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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Stormwater & Pretreatment Team Leader (MC-148)
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Re: Phase II MS4 Annual Report Transmittal for Travis County
TPDES Authorization: TXR040327

Dear Team Leader:

This letter serves to transmit the required annual report for the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit, Authorization Number TXR040327 for Travis County, TX.

The annual report is for Year__7__. The reporting period's beginning January 01, 2025 and ending August 31, 2025.

A separate Notice of Change has not been submitted based on the fact that changes have not been proposed for the next permit year.

As required by the general permit, a copy of the report has been mailed to the TCEQ's regional office 11 in Austin, Texas.

Sincerely,

Cynthia C. McDonald, County Executive
Transportation & Natural Resources Department

Enclosure: * Annual Report Year 7 – Third Permit Term

Phase II (Small) MS4 Annual Report Form

TPDES General Permit Number TXR040000

A. General Information

Authorization Number: TXR040327

Reporting Year (year will be either 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5): 7

Annual Reporting Year Option Selected by MS4:

Calendar Year: X

Permit Year: _____

Fiscal Year: _____ Last day of fiscal year: (_____)

Reporting period beginning date: (month/date/year) 01/01/2025

Reporting period end date: (month/date/year) 08/31/2025

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A copy of the annual report was submitted to the TCEQ Region: YES

Region the annual report was submitted to: TCEQ Region 11-Austin

2. Provide a general assessment of the appropriateness of the selected BMPs. You may use the table below to meet this requirement (**see Example 1 in instructions**):

MCM(s)	BMP	BMP is appropriate for reducing the discharge of pollutants in stormwater (Answer Yes or No and explain.)
1.3 – Public Education and Outreach BMPs	1.3.1 - Grow Green Program	*Yes*; Information provided which affects storm water includes use of native and adapted landscape plants; landscape design; irrigation and water conservation; rain gardens; lawn, landscape, and tree care, including integrated pest management (IPM) techniques for limiting use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.
	1.3.2 - Water Conservation and Quality Education Activities - Adult	*Yes*; Educates the public on ways they can become more environmentally active and conscious; Leads to a cleaner environment over time.
	1.3.3 - Water Science and Conservation Education Activities - Youth	*Yes*; Educates the public on ways they can become more environmentally active and conscious; Leads to a cleaner environment over time.
	1.3.4 - On-Site Sewage Facility (*OSSF*) Outreach	*Yes*; Educating the public on how to design and maintain their OSSF system; Leads to less discharges over time.
	1.3.5 - Watershed and Creek Crossing Signs	*Yes*; Increases public awareness of the major watersheds within Travis County for all county residents and visitors.
	1.3.6 - Construction Outreach	*Yes*; Educating the builders and public on the impacts that pollution in storm water run-off can have on water quality and the BMPs required for preventing and reducing pollutants in storm water runoff from construction activities.

MCM(s)	BMP	BMP is appropriate for reducing the discharge of pollutants in stormwater (Answer Yes or No and explain.)
2.3 - IDDE BMPs	2.3.1 – County IDDE Response Programs	*Yes*; Program to receive, respond to, and investigate illicit discharges and illegal dumping until compliance has been achieved, and the source of the illicit discharge has been eliminated.
	2.3.2 - On-Site Sewage Facility (*OSSF*) Permit Program	*Yes*; Program to review, permit, and inspect existing and new OSSF systems in the county MS4.
	2.3.3 – County-Wide Environmental Committee (CWEC)	*Yes*; Coordinates and supports joint local efforts to identify, enforce, and abate illegal dumping, as well as other types of illicit discharges and environmental crimes enforcement.
	2.3.4 - Regional Environmental Task Force (*RETF*)	*Yes*; Provides technical expertise, certified environmental law training, and assistance with case investigation and prosecution.
	2.3.5 – TCESD Spill Response Program	*Yes*; Program to respond, contain, and clean up (remediate) spills or illegal dumping of hazardous and toxic materials in and affecting the County properties and R.O.W.
	2.3.6 - Nuisance Abatement Program	*Yes*; Program to investigate and enforce public nuisance complaints on private property in the County MS4, including rubbish and junked.
	2.3.7 – Auto Salvage Yard Program	*Yes*; Program to perform industrial inspections and complaint investigations of auto wrecking & salvage yards, junkyards.
	2.3.8 - Industrial Site Monitoring and Outreach	*Yes*; Program to monitor industrial activities in the MS4 for compliance with applicable TPDES regulations, illicit discharge prohibitions, and state industrial/municipal solid waste management requirements.
	2.3.9 - MS4 Map	*Yes*; Program to maintain and update a map of the County MS4 drainage system, new drainage structures, and county owned construction.

