Richland-Chambers Watershed Protection Planning & USDA-NRCS Incentive Program Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Cowboy Church of Ennis

9:00 Registration w/ coffee & snacks provided by TRWD

9:30 Richland-Chambers Watershed Protection Planning (WPP).

- Review of Project Status
- Review and Input on Existing Programs
- Review and Input on Education & Outreach Plan
- Review and Input on Technical & Financial Assistance Needs
- New project website

11:30 Lunch provided by TRWD

12:00 City of Ennis Master Planning and Green Stormwater Project *Mr. R. Scott Dixon, MPA, City Manager*

12:30 NRCS Rainfall Simulator & TRWD Stream Trailer demonstrations

1:30 National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)

- What is NWQI and what are its benefits to agriculture producers and the public
- Discussion panel of agriculture producers about their experience participating in NWOI
- How to apply for the NWQI program

3:30 Adjourn







Richland-Chambers Watershed Partnership

STAKEHOLDER MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Why We're Here

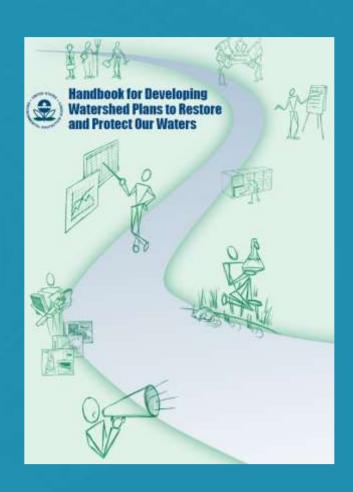
- > TCEQ identified problems in streams & lakes
- Grass-roots approach to addressing local problems
- Local input is necessary to ensure investments are put where they're needed.



Watershed Protection Plans

A Locally-Led Approach

- A. Identify problem & sources
- B. Reductions needed to reach goals
- C. Identify measures needed to achieve reductions
- D. Assistance needed
- E. Education & outreach plan
- F. Schedule
- G. Milestones
- H. Criteria for measuring progress
- I. Monitoring Plan



Point Sources

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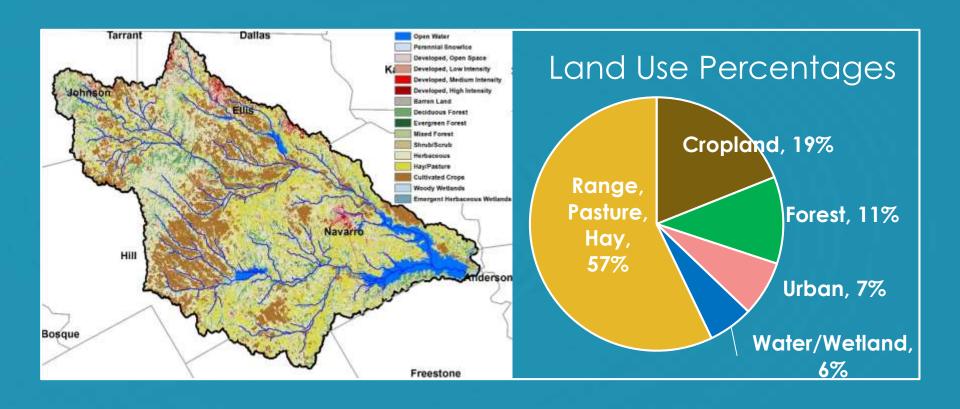
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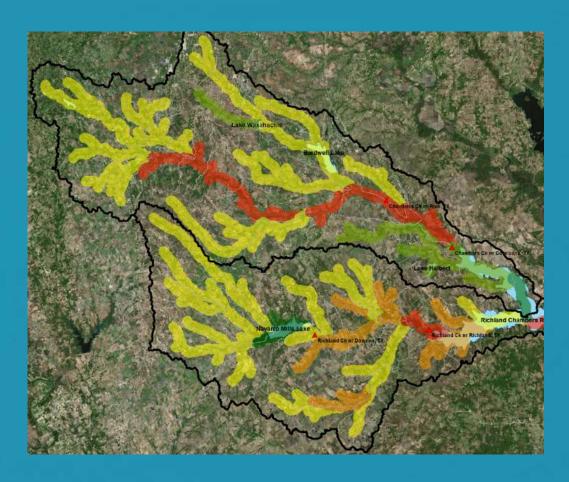
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TxDOT	0.014	0.007	10	15	3	4
City of Angus	0.012	0.008	20	20		3
Town of Mustang	0.01	0.002	10	15		4
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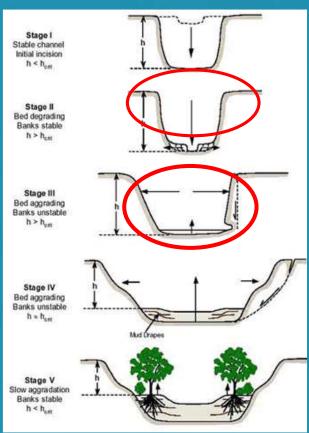
Nonpoint Sources

Land Uses and Coverage



Channel Erosion





Watershed Goals

- Goal Statement (Restoration)
 - ... streams and reservoirs in the Richland-Chambers reservoir meet appropriate water quality standards.
- ▶ Goal Statement (Protection)
 - ... capacity of water supply reservoirs be protected by reducing erosion in the Richland-Chambers watershed.

