# Angelina River Water Quality Characterization

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#### Angelina River above Sam Rayburn

- 4 segments impaired for elevated *E. coli* concentration
  Does not meet primary contact recreation standard
- ⊙ E. coli standard is a geometric mean of 126 CFU/100 mL
- Concerns for low dissolved oxygen, elevated nitrate, ammonia, and total phosphorous





## Significance of Impairments

- E. coli concentration is higher than allowable standard
- ⊙ Not protective of the resource, or those using it
- Improve water quality to meet state standards according to the Clean Water Act
- Options include:
  - Watershed Protection Plans (WPPs)
  - Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)









Upper Angelina River Watershed (Source: ANRA 2015 Basin Highlights Report)

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## Project Goals

- Evaluate existing data
- Describe potential causes and sources of pollution
- Supplement existing water quality and quantity data
- Deliver general education campaign
- Establish framework for developing a future watershed-based plan(s)







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### **Current Status**

- Data gathering nearing completion
- Assessments underway to describe potential causes and sources of pollution
- 3 supplemental sampling events completed; next scheduled for June 13
- Statewide education programs being planned in the watershed:
   Lone Star Healthy Streams and Texas Well Owner's Network





#### Questions?

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