



Lavaca River

Watershed Protection Plan

Project updates

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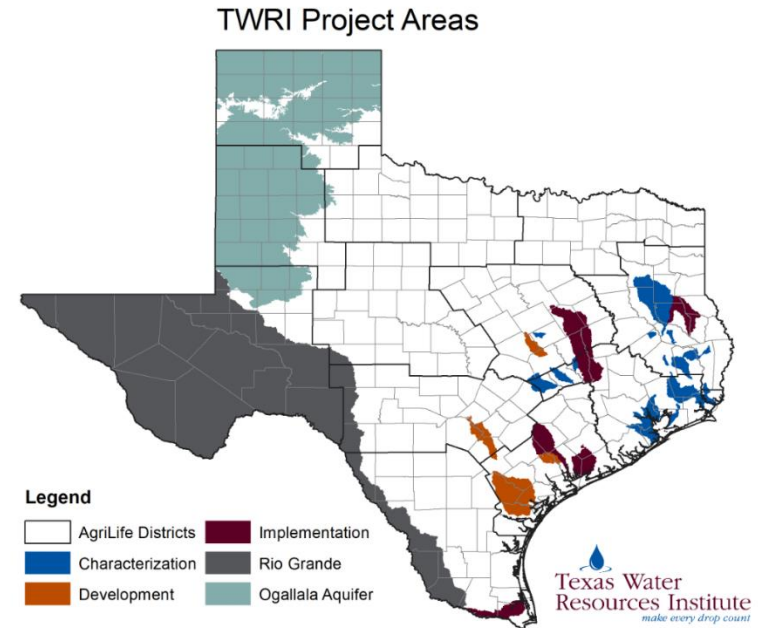
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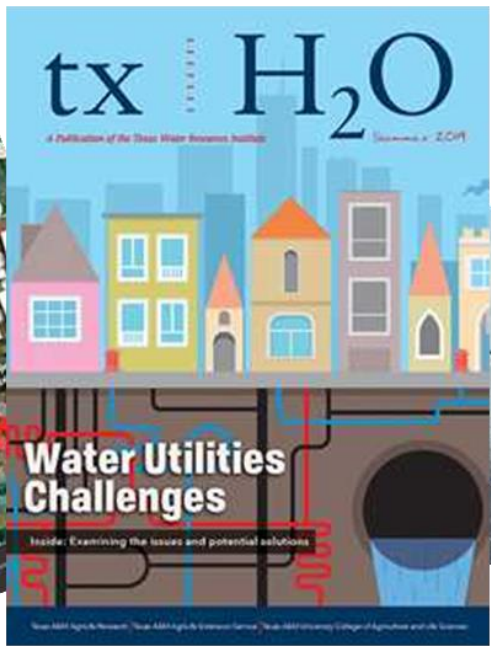
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Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters

- Established by Water Resources Research Act (1964) to address existing and emerging water issues
- Focus Areas
 - Restoring and Protecting
 - Sustaining and Enhancing
 - Engaging and Educating
- Funding Offered
 - USGS/Mills Student Scholarships
 - Water Seed Grant





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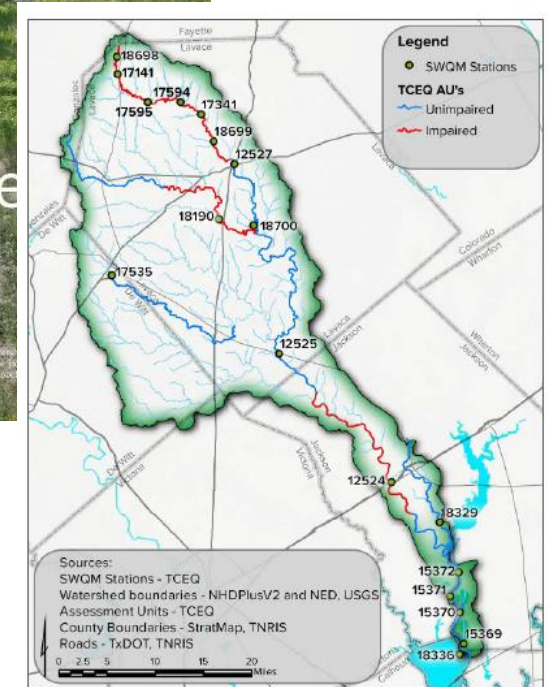
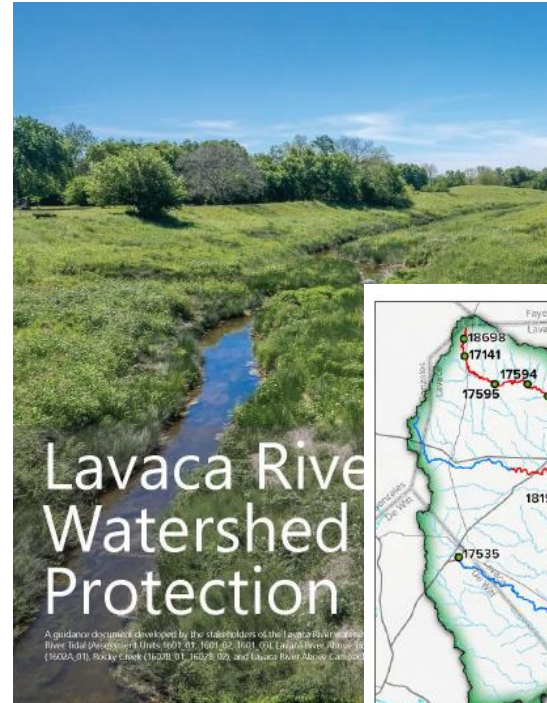