Water Quality Targets

Reduce the effects of eutrophication in the watershed by reducing Total Phosphorus by 30%

Further refinement needed to evaluate by subwatershed





Existing Programs & Initiatives

Wastewater

- > Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative (SSOI)
 - Goal: Prevent or reduce sanitary sewer overflows
 - Waxahachie, Ennis, Corsicana
 - Infrastructure surveys, monitoring, maintenance & public education

Agricultural & Rural

- State & Federal Programs (NRCS, TSSWCB & SWCDs)
 - Goal: Conserve soil & water resources in agricultural areas
 - Financial Assistance (EQIP, CSP, WQMPs), Easements (ACEP)
 - National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
- Small Watershed Dam Program (NRCS, TSSWCB, SWCDs)
 - Goal: Protect downstream areas from flooding & excess erosion
 - Operation & Maintenance, Repairs, Rehabilitation
- Grazing Group (landowner-led)
 - Goal: Provide support & encouragement within the grazing community.
 - > Expert and Peer-to-peer information on practices & methods

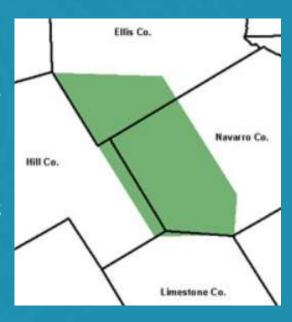
Agricultural & Rural

> MillerCoors

- Goal: Support practices that protect water quality
- Financial assistance to ag producers for conservation planning & practices that protect water quality

Western Navarro Bobwhite Restoration Initiative (WNBRI)

- Goal: Increase habitat for bobwhite and grassland birds
- Provide planning and assistance to deliver conservation to local landowners
- Eases landowner financial burdens through free or no-cost materials & equipment



Urban & Developed Areas

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

- Goal: Reduce pollutants from urban areas
- Midlothian, Waxahachie, Ellis County, Johnson County
- Ordinances, floodplain design manuals, construction standards, public education

Other, non-MS4 Measures

- Stream bank stabilization projects (Waxahachie, Corsicana, others?)
- Flood protection/erosion planning studies & plans (Corsicana)

Urban & Developed Area

North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

- Stormwater Management Program
 - > Goal: Provide regional strategy to address stormwater issues
 - Supports regional stewardship of urbanized surface waters
 - Hosts Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council and task forces
 - Interlocal agreements, workplans, cost-share arrangements
 - Identifies external funding sources

Other

> Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD)

- Goal: Reduce nutrients and sediment entering water supplies
- Supports wastewater limits on discharges close to lakes
- Issues permits for construction activities within 2,000 ft of lake
- Issues permits & inspects septic systems in 2,000 ft buffer
- Samples lakes & major tributaries for water quality conditions
- Provides watershed planning & project assistance to stakeholder groups
- Funds technical studies to support watershed planning
- Financial assistance for conservation planning & practices that protect water quality & reduce erosion

Additional thoughts?

Education & Outreach

Goal of Education & Outreach

To provide the information and knowledge necessary for successful implementation of desired land management strategies and practices.

Pollutant Source	Target Audiences
All	General Public
Agricultural & Rural Lands (cropland, rangeland, pastures, forests)	Farmers, Ranchers, Landowners, Industry Reps, Agency personnel
Urban & Developed Areas (wastewater, stormwater runoff)	Decision makers, permittees, residents, business owners
Stream Channel Erosion	Streamside landowners, Agency personnel

Events & activities facilitated & tracked by Watershed Coordinator

Pollutant Source	Target Audiences
All	General Public

To provide youth and adults with an understanding of how natural resources function and impact people, and how their actions impact natural resources.

General Natural Resource Management	Lead Entities	How Often?
Multimedia information campaign (web site, social media, articles, press releases, flyers, email updates, etc)	TRWD/Texas A&M AgriLife Research	continuous
Texas Watershed Stewards (statewide workshops)	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension	every 3 yrs
Public/Private School Education (curriculum & hands-on events)	TRWD/Texas A&M AgriLife Research	every 1 yr
Community Outreach Events (information handouts & interactive demonstrations)	TRWD/Texas A&M AgriLife Res & Ext	every 1 yr

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Target Audiences

Agricultural & Rural Lands (cropland, rangeland, pastures, forests)

Farmers, Ranchers, Landowners, Industry Reps, Agency personnel

To provide rural landowners and agricultural producers with information on land management programs, systems and practices that reduce erosion and nutrient loss.

Programs	Lead Entities	How Often?
Agricultural Program Workshops	NRCS, SWCD, TRWD, Texas	every 3 yrs
(resources for planning & financial assistance)	A&M AgriLife Ext	
Conservation Practices Workshops/Field Days	NRCS, SWCD, Texas A&M	every 1 yr
(e.g. soil health; nutrient, grazing management)	AgriLife Ext	
Small Acreage Producer Workshops/Field Days	Texas A&M AgriLife Ext,	every 3 yrs
(land management, stocking rates, tax valuation)	SWCD, NRCS, TRWD	
Land Management Demonstration Sites	Landowner/Producers, NRCS,	every 5 yrs
(demonstration of methods/practices)	SWCD, TRWD, Texas A&M	
	AgriLife Ext	

Pollutant Source	Target Audiences
Urban & Developed Areas	Decision makers, permittees, res

(wastewater, stormwater runoff)

Decision makers, permittees, residents, developers, business owners

To provide stakeholders with information on practices and programs that reduce urban stormwater runoff and protect water quality.

Programs	Lead Entities	How Often?
Urban Stormwater & Floodplain Workshops (resources & tools for policies in managing urban stormwater)	NCTCOG, Texas A&M AgriLife Rsch & Ext, Regulated entities	every 3 yrs
Urban Stormwater Management Practices & Green Stormwater Infrastructure Workshops (practices for addressing urban stormwater)	NCTCOG, TRWD, Texas A&M AgriLife Rsch & Ext, Regulated entities	Every 3 yrs
Homeowner Education Events (Healthy Lawns/Healthy Waters, rainwater harvesting, landscape mgmt, nutrient mgmt)	Texas A&M AgriLife Rsch & Ext, Regulated entities	every 1 yr

Pollutant Source	Target Audiences
Stream Channel Erosion	Streamside landowners, Local government staff, Agency personnel

To provide stakeholders with information on stream channel and riparian functions, and practices and programs that address channel and riparian erosion.

