

## Watershed Protection Ordinance Stakeholder Meetings

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Staff Bullpen, Rm. 1029, City Hall  
301 W 2nd St  
Austin, Texas 78701

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*(Unless otherwise noted—Please see times and locations below)*

Please note date, time, & location of next meeting.

### **Introduction and Overview**

*Provide overview of Council Resolution, current problems, and potential strategies.*

Aug 26

### **1. Creek Protection**

*Discuss how to improve stream buffer requirements to protect headwater areas and erosion hazard zones and to reduce long-range costs for infrastructure maintenance. Examine ways to simplify stream buffer regulations and offset the impacts of any new requirements on the ability to develop land.*

Sep 9, Sep 23, Oct 7

### **2. Floodplain Protection**

*Discuss how to preserve and restore the natural and traditional character of floodplains. Examine ways to strengthen the criteria for floodplain modification and to incentivize the restoration of vegetation in historically degraded floodplains. Review the proposed credits for the FEMA Community Rating System.*

Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 2

### **3. Development Patterns and Greenways**

*Discuss how to allow more credit for the dedication of riparian and floodplain areas, coordinate with existing and future parks, and encourage the allowance of sustainable trails within riparian zones.*

Dec 16, Jan 6, Jan 20

### **4. Improved Stormwater Controls**

*Examine the threshold for when water quality controls are required. Discuss ways to encourage green infrastructure. Consider the long-term inspection and maintenance burdens of wet ponds, non-degradation controls, and subsurface controls.*

Feb 3, Feb 17, Mar 2

### **5. Options for Mitigation, Rule Simplification & Flexibility**

*Discuss options to simplify and clarify current watershed regulations. Review set of potential Ordinance recommendations to date and examine the balance between proposed protections and maintaining development opportunity. Goal = Meet intent of original [Council Resolution](#).*

Mar 23

## 6. Summary of Stakeholder Meeting Progress

*Review the work of the previous 14 stakeholder meetings and preview the items under consideration for the draft ordinance.*

Apr 13      Staff Presentation & Stakeholder Feedback      1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      One Texas Center  
Room 325  
[505 Barton Springs Rd](#)  
Austin, Texas 78704

[Adjourn through June to draft ordinance.]

### **Summary and Draft Ordinance**

*Review the draft ordinance and provide final comments before public hearings.*  
July to August 2012

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### **Adoption Process**

September/October 2012	Boards and Commissions
November/December 2012	City Council
Winter 2012/13	Travis County Commissioners Court