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# Upper & Middle Neches Basin Steering Committee Meeting



July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024



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## Agenda

#### Welcome and Introductions

Jeremiah Poling, Angelina & Neches River Authority

#### **Overview of the Clean Rivers Program**

Andrew Henry, Angelina & Neches River Authority

#### Updates to ANRA's Water Quality Monitoring Program and The 2024 Basin Highlights Report

Andrew Henry, Angelina & Neches River Authority

#### **TMDL and Clean Water Act Project Updates**

Middle Neches Tributaries TMDL – Texas Water Resources Institute

La Nana Bayou Watershed Protection Plan – Texas Water Resources Institute

Attoyac Bayou Watershed Protection Plan – Texas Water Resources Institute

Ayish Bayou Water Quality – Texas Water Resources Institute

#### **Recreation, Education, and Outreach Updates**

Kimberly Wagner, Angelina & Neches River Authority

#### **Guest Speakers**

Ashley Villarreal, Keep Nacogdoches Beautiful

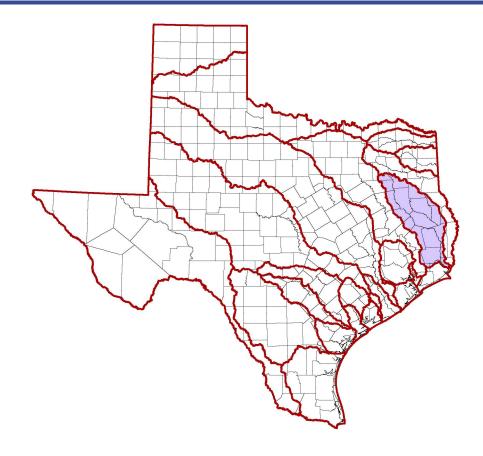
- Sam Hernandez, Citizen Nac
- Jose Lopez, Texas Conservation Alliance

#### **Open Discussion for Steering Committee Member Recommendations and Concerns**



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#### **The Neches River Basin**



ANRA's Jurisdictional Service Area includes all or a portion of the following 17 counties:

Van Zandt Smith Henderson Newton Cherokee Anderson Rusk Houston Nacogdoches San Augustine Shelby Angelina Trinity Sabine Polk Jasper Orange



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#### **ANRA's General Administration**



Water Resource Planning and Development

#### **Economic Development**

**Bond Issuance** 



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#### **ANRA's Field Operations Division**



**Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities** 

and Contract Operations



#### **Biosolids Composting**

**Neches Compost Facility** 



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#### **ANRA's Field Environmental Division**



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#### **Clean Rivers Program**

Water Quality Monitoring

#### **Environmental Laboratory**

Drinking Water, Surface Water, and

Wastewater Testing

#### **On-Site Sewage Facilities Program**

**OSSF** Permitting & Investigations



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## The Texas Clean Rivers Program (CRP)



Established in 1991 by the 72<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislative Session (SB 818)

Purpose is to monitor the waters of the state and maintain and/or improve water quality

Emphasis on the collection of water quality data for assessment and regulatory purposes

Funded by state fees

Collaboration of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and 15 partner agencies

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/clean-rivers



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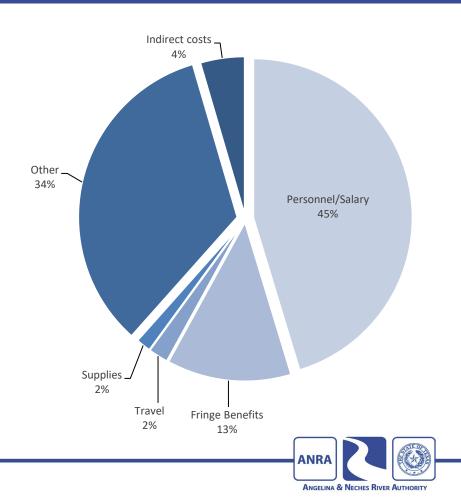
#### **Budget Allocations for the CRP Program**

