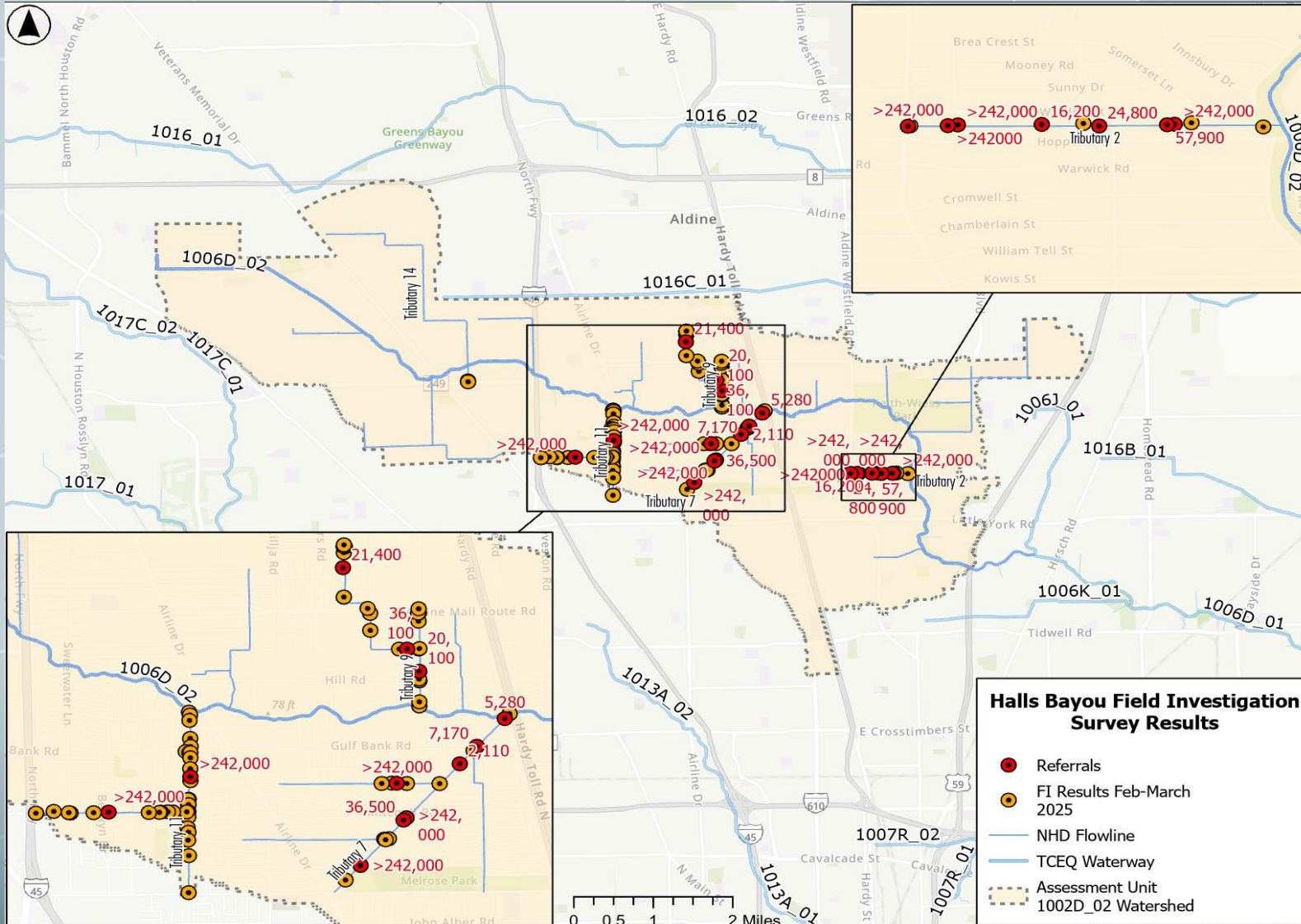
- 144 impaired AUs in the BIG project area. Address impairments via Targeted Monitoring
- Halls Bayou selected after reviewing AU rank list. Accessible, not a repeat study, related to WPP project
- 3 Phase Project: Desktop Review/Windshield Survey, Field Investigation, Documentation and Referral to Local Jurisdictions

Desktop Review/Windshield Survey

- Identify potential point and non-point source pollution
- WS provides spatial snapshot of watershed during dry weather conditions
- Results aid in pinpointing potential sources for field investigation

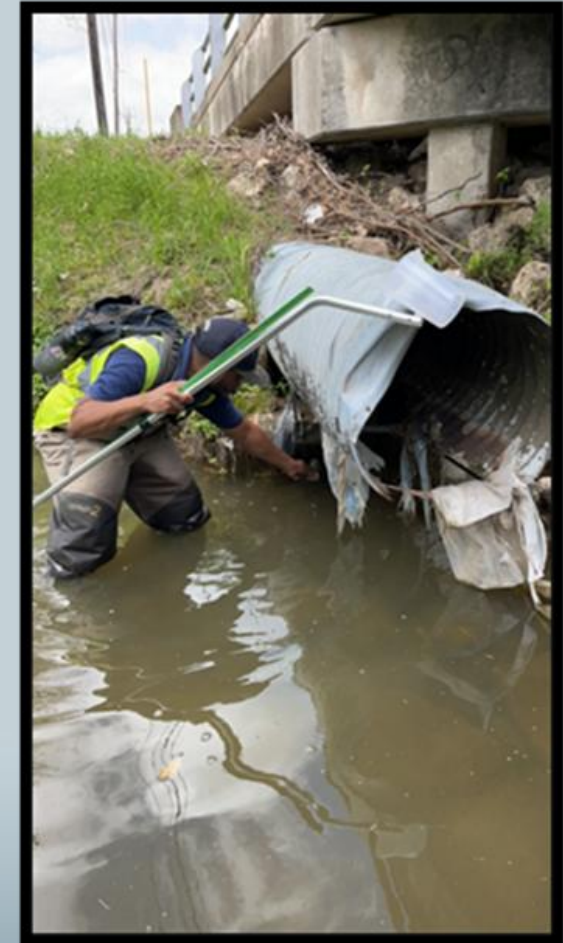


Field Investigation



Results & Referrals

- Total samples collected: 122
- 19 Referrals across 4 tributaries.
H-GAC sending locations to local jurisdictions
- Final Report in progress



Upcoming Events & Announcements

- Contacting Basin Steering Committee Members – Participation and Interest Survey
- Natural Resource Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday May 1, 2025 from 1:30-3:30pm at H-GAC or remote (Zoom)
- Wastewater Infrastructure Funding and Assistance Workshop – Thursday May 1, 2025 from 2-4pm in Angleton, TX or remote (Zoom)
- Bacteria Implementation Group (BIG) Spring Meeting – Tuesday June 3, 2025 from 2-4pm at H-GAC
- Next CRP Regional Water Quality Monitoring Meeting – Tuesday June 10, 2025 from 10-12 – remote (Microsoft Teams)
- June 30, 2025 Basin Highlights Report Story Map will be published.
<https://www.h-gac.com/clean-rivers-program/basin-highlights-summary-reports>

Upcoming Events Shared by Committee Members

- Green's Bayou Coalition Fundraising Breakfast – Thursday May 1, 2025 at 7:30am
- Bayou Preservation Symposium – Friday May 2, 2025
- Galveston Bay Foundation Annual Meeting – Wednesday May 14, 2025
- Harris County On-Site Wastewater Seminar – Thursday May 15, 2025

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