



Houston-Galveston Area Council

Natural Resources Advisory Committee

AGENDA

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 1:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting on Zoom and In-Person at
3555 Timmons Ln. Houston, TX 77027

1. Call to Order/Welcome

2. Warm- up

3. Introductions

4. Certify Quorum

A quorum of 12 is required to conduct committee business.

5. Approve Meeting Report

Request approval of November 6, 2025 meeting report. Copy linked in email and available on the NRAC Extranet website.

6. Membership

H-GAC staff will provide a brief status update on membership.

7. Environmental Committee Highlights

Coordinators for H-GAC environmental committees will provide information on activities and updates from the past quarter.

- Regional Flood Management Committee
 - See the [committee website](#)¹ for recent meeting highlights and more information.
- Solid Waste Management Committee
 - See the [committee website](#)² for recent meeting highlights and more information.

8. Environmental Program Highlights

H-GAC Staff will highlight Community & Environmental Planning projects to seek comment and feedback from Committee members.

- Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) Section Review (Rachel Windham)
 - Ms. Windham will provide an overview of the sections of the WQMP and seek recommendations from the committee about sections to review in more detail prior to the review of the WQMP draft at the August meeting.
- OSSF Repairs & Replacements in Vulnerable Communities (Bill Ervin)
 - Mr. Ervin will provide an update on progress with a project identifying and assisting communities in the Lower Galveston Bay watershed with on-site

¹ <https://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors/advisory-committees/regional-flood-management-committee>

² <https://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors/advisory-committees/solid-waste-management-committee>



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sewage facility remediation and education. See Attachment A for study area map.

- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Project Updates (Steven Johnston)
 - Mr. Johnston will provide updates on ongoing TMDL and EPA projects and will share information on upcoming public meetings. See Attachment B for study area map.
- Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) Updates (Rachel Windham)
 - Ms. Windham will provide updates on ongoing WPP projects and will share information on upcoming public meetings. See Attachment C for study area map.
- Trash Bash 2026 Reminder (Rachel Windham for Kendall Guidroz)
 - Ms. Windham will share details about the upcoming annual Trash Bash event and how to get involved. See Attachment D for project graphic.
- Parks and Natural Areas Update (Andrea Tantillo)
 - Ms. Tantillo will share information on the upcoming Parks and Natural Areas award ceremony as well as information about the next roundtable meeting date. See Attachment E for flyer.

9. Subcommittees

- **Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence Subcommittee**

Ms. Windham will provide an update on the status of the Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence Awards. See attachment F for flyer.

10. Topic of the Day

Colleen Gilbert with the Greens Bayou Coalition will share some background about the organization and highlight recent projects working toward making the Greens Bayou corridor a wonderful, healthy place to live, work and play.

11. Roundtable Discussion

NRAC members can bring up issues of import and/or interest for edification and/or discussion. Please take advantage of this agenda item.

12. Public Comment

13. Next Meeting Date

Unless otherwise notified, the next scheduled meeting is:

