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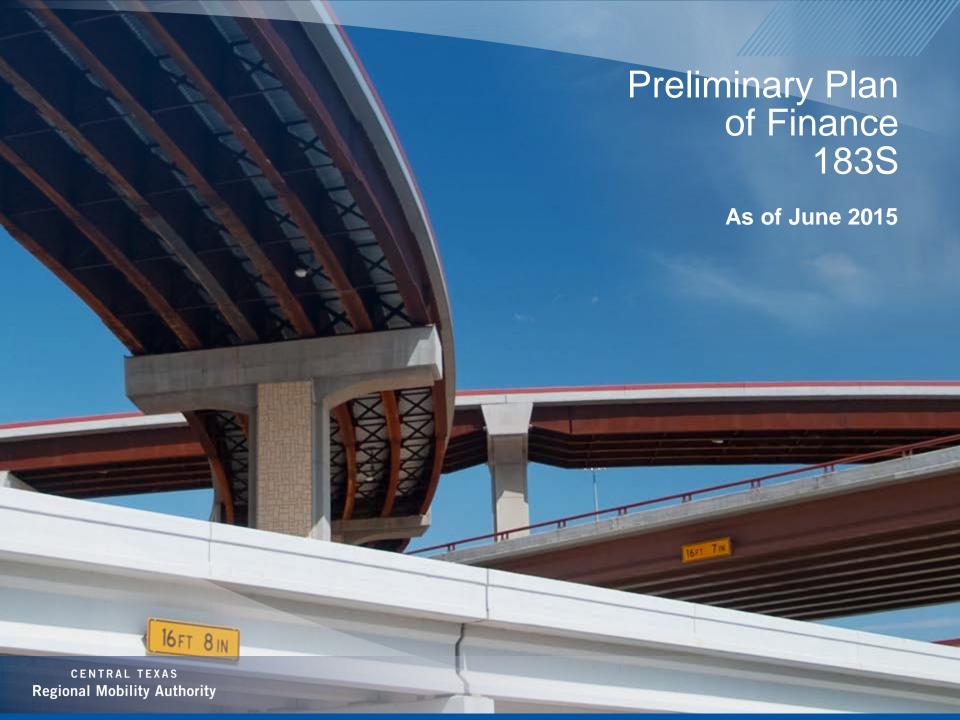


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Item 10

Authorize issuing a Request for Proposals to solicit an interim loan for development of the 183 South Project





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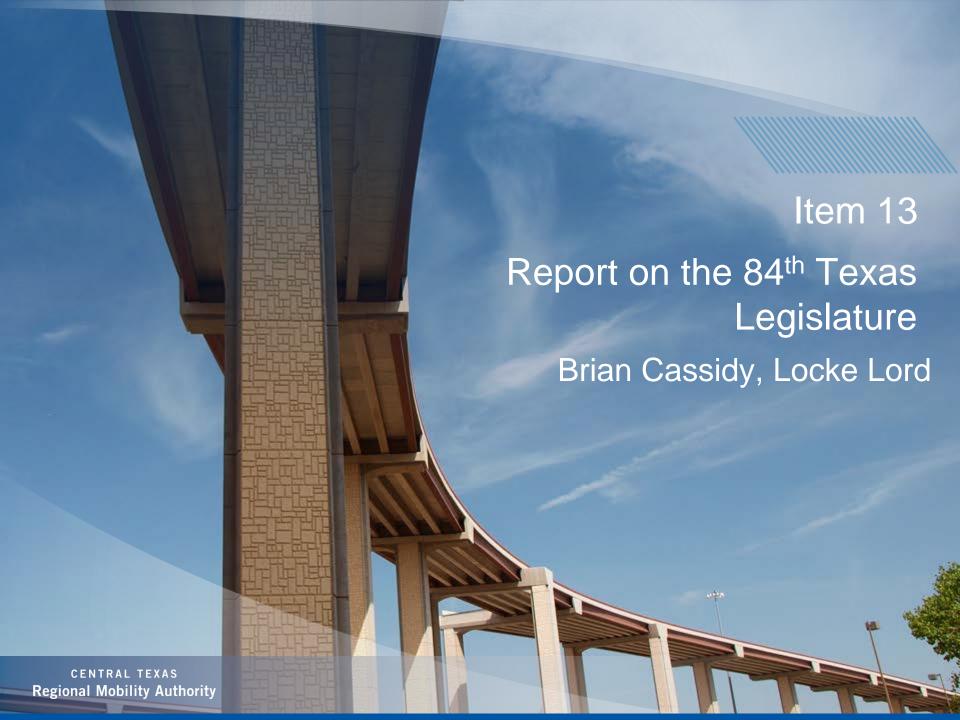