Programs	Lead Entities	How Often?
Texas Riparian Ecosystem Workshops (stream ecosystem functions, values, & mgmt)	TRWD, Texas A&M AgriLife Rsch & Ext	every 3 yrs
Urban Riparian Workshops (stream functions & mgmt in urban settings)	TRWD, Texas A&M AgriLife Rsch & Ext	every 3 yrs
Stream Restoration Workshops (opportunities, limitations, design approaches)	NCTCOG, Texas A&M AgriLife Rsch & Ext	every 3 yrs

Additional thoughts?

Technical & Financial Assistance Needs

Target Source	Implementation Categories
Agricultural & Rural Areas (cropland, rangeland, pastures, forests)	 Conservation Planning Structural & Non-structural practices
Urban & Developed Areas (wastewater, stormwater runoff)	Policies/ordinancesStructural BMPsLand management practices
Stream Channel Erosion	 Riparian zone management Structural BMPs & channel restoration

Agricultural & Rural Areas

Conservation Planning and Practices

Technical Assistance	Financial Assistance
Needs & Sources	Sources
 Technician to develop plans NRCS SWCD TPWD 	 NRCS Farm Bill Programs (EQIP, CSP, CRP) ISSWCB WQMP Program SWCD Partnerships IPWD Landowner Incentive Program
Engineering assistance for structural practices	Tx Farm & Ranch Lands Conservation Program
	TWDB Economically Distressed Area Program
	TDA Texas Capital Fund
	<u>USDA</u> Rural Development Water & Environmental Programs
	EPA Section 319(h) Clean Water Act Program

Urban & Developed Areas

Policies/ordinances, wastewater, Structural BMPs, Land management

Technical Assistance Needs & Sources	Financial Assistance Sources
 Technical information to support effective policies. NCTCOG Texas A&M AgriLife Research 	 NCTCOG Stormwater Management Program TWDB Regional Water Supply & Wastewater Planning Program, Economically Distressed Area Program, State Revolving Fund
 Administrative support for stormwater management programs NCTCOG Engineering assistance for 	 TCEQ 106 State Water Pollution Control Program, Supplemental Environmental Program National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grants EPA Section 319(h) Clean Water Act Program
wastewater & structural BMPs	Five Star & Urban Waters Grant

Stream Channel Erosion

Riparian zone management, Structural BMPs, Stream Restoration

Technical Assistance Needs & Sources	Financial Assistance Sources
 Technician to develop management plans NRCS SWCD TPWD 	 NRCS Farm Bill Programs, (EQIP, CSP, CRP) TSSWCB WQMP Program TPWD Landowner Incentive Program
Engineering assistance for structural projects	 WNBRI Landowner Assistance Grant EPA Section 319(h) Clean Water Act Program, Environmental Education Grants TCEQ Supplemental Environmental Program

All Areas

General Watershed Planning, Monitoring, Implementation

Technical Assistance	Financial Assistance
Needs & Sources	Sources
 Water quality data & landscape information collection NRCS TPWD TRWD MS4s & local entities Watershed planning 	 TCEQ Texas Clean Rivers Program EPA Targeted Watersheds Grants Section 319(h) Clean Water Act Program, Environmental Education Grants

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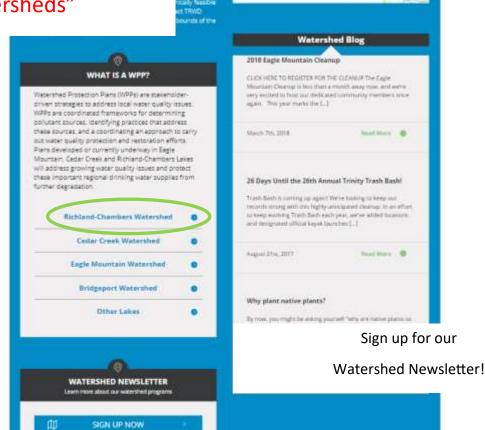
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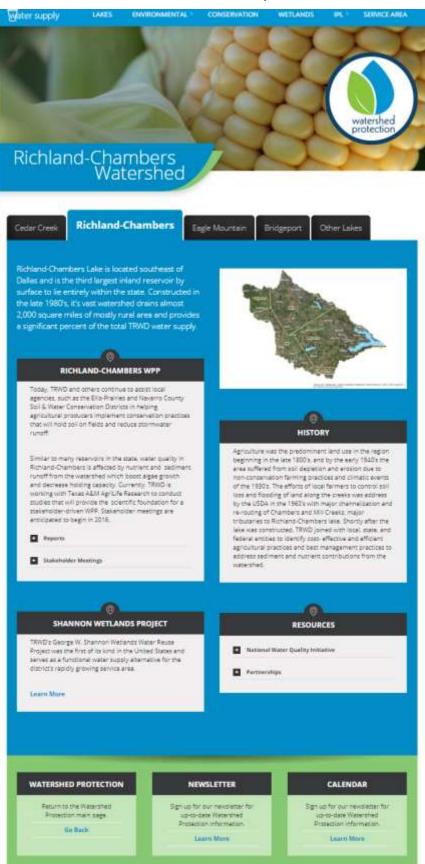


Richland-Chambers Project Page

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Find info on watershed projects and other local resources!