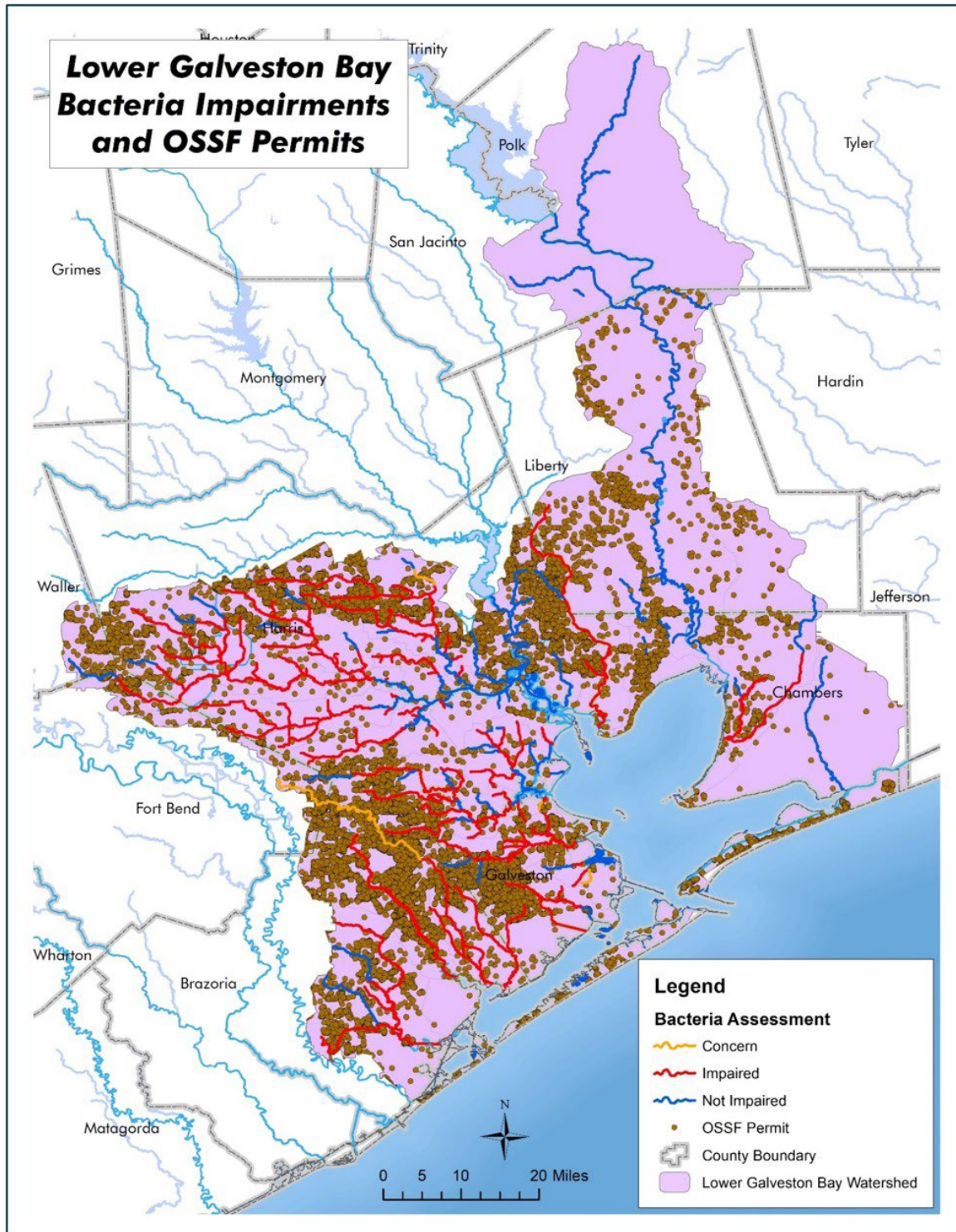
Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

14. Adjourn

In Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, H-GAC provides for reasonable accommodation for persons attending H-GAC functions. Requests should be received by H-GAC 24 hours prior to the function.



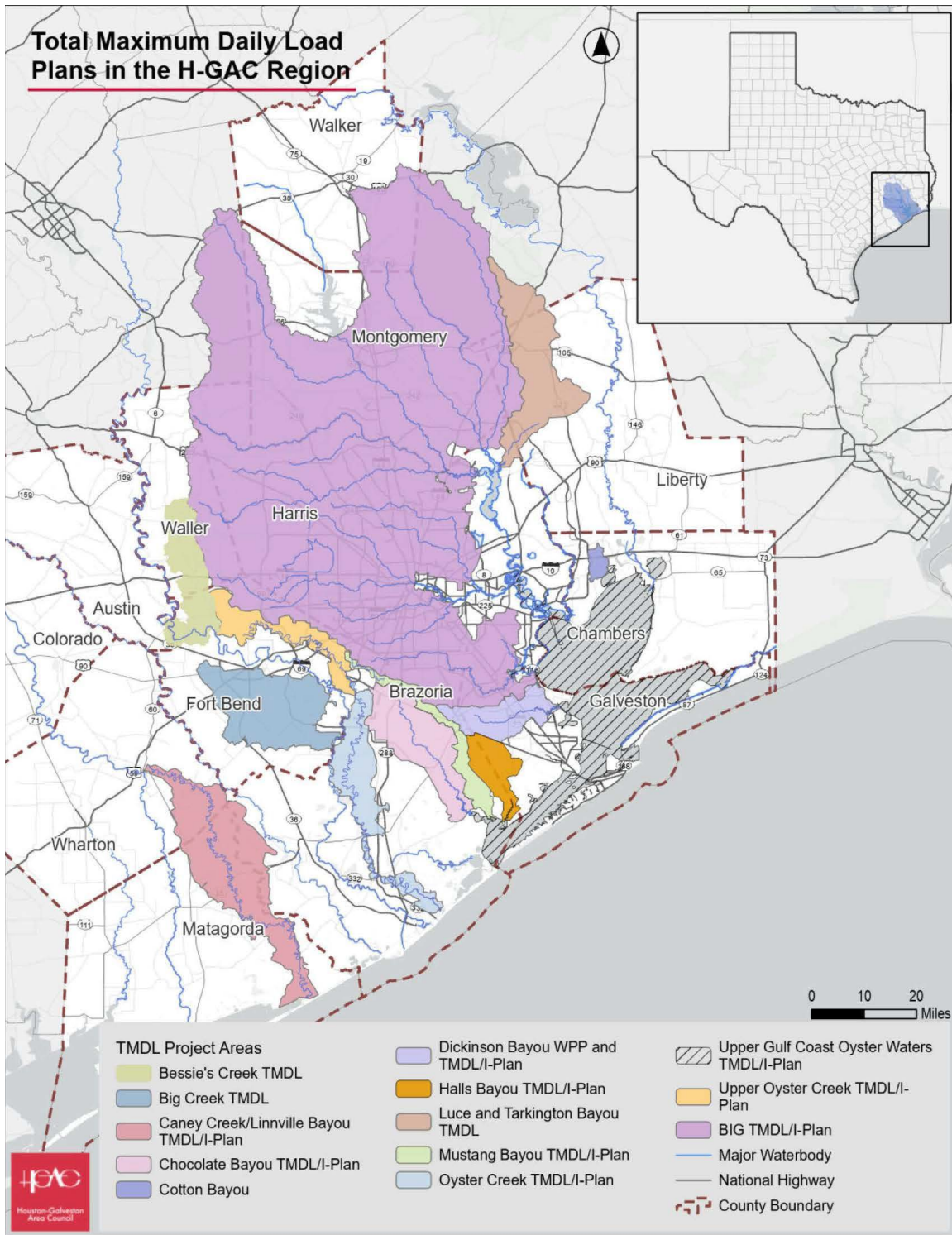
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Attachment A: OSSF Repairs & Replacements in Vulnerable Communities Study Area