MCM(s)	BMP	BMP is appropriate for reducing the discharge of pollutants in stormwater (Answer Yes or No and explain.)
5.3 – Pollution Prevention for County Ops BMPs	5.3.1 - Environmental, Health & Safety (*EHS*) Program for County Facilities	*Yes*; EHS program for County park/preserve, road, fleet O&M facilities and activities in the County MS4 by preventing and reducing pollutant runoff from County operation and maintenance (O&M) activities and County-owned areas in the MS4.
	5.3.2 - Employee Storm Water Pollution Prevention (*SWP3*) Training	*Yes*; Training program for TNR and County employees responsible for implementing the storm water pollution prevention and good housekeeping BMPs.
	5.3.3 – Pesticide Applicator Licensing	*Yes*; Provides training required by the Texas Structural Pest Control Service (SPCS) for employees performing pesticide application ensuring proper application and reducing misapplication discharges.
	5.3.4 - County Pond Inspection and Maintenance Program	*Yes*; Program to inspect and maintain all County-owned and operated structural storm water controls, using County staff and contracted services.
	5.3.5 - Facility Waste Management and Disposal	*Yes*; Program to ensure that wastes removed from the County MS4 facilities are handled, recycled, or disposed of in accordance with 30 TAC Chapters 330 or 335, as applicable, and the Travis County Waste Management Policy.
	5.3.6 - Roadside Litter Abatement	*Yes*; Program to respond, remove, and properly dispose of solid wastes dumped on county roadsides, including trash, debris, brush, and household items.
	5.3.7 – ESC BMPs for Maintenance Construction	*Yes*; Program to implement ESC measures and related storm water BMPs for TNR road, drainage, and park maintenance construction activities.

3. Describe progress towards achieving the goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP. If no progress was made or the BMP did not result in a reduction in pollutants, provide an explanation. Use the table below to meet this requirement (**see Example 2 in instructions**):

MCM	BMP	Information Used	Quantity	Units	Does the BMP Demonstrate a Direct Reduction in Pollutants? (Answer Yes or No and explain)
1.3.1	Grow Green Program	Educational events and number of distribution of materials	10	Events	*Yes;* educating citizens will raise awareness and potentially result in reduction of litter and other pollutants.
			403	Program contacts	
			705	Contact hours	
			11,000	Fact Sheets distributed	
			17,000	Adaptive Plant Guides distributed	
1.3.2	Education Activities - Adult	Educational events and number of distribution of materials	103	Events	*Yes;* educating citizens will raise awareness and potentially result in reduction of litter and other pollutants.

1.3.6	Construction Outreach	Development permit checklists	2 types available 159 Completed	Nonresidential Permit Checklists	*Yes*; by having requirements, projects must consider ESC installation plans as part of their design.
			2 types available 1,446 completed	Residential Permit Checklists	*Yes*; by having requirements, projects must consider ESC installation plans as part of their design.
		Guidance documents	15	Available Documents	*No*; Though this BMP does not result in a direct reduction of pollutants, educating the citizens will potentially reduce pollution by raising awareness.
		Pre-development meetings	78	Meetings Held	*Yes*; projects may be evaluated for ESC and WQ concerns and directed on how to protect water quality.
		Pre-construction Meetings	40	Meetings Held	*Yes*; establishes and confirms ESC are in place prior to construction.

1.6.1	Public Notice for SWMP Activities	Public notices provided	1	CC Agenda Items	*No*; this BMP does not result in a direct reduction of pollutants, educating the citizens will potentially reduce pollution by raising awareness.
			0	Newspaper or Media Notices	
			0	Public Meetings	
1.6.2	Community Storm Water Initiatives	Group Participation	4 Meetings 4 Attended	Regional Water Quality Planning Group Meetings	*No*; this BMP does not result in a direct reduction of pollutants, educating the citizens will potentially reduce pollution by raising awareness.
1.6.3	Open Space Acquisition	Floodplain buyout	0	Ares acquired	*Yes*; conserving and preserving land from future development has a direct effect water quality via reduction of pollution in these areas.
			$0	Total cost (fencing/demo/ debris removal)	
		Acquisition of BCP land	7.8408	Acres acquired	
			$2,585,055.08	Total cost (appraised)	
		Parkland acquisition	0	Ares acquired	
			$0	Total cost	

