

QUARTERLY PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT

By: The City of Waco

For: Brazos River Wetland

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1. Task 2: Construction and Vegetation

Construction of the wetlands is on-going, but is still delayed as was described in the first two Progress Reports. Portions of the task that have been completed include the following:

- Geotechnical studies and a design constructability review are underway:
 - Langerman-Foster has conducted seven borings for the geotechnical study and site assessment.
 - The design and constructability review are being performed by The Wallace Group and CDM Smith.
- General site maintenance and preparation is occurring, weather permitting. This work includes mowing, topsoil stock pile removal, and tree stump and woody debris removal.

Task 3: Monitoring

Monitoring has not begun; however preparations to begin monitoring upon completion of the wetland are underway, including:

- Conducted on-site training of field techniques in Austin with USGS-FORT, USGS-TWSC, and Waco September 9, 2015. This training was to prepare USGS-TWSC and Waco for vegetation monitoring activities.
- Surveyed each research partner to identify relevant information that will be used to assemble a Guidance Panel for the research project. The research partners will meet during the next quarter to discuss and later solicit interest of experts to cooperate in a Guidance Panel.
- Revised Communication Plan.

Task 7: Project Management

Project management is ongoing. Meetings include:

- Bi-monthly conference calls with team members on 07/09, 07/23, 08/06, 08/20, 09/03, and 09/17.
- The City of Waco, USBR, and Baylor University hosted TWDB Board Member Kathleen Jackson and her Chief of Staff Jennifer White in Waco August 13, 2015 for a visit to the Brazos River Wetland and the Lake Waco Wetlands.

- The City of Waco team met with Waco City Management in conjunction with The Wallace Group, CDM Smith, Langerman Foster, and Baylor University to discuss project delays and a plan for moving forward.
2. Pending completion of the geotechnical studies and design constructability review this fall, construction is expected to begin early Spring 2016. Unavoidable delays thus far have included heavy spring rain events, insufficient and/or unsuitable soil materials for the design location, and a dangerous proximity to a sewer force main and the adjacent property line. The seven borings already completed show additional clay materials nearby, and an additional four borings to be completed in Quarter 4 will better locate suitable materials nearby on the property.