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  - \$147,844,248

Total \$875,379,642



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(A Preliminary Assessment of the)

# Effectiveness of Stormwater Regulations in the Barton Springs Zone

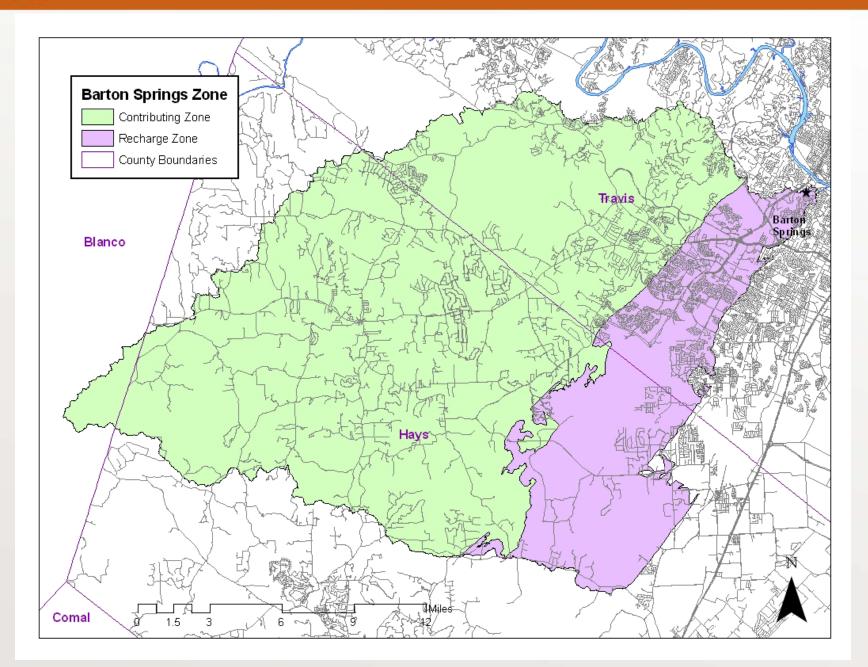
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#### Rainfall Simulation









## **Barton Springs**

- Known location of 2 endangered species
- Long term monitoring record

Integrates the water quality impacts of the

entire zone





## Population Growth in BSZ

- 1990 2010 population grew by 2.5x (+80,000 people)
- 2100 acres of structures added (not including driveways, sidewalks, or roads) according to Herrington



## Water Quality Regulations

- Austin SOS Ordinance in place since 1992
  - Basically a no-discharge requirement
  - Retention/Irrigation
- TCEQ current Edwards Rules in place since 1999
  - 80% Total Suspended Solids (TSS) reduction
  - Mostly sand filters
  - Low density residential with no controls



