**Shoal Creek Watershed Action Plan Stakeholder Meeting**

**September 25, 2019, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Notes:**

**Goals for the 9/25 meeting**:

* Review modeling of management measures
* Request Working Group leads and members to submit notes from their breakout sessions to Tom & Nick by 9/30.

**COA Announcements & Comments:**

* There was a briefing with WPD and city council regarding land development code revisions at 2pm, 9/26 on ATXN. [This video can be accessed online](http://austintx.swagit.com/play/09262019-860).
* WPD to release a report soon with modeling ideas to mitigate Lower Shoal Creek flooding (with a focus on 9th-15th Streets)
* The city’s [Rain Catcher Pilot Program](http://www.austintexas.gov/RainCatcherPilot) is in effect and currently includes 25 homes active in the program
	+ In phase 2, the program will be offered to 450 homes.
	+ The program will be offered city wide by 2023.
	+ Homeowners who participate in the program can qualify for reduced Drainage Utility Fees on their water bills and the city covers some of the cost for implementing rainwater catchment. Homeowners must provide a report to the city every 2 years to continue receiving benefits through the program.
* Most of the Shoal Creek watershed was developed before water quality protectections were required, and the current land development code does not apply to single-family home remodels/retrofitting projects (unless you add additional homes to your property). Redevelopment of a single-family home is an opportunity to improve water quality protections and storm water runoff.
* The Land Development Code rewrite draft can be viewed starting 10/4.
* WPD is considering a new EII testing method based on a grid. More sites will be tested with this method. Past EII results would still be relevant and will translate between old and new scores.

**Stakeholder Feedback & Comments:**

* Add Waller Creek to watershed comparison chart, to show that other urban creeks also score low on the EII.
* Implementation Ideas:
	+ Have a block captain to keep track of private actions & education
	+ Identify “hot spots” for pollution on public lands
	+ Add signs along the creek with the pollution hotline phone number.
	+ Install in-stream habitat restoration projects (EX: ripples, pools and places for sediment to settle, so plants can grow)
		- There’s an example of this on Shoal Creek in Pease Park, and while there hasn’t been enough time since the project install to track the changes, there has been a slight improvement in the number of aquatic bugs found here, which is a way to test for better water quality.
* Add “Adaptive Management” to the “Monitoring & Evaluation” section
	+ Include in this section a set of criteria for restructuring the plan. Ex: If certain monitoring results are not hitting our goals, when/what will we change in the plan to address those issues differently?

**Next meeting goals/Next steps**:

* Next meeting is November 12, 2019, 11:30am-1pm
* The rough draft of the plan will be emailed to all steering committee and stakeholder committee members by
* At 11/12 meeting, present the rough draft & collect feedback. Also, collect final summaries from working groups.
* The Implementation Working Group will meet again between now and the next stakeholder meeting.