

**CWA 319(h) Agricultural/Silvicultural
Nonpoint Source Management Program
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
Project #04-19**

Nonpoint Source Summary Page

1. **Title of Project:** Regional Watershed Coordinator
2. **Project Goals/Objectives:** 1) Successfully facilitate and coordinate watershed planning activities in the Wharton Regional Office service area through a pilot project.
3. **Project Tasks:** 1) Watershed Coordination.
4. **Measures of Success:** Watershed Plan development through the watershed coordinator pilot project.
5. **Project Type:** Statewide (x) Watershed (x) Demonstration ()
6. **Waterbody Type:** River () Lake () Wetland () Groundwater () Other (x)
7. **Project Location:** Southeast and South Central Texas (Wharton Regional Office service area) as approved by the most updated *Texas Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment Report and Management Program*.
8. **NPS Management Program Reference:** State of Texas Agricultural/Silvicultural Nonpoint Source Management Program
9. **NPS Assessment Report Status:** Impaired () Impacted () Threatened () Other (x)
10. **Key Project Activities:** Hire staff (x) Monitoring () Regulatory Assistance () Technical Assistance (x) Education () BMP Implementation () Demonstration Project () Other (x)
11. **NPS Management Program Elements:** Implementing Milestones from the *1999 Texas Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment Report and Management Program*.
 - Coordination with Federal, State, and Local Programs
 - TSSWCB is committed to technology transfer, technical support, administrative support and cooperation between agencies and programs for the prevention of NPS pollution.
12. **Project Costs:** Federal (\$145,249); Local (\$0); Total (\$145,249)
13. **Project Management:** Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)
14. **Project Period:** Grant Period

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FY04 CWA §319(h)
Project #04-19
WORKPLAN

Problem/Need Statement:

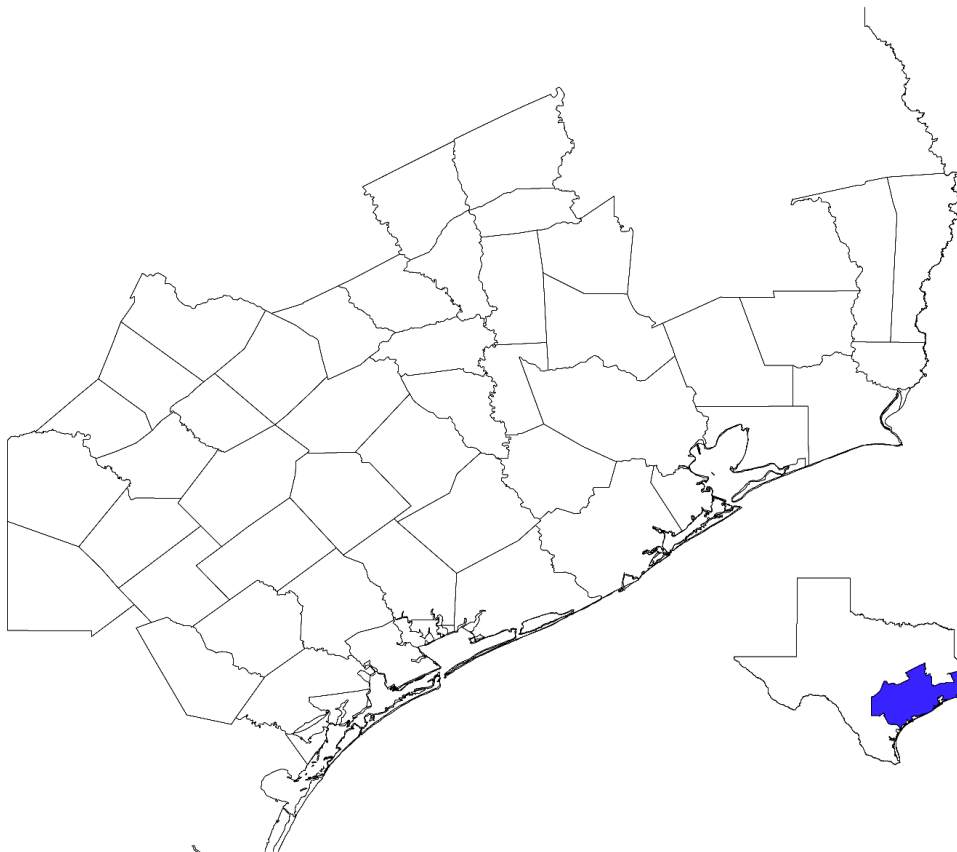
The TSSWCB, along with Texas' 217 SWCDs, encourages the wise and productive use of the State's water resources by planning, implementing, and managing programs and practices for reducing and preventing agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. An important aspect of the State's program is the implementation of demonstration and watershed projects through cooperation with the federally funded CWA 319(h) program.

General Project Description:

The goal of the FY04-19 is to implement a pilot project to employ a regional Watershed Coordinator.

Regional Watershed Coordinator – Three-year Pilot Project

A Regional Watershed Coordinator will be employed in the Wharton Field Office to assist local stakeholder groups in developing and implementing watershed plans. This watershed coordinator will organize a regional watershed steering committee consisting of various local, state and federal entities. The purpose for having a watershed coordinator is to promote watershed planning, provide guidance and technical expertise to local stakeholders when developing watershed plans, and assist local stakeholder groups with finding funding sources to implement the watershed plans once they are developed. If successful this project can be used as a model for the other TSSWCB Regions throughout the state.



