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GOALS AND ISSUES FOR THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY PLAN

Below is a summary listing of goals and issues identified by stakeholders at the June 8, 2004 and June 30, 2004 Stakeholder Meetings. Please rank the goals and issues in the individual categories, with 1 being the most important, 2 the next most important, etc...

PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY

Goals	Rank from 1 to 5
Long term preservation/management of the watershed.	
Preservation of open space	
Non-degradation of water quality	
Land acquisition, conservation easements for water quality protection	
Control the bad effects of increased volumes of runoff from development	

Issues	Rank from 1 to 10
Concern about over development and overly intense development	
Balance between sustainable economics and ecosystems	
Limit density to protect water quality and provide sufficient water supply	
Determine appropriate density for development	
There should be an environmental impact study for subdivision and commercial development	
Rules should be site specific	
Balance environment, affordable housing, economic and development issues	
Use existing TCEQ regulations as a "plan" and implement a government maintenance program	
Appropriateness of new roads and utilities	
Require xeriscaping and integrated pest management	

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IMPLEMENTATION

Goals	Rank from 1 to 6
Rules and regulations should be based on science/sound engineering principals	
Rules and regulations should be enforced consistently and uniformly	
Provide incentives for water quality measures and the flexibility to innovate	
Master planned development with a reasonable balance/promotion of renewable resources/stewardship of resources	
Protection of property values	
Provide a development review process that is consistent and predictable	

Issues	Rank from 1 to 11
Identify who can enforce water quality regulations	
Determine where funding for water quality protection implementation will be found	
Evaluate the potential for a regional enforcement authority	
BMP identified in the plan should require minimal maintenance and identify who will pay for improvements and operations and maintenance	
Evaluation of water supplies/wastewater treatment	
Broaden the scope of the plan to include other water related issues	
Property values negatively affected by punitive regulations	
Commercial tax base stewardship	
Regional Infrastructure including roads	
Provide a legal safe harbor for the development process- dependable and predictable	
Moratorium on development until Regional Plan is done	

EDUCATION/ADDITIONAL PLANNING

Goals	Rank from 1 to 2
Education regarding water quality concerns, use of native plants for landscaping, water conservation efforts	
Educating the public on avenues of public/private conservation opportunities	

Issues	
Identify who should be responsible for education/additional planning	