FY 2024 - 2025 Budget Allocations				
Planning Agency	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total Allocation	
Brazos River Authority (12)	\$474,088.00	\$474,088.00	\$948,176.00	
Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (17 & 18)	\$161,195.00	\$161,195.00	\$322,390.00	
Houston-Galveston Area Council (9, 10, 11, 13)	\$1,149,758.00	\$1,149,758.00	\$2,299,516.00	
International Boundary & Water Commission (23)	\$318,217.00	\$318,217.00	\$636,434.00	
Lavaca-Navidad River Authority (16)	\$118,234.00	\$118,234.00	\$236,468.00	
Lower Colorado River Authority (14 & 15)	\$454,606.00	\$454,606.00	\$909,212.00	
Angelina & Neches River Authority and Lower Neches Valley Authority (6 & 7)	\$392,652.00	\$392,652.00	\$785,304.00	
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District (4)	\$118,234.00	\$118,234.00	\$236,468.00	
Nueces River Authority (20, 21, & 22)	\$308,279.00	\$308,279.00	\$616,558.00	
Red River Authority of Texas (1 & 2)	\$370,448.00	\$370,448.00	\$740,896.00	
San Antonio River Authority (19)	\$235,485.00	\$235,485.00	\$470,970.00	
Sabine River Authority (5)	\$372,777.00	\$372,777.00	\$745,554.00	
Sulphur River Basin Authority (3)	\$118,233.00	\$118,233.00	\$236,466.00	
Trinity River Authority (8)	\$468,269.00	\$468,269.00	\$936,538.00	
TOTALS	\$5,060,475.00	\$5,060,475.00	\$10,120,950.00	

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### **ANRA's CRP Budget Breakdown**

FY 2024 - FY 2025 Clean River Program Budget		
Budget Category	Approved Budget	
Personnel/Salary	\$177,903.72	
Fringe Benefits	\$49,813.04	
Travel	\$8,033.52	
Supplies	\$6,035.35	
Equipment	\$0.00	
Contractual	\$0.00	
Construction	\$0.00	
Other	\$133,076.00	
Total Direct Costs	\$374,861.63	
Indirect Costs	\$17,790.37	
Total Project Costs	\$392,652.00	



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#### FY 2024 Neches Basin Water Quality Monitoring Schedule

ANRA continues to monitor 37 sites quarterly for field parameters, conventional parameters, and bacteria. Additionally, there are two 24-hour Dissolved Oxygen monitoring sites: one on Cedar Creek in Lufkin, one on the Riverine Portion of Sam Rayburn Reservoir.

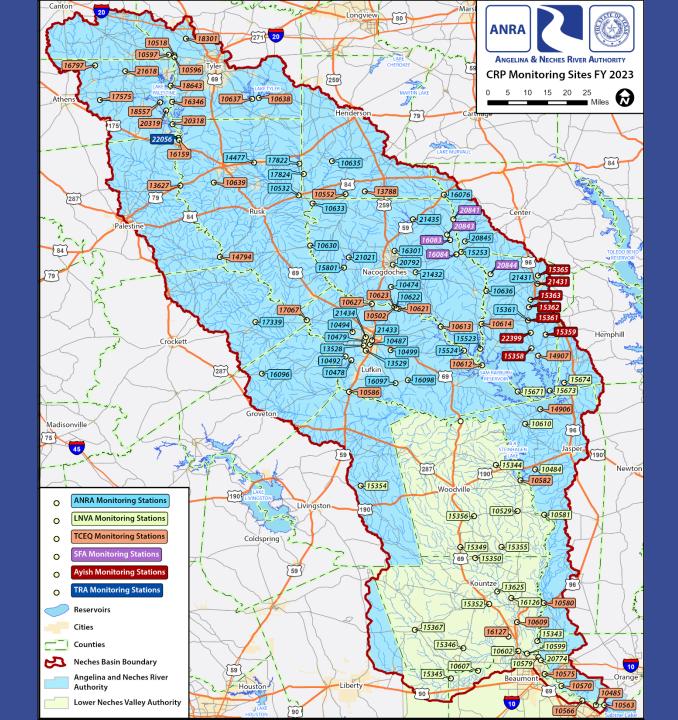
#### Changes

- Ayish Bayou sampling was completed at the end of FY 2023. By the start of FY 2025, it should begin again.
- In March of 2024, sampling began for the La Nana Bayou WPP. Sampling is on a monthly basis at two sites (one new for ANRA) in addition to twenty bacteria only sites collected by SFASU.
- The five sites on Attoyac Bayou collected by SFA for the Attoyac WPP will be discontinued by the end of this FY.

