

Dickinson Bayou Needs YOU



Do you think Dickinson Bayou is safe and clean? Do you want Dickinson Bayou to stay the way it is as your community continues to grow?

Then you need to be a part of the watershed planning process in order to maintain the quality of your water and land.

Is Dickinson Bayou less attractive, less clean, and less abundant than it was in previous years? Does the water quality and health of the Dickinson Bayou Watershed seem to be declining?



Then you need to be a part of the watershed planning process that will reverse this downward trend and restore the best possible uses of the water or at least prevents it from further degradation.



Is Dickinson Bayou clean enough to support all its uses? Is there clear, visible evidence that other types of environmental degradation are occurring - for example, are streambanks crumbling or are important wildlife habitats being lost?

Then you need to be a part of the watershed planning process to restore the quality of the water and other resources in the Dickinson Bayou Watershed and to keep the water clean.

A watershed protection plan can help address these questions. The plan identifies and tackles the issues that are important to citizens, local businesses, city, county and state agencies, industries, academic institutions, civic groups, and environmental organizations, collective known as the stakeholders, within the Dickinson Bayou Watershed. This inclusive group of stakeholders will also serve as the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Partnership. The partnership is brought together by a shared interest in preserving and enhancing the natural integrity of the Dickinson Bayou.

A watershed protection plan can serve as a powerful tool. The Dickinson Bayou Watershed Partnership will work to determine what are the priority areas or issues that the watershed is facing. That can mean identifying concerns regarding:

- How to maintain or improve the **water quality** of the bayou
- How to protect people within the watershed from **flooding**
- How **natural spaces** within the watershed can be protected and preserved
- Adequate recreational **public access** to the bayou
- Maintaining the **economic viability** of the bayou and the watershed
- **Land uses** and trends within the watershed

All of these issues can have an impact on your quality of life and therefore requires your attention. A successful and fully supported watershed protection plan needs local insight and help. Working in cooperation with a focus on solutions can result in the improved environmental and economic health of the Dickinson Bayou Watershed.



There is no need to be an expert on any particular subject; all that is required is an interest in the watershed and a willingness to work as a team. *Join the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Partnership and be heard.*

For more information on the Dickinson Bayou Watershed

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