

## 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)*

### **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	Staff Presentations & Stakeholder Feedback	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Staff Bullpen Rm 1029, City Hall
Feb 17	Staff Presentations & Stakeholder Feedback	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Staff Bullpen Rm 1029, City Hall
Mar 2	Staff Presentations & Stakeholder Feedback	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Staff Bullpen Rm 1029, City Hall

## 5. Options for Mitigation (Desired Development Zone) + Rule Simplification & Flexibility

*Discuss the potential to expand the use of transfers of development rights (TDR) and off-site mitigation in the Desired Development Zone. Review integration with the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and the Growth Concept Map. Also brainstorm ways to simplify and clarify current watershed regulations. Examine the balance between proposed protections and maintaining development opportunity.*

Mar 23      Staff Presentations &      11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.      Staff Bullpen Rm 1029, City Hall  
(Tentative) Stakeholder Feedback

Apr 6      Stakeholder Feedback      11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.      Staff Bullpen Rm 1029, City Hall  
(Tentative)

[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