# FY 2024 Monitoring Stations in the Neches Basin

Sampling Entity	Number of Monitoring Sites
Angelina & Neches River Authority	37 (+2 24hr DO sites)
TCEQ Region 5 (Tyler)	19
TCEQ Region 10 (Beaumont)	20 (+2 fish tissue sites)
Lower Neches Valley Authority	26
Stephen F. Austin State University	5 (+20 Bacteria only sites)
Tarrant Regional Water District	1



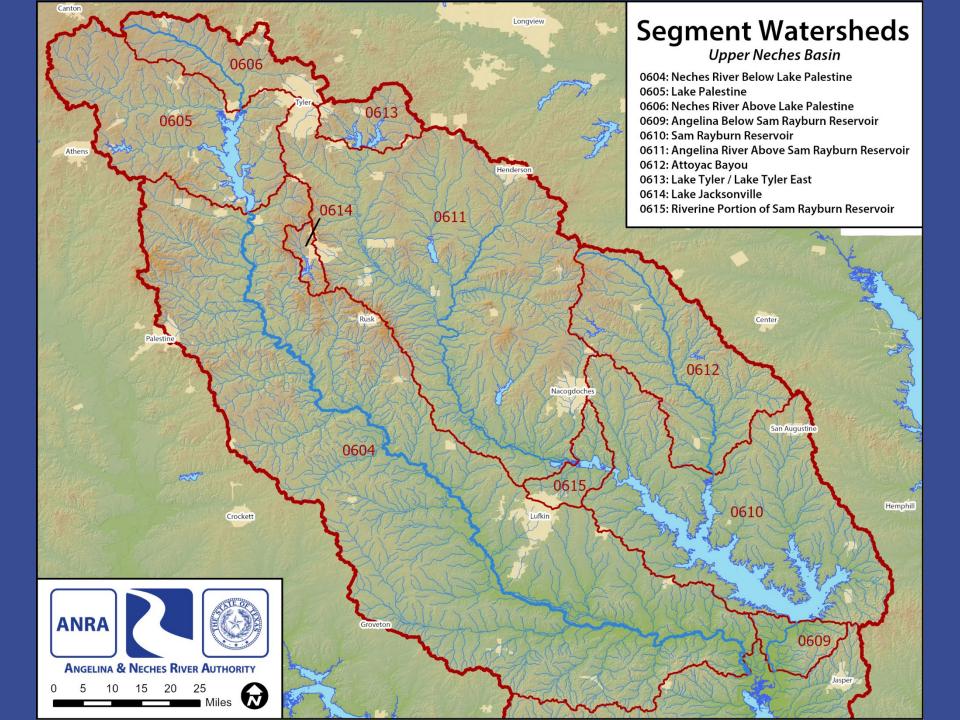


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#### Water Quality Monitoring in the Neches Basin

Parameters Collected			
Field	Conventional	Bacteriological	
Dissolved Oxygen	Ammonia-N	Escherichia Coli (E.coli)	
рН	Nitrate-N		
Conductivity	Nitrite-N		
Instantaneous Stream Flow	Total Kjeldhal Nitrogen		
Water Temperature	Chlorophyll-a		
Secchi Depth (Transparency)	Pheophytin-a		
Total Water Depth	Chloride		
Present Weather	Sulfate		
Days Since Last Significant Rainfall	Total Phosphorus		
Flow Severity	Total Suspended Solids		





