

The Natural Resources Advisory Committee meeting will begin shortly



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Houston-Galveston
Area Council

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 1:30 PM
Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Meeting

NRAC Agenda

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

2. Certify Quorum

A quorum of 12 is required to conduct committee business.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

3. Approve Meeting Report

Request approval of February 1, 2024 meeting report. Copies shared via email and available on the NRAC Extranet website.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

4. Membership

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

NRAC Agenda (continued)

5. Environmental Committee Highlights

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

- Regional Flood Management Committee (Rachel Windham for Amanda Ashcroft)
- Solid Waste Management Committee (Wendy Almanzan for Erin Livingston)

NRAC Agenda (continued)

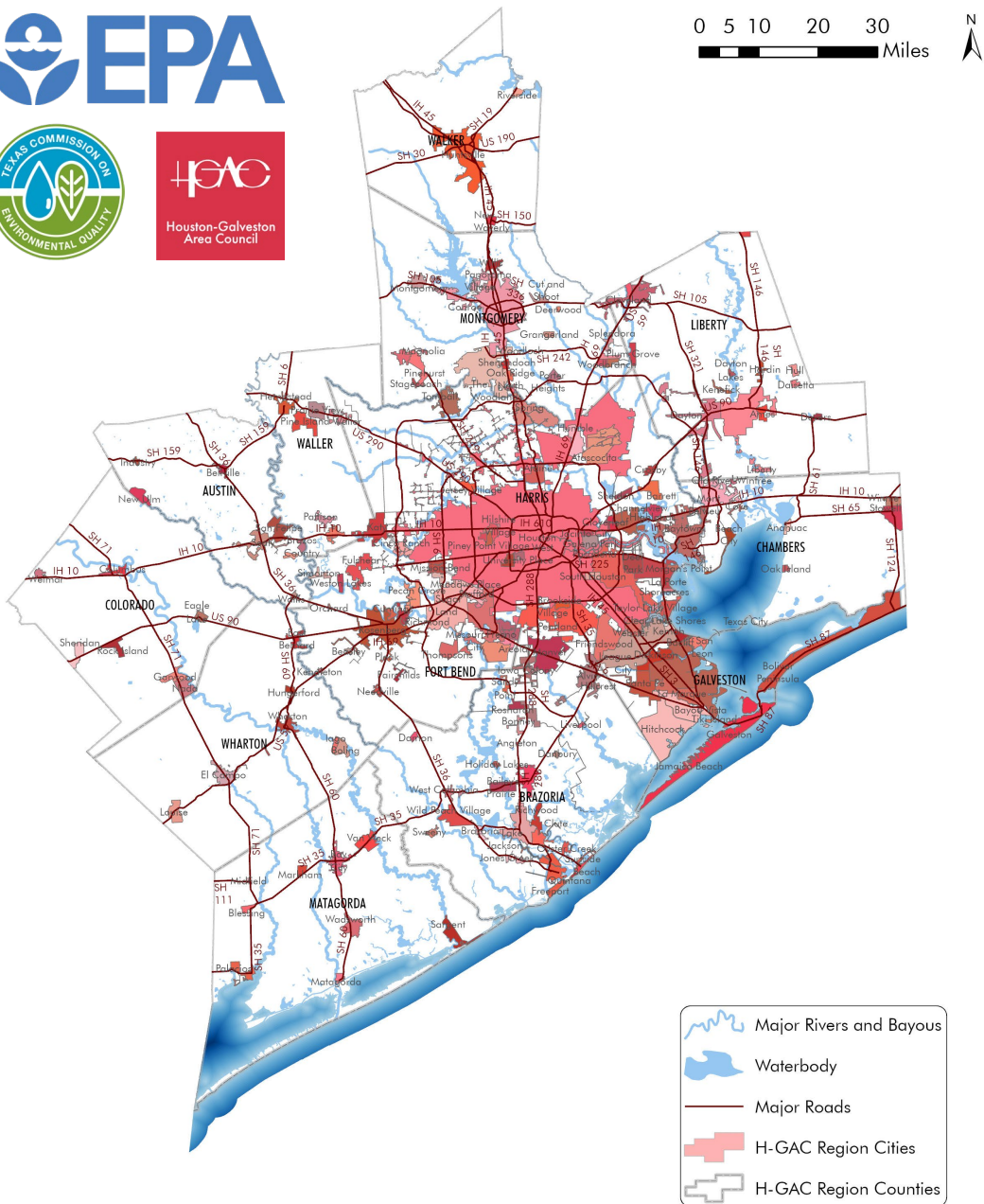
6. Environmental Program Highlights

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

- Trash Bash 2024 Highlights (Kendall Guidroz)
- On-site Sewage Facility Projects Update (Bill Ervin)
- Clean Rivers Program (Todd Running)
- Total Maximum Daily Load Projects Update (Steven Johnston)
- Parks and Natural Areas Update (Rachel Windham for Andrea Tantillo)
- Watershed Protection Planning and Implementation Update (Rachel Windham)
- Water Quality Management Plan Update (Rachel Windham)

FY 2024 Water Quality Management Plan Update

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Regional Water Quality Management Planning

- H-GAC conducts annual updates to a water quality management plan (WQMP) for the 13-county Houston-Galveston Region as part of a Clean Water Act Section 604(b) grant program
- Once accepted by TCEQ, the update is incorporated into the State's Water Quality Management Plan

Primary Project Objectives

- Wastewater Infrastructure Data Update and Coordination
- Conformance Review for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Projects
- Support Watershed Planning
- On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Planning, Support, and Outreach Activities
- OSSF Mapping Tool Expansion Feasibility
- Development of the Water Quality Management Plan Update Report

WQMP Update Final Report Timeline

Date	Task
July 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Data Deliverables due to TCEQ• WQMP Update Draft Report due to TCEQ• WQMP Update Draft Report sent electronically to NRAC members to review• Public comment period opens
July 1 to 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public comment period
August 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NRAC meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presentation of WQMP Update Final Report○ NRAC makes recommendation to H-GAC Board of Directors
August 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H-GAC Board of Directors meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Board votes to accept the WQMP Update Final Report
Upon Board Acceptance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WQMP Update Final Report due to TCEQ

NRAC Agenda (continued)

7. Subcommittees

Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence Subcommittee

Staff coordinator, Rachel Windham, will provide an update on the status of the Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence Awards and future action.

2024 WISE AWARDS

2024 CATEGORIES

- 🔥 Policy and Planning
- 🔥 Education and Public Awareness
- 🔥 Completed Effort (Greater than \$200K)
- 🔥 Completed Effort (Less than \$200K)
- 🔥 Research and Monitoring
- 🔥 Program Performance
- 🔥 Individual Excellence

Nine submissions

At least one submission per category

Judging deadline extended

Will follow up with results next week



NRAC Agenda (continued)

8. Topic of the Day

Ashley Morgan-Olvera, Director of Research and Education/Outreach with the Texas Invasive Species Institute at Sam Houston State University, will provide an overview of her work and how invasive species impact our natural resources.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

9. Roundtable Discussion

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

10. Public Comment

Members of the public can sign up to public comment. Three minutes allotted for each public comment.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

11. Next Meeting Date

Unless otherwise notified, the next scheduled meeting is:

Thursday, August 1, 2024 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

This will be held as a hybrid in-person/online event.

12. Adjourn