

Meeting Summary:

Improving Austin Streams Implementation Plan Update

September 29, 2021, 10 a.m. to noon, via Zoon

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review and Updates

After a brief welcome, each participant introduced him/herself. Ms. Schwartz then reviewed the meeting agenda. No updates were suggested.

Consider Timeline for I-Plan Update

Participants discussed and modified the process and timeline for developing the I-Plan update. Specific changes included increasing the time to review and develop data and consider existing and new measures to include in the update. The group acknowledged that both the process chart and the timeline could be modified as the process moves forward, especially after data needs are reviewed (December 15, 2021). The revised process and timeline document will be posted on a new Resources webpage for the Improving Austin Steams I-Plan Update.

Consider proposed Stakeholder Group Guidelines, General Operations, and Coordination Committee Appointments

Working from a draft that was revised based on discussion at the August meeting, participants agreed to draft final guidelines. A copy will be posted in the Meeting Records section on the [Improving Austin Streams I-Plan Update webpage](#). The following are key decisions:

- A Coordination Committee will be formed from members of the Stakeholder Committee, consisting of one representative of each of the following groups. The Coordination Committee may modify this list at any meeting. Each member may appoint an alternate, who will act in the representative's stead when they cannot attend a meeting.
 - City of Austin Watershed Protection
 - Austin Water
 - City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
 - Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources
 - University of Texas at Austin Environmental Health Services
 - Texas Department of Transportation
 - Shoal Creek Conservancy
 - Austin Parks Foundation
 - Austin Neighborhoods Council
 - Home Builders Association of Greater Austin
 - Lower Colorado River Authority
 - Environment Texas
 - Colorado River Alliance
 - Waterloo Greenway

- The project facilitator or stakeholder group members will contact the following groups to determine whether they are willing to participate and their representatives will be added to the Coordination Committee if they are willing.
 - Keep Austin Beautiful
 - People Organized in Defense of Earth and Her Resources
 - Austin Sierra Club
 - Dog owner group
 - Austin Chamber of Commerce or other business interest
- The Coordination Committee will make decisions by consensus, with the ability to revert to a vote if needed.
 - An entity that would be implementing a decision must agree to that decision/management measure.
 - If consensus is not reached, a minority report may be included in the record.
- Meetings of the Stakeholder Group and Coordination Committee are open to the public.
- A Data Work Group was formed to guide data review and collection. Initial participants are Yanjun Chu, Andrew Clamann, Tracy Janus, and Becca Oliver.
- A Planning Committee will assist the facilitator with meeting and process. Tammy West and Tejashri Kyle agreed to serve on that group.
- Draft goal: The group discussed a draft deadline of five years after plan adoption for meeting contact recreation use water quality standards (September 1, 2027) and determined to revisit this date during development of the updated I-Plan. They considered the five-year deadline both desirable and very ambitious. They considered the idea of using different deadlines for the different watersheds.

Identify Next Steps for Moving Forward

Louanne Jones described material now posted on the I-Plan Update webpage in the Meeting Records section related to Best Management Practices, watershed maps with a street overlay, and GIS layers. She indicated she would be setting up a separate webpage devoted to technical information and other resources the group may wish to reference throughout I-Plan development.

UT Austin reported that Professor Stuart Reichler and his students conducted sampling of Waller Creek this summer, which included analysis differentiating whether fecal contamination is from humans or animals. UT Austin stakeholder representatives will ask Dr. Reichler to present at a future meeting.

Wrap-up, Review of Next Steps

The Coordination Committee will meet in mid-December. Suzanne Schwartz will circulate a Doodle poll to all members of the stakeholder group to determine availability. All stakeholders are welcome and encouraged to attend in addition to members of the Coordination Committee. The Data Work Group will present an initial report at the December meeting. Participants with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits or authorizations are asked to perform a high-level review of their programs and their associated Stormwater Management Programs (SWMPs) to support the update. A detailed list of action items is provided after the list of attendees.

Attendees

Julie White	City of Austin, Water Protection Division (WPD), TPDES
Andrew Clamann	City of Austin, WPD
Tammy West	Austin Water
Reyna Holmes	Austin Water
Yanjun (Julia) Chu	Austin Water
Patrick Chaiken	City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
Becca Oliver	UT Austin Environmental Health Service
Tejashri Kyle	UT Austin Environmental Health Services
Irezama (Nena) Anderson	UT Austin Environmental Health Services
David Peyton	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources
Bob Quinlan	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources
Tracey Janus	Texas Department of Transportation
Zach Lanfear	Texas Department of Transportation
Kathleen Barron	Austin Parks Foundation
Nina Rinaldi	Shoal Creek Conservancy
Hank Smith	Texas Homebuilders Association
Lisa Benton	Lower Colorado River Authority
Joyce Basciano	Austin Neighborhoods Council
Chris Perkes	Waterloo Greenway Conservancy
Adrienne Longenecker	Colorado River Alliance
Luke Metzger	Environment Texas
Louanne Jones	Project Manager, TMDL Team, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Mindy McDonough	Stormwater Inspector, MS4, TCEQ Region 11 Office
Nicole Hall	Team Leader, TCEQ TMDL Program, Office of Water
Lori Hamilton	Deputy Director, TCEQ Water Quality Planning Division, Office of Water
Kerry Nieman	Manager, TCEQ Planning and Implementation Section, Office of Water
Suzanne Schwartz	Facilitator

Action Items

What	When	Who
Determine if the following entities are willing to serve on the Coordination Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PODER b. Keep Austin Beautiful (WHO) c. Austin Sierra Club (Luke Metzger to contact) d. Dog owner group (WHO) e. Business interest/Chamber of Commerce 	ASAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joyce Basciano b. Kathleen Barron c. Luke Metzger d. David Peyton or Suzanne Schwartz e. Hank Smith
Contact Dr. Stuart Reichler to determine availability to present at December (or later) meeting.	10/31/21	UT Austin stakeholder representatives
Begin data review and identification of needed information. Include review of missing data for 2011 to 2015 noted in June meeting.	12/15/21	Data Work Group
Perform a high-level review of their SWMPPs for data that may be useful to the update, report to data committee.	12/15/21	All organizations with MS4 permits or authorizations
Review current I-Plan to determine which measures to include in update (with or without modification).	1/15/22	All organizations with I-Plan measures
Identify measures to add to I-Plan from current practices.	2/1/22	All organizations