

# GRADING AND SCORING CRITERIA

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The **Angelina & Neches River Authority (ANRA)** has received funding through a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319 grant to fund the installation of On-Site Septic Facilities (OSSFs) in the Attoyac Bayou watershed in an effort to improve water quality in the Attoyac Bayou, which is listed as impaired for bacterial contamination.

Funding for this project is provided by the **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)** Nonpoint Source Program and the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** to address nonpoint sources of pollution. Failing OSSFs have been identified as potential sources of pollution in the Attoyac Bayou Watershed Protection Plan. Funding will be available to install approximately 23 OSSFs within the watershed.

### General Criteria

In order to award grants for the replacement of installation of OSSFs in the watershed, ANRA will evaluate and score the applications using the following general criteria:

- Proximity to the water body
- Distance to Sam Rayburn Reservoir
- OSSF system condition
- Household Income

### Criteria #1: Proximity to the Waterbody

Priority Zones around the Attoyac Bayou and its major tributaries will be established, as OSSFs in closest proximity to an impaired waterbody can have the largest impact on water quality.

OSSFs in close proximity to the Attoyac Bayou will have the highest priority, followed by systems located in close proximity to one of the major tributaries (Nacouche Creek, Terrapin Creek, Big Iron Ore Creek, Waffelow Creek, and West Creek).

### Criteria #2: Distance to Sam Rayburn Reservoir

The Attoyac Bayou discharges into Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Although Sam Rayburn Reservoir is not listed as impaired for bacteria, the reservoir is used extensively for both primary contact recreation and public water supply use. Minimizing the amount of bacteria loading entering Sam Rayburn Reservoir is protective of public health.

### Criteria #3: OSSF System Condition

OSSF Inspections can determine if a system has failed or if it simply needs repair or to be pumped.

In many instances, a home may not have a system at all. Priority will be given to these households, as they have the greatest potential for bacterial loading into the watershed.

### Criteria #4: Household Income

Grants will be awarded to individuals/households that are at, or below, 150% of the Median Household Income (MHI) for Rusk, Shelby, Nacogdoches, or San Augustine Counties.

### For More Information

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