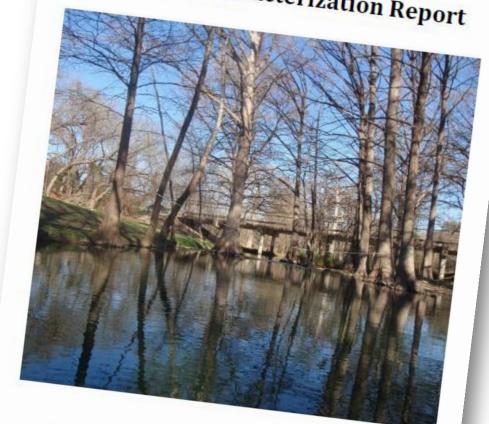


# STEP 1

## Characterization Report

(Phase 1) 2009-2010

### Cypress Creek Project Watershed Characterization Report



PREPARED IN COOPERATION WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND U.S.

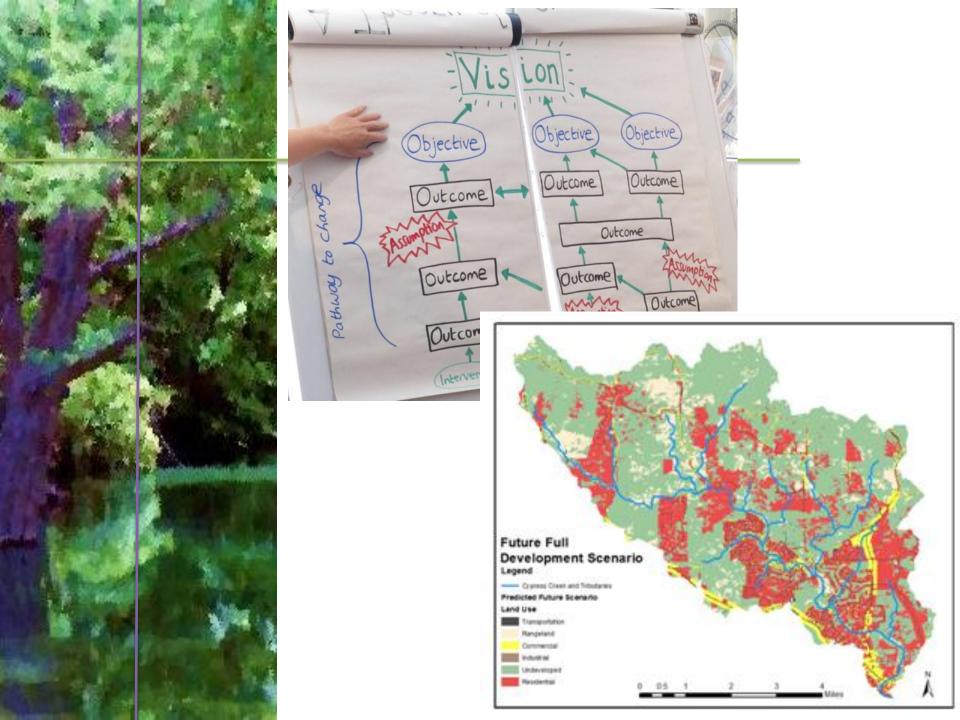
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### **STEP 1** Setting the priorities

(Phase 2) 2011-2013





# Primary growth areas

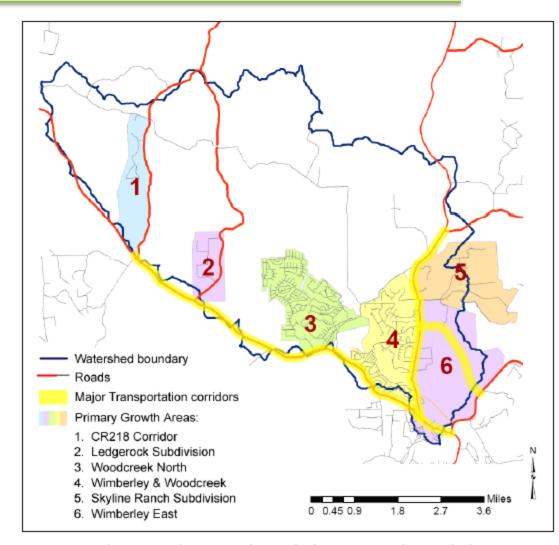
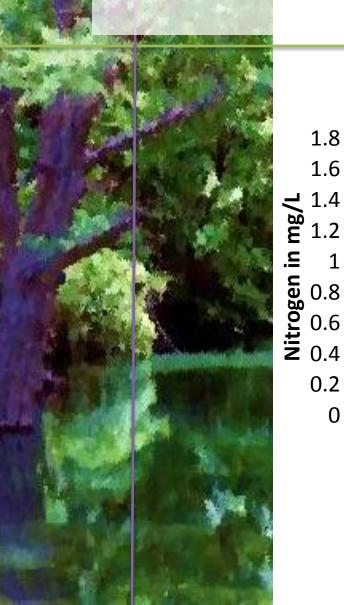


