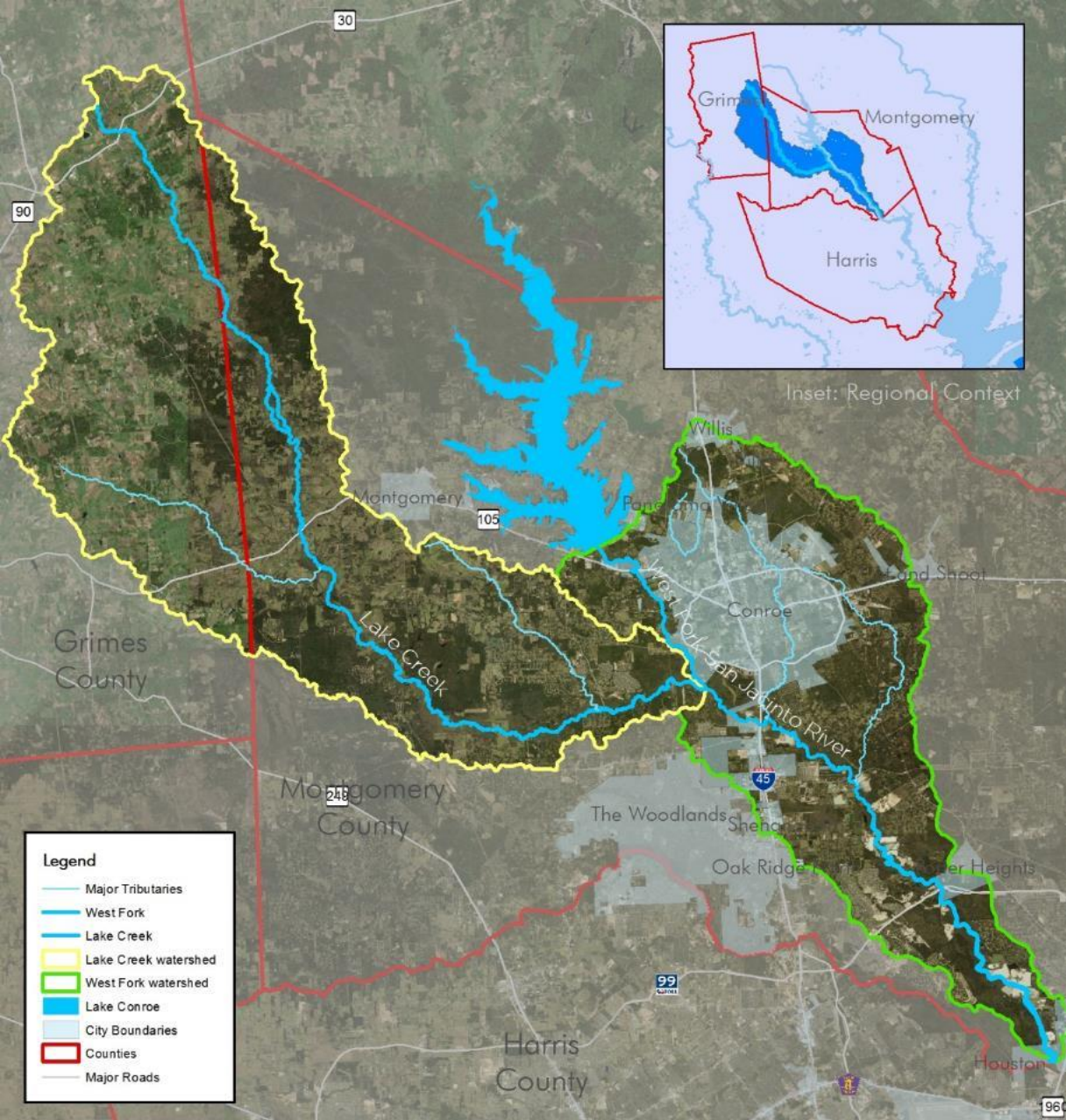




Developing a Watershed Protection Plan for the West Fork San Jacinto River and Lake Creek

BIG Annual Meeting
October 23, 2018





Background

- West Fork, Lake Creek
- Local interest, water quality issues
 - Fecal waste, nutrients, sediment, trash
- TCEQ/H-GAC project under CWA 319(h)
- Other projects in area



The Issues

- Mix of bacteria sources, no smoking gun (pets, ag, OSSFs, wildlife, etc.)
- Other concerns over sediment, mining, private property concerns
- Development rapid in area, sources increasing


LOCAL
PEOPLE


LOCAL
KNOWLEDGE


LOCAL
SOLUTIONS



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The WPP

- TCEQ/H-GAC 319 project
- Voluntary model
- More specific look at area, considers issues beyond TMDL
- Detailed modeling and ample stakeholder feedback

Project Progress





The Recommendations

- Human – OSSF remediation, stormwater programs, address SSOs
- Pets – Waste stations, spay/neuter programs, dog parks
- Ag – WQMPs, riparian buffers
- Feral Hogs – removal
- Misc – riparian buffers, education and outreach, LID, voluntary conservation



Next Steps

- EPA approval
- Implementation – Now!
- Continued monitoring
- Coordination with Lake Conroe WPP, TMDL, Spring/Cypress Creek WPPs, flood mitigation efforts

Any Questions?

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