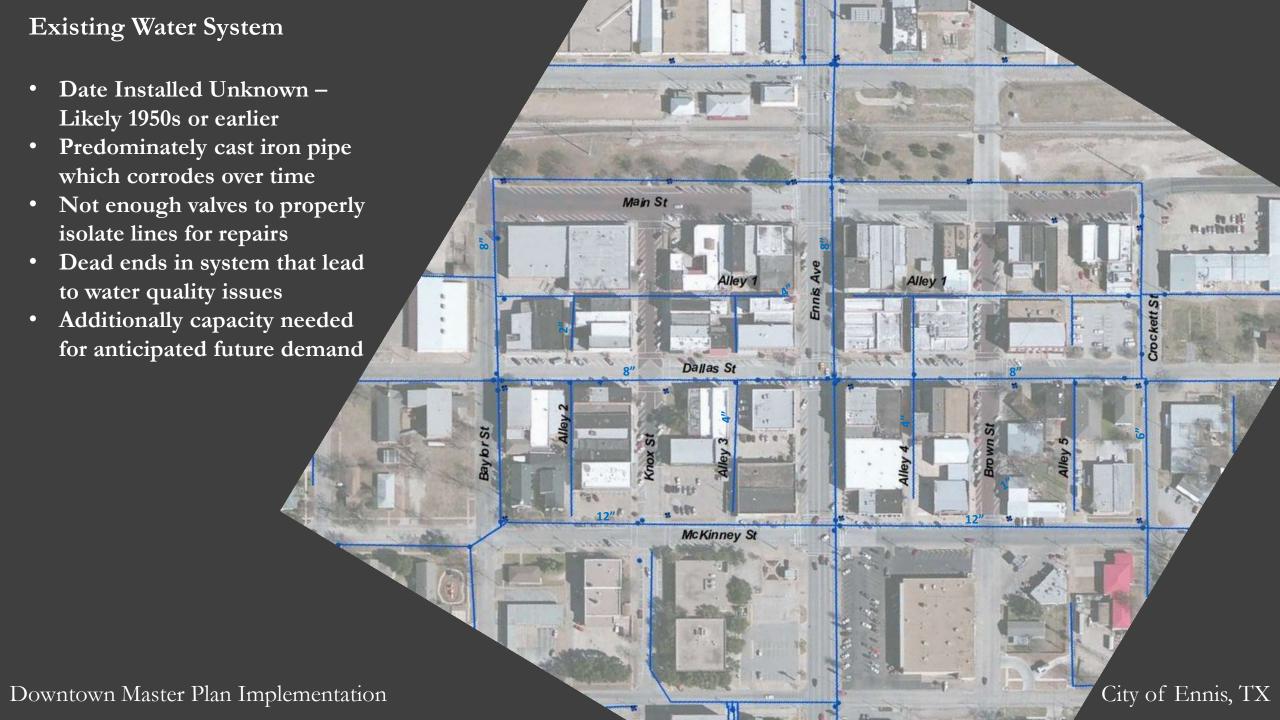
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- ⇒ Partnerships