#### Upper Neches Basin Sites in the Draft 2024 Texas Integrated Report 303(d) List

SEGMENT ID	SEGMENT NAME	IMPAIRMENTS	CATEGORY (AU ID)	
		Dioxin in edible tissue	5c (01, 02, 03)	
604	Palestine	Mercury in edible tissue	5c (01, 02, 03)	
0604A	Cedar Creek	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5c (03)	
		Depressed dissolved oxygen in water	5c (03)	
0604B	Hurricane Creek	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5a (02)	
0604C	Jack Creek	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5a (01)	
0604D	Piney Creek	Depressed dissolved oxygen in water	5b (01)	
0604M	Biloxi Creek	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5a (02)	
		Depressed dissolved oxygen in water	5c (03)	
0604T	Lake Ratcliff	Mercury in edible tissue	5c (01)	
605	Lake Palestine	рН	5b (01, 02, 03, 09, 10, 11)	
0605A	Kickapoo Creek in Henderson County	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5r (01, 02)	
		Depressed dissolved oxygen in water	5r (01)	
606	Neches River Above Lake Palestine	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5c (01, 02)	
		Depressed dissolved oxygen in water	5b (02)	
0606A	Prairie Creek	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5b (01, 03)	
0606D	Black Fork Creek	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5b (02)	
	Angelina River Below Sam	Dioxin in edible tissue	5a (01)	
609 Rayburn Reservoir		Mercury in edible tissue	5c (01)	

SEGMENT ID	SEGMENT NAME	IMPAIRMENTS	CATEGORY (AU ID)
610	Sam Bayburn Beservoir	Dioxin in edible tissue Excessive algal growth in water	5c (01 - 10) 5c (01 - 10)
		Mercury in edible tissue	5c (01 - 10)
		pH Bacteria in water	5c (05)
0610A	Ayish Bayou	(Recreation Use)	5a (01, 02)
0610P	Bayou Carrizo	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5c (01)
611	Angelina River Above Sam Rayburn Reservoir	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5c (01, 03, 04)
0611A	East Fork Angelina River	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5c (01, 02)
0611B	La Nana Bayou	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5r (01, 02, 03)
0611C	Mud Creek	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5b (01, 02)
0611D	West Mud Creek	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5c (01)
612	Attoyac Bayou	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5r (01, 02, 03)
0612F	West Creek	Bacteria in water (Recreation Use)	5b (01)
613	Lake Tyler/Lake Tyler East	Excessive algal growth in water	5c (02, 03, 04)
	Riverine Portion of Sam Rayburn Reservoir	Bacteria in water	5c (01)
615		Depressed dissolved oxygen in water	5c (01)
			5c (01)
		Mercury in edible tissue	5c (01)
		pH (low)	5c (01)
615A	Paper Mill Creek	Bacteria in water	5b (01)



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#### **Reclassifications and Delistings from the Draft 2024 IR**

Segment ID	Name	Impairment	AU ID	Previous Category	New Category
0604A	Cedar Creek	Bacteria in Water	02	5a	4a
0604B	Hurricane Creek	Bacteria in Water	01	5a	4a
0604C	Jack Creek	Bacteria in Water	01	5a	4a
0604D	Piney Creek	Bacteria in Water	02	5b	-
0604M	Biloxi Creek	Bacteria in Water	03	5a	4a
0605A	Kickapoo Creek	Bacteria in Water Depressed Dissolved Oxygen in Water	01, 02 01	5c	5r 5r
0611B	La Nana Bayou	Bacteria in Water	01, 02, 03	5b	5r
0612	Attoyac Bayou	Bacteria in Water	01, 02, 03	5c	5r



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## **2024 Upper Neches Basin Highlights Report**



Angelina & Neches River Authority

shed Characterization of

Sam Rayburn Reservoir & Lake Palestine The Basin Highlights Report is produced annually by ANRA and typically provides an overview of previous years events and ongoing programs in the upper and middle portions of the Neches River Basin that are relevant to the Clean Rivers Program.

Designed to inform and educate stakeholders about water quality monitoring, known issues and efforts to address them. The report provides information on education and outreach activities, and ways that you can get involved in preserving and improving water quality in places that are important to you.