2.3.1	Illicit Discharge (IDDE) Response Program	Complaint Response	51	"New Cases" opened	*Yes*; Investigating and regulating illicit discharges has a direct effect on pro0tecting the water quality of our area.
			43	Cases Resolved	
			31 investigated	Total Investigations	
			12 by voluntary compliance, 20 referred to appropriate agency	Number of sites remediated	
		Employee Training	*Effort scheduled to be completed in Dec 2025	Trained in IDDE	
2.3.2	On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Program	OSSF Systems	241	Applications Reviewed	*Yes*; reviewing and inspecting devices to ensure functionality has a direct effect on protecting water quality.
			201	Applications Permitted	
			966	Sites Inspected	
			182	Issued License to Operate	

2.3.5	Spill Response Program	Hazmat Spills and Responses	14	Responses made	*Yes*; timely response and action prevent major offsite contamination to local water ways and has a direct effect on protecting water quality.
			14	Incidents resolved	
			0	Referred to enforcement	
2.3.6	Nuisance Abatement Program	Cases of Illegal waste disposal on private property	16	Responses made	*Yes*; investigation and identification of illegal dumpers has a direct effect on protecting water quality.
			4	Incidents resolved	
			3	Referred to enforcement or APH per ILA	
2.3.7	Junkyard & Wrecking & Salvage Yard Program	Complaint Response	0	Responses made	*Yes*; addressing concerns with junked vehicles can have a direct effect on local water quality with regards to fluid containment.
			0	Incidents resolved	
			0	Referred to enforcement	

2.3.8 (continued)			0	Cases referred to legal enforcement	our area by ensuring corrective actions are addressed.
2.3.9	MS4 Map	Maintaining the MS4 Map	275	Total New Drainage structures added to map	*No*; used more for location determination, MS4 Map does not have direct effect on water quality.
			54	New Permanent Water Quality Controls (PWQC) and Detention Ponds	
			36	New Outfalls	
3.3.1	Environmental Review	Review of development permit application and plats on nonresidential (NRES) and residential (RES) sites in Travis County	6 reviewed 8 reviews	Plat/Prelim in COA ETJ	*Yes*; reviewing plans can have a direct effect on water quality by ensuring proper controls are prescribed that can treat water quality needs onsite.
			17 reviewed 18 reviews 16 approved	Subdivisions in COA ETJ	
			122 reviewed 186 reviews 60 approved	NRES Site Plans in COA ETJ	

3.3.2 (continued)			152 sites 1,152 inspections	NRES sites outside of COA ETJ	corrective actions identified are addressed in timely manner.
			40 sites 218 inspections	Subdivisions outside of COA ETJ	
			67 sites 152 inspections	RES sites outside of COA ETJ	
			30	Projects issued a Certificate of Compliance	
3.3.3	Storm Water Training and Certification	Training and certification employees based on construction storm water responsibilities	12	Employees w ENV certifications	*Yes;* the more experience and training inspectors receive, the more effective and efficient they are protecting water quality as inspectors.
			0	Training Sessions	
			0	Employees Trained	

4.3.1	Permanent Water Quality Control (PWQC) Program	Issue PWQC Maintenance Permits	4	New PWQC permits issued	*No*; tracks and provides information on the functionality and maintenance needs to the control.
			3	Total PWQC permits renewed	
			54	Total Active PWQC permits	
	Permanent Water Quality Control (PWQC) Program	Maintain inventory and database	54	New PWQC and Detention Pond	*No*; tracks and provides location information to public and inspection personnel.
			1459	Total number in database	
		Inspection and enforcement	181	Structures Inspected	*Yes*; By making regular inspection, controls are ensured to be operating as designing with has a direct effect on treating water quality needs from developed areas. This year's effort was heavily impacted by the lockdown caused by the Covid-19 outbreak.
			283	Inspections Completed	
			8	Maintenance NOVs issued	
			0	Referred to legal for enforcement	