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Attachment B: TMDL and EPA Projects Study Area



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"Clean It Like
You Mean It!"®

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026



Register Today!



* Find event information, cleanup locations, and registration links on the Trash Bash® website. All participants must complete a waiver form.



www.TrashBash.org

Attachment D: Trash Bash Project Graphic



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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 HGAC.

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.



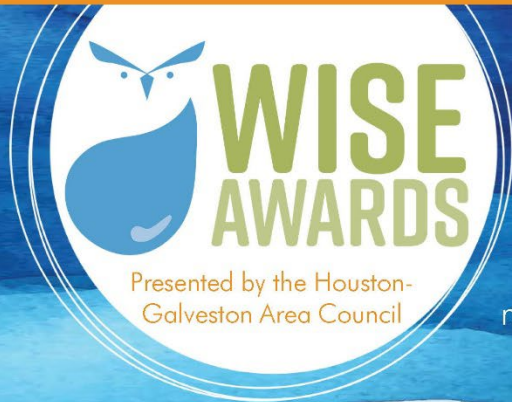
The Houston-Galveston Area Council is the regional organization through which local governments consider issues and cooperate in solving area-wide problems. The 13 counties in HGAC's service region are Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery,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

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APPLY FOR THE 2026 WISE AWARDS



Presented by the Houston-Galveston Area Council

Applications open on
Monday, March 2, 2026
and close on
Friday, April 3, 2026.



Visit h-gac.com/wise-awards to
nominate a project, program, or individual.

ABOUT

The Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence (WISE) Awards recognize innovative projects, programs, or individuals in the Houston-Galveston region that serve as models for improving and protecting water resources.

This program is overseen by the Natural Resources Advisory Committee, an advisory committee to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include:

- ◆ Local governments
- ◆ Businesses
- ◆ Non-profit organizations
- ◆ Universities and educational institutions
- ◆ Utility districts
- ◆ Individuals

Projects, programs, or efforts in Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Galveston, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton counties are eligible for recognition.

Joint applications for larger collaborative efforts are encouraged, but not required.

CATEGORIES

The 2026 WISE Awards honor projects, programs, or individuals demonstrating innovation and excellence for protecting and improving water resources through any of the following:

- ◆ Planning and policy
- ◆ Education and public awareness
- ◆ Completed effort (greater than \$200,000)
- ◆ Completed effort (less than \$200,000)
- ◆ Research and monitoring
- ◆ Program performance
- ◆ Individual excellence

AGREEMENT

There is no entry fee for the WISE Awards. By submitting a project, the applicant agrees all contest materials may be used in presentations and publications developed by the Houston-Galveston Area Council without further acknowledgement. Selected projects may be featured on the Houston-Galveston Area Council website and social media channels.

FIND OUT MORE

Additional details, including application requirements and scoring criteria, are available at h-gac.com/wise-awards. Contact Rachel Windham at rachel.windham@h-gac.com for more information.

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