This report is in the watershed characterization format, and it covers the characterization of the Sam Rayburn Reservoir and Lake Palestine. This format is to reduce redundancy of reports while furthering the knowledge of water quality issues in the basin.



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This report focused on the Sam Rayburn Reservoir and Lake Palestine Watersheds due to the fact that they face similar water quality issues despite being in two completely different environments.

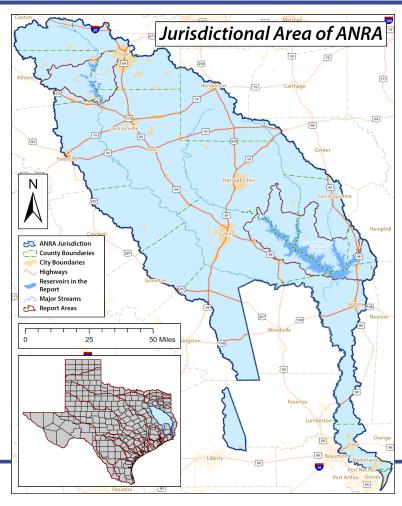
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-High pH

#### -Manganese and Iron in Sediment

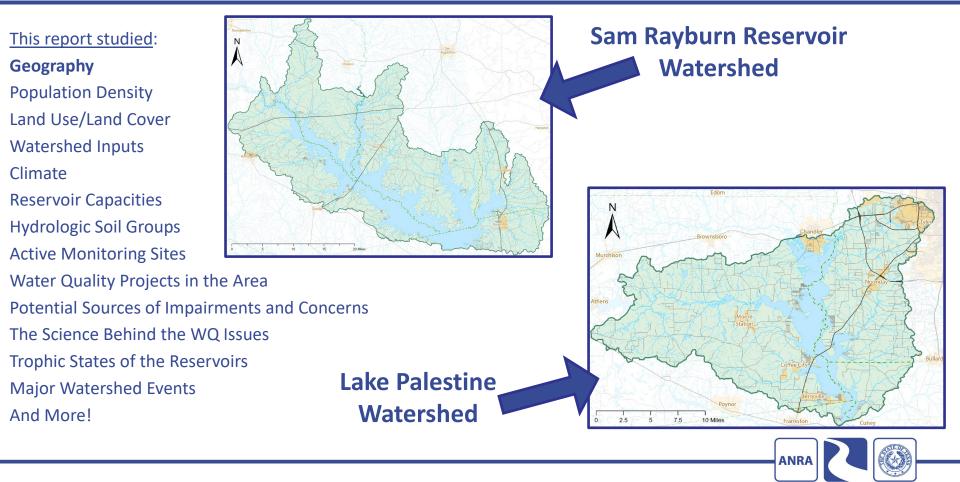
-Excessive Algal Growth





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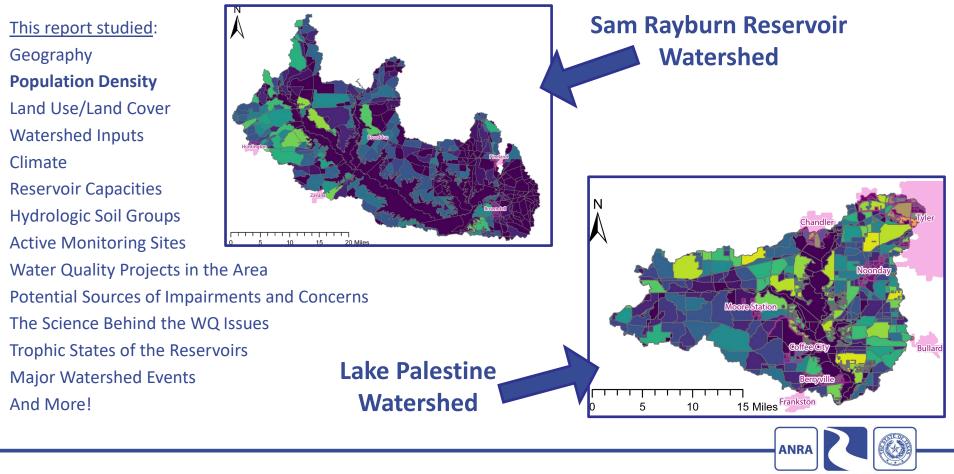
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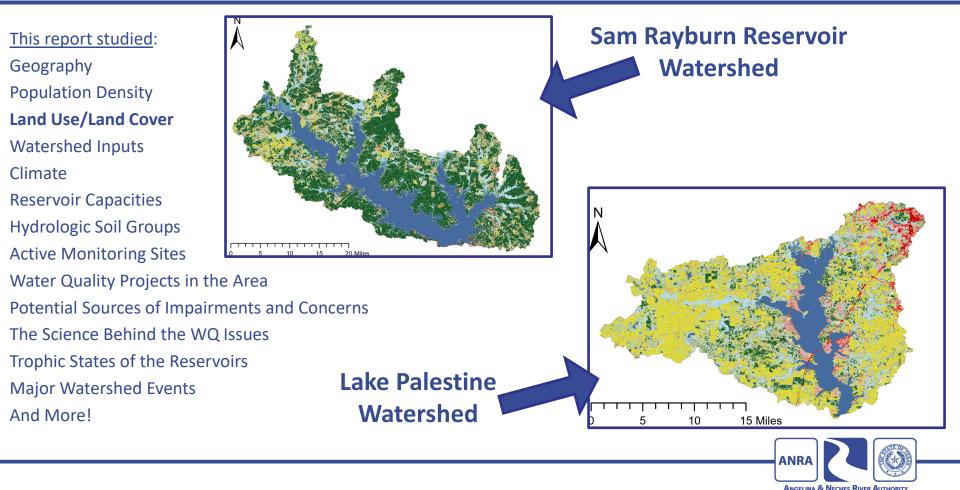
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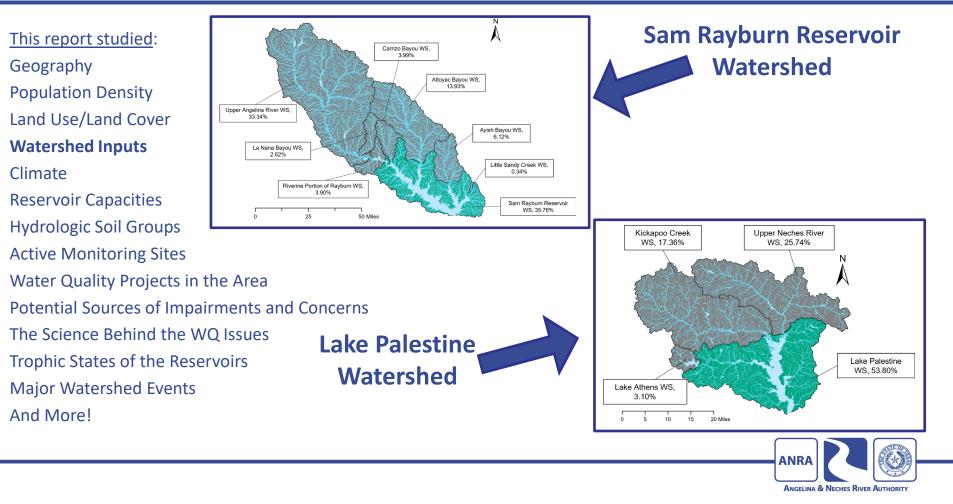
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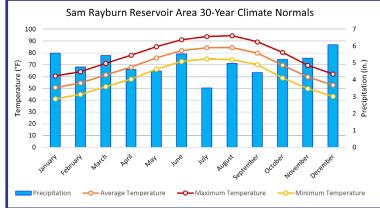
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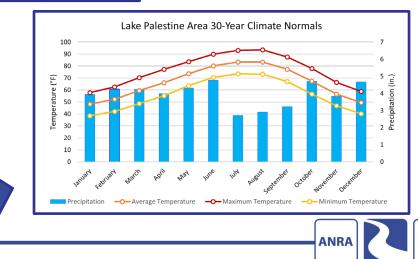
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#### Sam Rayburn Reservoir Watershed