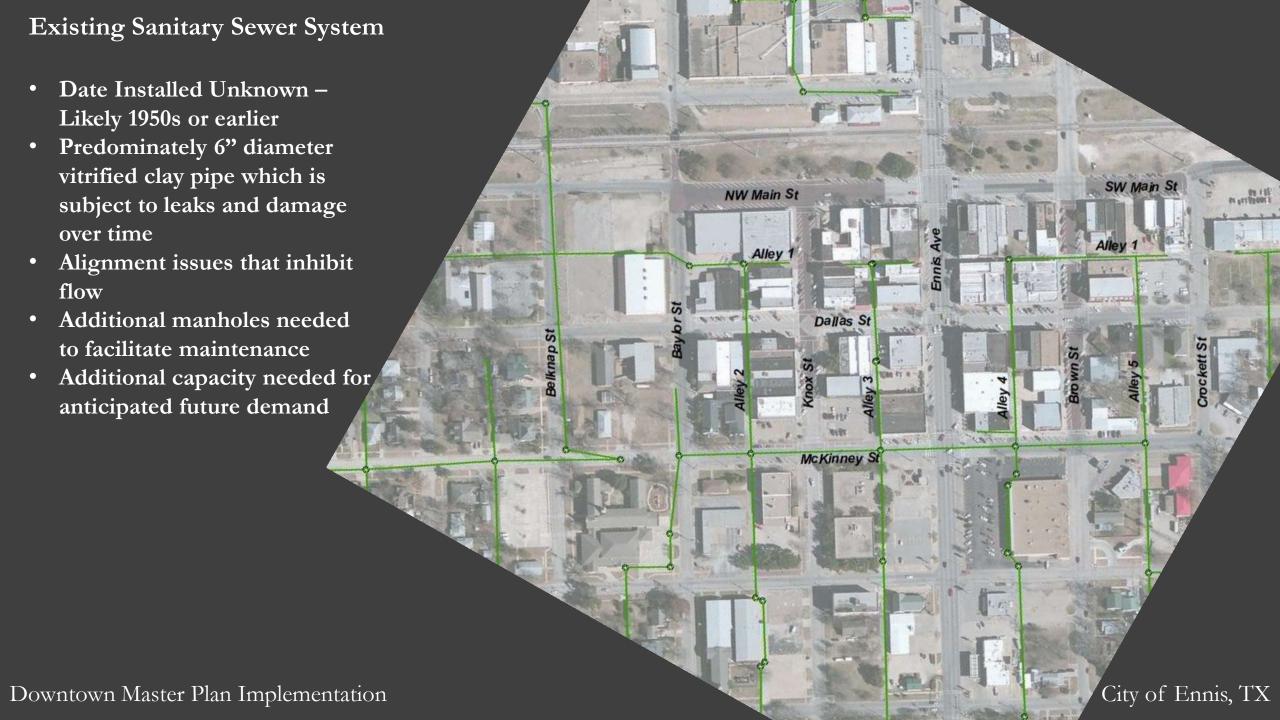


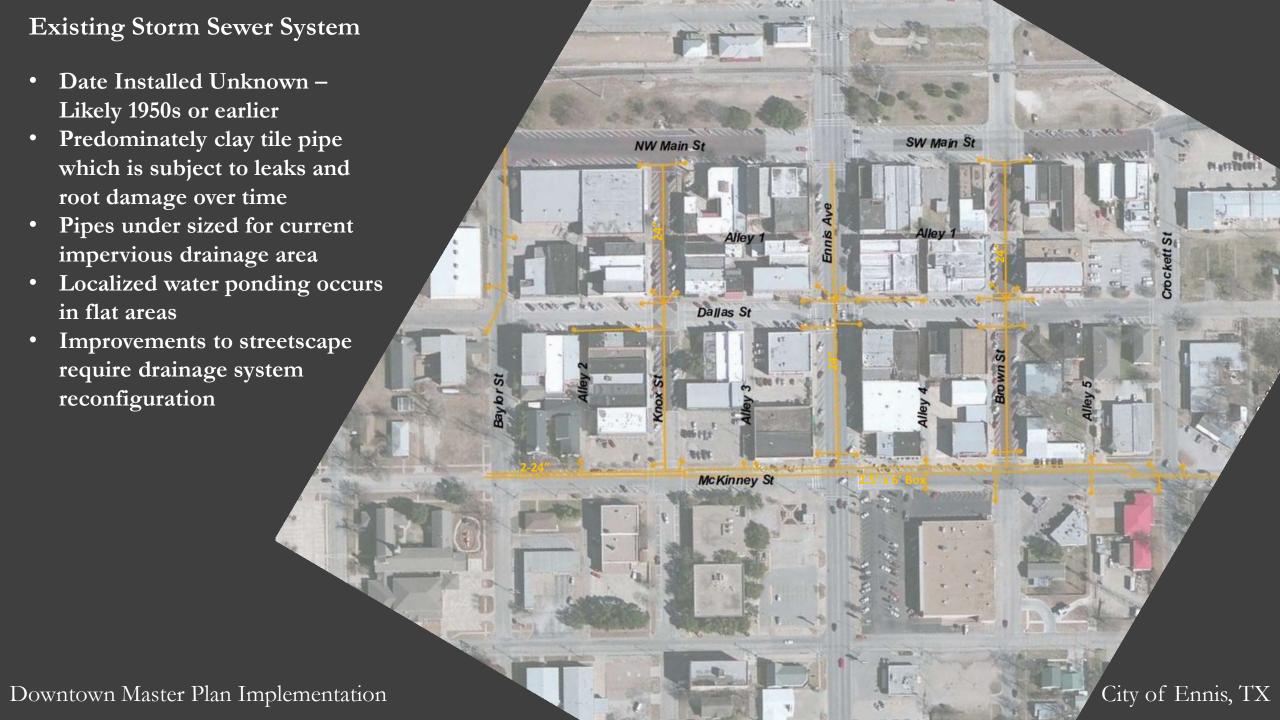
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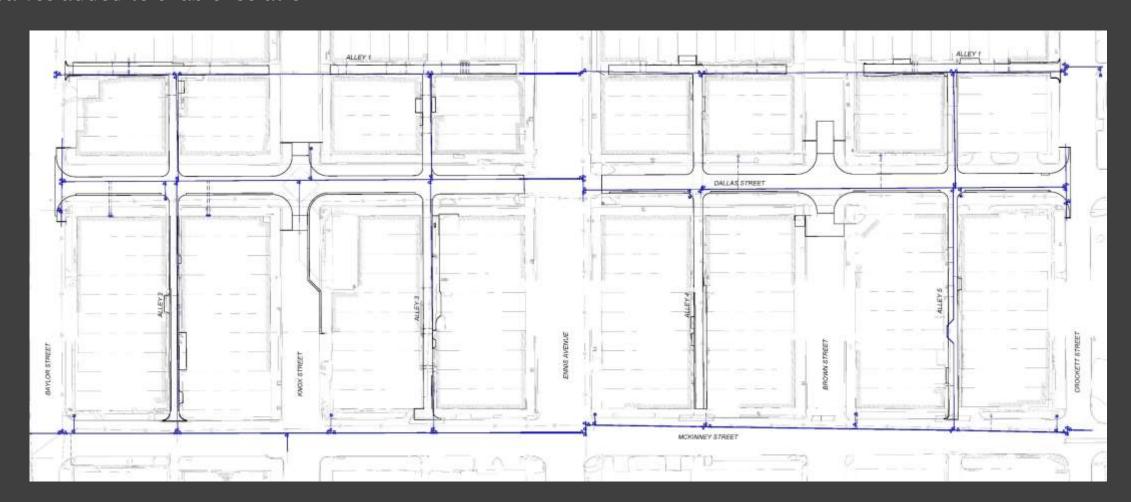




Water System Improvements

- Replaced existing pipes with 8" and 12" PVC C-900
 Pipe
- Service lines replaced up to meters
- Valves added to enable isolation

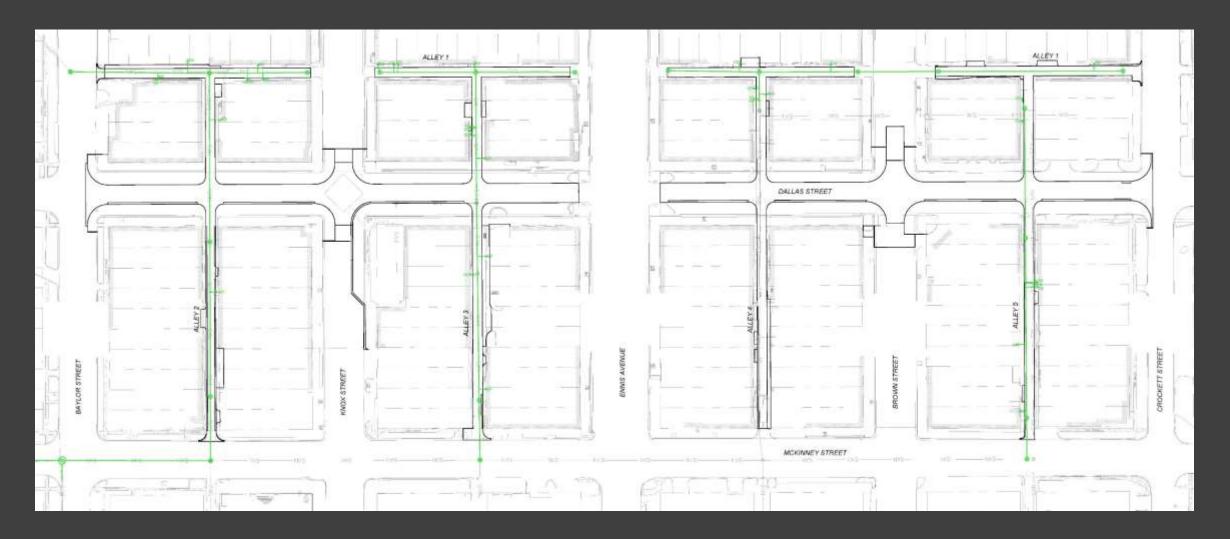
- All dead ends eliminated
- Engineer worked closely with City Public Works to ensure all needs addressed



