

State of Texas

County of Fort Bend

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

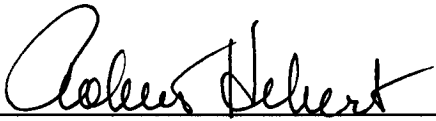
PROPOSED BY THE BACTERIA IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

- WHEREAS,** bacterial contamination of the rivers, bayous, creeks, and streams in the Houston-Galveston region is widespread and indicative of elevated risk to humans swimming and wading; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bacteria Implementation Group (BIG) includes representatives of city and county governments, resource agencies, business and agriculture interests, conservation and professional organizations, watershed groups, and the public; and
- WHEREAS,** the Implementation Plan is a common-sense approach for reducing bacteria levels in our waterways and providing better services to citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Fort Bend County (the "County") has been legally created and operates pursuant to the general laws of the State of Texas; and
- WHEREAS,** a project area encompassing approximately 2,204 square miles with a population of approximately four million people encompassing much of the City of Houston, part or all of another 55 cities and 10 counties stretching from Galveston Bay and the Clear Creek watershed in the south to Walker County in the north and to the cities of Waller and Katy in the west; and
- WHEREAS,** 62 stream segments (parts of 3 are in Fort Bend County) in the project area have been determined to not meet state bacteria standards for contact recreation activities and, thus, have been declared to be impaired with bacteria the most common pollutant of concern; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Texas has developed total maximum daily loads (TMDL) of pollutants for each impaired segment and has appointed a group of 31 stakeholders to develop a set of activities to reduce levels of bacteria pollution, said group to be known as "Bacteria Implementation Group" ("BIG") and included representatives from the area and said representatives provide substantive input into the implementation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County does hereby support the Implementation Plan proposed by the Bacteria Implementation Group and does hereby encourage stakeholders to voluntarily participate in the activities described in the plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular, duly called meeting of the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County on this 9 day of August 2011.

APPROVED:



Robert Hebert
County Judge

ATTEST:



Dianne Wilson, County Clerk