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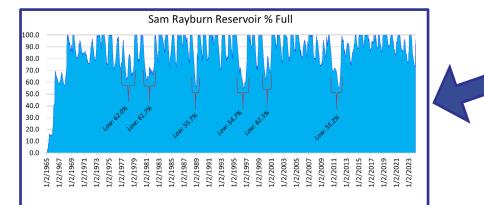
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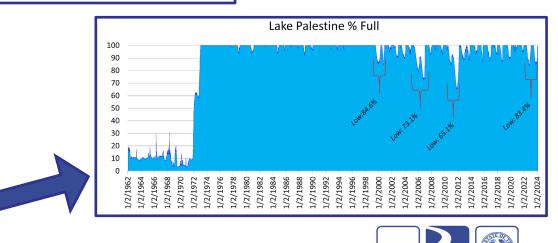
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#### Sam Rayburn Reservoir Watershed

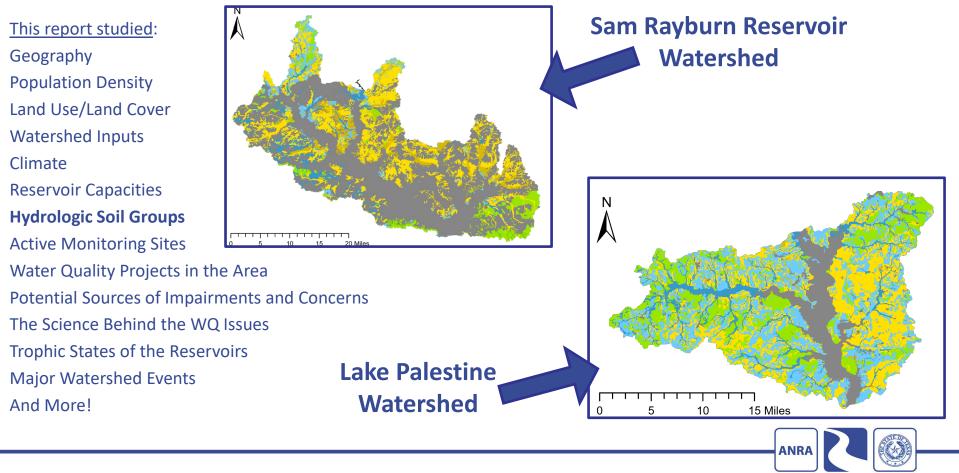
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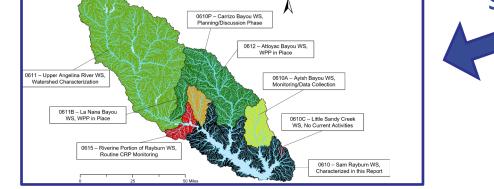
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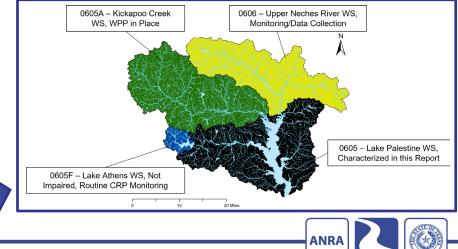
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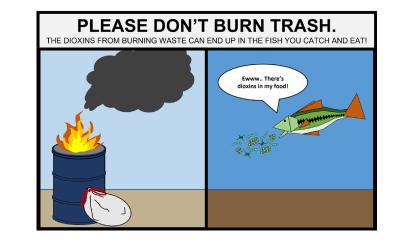
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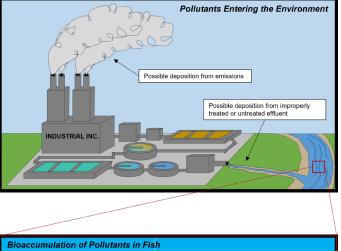
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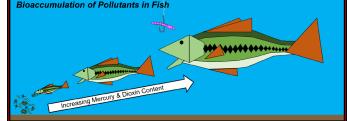
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#### **Potential Sources of Impairments and Concerns**

- The Science Behind the WQ Issues
- **Trophic States of the Reservoirs**
- Major Watershed Events
- And More!









