



Houston-Galveston
Area Council

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, May 7, 2026, 1:30 PM

In-Person Meeting

NRAC Agenda

1. Call to Order/Welcome

2. Warm-up

NRAC Agenda (continued)

3. Introductions

4. Certify Quorum

A quorum of 12 is required to conduct committee business.

5. Approve Meeting Report

Request approval of February 5, 2026 meeting report.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

6. Membership

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

Vacancies

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

NRAC Agenda (continued)

7. Environmental Program Highlights

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

- Tamina Community Assistance (Todd Running)
- Basin Highlights Report (Jenny Oakley)
- Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable Update (Andrea Tantillo)
- Watershed-Based Plans Update (Steven Johnston and Rachel Windham)
- Trash Bash 2026 (Rachel Windham for Kendall Guidroz)
- 2026 Water Quality Management Plan (Rachel Windham for Bill Ervin)

PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS AWARDS



Friday, February 6 – Annual Parks and Natural Areas Awards Ceremony



120+ people attended and celebrated a record 42 honorees

PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS ROUNDTABLE



Monday, March 9 – online roundtable featuring conversations about trails



30 people attended and participated in the roundtable, information exchange

Next Meeting

Tour of the Brazoria County Parks Department Headquarters in Angleton

May 27, 2026

10 a.m.

Thank You!

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Parks and Natural Areas



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

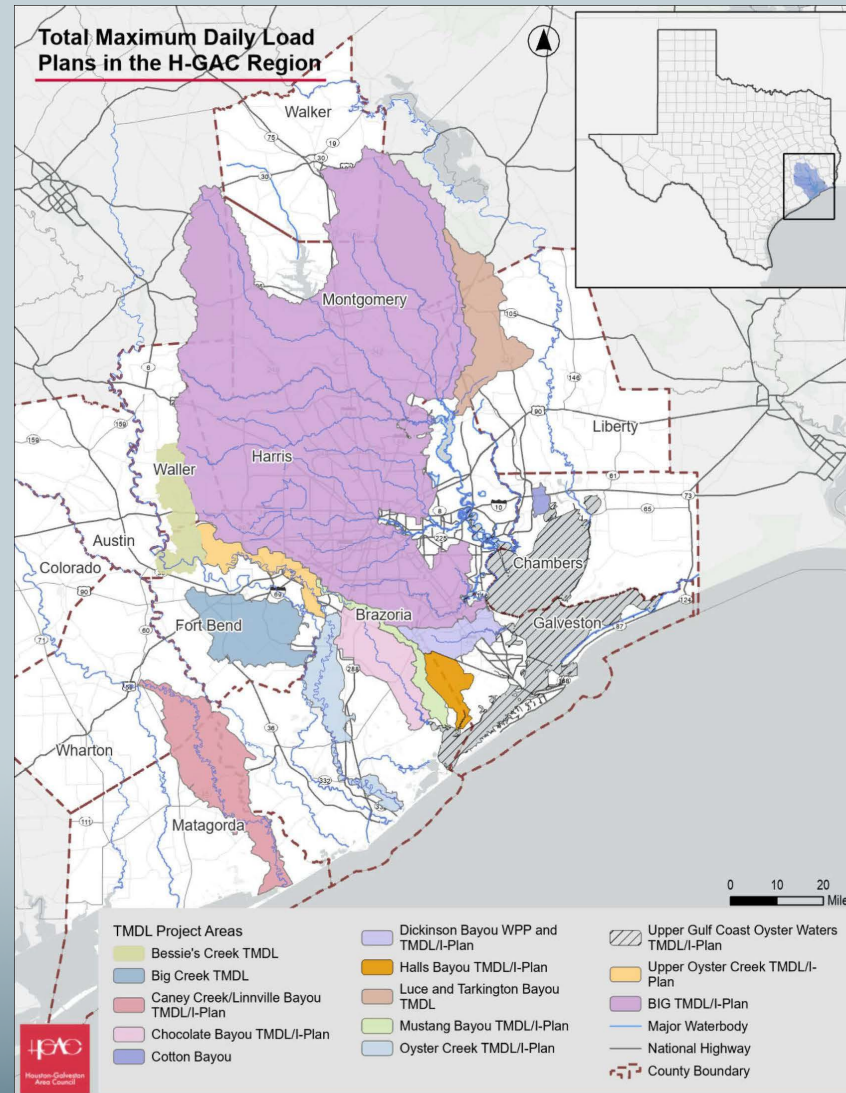
We honor projects that serve as models on how parks and natural areas can improve water quality, habitat, and quality of life.

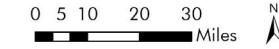


The Houston-Galveston Area Council is the regional organization through which local governments consider issues and cooperate in solving area-wide problems. The 13 counties in HGAC's service region are Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery,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

