

Texas Gulf Coast Stream and Wetland Initiative



*Healthy Streams for a
Healthy Community and
Healthy Future.*

What is the TX Gulf Coast Stream and Wetland Initiative?

An innovative and large-scale effort to improve the water quality, water quantity, and soil health throughout a 54 county area of the Texas Gulf Coast. Initiative goals: to reduce stream bank erosion, enhance water quality, stabilize agricultural lands, and increase local water retention.

Why is the Initiative Needed?

TX Gulf Coast water resources are under intense pressure from increased urbanization and energy production. Over 30 miles of degraded streams and impaired wetlands are being identified for improvement. Clean, clear waters are essential to healthy communities, agricultural production, and future growth.

What are the Benefits?

Reduced Erosion and Land Loss • Protection of Property • Better Water Quality • Improved Water Quantity • Improved Soil Health • Green Jobs • Federal Matching Funds

San Antonio River Authority's Involvement?

The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) has partnered with the Resource Institute to provide a match for this initiative within its four county jurisdiction (Bexar, Wilson, Karnes, and Goliad) to promote healthy creeks and rivers.

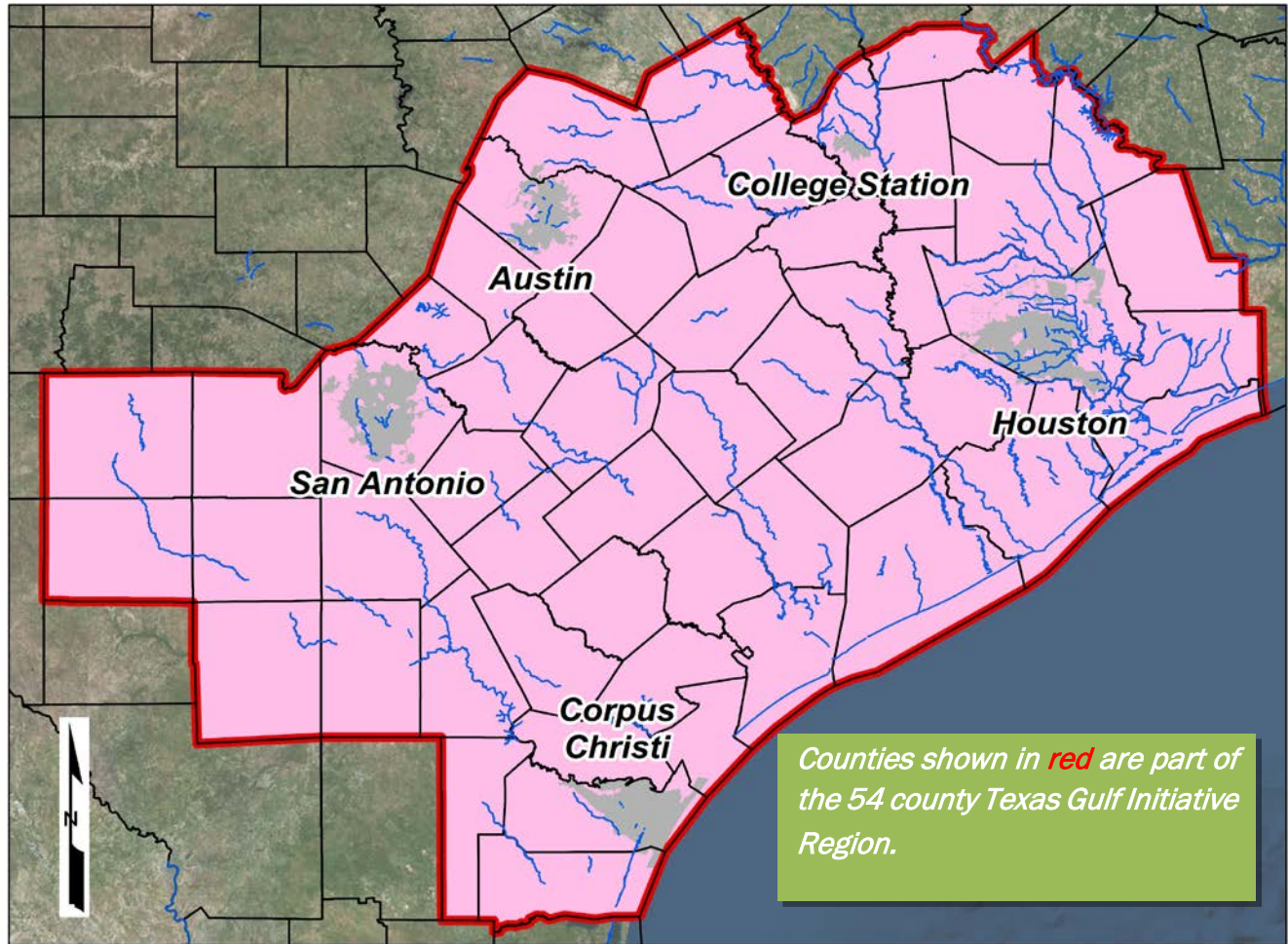
Fast Facts

Sediment is the #1 pollutant in our nation's waters, and much of that sediment comes from stream erosion.

The Initiative region is one of the fastest growing areas in the U.S.

Nearly half of all US coastal wetlands – over 5 million acres – are located along the Gulf.

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Overview of the TX Gulf Coast Stream and Wetland Initiative

SARA is working with partners to identify over 200,000 feet of potential stream stabilization sites within their four county area. These sites are being selected based on need and landowner willingness to participate in the Initiative. During 2016, qualified staff will be further evaluating the area to prioritize project sites, estimate project specific costs, and ensure that the Initiative is providing the maximum amount of benefit for the available funding.



For More Information:

Contact *Resource Institute* for more information regarding the Texas Gulf Coast Stream and Wetland Initiative

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