

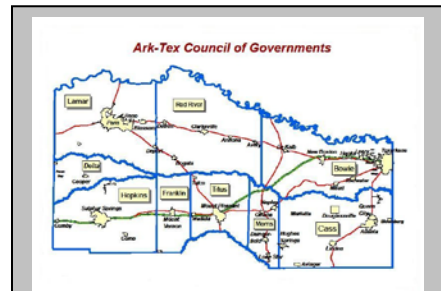


**This project is funded in whole or in part by a grant under the
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

Title: *Ark-Tex Council of Governments Water Quality Monitoring Program*
Water Body: *All water bodies located within the ATCOG region*
Location: *ATCOG's Nine - County Region in Northeast Texas*
River Basin: *Red River, Sulphur River, and Cypress Creek Basins*
Implementing Agency: *Ark-Tex Council of Governments*
Project Period: *November 13, 2009 – August 31, 2011*

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to strengthen existing, and build new, volunteer surface water quality monitoring efforts in the nine-county ATCOG region. These counties include parts of the Sulphur River, Cypress Creek, and Red River Basins. The training in water quality monitoring will build on local knowledge thereby strengthening the ability of ATCOG-area residents to participate in protection of their water resources. ATCOG will partner with the local chapter of the Texas Stream Team at Texarkana College in this effort. The ARRA 604(b) funds will allow ATCOG to provide a range of programmatic support, tailored to meet the needs of the different groups.



Project Partners & Funding

List the project partners and briefly describe the contribution of each.

ATCOG will partner with the local chapter of the Texas Stream Team at Texarkana College in order to provide them with additional water quality monitoring test kits and supplies. These resources will be used by the Texas Stream Team to increase their water quality monitoring activities within our region.

List the total amount of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) dollars dedicated to the project. If the ARRA-funded work is part of a larger project, describe what parts the ARRA funds support.

The total amount of funding provided by ARRA for this project is \$24,400 with no additional funding sources.

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Identify additional sources of funding outside of the ARRA grant, including volunteer and in-kind services. What did the additional dollars specifically support?

There is no additional funding source outside of the ARRA grant, however water quality monitoring volunteers are dedicating their time and effort in order to collect data which is provided to Texas State University.

Project Status

Describe the water quality problem(s) and the reason for the project. For any water quality problems that are listed on the State's 303d List consult the most recent list at:

http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/compliance/monitoring/water/quality/data/wqm/305_303.html

Water quality in streams and lakes is a concern of citizens within the ATCOG region in part because several major water bodies are on the Texas 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies. These include Pat Mayse Lake, Cooper Lake, Wright Patman Lake, Lake Bob Sandlin, Lake Cyperess Springs, Lake o' The Pines and Caddo Lake. Numerous creeks, streams, and rivers feed these reservoirs and are also impaired. With funding from the TCEQ under the ARRA 604(b) grant, ATCOG will enhance and expand volunteer surface water quality monitoring efforts within our region.

If the project is part of a watershed plan or other comprehensive plan, note that.

N/A

List the water quality goals of the project.

The goal of this project is to provide the Texas Stream Team volunteers with additional resources to compliment their existing surface water quality monitoring activities and to allow for expansion of their program.

Describe the major objectives of the project. After the first report, describe the progress towards each objective.

To effectively coordinate and monitor all technical and financial activities performed under this contract, prepare regular progress reports, and manage project files and data; To effectively assess the needs of existing and potential volunteer monitoring groups; To effectively implement the tasks identified in the needs assessment; And to provide the TCEQ with a comprehensive report on the activities and success of the project.

Has anything significant changed since the project inception? What adjustments have been made?

There have been no significant changes, therefore no adjustments have been made.

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What are the next steps? Over what time period will these steps be accomplished?

The next step is to purchase water quality monitoring kits and supplies to be distributed to the local chapter of the Texas Stream Team between now and August 2011.

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Related website(s): www.atcog.org

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