George W. Shannon Wetland at Richland-Chambers



1990 Long-Range Plan concluded that the District should pursue the option to divert water from the Trinity into its reservoirs

Richland-Chambers Water Quality Considerations

Nutrients

 Compounds which stimulate and sustain the growth and development of aquatic plants and algae

Chlorophyll-a

- Green pigment found in plants and algae
- Used as an indirect measurement of the amount of photosynthesizing plants (algae and phytoplankton) in a water body





Water Resource Challenges

Water Quality: Eutrophication

20-Year Trend Study Chlorophyll-a

	Media	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
	n	Trend			
Lake	(u/gL)	(%APR)			
Arlington	27.5	6.23			
Cedar Crk	20.0	3.60			
Eagle Mtn	18.8	2.84			
Richland	11.4	2.70			
Benbrook	16.7	2.48			
Bridgeport	3.5	1.79			



3 Types of Reuse Considered by TRWD

Wetlands







Aquaculture



Project Timeline



TRWD Pilot-Scale Wetland Project





TRWD Pilot-Scale Wetland Project (1992 – 2000)



Site selection Flooding effects Bioaccumulation Long-term viability Water management Planting requirements



RC Reservoir Construction Mitigation

TPWD RCWMA North Unit: 5,000 acres South Unit: 8,000 acres





Constructed Wetlands for Water Reuse











George W. Shannon Wetland Project Richland-Chambers

TRWD Field-Scale Wetland Project (2003 – 2009)

- Continuation of research for Full Project
 Implementation
 - Long trend analysis of system
 performance
 - Water quality
 - Maintenance requirements
 - Habitat improvement



Water Quality Parameters

pH Dissolved oxygen Temperature Flow Nitrogen Phosphorus Turbidity (suspended sediment)

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TRWD Field Scale Wetlands Vegetation Monitoring Sites

Vegetation Survey Transect Line Vegetation Survey Photo Station

FIGURE 15

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500 Feet



Site Layout Plan

PROPOSED & N H A ST R PPELINE (TO PARALLEL EXISTING 42-INCH DIAMETER PPELINE)

Resting Pump Station



Richland Chambers Wetland Expansion

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Richland Chambers Wetland Expansion

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Wetland Treatment Performance Full Scale Operation

Full Scale Operation Oct 2013 – March 2015 (n=45)

	Average Concentration In (mg L ⁻¹)			Average Concentration Out (mg L ⁻¹)			Percent Concentration Reduction		
Location	TSS	ΤN	TP	TSS	TN	TP	TSS	TN	TP
Sed Basins	139.10	8.53	1.03	35.27	8.03	0.94	75%	6%	8%
Wetlands	35.27	8.03	0.94	15.30	2.27	0.44	57%	72%	53%
Overall System	139.10	8.53	1.03	15.30	2.27	0.44	89%	73%	57%



Monthly Wetland Diversions to Richland Chambers Reservoir