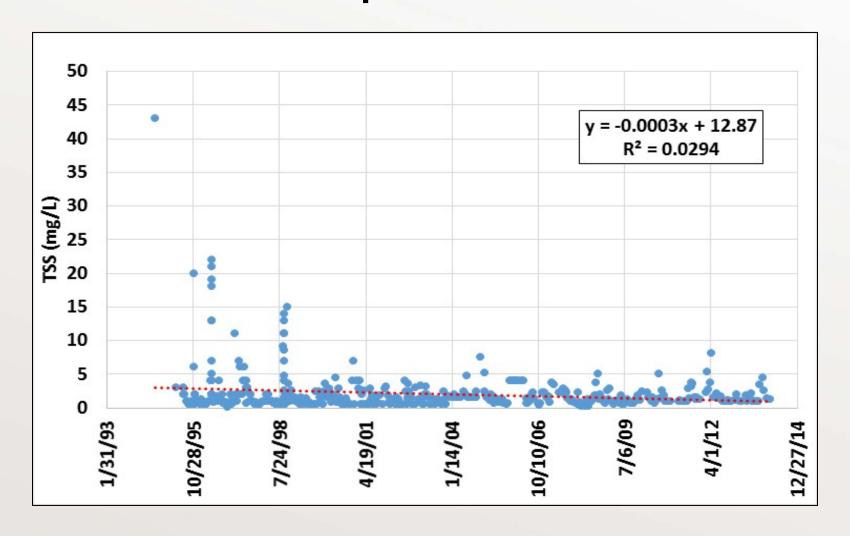
#### **Load Based Calculations**

#### Concentration x Runoff Volume = Load

- Development increases volume by 10 to 20 times
- Concentration must be reduced compared to undeveloped by similar amount
- The Problem with SOS:
  - Many constituents at very low concentrations in undeveloped runoff
  - BMPs not effective for dissolved constituents
  - Requires about 475,000 cubic feet of storage

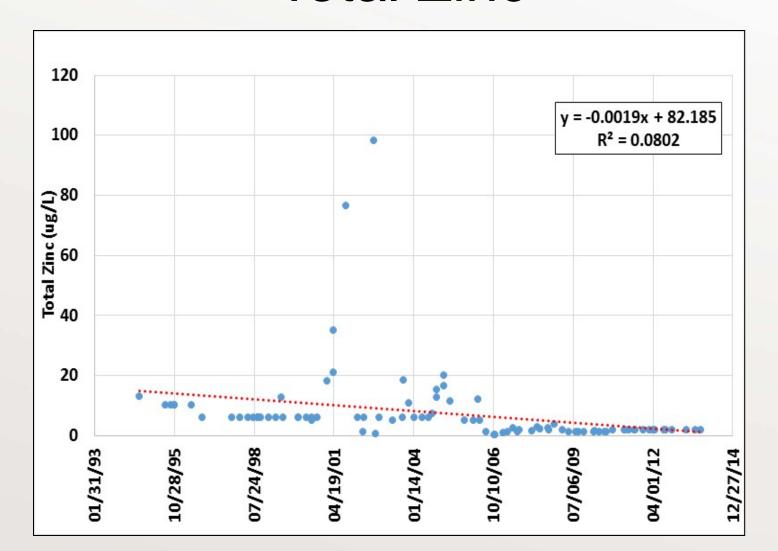


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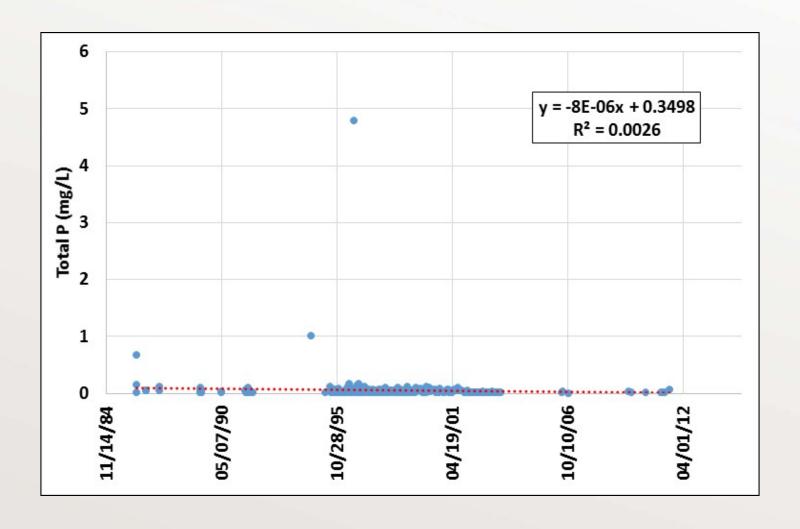


