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Implementation of the Double Bayou Watershed Protection Plan – Phase II

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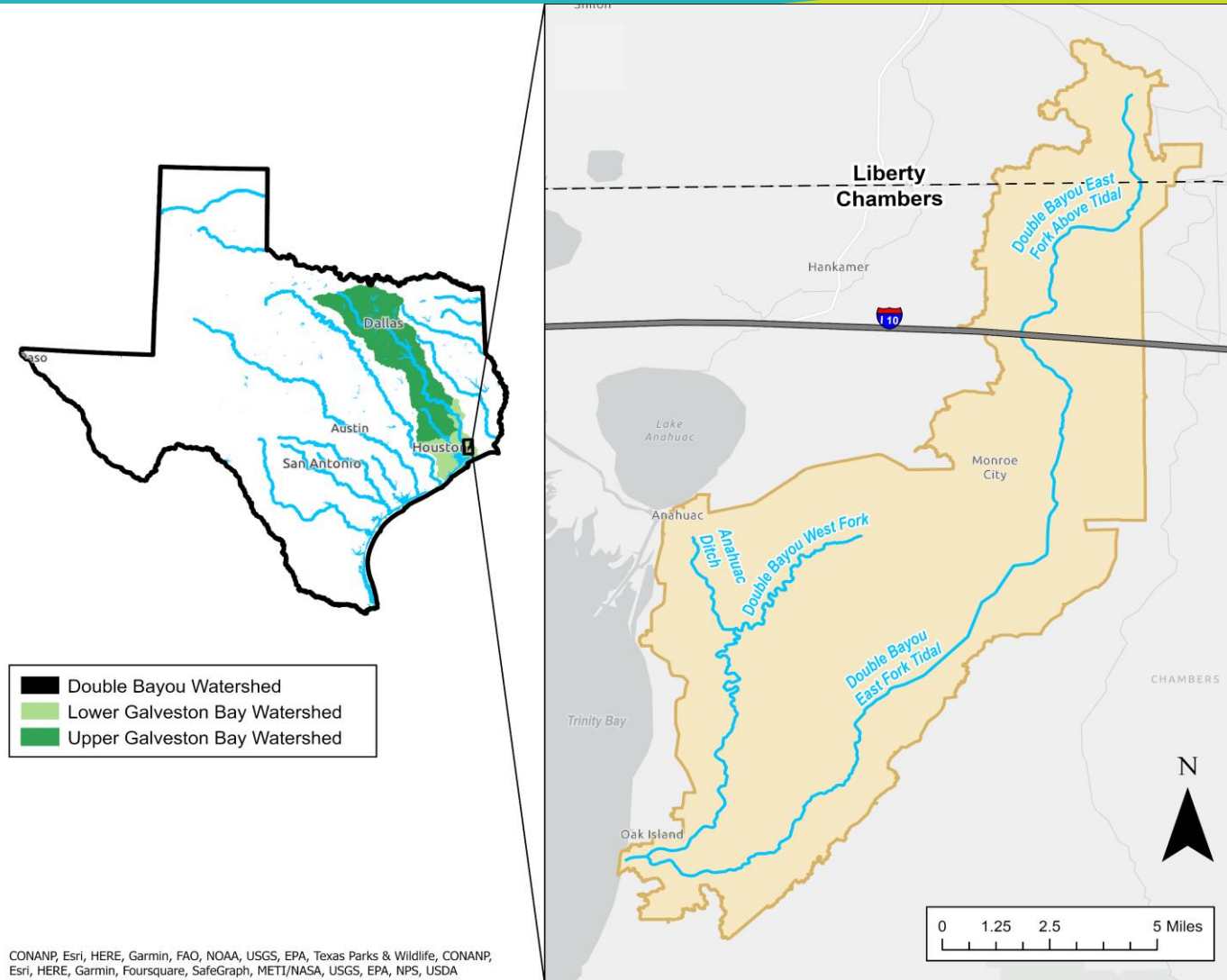
Double Bayou Fall 2024 Meeting

- 5:30 Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda
- 5:35 Bacterial Source Tracking in the Double Bayou Watershed
– Dr. Terry Gentry
- 6:00 Double Bayou SWAT+ Green Infrastructure – Kirsten Vernin
- 6:30 An Introduction to Wildlife Habitat Federation
– Schyler Rhea
- 6:45 Water Quality Management Plan Update – Brian Koch and Jimmy Weaver
- 7:00 Final Wrap-up, Adjourn



Double Bayou Watershed Protection Plan

- Goal is to improve water quality utilizing a voluntary, collaborative, and stakeholder-driven approach
- Stakeholder-approved Double Bayou Watershed Protection Plan accepted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2016
- Management measures, practices that reduce nonpoint source pollution, suggested by stakeholders to address water quality issues
- Phase I implementation completed (September 2018 to May 2023)
- Phase II implementation is underway...





