

Stakeholder Contact Documentation

Spring Creek Watershed Protection Plan

Narrative

During Q1 FY20, H-GAC initiated the project and began to work on preliminary activities, including QAPP development, stakeholder list development, and initial conversations with partners. Additionally, H-GAC represented the project at various internal, watershed, and regional meetings and worked with partners to plan additional outreach activities.

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Formal Mailings – No formal mailings were made during this time frame.

Stakeholder discussions – During this quarter, H-GAC discussed the project with the following stakeholders. Formal presentations and presence at external meetings are summarized later in this document. Not included in this list are incidental discussions with internal and external colleagues that were not specific stakeholders or partners, or conversations solely about attendance or non-attendance at meetings. “Various” indicates instances where there were ongoing or frequent conversations with a given stakeholder too numerous to list.

Stakeholder	Date	Topics
Mickey Merritt, Texas A&M Forest Service	12/4	Discussed TFS interest in the watershed and other local projects, and coordination with outreach efforts.
Caroline McCabe, USACE	9/4/19, various	Following up on the H-GAC role in water quality and watershed planning as part of USACE study of Houston area including WFSJR watershed. Also discussed USACE participation in project.
Eva Vigh, Community Impact (media)	9/4/19	Discussed project for article; provided data.
Paul Wierzbicki, Houston Area Urban Forestry Council	9/18, various	Discussed a presentation on the project/water quality and urban forests at the Houston Urban Tree Conference in November.
Terri MacArthur (Woodlands Township)	10/5, various	Discussed presentations on water quality in the watershed; Texas Stream Team trainings; a proposed Water Ambassador training program.
Deborah January-Beavers, Houston Wilderness	9/11, various	Talked with Deborah about the project as part of a broader Regional Conservation Plan effort and related project with the Houston Endowment.
Shane Simpson, SJRA	(various)	Talked about expanding Stream Team efforts in the greater Lake Houston watershed.
Becky Martinez, Bayou Land Conservancy	12/5, various	Discussed BLC priorities in area, participation in the project.

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Mac Martin, TFS	9/4, 9/6, various	Discussed TFS participation, other urban forestry/stormwater efforts in area.
John Warner, Texas Forest Service	9/23, various	Discussed outreach efforts in the greater Lake Houston watershed.
Patrick Rightmyer	9/26, various	Discussed Houston's new interest in source water protection; potential partnership opportunities, plan elements, OSSF SEP, etc.
Jaime Gonzalez, The Nature Conservancy	10/23	Discussed land cover change in the project area, potential participation by the Conservancy, conservation program element from other cities, mapping assistance. Discussed specific project opportunity to look at urban farmland issues in project watersheds.

Formal Meetings with Stakeholders– There were no formal meetings with stakeholders in this quarter.

Meeting	Date	Meeting Topics

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Representation at Public Meetings– During this quarter, H-GAC made presentations, gave updates, or otherwise represented the project at various public meetings. This does not include informal discussions at meetings, or meetings held specifically with stakeholders. H-GAC project staff represented multiple projects at some events.

Meeting	Date	Meeting Topics
H-GAC Natural Resources Advisory Committee	11/7	Gave brief project update
GBEP WSQ	12/5	Gave brief project update
Houston Area Urban Forestry Council	9/9, various	H-GAC is currently serving as a director for this 501c3, representing water quality projects. H-GAC promoted forestry and water coordination at a variety of meetings in the quarter.
Bayou Preservation Association Annual Symposium	10/30	H-GAC project staff represented this and other watershed efforts, and maintained a booth with information on the projects.
Houston Urban Tree Conference	11/15	Gave presentation regarding water quality/watershed planning and forestry practices at Weekley Community Center (adjacent to watershed); discussed the Lake Houston watersheds as case study.
AccelerateH2O Regional Workshop on Alternative Detention/Retention	9/4, 9/12	Discussed potential flood mitigation/water quality project with regional partner working on joint project in West Houston are including the watershed; meeting and conference call.
USACE Houston Watershed Studies Partner Meeting	9/18	Represented this and other projects in discussion with USACE about water quality efforts in their study area.
Woodlands Smarter about Water Seminar	10/5	Gave presentation on water quality, representing the Cypress and Spring Creek projects, and general water quality issues of the Woodlands area and watersheds.
Regional Flood Management Committee (H-GAC)	10/16	Represented this and other projects in discussion of flood management efforts and adjacent projects.
Urban Natural Areas national convening (NYC Natural Areas Conservancy)	10/28-10-31	H-GAC represented this and other projects as part of a Houston-area team at this forestry conference. Our presentations focused on riparian restoration and assessing benefits of forestry practices in watersheds and urban areas.
InvestH2O 2019	12/4	Represented this and other watershed projects at a conference with regional partners addressing water quality and flood mitigation issues, with a focus on West Houston (including the Cypress watershed). Discussed innovative means to spur resilience/water quality projects.