On-Site Sewage Facilities Workgroup

Meeting Notes 2/15/11

Workgroup Members Present

Susie Blake(League City), John Jacob (Texas Coastal Watershed Program), Marc Reid (Texas Coastal Watershed Program), Charriss York (Texas Coastal Watershed Program)

Discussion

The workgroup discussed the results from the activity from the February 2011 Dickinson Bayou Watershed Partnership Meeting and how the information could be incorporated in the planning process. The 9 element table was introduced to the group, which will be used as an outline for the planning process. A 9 element table is required for each management measure identified in the Implementation Plan. After being introduced to the 9 element table, the workgroup began identifying potential management measures and information that is needed to develop the components of the 9 element table.

These items were discussed in the following broad contexts:

Identify failing systems

- 1. Existing
 - Engineered and appropriate systems
 - Inappropriate systems
- 2. New Construction
 - Correct identification of the issues (Proper Site Evaluation)
 - Proper engineering and installation

Existing

- a. Maintenance Issues
 - i. Identify current process for maintaining and/or inspecting
 - ii. Identify who is responsible for what component and/or maintenance contracts
 - iii. Find out the frequency of inspections and who inspects the sites
 - 1. Residential and Commercial
- b. Identify target areas (areas with OSSFs)
 - i. Upgrades
 - ii. Hook ups/tie ins
- c. Financial
- d. Education
 - i. Homeowners, agencies, inspectors

New Construction

- e. New engineered systems
- f. Identify if all new systems are required to be aerobic.
 - i. Galveston County
 - ii. Brazoria County
 - iii. Cities
- g. Find out if things are happening the way they should be...
- h. Education
 - i. Homeowners, commercial, real-estate, Inspections, Installers, etc.
- i. Identify haulers

Action Items

- 1. Setting a meeting date
- 2. Gathering more information from:
 - Galveston County Health District on OSSFs
 - Brazoria County on OSSFs