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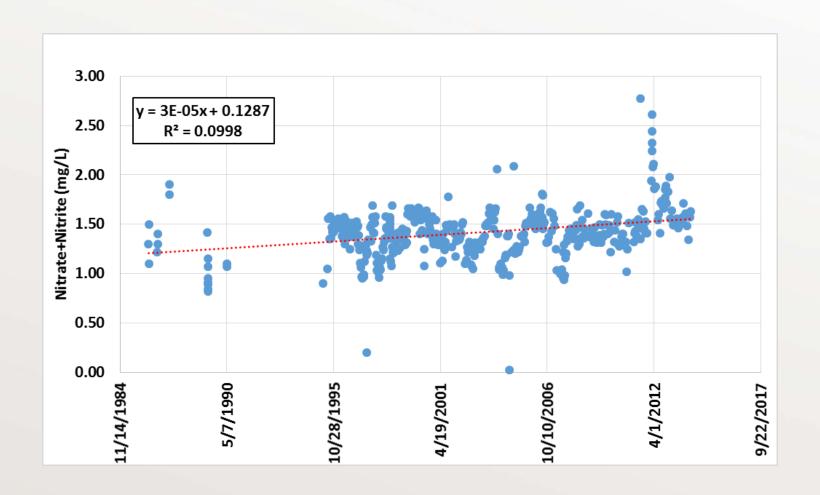


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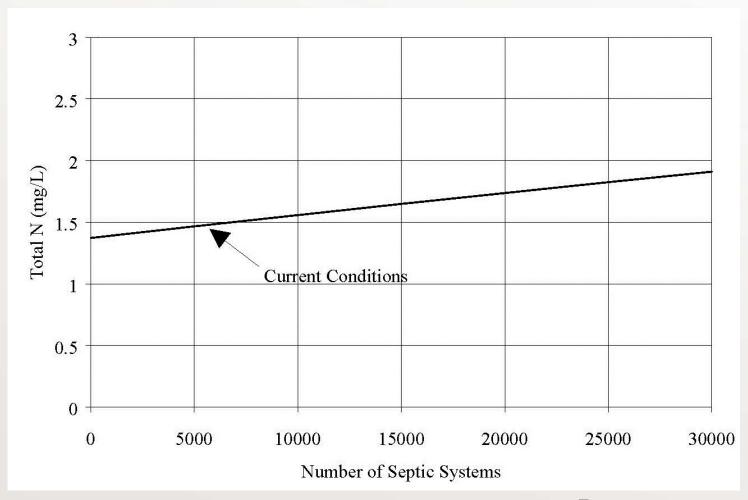


