Project Update: Attoyac Bayou Watershed Protection Plan Implementation

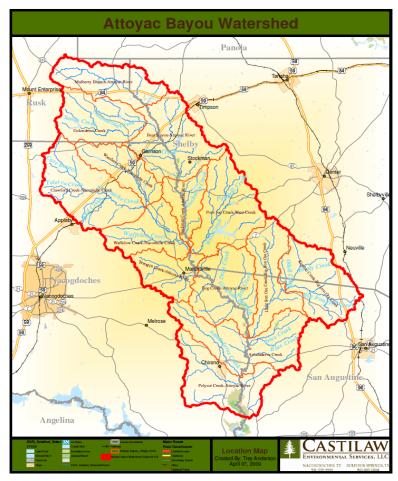
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Attoyac Bayou Watershed Protection Plan Implementation

- Extends 81 miles through Rusk, Nacogdoches, San Augustine and Shelby Counties and flows into Sam Rayburn Reservoir.
- Currently listed on the Texas 303(d)
 Impaired Water Body List due to
 elevated levels of bacteria.
- The Watershed Protection Plan was accepted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2015.







Implementation Projects

- 1. Coordinate *facilitation of implementation and monitoring* of the Attoyac Bayou WPP and monitor implementation effectiveness.
- Provide technical and financial assistance to producers in the watershed for the development and implementation of *Water Quality Management Plans (WQMPs)*.
- Inspect, *repair and replace failing OSSFs* or non-existent systems to reduce overall bacterial loadings into the watershed.





Coordinating and Monitoring WPP Implementation Effectiveness in the Attoyac Bayou

Goals:

- Conduct stakeholder meetings to keep stakeholders engaged and bring input into future implementation activities.
 - One stakeholder meeting in July 2017. Planning another before end of 2018.
- Evaluate WPP implementation milestones.
 - Monitor water quality in the watershed to show BMP implementation effectiveness and general water quality changes.
- Conduct Education and Outreach activities in and around the watershed.









Implement Agricultural Nonpoint Source Components of the WPP

Goal:

- Provide technical assistance to agricultural producers to produce Water Quality Management Plans (WQMPs) and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- Reduce potential pollutant loads of streams from Nonpoint source pollution from Agricultural operations.
- Provide education programs to increase stakeholder and citizen knowledge on water quality in the watershed.





Contact Info for WQMPs:

- Cost share funds are still available.
- There are currently four WQMPs planned or implemented.
- The main interest has been in cross fencing, pasture planting, and ponds.

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OSSF Remediation and Replacement Program

Goals:

- Address high E. coli loadings through OSSF repair and replacements.
- Promote the need and environmental benefits of proper OSSF function in the watershed.

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Measures of Success:

- On-site sewage facilities (OSSF) inspection, repair, and replacement in the Attoyac Bayou.
- One repair, four replacements, five more pending.





Thank you!

Questions?

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