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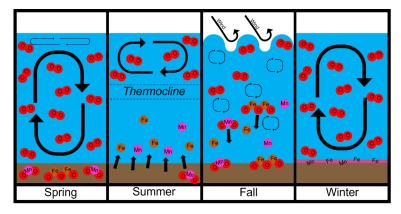
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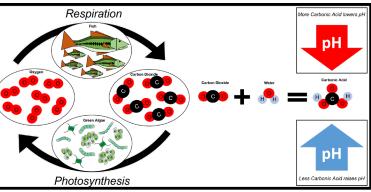
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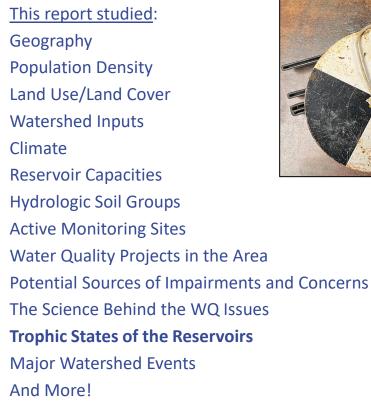






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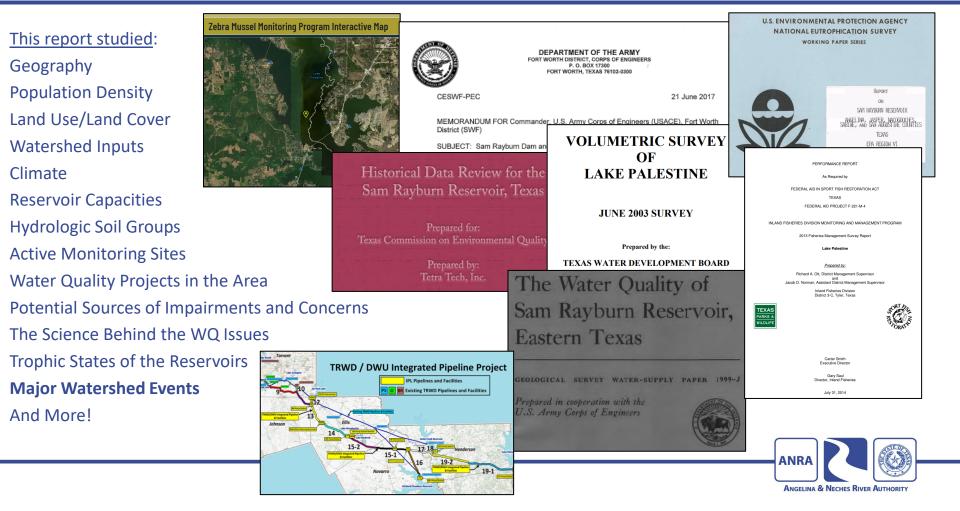






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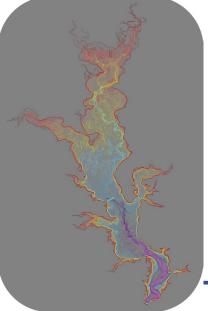




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### **Additional Resources**

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Clean Rivers Program
  - http://www.texascleanrivers.org
- Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures Manual
  - http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm\_exec/pubs/rg/rg415/rg-415.pdf
- Upper Neches Basin Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)
  - <u>https://www.anra.org/wp-content/uploads/ANRA\_FY2425CRPQAPP\_Executed.pdf</u>
- ANRA CRP Monitoring Activities
  - <u>https://www.anra.org/conservation-recreation/water-quality-activities/clean-rivers-program/monitoring-activities/</u>
- Coordinated Monitoring Schedule
  - <u>http://cms.lcra.org</u>
- ANRA Education and Outreach Materials
  - https://www.anra.org/conservation-recreation/water-quality-activities/water-quality-education-outreach/
- ANRA 2024 Basin Highlights Report
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