Sanitary Sewer System Improvements

- Replaced existing pipes with 8" PVC SDR-26 Pipe
- Service laterals and cleanouts replaced

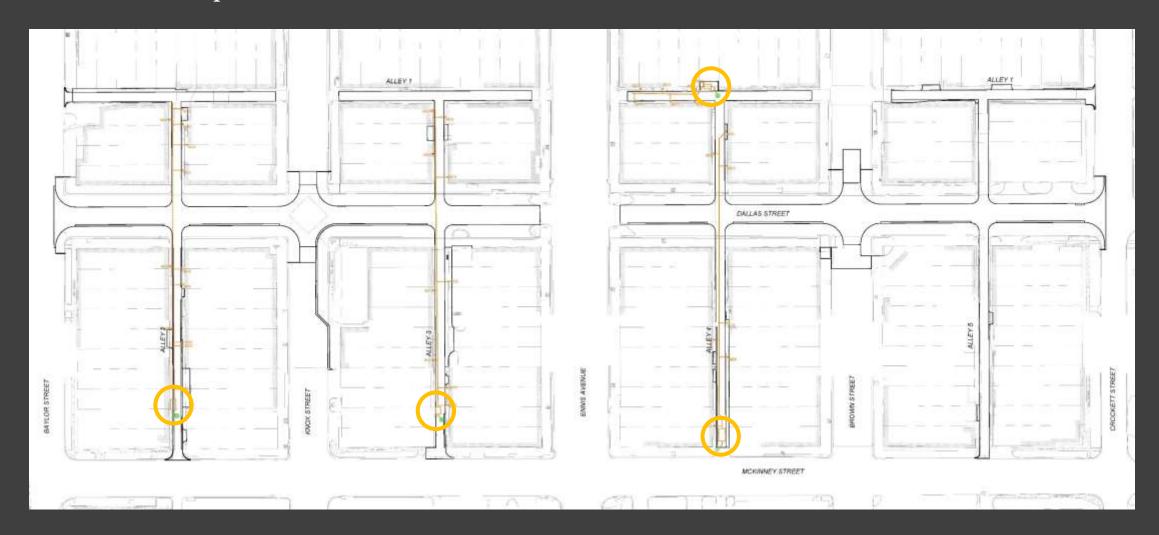
- Additional manholes installed to facilitate maintenance
- Addressed alignment issues



Grease Collection System

- Installed four 'community' grease traps and grease laterals for existing and future restaurants
- Restaurants to be responsible for maintenance