*TSSWCB Wharton Regional Office service area.
Forty-seven counties in southeast and south central Texas.*

Tasks, Objectives, Schedules and Estimated Cost:

TASK 1: Regional Watershed Coordinator – Pilot Project

Cost: Federal \$145,249; Nonfederal \$0; Total \$145,249

Objective: Facilitate and demonstrate the benefits of a Regional Watershed Coordinator. If TSSWCB and watershed stakeholders deem this pilot project successful, then subsequent projects will be started in other TSSWCB Regions.

Subtask 1.1: Employ a Regional Watershed Coordinator position in the Wharton Regional Office. The Coordinator will attend the national watershed training. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Subtask 1.2: Develop a Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee - Identify, establish contact with, and coordinate with local, state, federal, private entities, and other stakeholder groups necessary to establish successful watershed coordination. Establish regular regional watershed steering committee meetings. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) List of all participating members of the Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee. (2) Minutes from Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee meetings.

Subtask 1.3: Prioritize watersheds in the Wharton region. The Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee will identify and prioritize watersheds in the Region based on a developed set of criteria that will include the 303(d) List and 305(b) Report. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) List of criteria used to prioritize the watersheds. (2) List of all major watersheds in the region and their priority ranking.

Subtask 1.4: Develop and implement a detailed four-year plan of action outlining Regional Watershed Coordinator activities.

Subtask 1.4.1: The Regional Watershed Coordinator and the Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee will identify specific milestones and deliverables based on identified priorities. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Subtask 1.4.2: The plan will be implemented once it is finalized and approved by TSSWCB project management staff. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) A detailed four-year workplan. (2) Report on progress to TSSWCB project management staff and the Wharton Regional Manager.

Subtask 1.5: Develop a Regional Watershed Coordination website. Development of the website shall begin immediately. The Regional Watershed Coordinator will work with the Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee to develop the designs for a one-stop source for all watershed coordination. The TSSWCB project management will have final approval of this site. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) Website.

Subtask 1.6: Identify funding sources and assist stakeholders in applying for funding sources to ensure successful watershed coordination in the Wharton region. The Regional Watershed Coordinator will facilitate and coordinate partnerships of stakeholders required for grant and funding opportunities. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) List of possible funding sources. Funding sources will be made available on the Regional Watershed Coordination website. (2) List of funding sources applied for and the status of grants.

Subtask 1.7: Work with watershed groups to identify and track ongoing projects pertaining to the reduction of point and nonpoint source pollution and establishment of contact with all relevant parties.

Subtask 1.7.1: Establish contact with all state, federal, local, and private entities currently engaged in activities related to point and nonpoint source pollution prevention in the watershed. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Subtask 1.7.2: Obtain reference materials detailing the current activities and create records for future use in project related activities and publications. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) List of project managers or responsible parties related to ongoing pollution abatement activities.

Subtask 1.8: Identification and tracking of all applicable rules and regulations impacting current activities contributing point and nonpoint source pollution. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) List of applicable rules and regulations impacting current activities contributing point and nonpoint source pollution. (2) Update list for any new rules and regulations under development when applicable.

Subtask 1.9: Assist watershed groups and stakeholders to identify and track existing water quality data and monitoring efforts.

Subtask 1.9.1: Assist in establishing contact with all entities currently engaged in water quality monitoring activities in the watershed. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Subtask 1.9.2: Assist watershed and stakeholder groups in obtaining and tracking existing water quality data and monitoring efforts. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) Report progress to TSSWCB Project Management and the Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee.

Subtask 1.10: Facilitation of the use of new and emerging technologies beneficial in reducing point and nonpoint source pollution - identify new and emerging technologies that have the potential to reduce point and nonpoint source pollution in the watershed; coordinate the evaluation of such technologies; and facilitate the implementation of these technologies. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) List of all identified new or emerging technologies; update list as additional technologies are identified and provide updates of list within quarterly reports required under Subtask 1.12.1.

Subtask 1.11: Assessment of the implementation status of existing management measures and facilitation of increased participation.

Subtask 1.11.1: Identify existing management measures (required or voluntary). (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Subtask 1.11.2: Assess level of participation in existing management measures. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Subtask 1.11.3: Facilitate increased participation in existing management measures. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Subtask 1.11.4: Assist watershed stakeholder groups to develop a watershed strategy using existing information and data, as well as, information and data collected through this project. The “Supplemental Guidelines for the Award of Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grants to States and Territories in FY 2003” sets criteria for a similar watershed approach. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) List of existing management measures/programs. 2) Report on the level of participation with the watershed and identify within the website and the quarterly reports. 3) Watershed strategies developed.

Subtask 1.12: Reporting to project management and stakeholders.

Subtask 1.12.1: Prepare and submit quarterly reports on project activities and progress to TSSWCB project management. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Subtask 1.12.2 Issue monthly emails, in newsletter-style format, to all stakeholders. These monthly emails should include information pertaining to any relevant meetings, demonstrations, or events related to pollution abatement in the watershed. These should also include information regarding new or emerging technologies and efforts being made to evaluate and/or implement them within the watershed. (Start date: Month 1; Completion date: Month 30)

Deliverables: (1) Quarterly reports. (2) Monthly E-mails.

Measures of Success:

Task 1: Successfully establish a Regional Watershed Coordinator position in the Wharton Regional Office; provide technical assistance to local groups for watershed plan development; and target funding to further the development and implementation of watershed plans.

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<u>Object Class Category</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Non-Federal Match</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>
1. Personnel			
Watershed Coordinator	\$106,000	\$0	\$106,000
2. Fringe Benefits			
Fringe Benefits	\$29,749	\$0	\$29,749
3. Travel			
Mileage, Per diem and Lodging	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000
4. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
5. Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$500
6. Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0
7. Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0
8. Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
9. Total Direct Costs	\$145,249	\$0	\$145,249
10 Indirect Costs	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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11 Total Project Costs	\$145,249	\$0	\$145,249
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