

Brazos Basin Update

- Introductions & Stakeholder Roles
- River Video
- Texas Instream Flow Program Overview
- **Study Design Workgroup – Overview**
- Small Group Breakout Sessions
- Session Reports
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- Summary and Next Steps



Brazos Study Design Workgroup

- Collaborative process involving stakeholders and state agencies
- Identify key elements of “How” to conduct a study of the Brazos:
 - Who?
 - What?
 - When?
 - Where?
 - Why?

Workgroup will collaborate on:

**Vision for a healthy environment for the
Middle and Lower Brazos River**

- Reflecting public values

Objectives to accomplish the vision

Study design details

- Locations to be studied
- Types of data to collect
- Seasons to study
- Etc.



Workgroup Product

Instream Flow Study Design for the Lower and Middle Brazos River

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Study Design Table of Contents

1. Study cooperators & stakeholders (who)
2. Study boundaries (where)
3. State of the river (why)
4. Conceptual model
5. Study goals
6. Study objectives
7. Indicators
8. Studies that need to be done (what)
9. Studies that will be done (what)
10. Study reaches (where)
11. Sampling schedule (when)



Study Design Workgroup What's the Plan?

Workgroup meetings in Brazos

Meeting 1: Goals & Vision

Meeting 2: Objectives

Meeting 3: Indicators

Meeting 4: Review of study design

First Brazos meeting:

- **August 21 in Bryan**



Brazos Workgroup: Two-way Communication

**Agencies
Educate
Participants**

- Scientific issues



**Participants
Educate
Agencies**

- Local knowledge
- Scientific input



How To Make a Difference

- Today's meeting
- Stay informed at website
- Study design workgroup meetings
 - Sign up today, by mail or by e-mail
- Send comments
 - E-mail
 - Mail

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Small Group Breakout Session

- Break into groups by color of name-tag dots
- Agencies will quickly record your ideas
- Report ideas to larger group

**What do
you value
about the
Brazos
River?**