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TMDL Projects



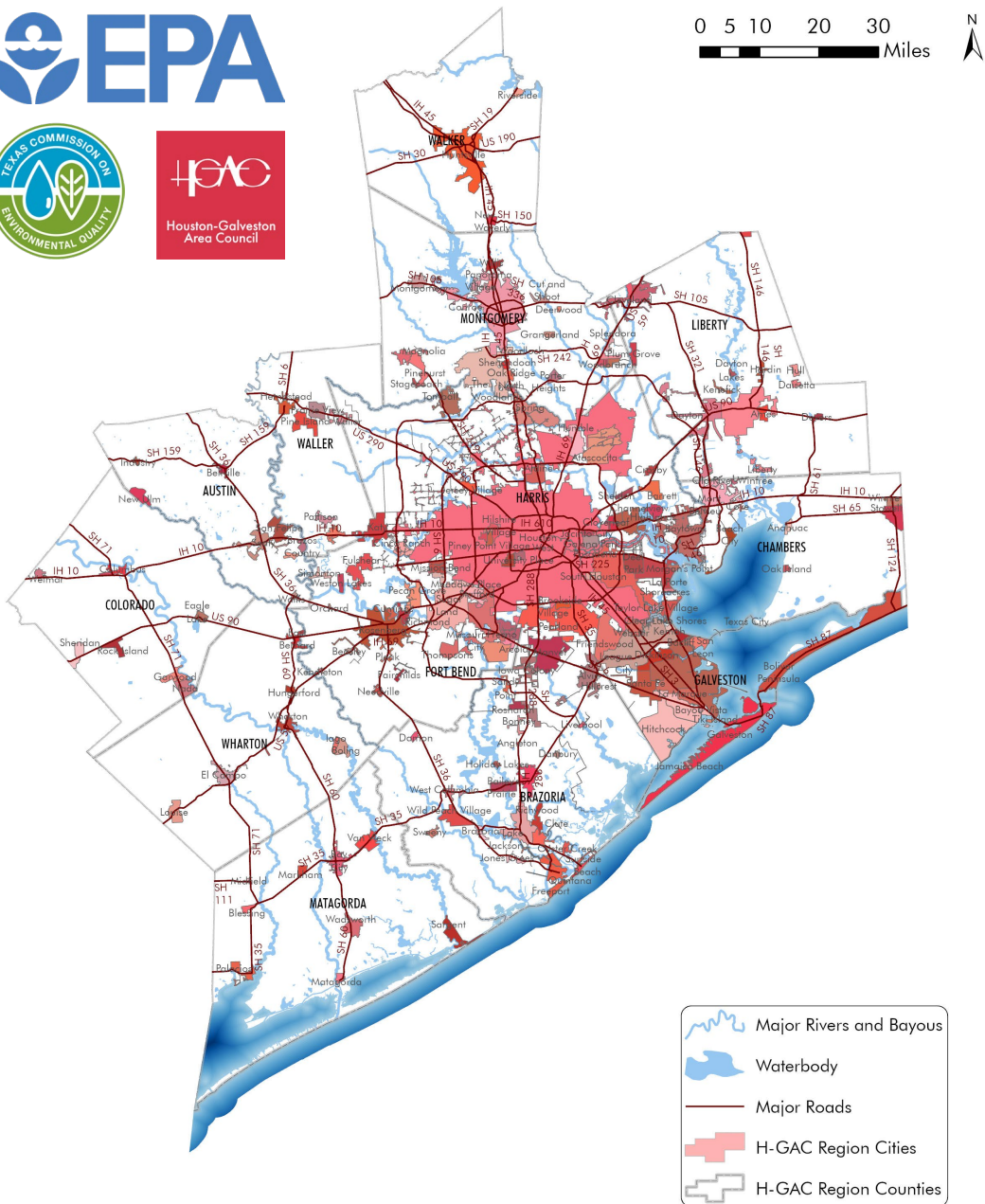


Trash Bash 2026



FY 2026 Water Quality Management Plan Update

Natural Resources Advisory Committee
May 7, 2026



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	• 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	• Public comment period
August 6	• NRAC meeting ○ Presentation of WQMP Update Final Report ○ NRAC makes recommendation to H-GAC Board of Directors
August 18	• H-GAC Board of Directors meeting ○ Board votes to accept the WQMP Update Final Report
Upon Board Acceptance	• WQMP Update Final Report due to TCEQ

NRAC Agenda (continued)

8. 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 (Rachel Windham for Erin Livingston)

Regional Flood Management Committee



- Region 6 Flood Planning Group spoke about the second cycle of Texas Flood Planning
 - Project sponsors are invited to submit their flood risk reduction needs to be considered for inclusion in the 2028 Flood Plan
 - Submission deadline: July 2nd, 2026
 - Projects must be reviewed and approved by the RFPG before the 2027 submittal
- Harris County Flood Resilience Plan leadership spoke about the Flood Resilience Plan
 - Expected completion date of early 2027
 - Implementation-focused short-, medium-, and long-term actions to strengthen infrastructure systems, natural and ecological resources, and community networks
- Celina Gauthier Lowry of Texas A&M's Disaster and Recovery Mitigation Branch presented on permeable paver study
- Roundtable discussion focused on opportunities to support an H&H study that could inform a master watershed plan and contribute to CRS program points for our member governments.
- Next meeting: July 15, 2026

Contact Amanda Ashcroft at amanda.ashcroft@h-gac.com for more!

Solid Waste Management Committee



- There will be two upcoming disaster debris management webinars
 - June 18 – “Assessing Damage and Estimating Debris Quantities”, will also include a technology focus
 - August 19 – “Successfully Navigating the Public Assistance Program”
- 8-hour HAZWOPER Refresher – geared toward the Household Hazardous Waste facility staff but open to all
 - in person in Houston on August 20
- At the April meeting, the committee heard two presentations:
 - Fort Bend County – illegal dumping enforcement and cleanup program
 - Arcosa – concrete recycling
- Next meeting: July 22, 2026

Contact Erin Livingston at erin.livingston@h-gac.com for more!

NRAC Agenda (continued)

9. 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.

NRAC Agenda (continued)

8. Member Spotlight

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



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.

2026 Spring Symposium

CONFLUENCE

WHERE IDEAS & PRACTICE MEET



2026 SPRING SYMPOSIUM SERIES

*Spotlighting Exploration Green —
From Design to Long-Term Performance*

WED, MAY 13 | 10AM-12PM | UNITED WAY OF GREATER HOUSTON



LESLEY SUSAN HILL



NRAC Agenda (continued)

10. Public Comment

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

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11. Next Meeting Date

Unless otherwise notified, the next scheduled meeting is:

Thursday, August 6, 2026 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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

12. Adjourn