

Watershed Protection Ordinance Stakeholder Meetings

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, 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](#).

Please Note: No meeting March 16 due to SXSW.

Mar 23	Staff Presentations & Stakeholder Feedback	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Staff Bullpen Rm 1029, City Hall
Apr 6	Stakeholder Feedback	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Staff Bullpen Rm 1029, City Hall

[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

Adoption Process

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