• Provides incentive for restaurants to locate to Downtown Ennis



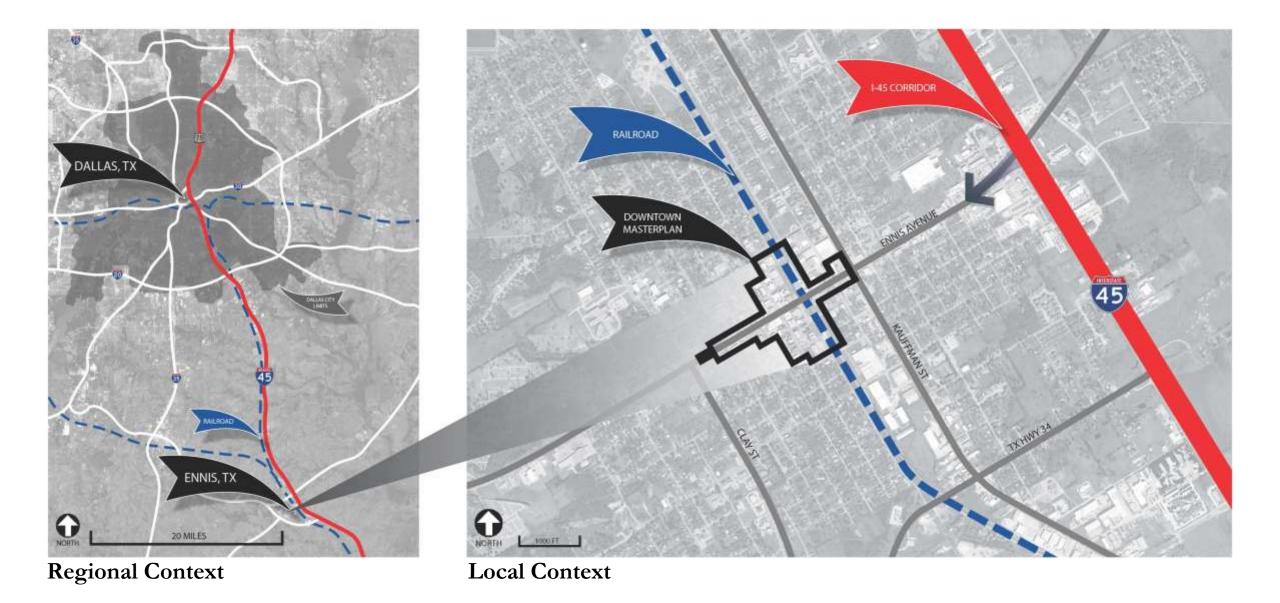
Storm Sewer System Improvements

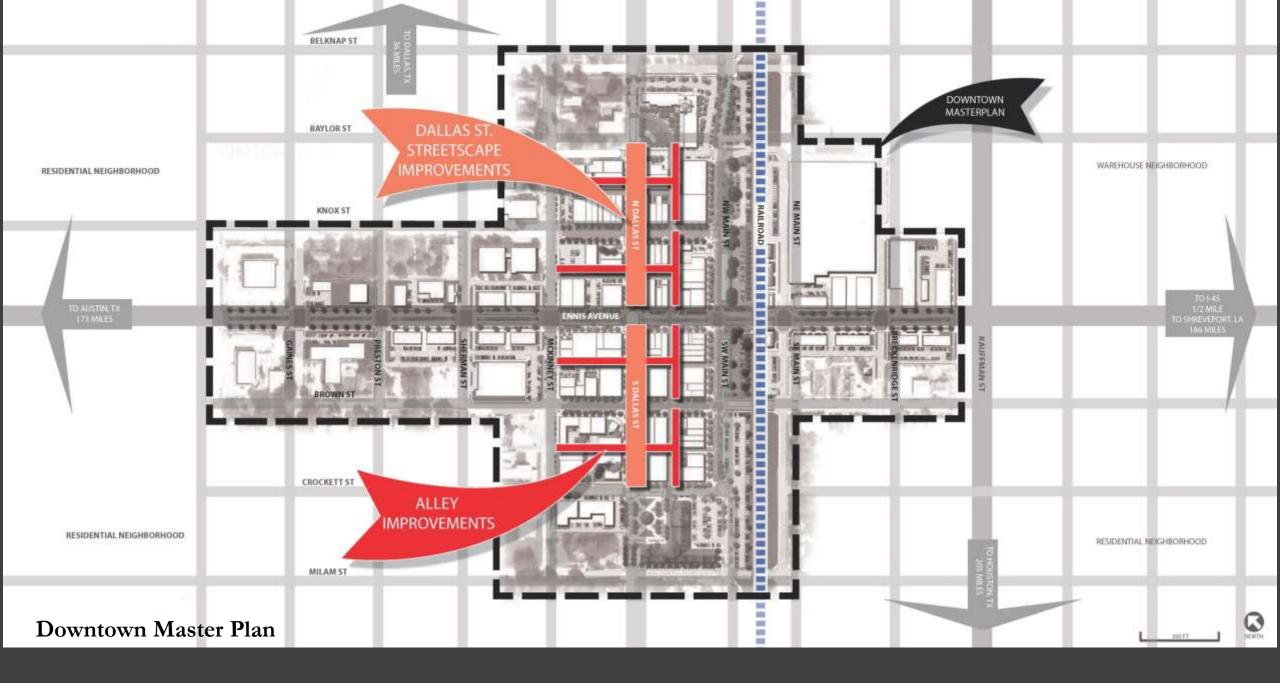
- Pipe and inlets designed to contain the 25-year storm
- Drainage design incorporated into curb-less pedestrian friendly streetscape
- Overflow drainage directed to alleys which are capable of conveying 100-year storm