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Strategic Implementation of Green Infrastructure BMPs in the Double Bayou Watershed

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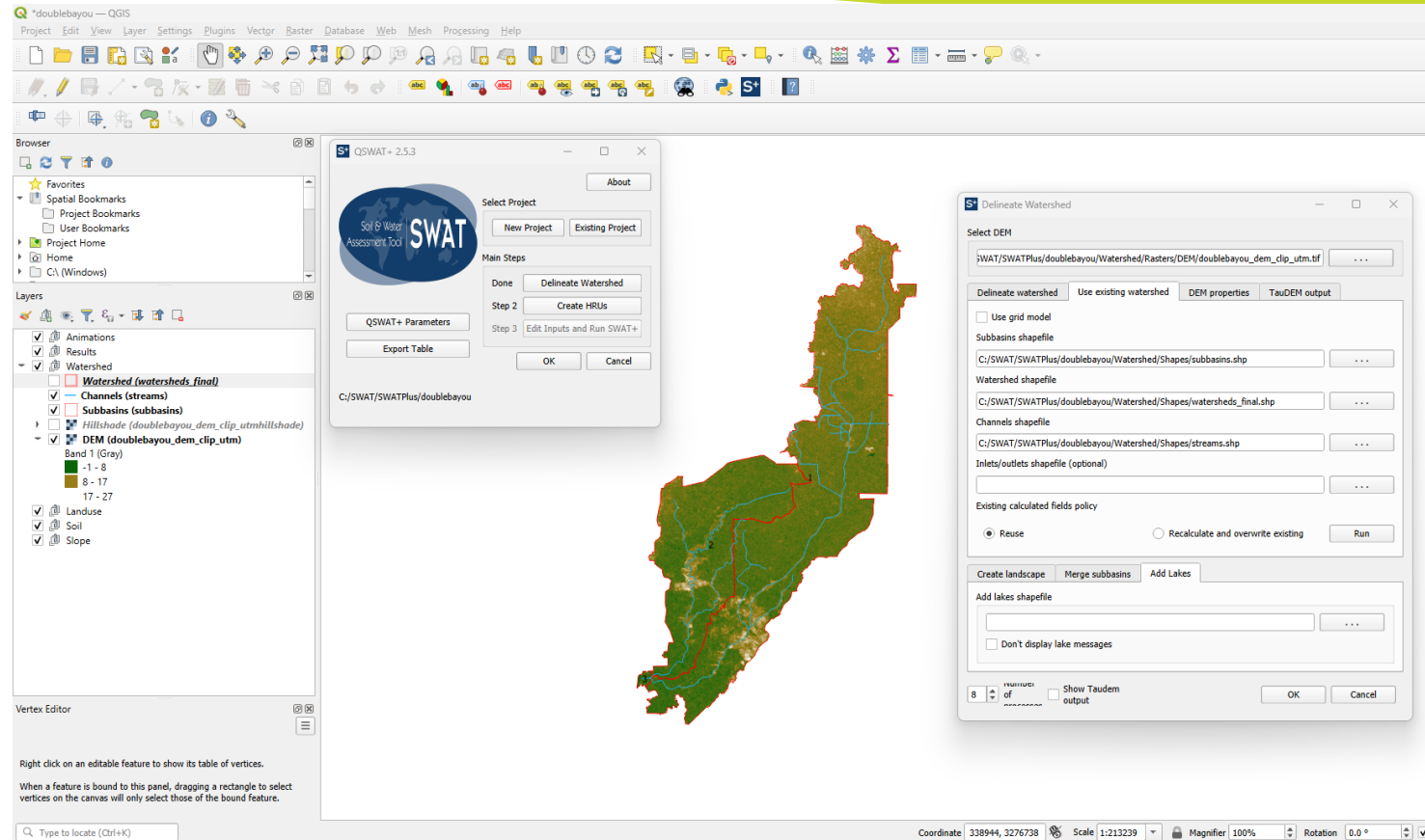
Introduction to QSWAT+

What is it?

A software program that creates a watershed-based model to simulate water quality using data, instructions, and assumptions.

Why are we using it?

Develop scenarios of different locations and sizes of green infrastructure, such as wetlands, throughout the watershed that could improve water quality and inform decisions about where to strategically implement these types of projects as part of the Watershed Protection Plan strategy.



Why we need your help

The Double Bayou Watershed is a unique, highly-modified agricultural watershed.

We need your help to understand its complex hydrology to develop a robust and practical watershed-based model.

Goal: To provide insight about how water is moving into and out of the main natural and agricultural canals.