5.3.2	Employee Storm Water Training	Training for TNR O&M employees	No (To be completed in December 2025 per SOP)	Employees trained	*Yes*; raising awareness of staff has a direct effect on reducing pollution events from County activities.
			To be completed in December 2025.	Training events held	
5.3.3	Certified Applicator Licensing	Non-Commercial Certified Applicator Licensing for TNR O&M employees	5	Employees Certified	*Yes*; ensuring staff are properly training prevents incidental discharges related to work activity.
			0	Certifications Renewed	
5.3.4	County Pond Inspection and Maintenance Program	Inspection & maintenance program for County-owned structures	200	Number of Ponds and BMPs maintained	*Yes*; ensuring functionality of control has a direct effect on protecting water quality.
			263 Inspections	Number of Pond and BMPs and the # of inspections completed	
			5	Maintenance Projects Completed	

5.3.6 (continued)			3,606	Cubic yards of material disposed of at the landfill	
5.3.7	ESC BMPs for Maintenance Construction	R&B maintenance and construction activities	6	Work orders performed in Program 4105 "Reconstruction"	*Yes*; using ESC in conjunction with maintenance efforts has a direct effect on protecting water quality on R&B projects. * R&B implemented a new software system. This has increased the number of work orders reported..
			45	Work orders performed in Program 4111 "Level-up"	
			99	Work orders performed in Program 4120 "Drainage"	
			0	Projects inspected by ENV	
			0	Inspections completed by ENV	
5.3.8	Closed Landfill Management	Managing the Hwy 290 East Closed Landfill	Completed	Prepare and submit Annual Landfill Status Report	*Yes*; properly managing the landfill has a direct effect on protecting water

7.3.2	CIP Environmental Inspection Program	ESC and SWP3 Monitoring and Inspection CIPs	37	SWP3 Inspection reports completed	*Yes*; conducting regular inspections ensures that ESC and SWP3 are being properly implemented onsite which helps to prevent water quality impacts offsite.
			8	3rd party SWP3 reports conducted	
			1	CIP completed construction sites	
			0	PWQC and detention ponds accepted for maintenance	*No*; inventory of internal structures accepted by TNR for internal maintenance.

3. Provide the measurable goals for each of the MCMs, and an evaluation of the success of the implementation of the measurable goals (**see Example 3 in instructions):**

MCM(s)	Measurable Goal(s)	Explain progress toward goal or how goal was achieved. If goal was not accomplished, please explain.
1.6.6	Provide funding to support conservation efforts in Travis County	Completed – Travis County contributed $14,610 to one cleanup effort and collected 456.91 pounds of material to be properly disposed.

Travis County SWQM Sites	
FY 2025 Sites (*ended 08/31/2025*)	**FY 2026 Sites (ends 12/31/26)**
Bee Creek (trib. of Lake Travis) at Bee Creek Rd	Deer Creek at Running Deer Road (trib. Of Lake Austin)
Hamilton Creek (trib. of Pedernales River) upstream from Hamilton Pool	Bear Creek (trib. of Lake Austin) at Fritz Hughes Road
Maha Creek at Maha Loop	Cow Creek at Singleton Bend Road
Maha Creek at Linden Road	Sandy Creek at Nameless Road
Wilbarger Creek at Bitting School Rd	E Fork, Lick Creek at Pedernales Canyon Trail
Wilbarger Creek at Gregg Lane	W Fork, Lick Creek at Pedernales Canyon Trail

The conventional pollutants are sampled and preserved in accordance with typical SWQM methods used by TCEQ. Additionally, toxins in sediment were collected from five of these locations during the reporting period. The analyses are conducted and reported by NELAC-certified laboratories.

Presently, from these monitoring efforts, there are insufficient data to determine if the SWMP is successful in reducing pollutants to MEP. Over time, this may prove possible. However, the ongoing data collection is helpful in:

- verifying toxins such as hazardous metals or organic constituents are not present in these waterways;
- providing a basis for placing priorities for inspection or further investigation within a watershed; and
- understanding if pollutant sources discharging to impaired assessment units (AUs) are contributing a load associated with the pollutant of concern.