#### Nitrate + Nitrite



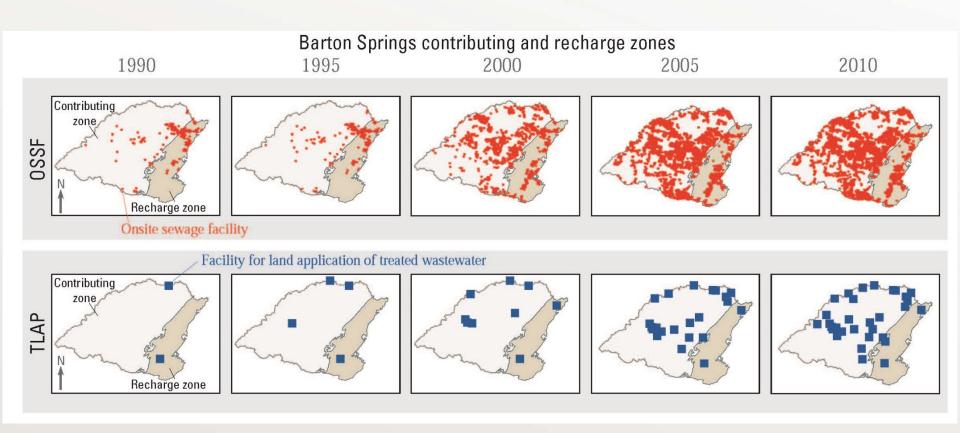


## Impact of Septic Systems





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- Nitrate concentration typically 10 15 mg/L
- Since early 90's added about 4000 septic systems in the Barton Springs Zone (1.4 MGD total)
- Land application of wastewater accounts for 3.8 MGD (roughly 60,000 people)
- Isotopic analysis of nitrogen indicates human or animal origin (Mahler et al., 2011)



#### City of Austin – Worsening

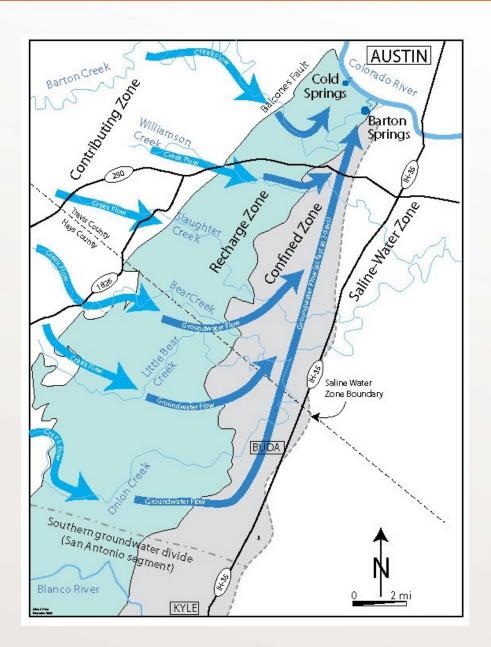
Herrington & Heirs (2010)

- Conductivity
- Dissolved Oxygen
- Nitrate
- Sodium
- Chloride
- Alkalinity
- Hardness
- Strontium

- Silica
- Calcium
- Magnesium
- Potassium
- Barium
- Sulfate
- Fluoride



#### "Bad Water Line"





#### City of Austin - No Trend

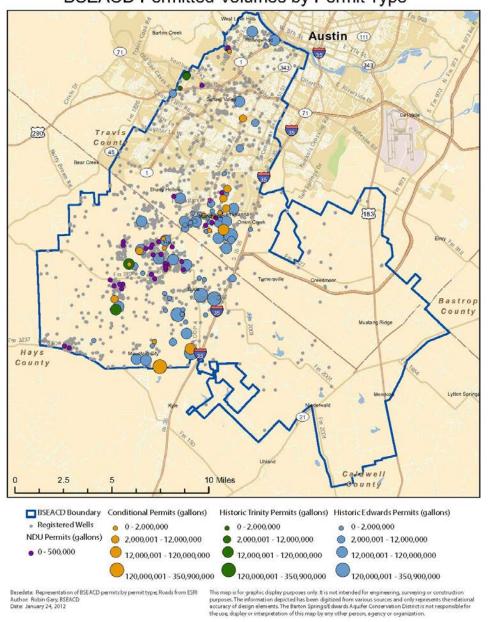
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- Total suspended solids
- Total volatile solids
- Zinc
- Copper
- Lead
- Cadmium

- Dissolved phosphorus
- Total phosphorus
- Diazinon
- Atrazine
- Oil and Grease
- Turbidity
- E. coli









#### Conclusions

- Concentrations of urban runoff constituents in spring discharge are stable
- Stormwater controls have been effective at preventing degradation from stormwater
- Prevention of further degradation requires:
  - Limiting pumping
  - Limiting wastewater discharges or enhancing nitrogen removal



#### THE END



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