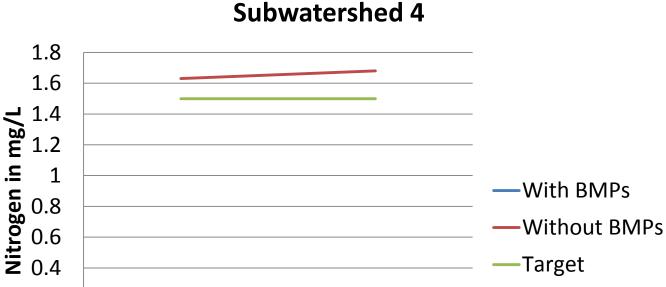
Figure 3.2. Primary growth areas in the Cypress Creek watershed.

### Watershed and sub-watershed criteria



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2009



**Years** 

2050



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#### Highest Prioritization 11-23

SGMA/Groundwater Protection Strategy

Water Conservation Pricing Strategies

Water Conservation Program for Water Providers or Municipalities

#### Second Highest Prioritization 6-10

Urban Wildlife Management -- Deer

Riparian Buffers

Water-intensive Turf Grass Ordinances

Groundcover Establishment -- Agricultural

Parking Lot Pervious Design Strategies

Xeriscaping/Nativescaping

Engineered Swales

Conservation Easements

Karst Feature Protection Measures

Comprehensive Stormwater Assessment

Purchase of Development Rights

Landscape Mulching

#### Medium Prioritization 2-5

Rainwater Harvesting Strategies

Cypress Creek Land Trust

Nutrient & Fertilizer Management

Habitat Conservation Areas -- Urban

Rock Berms/Gabions

Biofiltration/Rain Garden

Tree Protection

Groundcover Establishment -- Urban

Porous/Pervious Pedestrian Walkways

Alternative Brush Control -- Prescribed burns

Grazing Management Strategies

Landowner Incentive Program

Pet Waste Ordinance & Stations

#### Low Prioritization 0-1.9

Rock Weirs/Cross-vanes

Vegetative Filter Strips

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Table 1. Natural Resource Targets for Cypress Creek water quality and quantity	
Water Quality Targets	Target Conditions
I. Nitrogen (N)	1.65 mg/L (Nitrate screening level- 1.95 mg/L)
II. Total Suspended Solids <sup>1</sup> (TSS)	First 5 years @ screening level 5.0 mg/l  Years 6-10 4.0 mg/L – Group A  Years 6-10 4.5 mg/L – Group B  Years 6-10 5.0 mg/L – Group C

#### -Parameters of Concern

III. Escherichia	Single sample- 394 cfu/100mL
coli (E. coli)	Geometric mean- 126 cfu/100mL

IV. Dissolved	24-hr mean values above 6.0 mg/L
Oxygen (DO)	Grab sample values above 4.0 mg/L

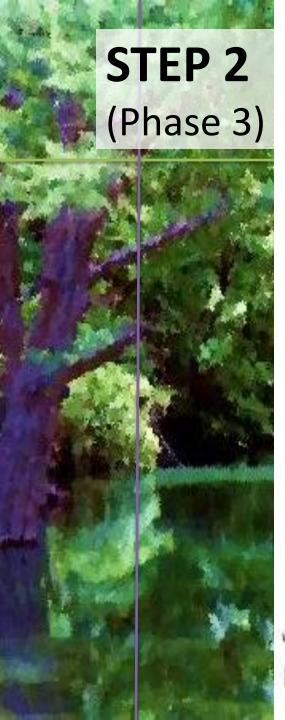
	Jacob's Well- 3.8 to 6.4 cfs
V. Flow	Blanco Confluence- 4.11 to 5.1 cfs
	Cypress Creek- 4 to 6 cfs