Riparian Setback Land Acquisition	Addressing TMDL I-Plan Management Measure 2, Travis County Parks Division acquired stream corridor for open space and parks along Gilleland Creek.	Acres of stream area acquired in this watershed	0
Public Outreach on Pet Waste	Support existing initiatives under the Gilleland Creek TMDL I-Plan to educate the public on bagging and disposing of pet waste by placement of bags near walking trail in the Travis County NE Metro Park	Estimated number of bags dispensed to public	3750 est.
Incentivize OSSF Improvements OSSF and SWMP Program	Seek Commissioners Court approval of OSSF application fee waiver for proactive OSSF repairs proposed before being cited for violations.	No. of repairs completed after providing a fee waiver	0
Public Outreach	Update Website with incentive information and send targeted mail outs (*each year in years 2 – 5 to approximately 25% of OSSF owners in the watershed*) to describe fee waiver initiative and City of Austin cutover initiative.	No. of mail outs sent	0
Notification of Illicit Discharges	Upon discovery of a sewage overflow, Travis County staff trained to recognize illicit discharges will notify the owner of the wastewater collection system (or the OSSF Authorized Agent, if applicable) of the discharge.	No. of notifications	0

* *Mail outs are reported to be infeasible by OSSF group. Program centered on website information and inspector complaint response information coordination.*

2. Describe the implementation of targeted controls if the small MS4 discharges to an impaired water body with an approved TMDL.

Implementation of targeted controls occurs as described in the approved I-Plans for the two impaired waterbodies within Travis County, Gilleland Creek and Walnut Creek. Thus far Riparian Setback Land Acquisition, Public Outreach on Pet Waste and Privately Owned Permanent BMP Inspection and Construction Site Sanitary Waste Management have proven to be the most achievable target control. To date, no opportunities to utilize the other target controls identified above have presented themselves as feasible options.

4. Provide an analysis of how the selected BMPs will be effective in contributing to achieving the benchmark:

Benchmark Parameter	Selected BMP	Contribution to achieving Benchmark
E. coli	Increase Required Riparian Setbacks from New Development	No applicable development applications have been received
E. coli	Riparian Setback Land Acquisition	Restricts amount of developable land along waterway that could eventually lead to more pollution
E. coli	Public Outreach on Pet Waste	Reduces potential for discarded pet waste to enter waterway
E. coli	Incentivize OSSF Improvements	No applicable development applications have been received
E. coli	Public Outreach on OSSF repair and permitting incentives	Program centered on website information and inspector complaint response information coordination.
E. coli	Notification of Illicit Discharges	No notifications or identifications of Illicit Discharges have been identified.
E. coli	Privately Owned Permanent BMP Inspection	Effective identifying issues with water quality structures and ensuring functionality is achieved

Privately Owned Permanent BMP Inspection	Extremely effective. Identified issues at majority of sites and have worked to regain functionality through enforcement action
Detection of Illicit Commercial/Industrial Discharges	Annual inspections are conducted at identified industrial sites. 8 inspections at 8 sites were conducted this term. 1 corrective action reports were issued.
Construction Site Sanitary Waste Management	Focused on addressing issues related to staging and managing toilets onsite.

E. Stormwater Activities

Describe activities planned for the next reporting year:

MCM(s)	BMP	Stormwater Activity	Description/Comments

F. SWMP Modifications

1. The SWMP and MCM implementation procedures are reviewed each year.

   _X_ Yes ____ No

2. Changes have been made or are proposed to the SWMP since the NOI or the last annual report, including changes in response to TCEQ's review.
   ____ Yes _X_ No

If "Yes," report on changes made to measurable goals and BMPs:

MCM(s)	Measurable Goal(s) or BMP(s)	Implemented or Proposed Changes (Submit NOC as needed)
NA		

Note: If changes include additions or substitutions of BMPs, include a written analysis explaining why the original BMP is ineffective or not feasible, and why the replacement BMP is expected to achieve the goals of the original BMP.

Name and Explanation: The Lower Colorado River Authority (*LCRA*)

LCRA performs joint construction and post-construction plan review requirements (*MCM 3 and 4*) with Travis County in the Highland Lakes Watershed Ordinance area in western Travis County under a 2010 Interlocal Agreement between the County and LCRA.

Travis County performs the construction inspection component in this area and LCRA is responsible for the post-construction BMP inspections.

Name and Explanation: The TCEQ Edwards Aquifer Protection Program

The TCEQ, Region 11, performs construction and post-construction review and inspection requirements (*MCM 3 and 4*) on construction projects in the Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and Edwards Aquifer Northern Segment. This program also performs these requirements on construction sites 5 acres and greater in the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone.

2.a. Is the permittee part of a group sharing a SWMP with other entities?

___ Yes _X_ No

2.b. If "yes," is this a system-wide annual report including information for all permittees?

___ Yes ___ No

If "Yes," list all associated authorization numbers, permittee names, and SWMP responsibilities of each member (add additional spaces or pages if needed):

Authorization Number: _____ Permittee:_____