

# Bastrop Bayou Watershed Protection Plan

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## Bastrop Bayou



## How did this get started?

- Citizen complaints
- Risk Assessment and CRP monitoring began in 2004.
- Watershed Protection Plan began in 2006

## What are you trying to do?

- Create a Watershed Protection plan to prevent water quality deterioration
- Implement the watershed protection plan to improve water quality

## What has been completed?

- Draft elements of the WPP are posted on the website.
- In concert with the WPP DOW Chemical is donating 330 acres in the watershed as a permanent conservation easement.
- The Brazosport ISD science curriculum coordinator approval

## What has been completed? (con't)

- Trash Bash – Community cleanup Event , March 28, 2009
- Eight New TX Stream Team volunteers
- Implementation projects rankings by stakeholders

## Projects

1. Trash Bash for 2010: \$7,500
2. TSSWCB Projects: \$40,000
3. Part time Grant Writer for Demi-John: \$75,000
4. Staff additional environmental enforcement officials: \$75,000
5. Texas Stream Team kits: \$12,750
6. Signage and 24-hour hotline for illegal dumping: \$25,000 (annual)
7. Project WET at the School Districts: \$24,000
8. Land Acquisition Assistance: \$45,000

## Projects (con't)

9. Boat Cleanup: \$25,000
10. Watershed (Enviroscape) kits for the Env. Enforcement division: \$2,400
11. Educational hiking trail: \$20,000.
12. Develop model Home Owner Association by-laws for new and existing communities: \$10,000

## What's left to do?

- Approval of the entire Watershed Protection Plan by stakeholders
- Implement the plan to improve water quality

## What's this I hear about Lawsuits and Cholera?

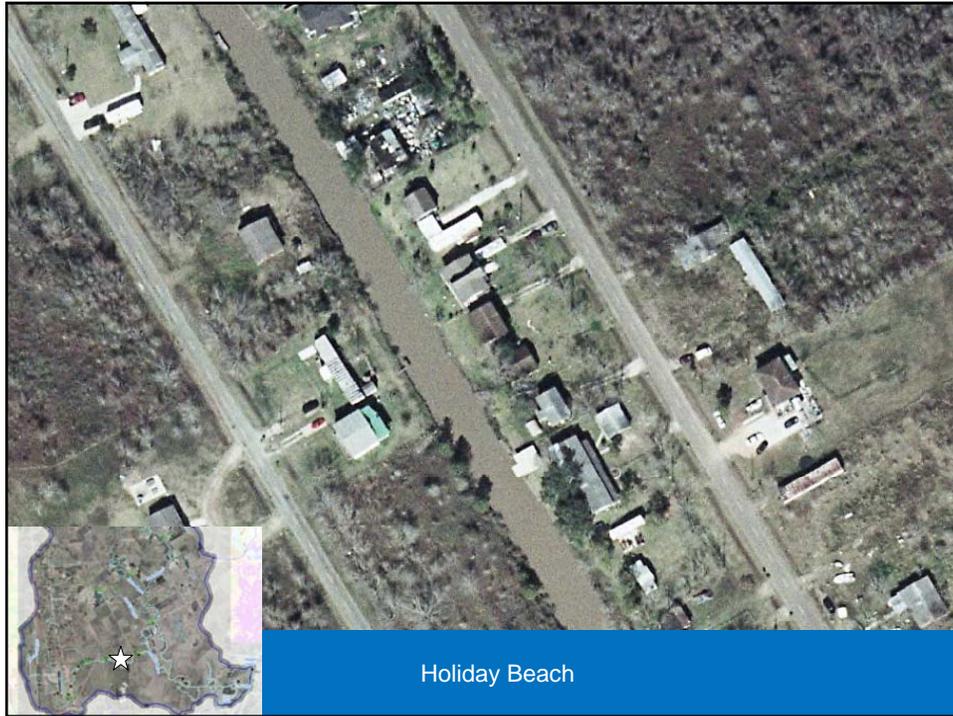
- First indigenous case of Cholera in the US since 2005!
- The county is suing communities in the watershed over water quality

## Centers for Disease Control

- Cholera is an acute, diarrheal illness caused by infection of the intestine with the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*
- In the United States, because of advanced water and sanitation systems, cholera is not a major threat



Demi-John



Holiday Beach

## Good News

- Demi-John has nearly 1 million in funding for a WWTP
- WPP has been featured in Texas Salt Water Fishing Magazine, Channel 39 and Channel 2.

# More Information

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