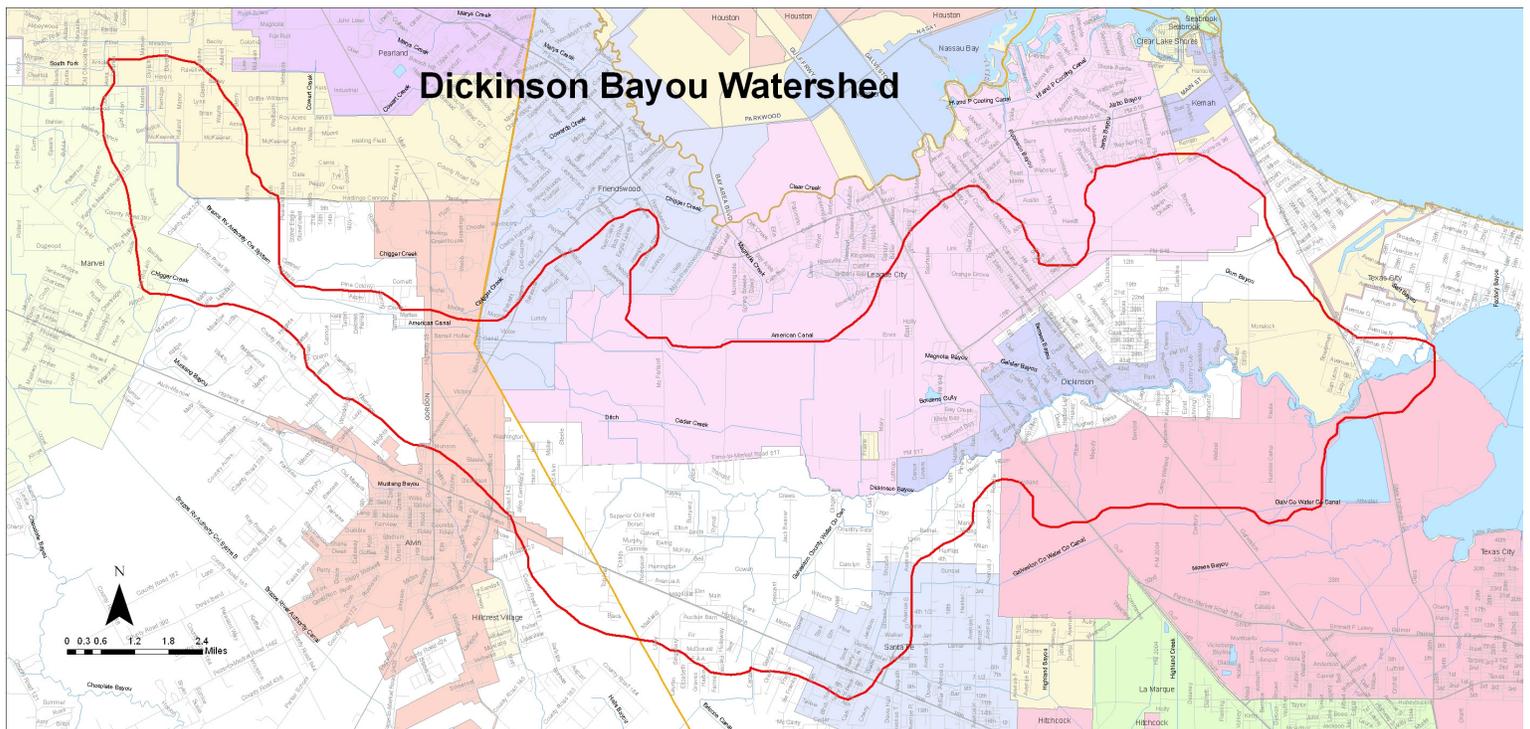


wa·ter·shed - a region or area bounded peripherally by a divide and draining ultimately to a particular watercourse or body of water

In plain English, an area of land that collects rain and snow and discharges much of it to a stream, river, or other water body. Watersheds are not isolated bodies of land. Smaller watersheds, like Dickinson Bayou are part of bigger watersheds. Several smaller watersheds make up the larger Galveston Bay Watershed. Recognizing the connections between watersheds is important because this isn't Las Vegas; what happens in a watershed doesn't just stay within a watershed.

The simple fact is that we all live in a watershed.

You live in the Dickinson Bayou Watershed.



Watersheds are interconnected, so how one community treats their watershed can have positive or negative affects on those living downstream. For example, say one community might be full of residents who dispose of all their used motor oil down the storm drain. These residents might think it's ok since that the wastewater treatment facility will take care of it. The truth is NO it won't. Once the used oil enters into the storm drain it goes straight through a series of pipes, and perhaps ditches, right into the river or creek. That spells bad news to the community downstream that is left to clean up the mess.



We need to take care of the Dickinson Bayou Watershed.

Because our actions affect the watershed it is important to have a plan to maintain the health and well being of it. A plan forces us to recognize the pressures we place on our watershed and how to fix them. Pressures can range from individuals not cleaning up after their pet's poop to loss of natural spaces from development. We need to learn how to strike a balance between our day to day activities and preserving the quality of our watershed and water quality. We should want to do this so our future generations will be able to appreciate some of the same resources we have enjoyed; historic buildings, trees, parks and clean drinking water, just to name a few.

Get involved TODAY!

How do I help protect the Dickinson Bayou Watershed? Good question! First be a good steward or keeper of the watershed. That means don't pollute, pick up your trash and after your pets. Never pour oil or any other contaminates down the storm drain.



**The Dickinson Bayou
Watershed Needs
YOU**

Join the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Partnership. The partnership is a collection of citizens within the watershed, community leaders, government agencies and nonprofit organizations who are interested in the Dickinson Bayou Watershed and are working to create a watershed plan that will be put into action. You live in the Dickinson Bayou Watershed so be proud and join, in fact join today!

For more information about the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Partnership please contact:

Susan Benner, Watershed Coordinator
Texas Cooperative Extension
17000 El Camino Real, Suite 301
Houston, TX 77053
281-218-6340
sbenner@tamu.edu