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The Shoal Creek Watershed Action Plan (SCWAP)

is a model urban watershed management program that implements measures to achieve contact recreation standards; promote baseflow enhancement; reduce nutrients, herbicides, and pesticides; and promote riparian and aquatic health. Additionally, the SCWAP supports the City of Austin in flood mitigation and planning.

*Read more about the plan by
scanning the QR code below*



CREEKSIDE NEIGHBORS MENU

FOR A HEALTHIER WATERSHED



Symbol Key



Time commitment
level



Cost



Creekside property



No Commitment

Easy Wins

Avoid Fertilizer and Herbicide

Limit fertilizer and herbicide use on your lawn, which can contaminate the creek



Scoop the Poop

Always pick up after your dog and dispose of the waste bag in a trash can



Pick up Trash

Take a bag with you on your next walk and pick up any trash you can



Less Mowing Along Waterways

Leave an unmowed buffer to support riparian habitat along the creek



Medium Wins

311 and the Pollution Hotline

Make reports to 311 and the Pollution Hotline if you see or smell pollution in waterways



Share your Green Stormwater Infrastructure Projects with us

Have you installed GSI on your property? We'd love to know! Email us at info@shoalcreekconservancy.org



Creekside Neighbors Sign

Get a 'Creek Friendly Tips' yard sign from us and display it in your front yard. Email us at info@shoalcreekconservancy.org



Seed Ball Kit Program

Request a seed ball kit through SCC's Seed Ball Kit Program to make and disperse seed balls in the watershed



Plant a Native Sapling

Check out Treefolks' NeighborWoods free tree giveaway program



Medium Wins

Conserve Water on your Property

The City of Austin's Rebates, Tools and Programs webpage has many free water conservation tools for your home



Add Native Plants to your Property

Reduce the total footprint of your lawn by adding native garden beds



Spread Native Seeds

Spread native seeds on any bare soil in your yard to create a wildflower or pollinator meadow



Big Wins

Riparian Buffer

If your house is creekside, add some native grasses, sedges, or trees to expand the riparian buffer



Host a Neighborhood Cleanup

Get a group of neighbors together and request cleanup supplies from us through our Creekside Neighbors Program



Pet Waste Station

Consider installing a pet waste station in your yard for passerby's to use while they're on a walk with their dog



Berms and Swales

Slow rain water runoff flow by installing a berm or swale on your property. Check out city rebates to save up to \$500.



Collect Rain Water with a Cistern

Harvest rain water runoff to be used for non-drinking purposes, such as watering plants. Check out city rebates to save up to \$500.



Install a Rain Garden

Capture and filter rain water to limit the amount of pollutants going into nearby waterways by installing a rain garden to your yard. Check out city rebates to save up to \$500.



Tips and Tricks for a Healthy, Happy Yard and Watershed

Does your yard experience flooding after a heavy rain?

- Install a rain garden to help capture rainwater and filter pollutants
- Capture rainwater with a cistern and use it for non-drinking needs

Are you having difficulties keeping up with lawn care?

- Add some low maintenance native plants to your yard to reduce mowing needs
- Start a pollinator meadow by adding native seeds

Are there areas in your yard that have erosion complications?

- Plant native grasses with longer, stronger roots to help stabilize eroding soil

Do you have high water bills but inefficient irrigation?

- Get free water conservation tools from the City of Austin such as a soil moisture meter to let you know when it's time to add water, a sunlight calculator to select plants that best fit the light conditions in your yard, and many more helpful tools to choose from