

# **Stakeholder Committee Meeting**

**Development of a Regional Water Quality Protection  
Plan for the Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards  
Aquifer and its Contributing Zone**

**Or the**

**“Regional Water Quality Planning Project”**

Austin Community College – Pinnacle Campus  
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# Stakeholder Issues

- Areas of General Consensus
  - Protection of Water Quality
  - Implementation
  - Education / Additional Planning

# Stakeholder Issues

## ➤ Protection of Water Quality

- Long term preservation/management of the watershed.
- Preservation of open space
- Non-degradation of water quality
- Concern about over development and overly intense development

# Stakeholder Issues

- Protection of Water Quality (cont.)
  - Balance between sustainable economics and ecosystems
  - Land acquisition, conservation easements for water quality protection
  - Limit density to protect water quality and provide sufficient water supply
  - Control the bad effects of increased volumes of runoff from development

# Stakeholder Issues

## ➤ Implementation

- Identify who can enforce water quality regulations
- Rules and regulations should be based on science/sound engineering principals
- Rules and regulations should be enforced consistently and uniformly
- Master planned development with a reasonable balance/promotion of renewable resources/stewardship of resources

# Stakeholder Issues

- Implementation (cont.)
  - 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

# Stakeholder Issues

- Implementation (cont.)
  - Incentives for water quality measures and the flexibility to innovate

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## ➤ Education / Additional Planning

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- Areas Where General Consensus Was Not Reached
  - Protection of Water Quality
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# Stakeholder Issues

## ➤ Protection of Water Quality

- Determine appropriate density
- 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

# Stakeholder Issues

- Protection of Water Quality (cont.)
  - 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

# Stakeholder Issues

## ➤ Implementation

- 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

# Stakeholder Issues

- Education / Additional Planning
  - Educating the public on avenues of public/private conservation opportunities