Our Mission
GROWING IN IMPORTANCE

Nueces River Authority (NRA) was created by the Texas legislature in 1935. Unlike typical governmental agencies, NRA does not have the power to tax, license, or regulate. We receive no state or federal appropriations or tax revenues. Our income is mainly from contractual services.

We have broad authority to:

- provide flood control, irrigation, navigation, wastewater treatment, solid waste disposal, municipal and industrial water supply, and water quality control;
- develop parks and recreational facilities;
- finance water supply, water treatment, and pollution control projects;
- acquire state and federal grants and loans.

Our Vision
WORKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

NRA pursues its statutory responsibilities so that year by year:

- future generations will continue to make the basin's pristine Hill Country more enjoyable to all who enter the central Texas region;
- the country's vital needs will continue to be provided, unmatched by alternative sources;
- ecologically rich bayous and estuaries will continue to thrive;
- citizens will continue to have and appreciate adequate supplies of clean water; and
- NRA will be instrumental in making these things happen.

Our Work
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

NRA is closely involved with the Texas Water Development Board's San Antonio Regional water planning program. Every few years this program releases public comments and requests for public participation. Every few years this program releases public comments and requests for public participation. Every few years this program releases public comments and requests for public participation. Every few years this program releases public comments and requests for public participation.

DEVELOPMENT

Nueces River Authority

NRA is a co-plaintiff, with the City of Corpus Christi, in the lawsuit filed in federal court by the Nueces River Authority against the City of Corpus Christi over the plant's operation. The lawsuit seeks to protect the surface water resources of the Nueces River system. The City of Corpus Christi is seeking to build a new regional wastewater treatment plant that will discharge treated wastewater directly into the Nueces River. The lawsuit seeks to protect the surface water resources of the Nueces River system. The City of Corpus Christi is seeking to build a new regional wastewater treatment plant that will discharge treated wastewater directly into the Nueces River.

Mary Hoaden Pipeline

In 1997, NRA joined with Corpus Christi to finance and construct a 64-mile, 10-inch pipeline to deliver water from Lake Corpus Christi to Corpus Christi. The pipeline was completed ahead of time and under budget—and now supplies water to a drought-prone, seven-county area of the Coastal Bend.

Laudley Watermark Treatment Plant

The Laudley Watermark Treatment Plant protects the quality of the Freshwater and the health and wellbeing of the citizens of the City of Lake Corpus Christi. The plant's new surface water treatment facility is being constructed to meet the needs of the citizens of Lake Corpus Christi. The new plant will be located on the site of the old plant and will be designed to treat 15 million gallons per day. The plant is expected to be completed in 2022.

Bugs and ares of about 30,000 square miles. We conduct water quality monitoring, identify problems and solutions, manage and distribute data, and involve citizens, businesses, and government in the project. Both current and historic data are available on our website.

Lower Nueces River Watershed Protection Plan

Developed through a local stakeholder process and approved by the U.S. EPA, the implementation of the plan is underway on the Nueces River from Lake Corpus Christi to the border crossing in Florida. Management strategies in the plan address water quality concerns for municipalities and industry as well as for the overall ecological health of the river and its watershed. A copy of the document is available on our website.

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The 2016 edition of Your Remarkable Riparian, a field guide to riparian plants found in most of Texas, illustrates the valuable contribution of riparian vegetation to healthy streams and wetlands. This book is available for purchase at RemarkableRiparian.org.

EDUCATION

NRA works to strengthen appreciation of basic water resources and the symbiotic relationship between land and water. Our education program uses a physical model of the watershed and other hands-on activities to show thousands of students each year how pollutants create and contaminate streams and how everyone can help protect and conserve water resources.

Be Spontaneous.
Practical land management and stewardship—what happens on land can profoundly affect what happens in the streams and to our groundwater.

Be Watchful.
Make a habit of observing, noticing, examining, or recording observations. Record or report your observations.

Be a Participating Citizen.
Participate in our Citizen Water Program, attend Committee and engage with the Riparian Stewards' Network. Citizen participation is a critical element of water resource protection. Your thoughts and participation are important.

Be Responsible.
Protecting our water is a personal responsibility. Listen, watch, talk, laugh, drive, construction debris, and other pollutants will reach the stream if they are not disposed of properly.

How You Can Help
The Nueces River Basin

Our Country
NRA's jurisdiction includes all or part of 22 South Texas counties – more than 17,500 square miles extending from Rocksprings to the Gulf of Mexico. The Nueces Basin is about 235 miles long and 115 miles wide, encompassing large parts of the Texas Hill Country, Brush Country and the Coastal Plains. Since ancient times the springs, creeks and rivers of the Nueces Basin have been special. They were a magnet for native civilizations, the chosen spots for Spanish missions, waterholes for mustangs and longhorns, and a refuge for wildlife. Providing irrigation for thirsty crops, drinking water for growing populations, and a place to cool off on a hot day, these waters are the lifeblood within a dry region.

The Upper Basin
Hill Country
The Upper Basin consists of 3,100 square miles of rugged land known as the Hill Country. While the land is used mostly for grazing, the headwater streams are popular for fishing, hunting, camping and water recreation. The Edwards Aquifer and its recharge zone traverse this region. About 60 percent of this aquifer’s recharge occurs in the Nueces Basin.

The Middle Basin
Brush Country
South of the Hill Country to within about 60 miles north of the coastline is the low, rolling, thicketed plain called the Brush Country. This section makes up more than 80 percent of the basin and is used mainly for cattle ranching, hunting, farming, and oil and gas production. Much of the region is dependent upon water from the Nueces River and the Carizo-Wilcox Aquifer, which receives recharge from many streams within this section.

The Lower Basin
Coastal Bend
A 60-mile corridor along the Gulf Coast in the Nueces and adjoining coastal basins is known as the Coastal Bend. Featuring oil production and refining, chemical manufacturing, shipping, commercial fishing, military bases and coastal recreation, this region is profoundly affected by the flows of the Nueces River. Lower basin stream flows also contribute to recharge of the Gulf Coast Aquifer.

To protect our water quality and supplies, we must be informed, sensitive, watchful and responsible.
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