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LAVACA RIVER WPP

- Lavaca River and Rocky Creek
 - impaired due to elevated levels of bacteria, especially *E. coli*.
 - Low dissolved oxygen
- Plan developed by TWRI and local residents, and was accepted in April 2018 by the EPA
- Our goal is to educate residents on how they can protect their water resources through **voluntary** management measures.
- WPP covers:
 - General watershed management
 - Characterizes the Lavaca River watershed
 - Water quality standards
 - Pollutant sources in the watershed
 - Education and outreach efforts
 - Identifies potential resources/funding



FUTURE EVENTS

- Face-to-face events are currently not allowed per our agency's COVID-19 policies but we're working on transitioning programs to online versions (like this!)
- Let us know if you have feedback or suggestions for future online/webinar events.
- Coming soon:
 - Texas Watershed Stewards (tw.s.tamu.edu)**
 - Interactive education opportunity
 - Learn about improving your watershed
 - Sign up for our e-mail list to learn when this gets scheduled:<http://matagorda.tamu.edu/lavaca>

NEWSLETTER

- Annual Summer newsletter distributed via e-mail
- Again! - Are you on our e-mail list?

Healthy Waters
Register [here](#). Learn how water harvesting, native- and soil-saving species, the and more at this half-Due to face-to-face event be held as an

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Howdy, Lavaca River Watershed residents and partners!

I hope that your spring has been going as well as it could be considering the changes and disruptions to many of our normal routines. Although our planned education programs for the spring and early summer may have been postponed, the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority continues to monitor water quality in the Lavaca River and Rocky Creek for the [Lavaca River Watershed Protection Plan \(WPP\) implementation program](#) as well as the [Clean Rivers Program](#). This newsletter contains information for upcoming events happening in the watershed later in the summer (we hope!) as well as some online resources you might find interesting. I hope that the rest of your summer is full of fun, safe activities and that we'll be able to gather together for public meetings and educational programs again soon.

ADVANTAGES TO PROPERLY STOCKING:
Protection of soil & water resources
Drought resilience
Decrease in feeding costs
Increase forage production
Higher body scores

PROPER STOCKING & THROUGHOUT:
grazing plan
pasture & allowing for
structures & fresh water

Lavaca County Landowners Direct Mailer

If you are a landowner with 10+ acres in Lavaca County, you will be receiving a series of educational postcards and surveys. Be on the lookout for the stocking rate postcard coming in August that will include technical and financial assistance information. A pre-survey was sent, and a follow up post-survey will be sent in the next few weeks. Contact Dr. Allen Barthel at barthelad@tw.s.tamu.edu with questions.

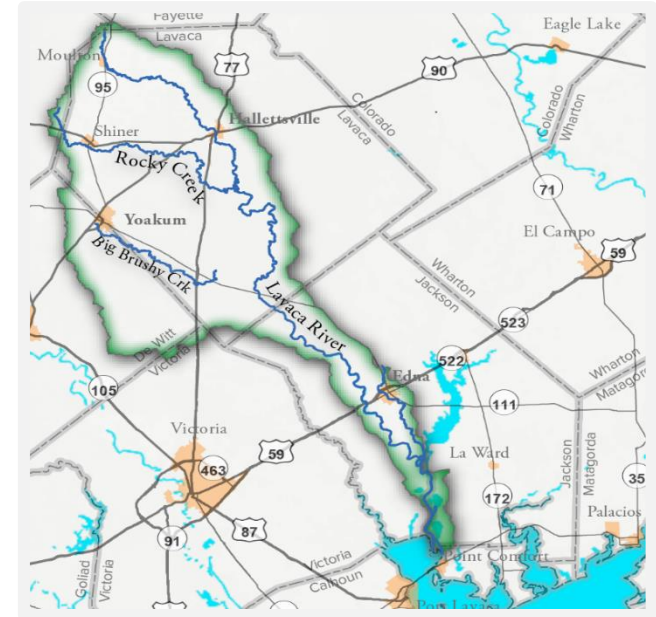
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