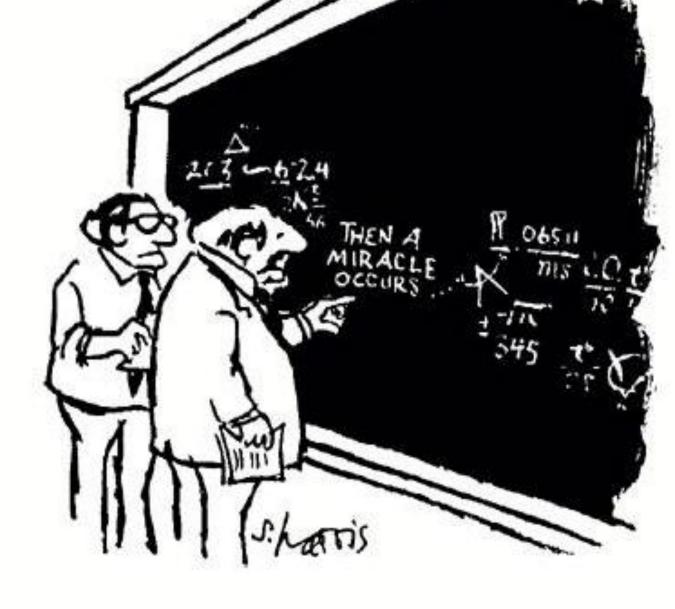
VI. Impervious
Cover
15-20%

VII. Fats, Oils & from current conditions

Grease

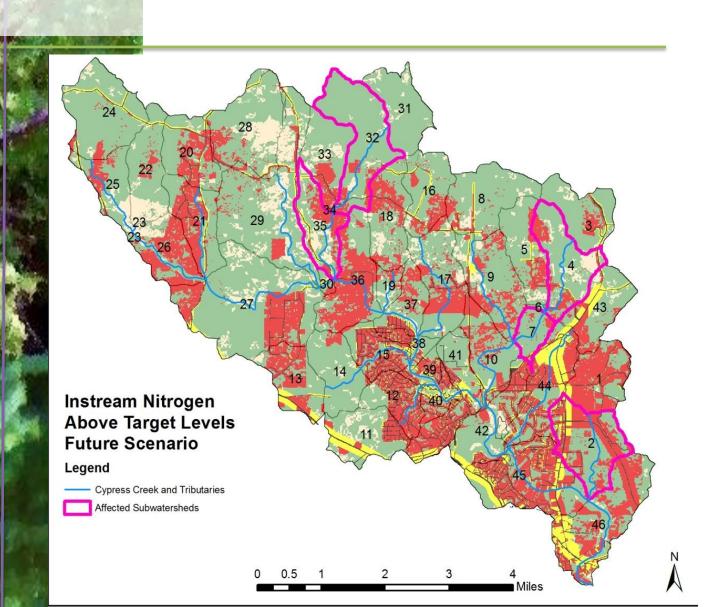
 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  TSS targets are specific to vulnerable tributary subwatershed groups detailed in Element B

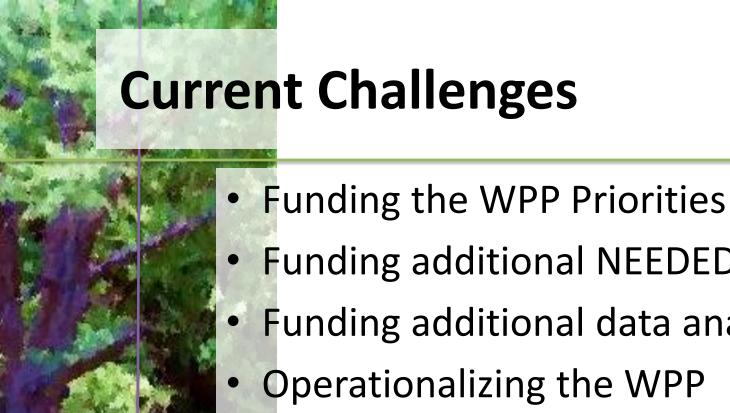




"I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT HERE IN STEP TWO."

### **NEXT STEPS – "Interim Period"**





- Funding additional data analysis
- Operationalizing the WPP
- Transition of leadership



- Ground/Source Water Protection
   Strategy Preserving Flows
- Artesian and recharge zones for the local springs
- Developing a localized groundwater/ surface water interaction model
- How best to use the emerging science for decision-support

# Thanks to our partners!









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