**Raw
Data
Only**



**Using
existing
watershed
boundary
& canal
network**

Interactive Mapping Activity

Instructions:
Identify structures that might influence water flow, as well as locations where water is flowing in/out of the main channels of the bayous (i.e., weirs, canals, diversions for rice/livestock, etc).

Weirs



Canals/Agricultural Diversions



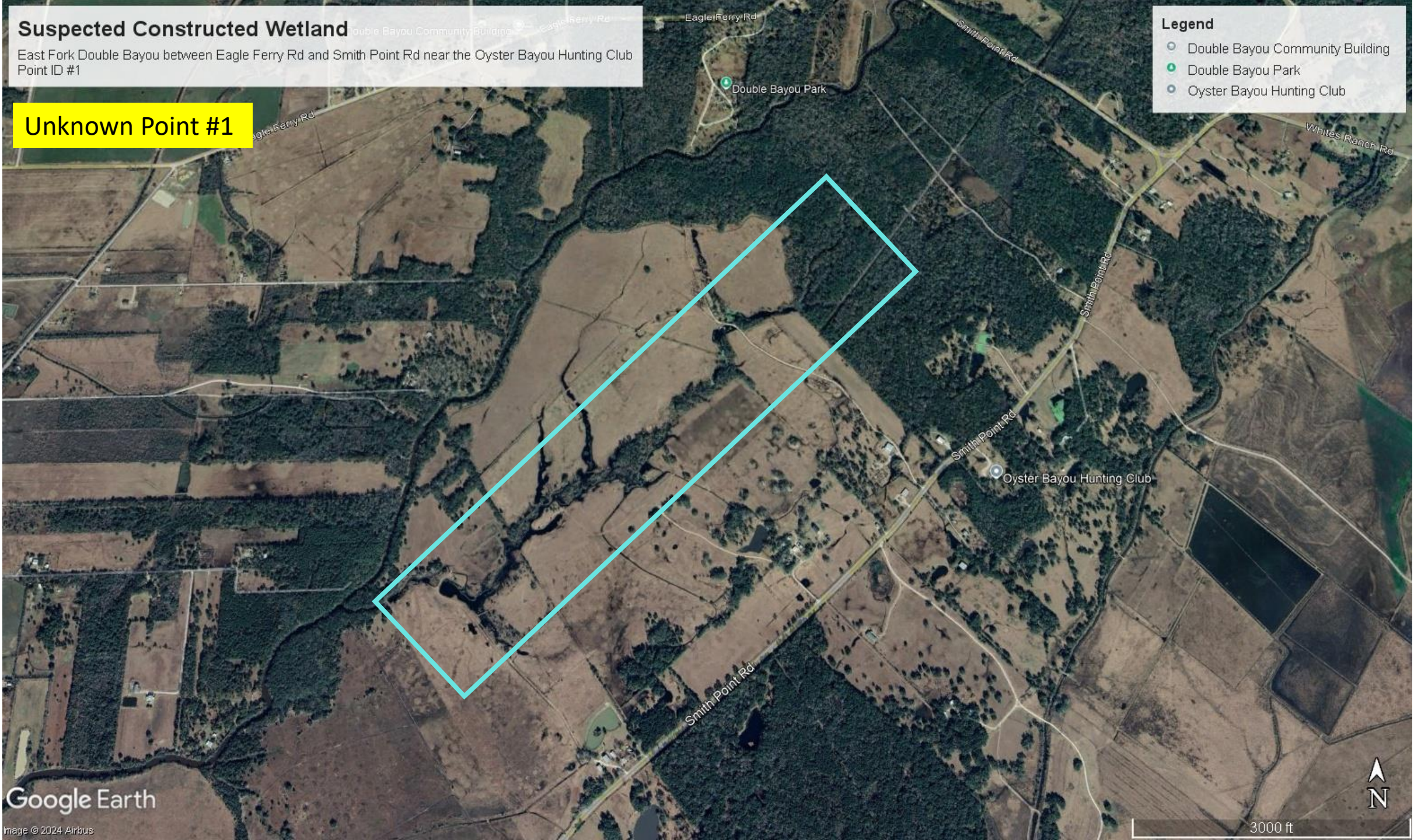
Suspected Constructed Wetland

East Fork Double Bayou between Eagle Ferry Rd and Smith Point Rd near the Oyster Bayou Hunting Club
Point ID #1

Unknown Point #1

Legend

- Double Bayou Community Building
- Double Bayou Park
- Oyster Bayou Hunting Club



Berm & Reservoir

East Fork Double Bayou just west of Jenkins Rd
Point ID #8

Unknown Point #8

Legend



Berm & Reservoirs

West Fork Double Bayou north of Belton Ln Ext
Point ID #10

Legend

Unknown Point #10



Google Earth

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Thank you for coming!

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