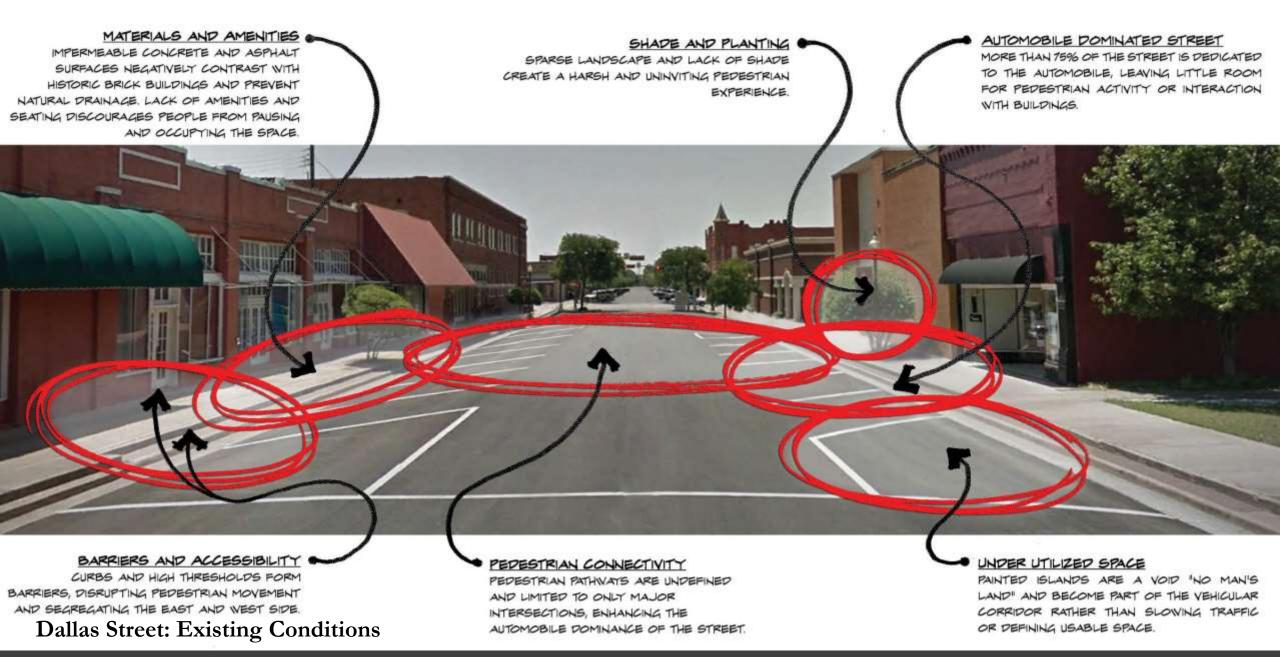


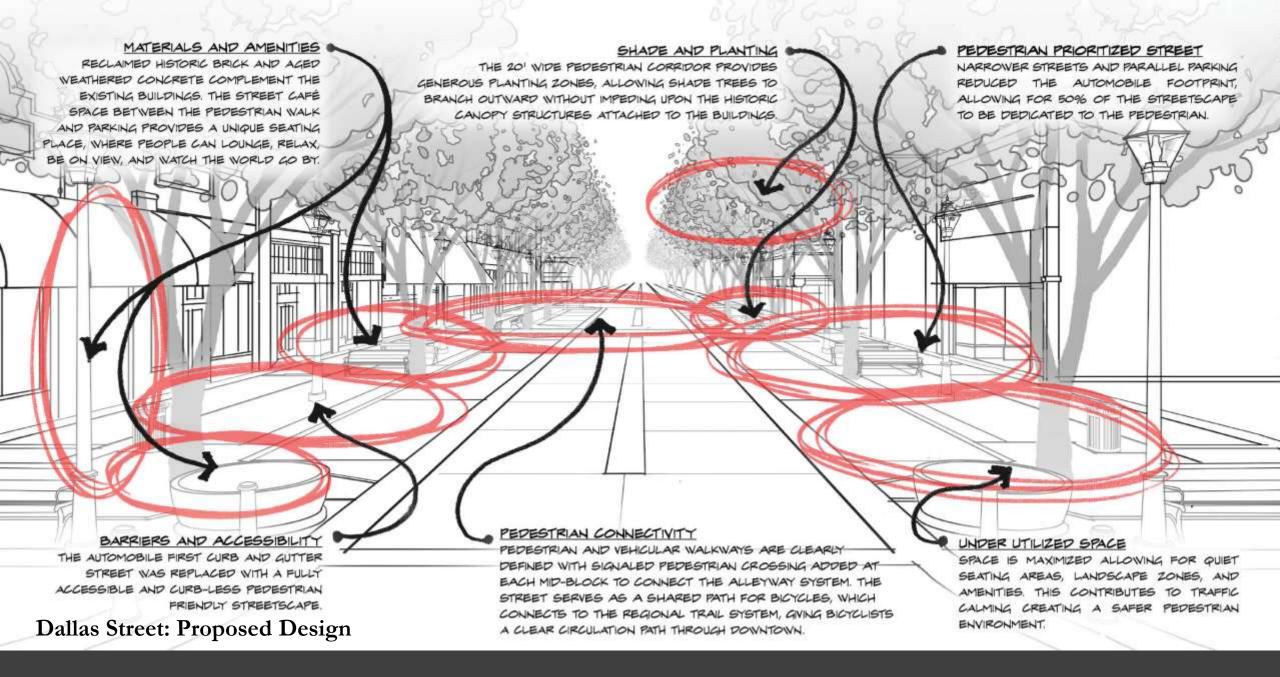
Historic Downtown Ennis Streetscape

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PHYSICAL AND VISUAL CLUTTER

ALLEY CLUTTER IS VISUALLY OFFENSIVE
AND CREATES MANY DIFFERENT HEALTH AND
SAFETY ISSUES. TRASH CANS, AC UNITS,
UTILITIES, ABANDONED DOCKS, AND RUSTY AND
BROKEN STAIR CASES LITTER THE ALLEYS. OLD
ELECTRICAL POLES AND WIRING DOMINATE THE
SKYLINE.

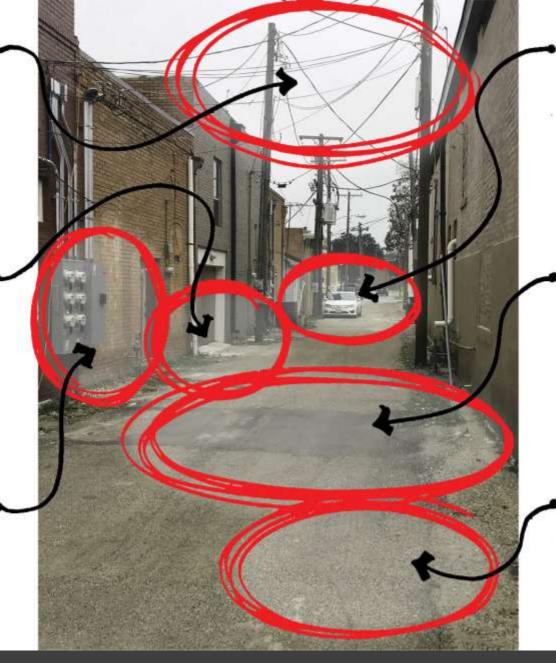
SHADE AND PLANTING

HARDSCAPE DOMINATES THE ALLEY AND PLANTING IS NON-EXISTENT CREATING A VERY RIGID, COLD, BLEAK AND UNATTRACTIVE SPACE.

BARRIERS AND ACCESSIBILITY

MOST OF THE ALLEYS ARE INACCESSIBLE DUE TO BROKEN OR INAPPROPRIATE GROUND PLANE MATERIALS AND HIGH BUILDING THRESHOLDS.

Alleyway: Existing Conditions



CONNECTIVITY

ALLEYS ARE UNMARKED AND UNCELEBRATED, WITH NO MEANINGFUL CONNECTION TO THE SURROUNDING STREETS.

UNDERUTILIZED SPACE

THE ALLEYS CURRENTLY EXIST TO SERVE THE AUTOMOBILE, SERVING AS OFFLOADING, STORAGE AND TRASH PICK-UP. THIS PROGRAM DETERS PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY. THE ALLEYS ARE SELDOMLY USED EXCEPT FOR TRASH PICK-UP AND OCCASIONAL OFFLOADING OF SUPPLIES.

MATERIALS AND AMENITIES

LACK OF AMENITIES AND SEATING OPPORTUNITIES DISCOURAGES PEOPLE FROM PAUSING AND OCCUPYING THE SPACE. IMPERMEABLE CONCRETE AND ASPHALT SURFACES NEGATIVELY CONTRAST THE HISTORIC BRICK BUILDINGS, AND PREVENT NATURAL DRAINAGE.

PHYSICAL AND VISUAL CLUTTER

THE OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL POWERLINES AND POLES WERE REMOVED AND RELOCATED EACH ALLEY HAS ITS OWN LIGHTING THEME CREATING A UNIQUE AND DYNAMIC NIGHTLIFE EXPERIENCE.

CONNECTIVITY

A 12' WIDE RECLAIMED BRICK WALK EXTENDS THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE ALLEY, CONNECTING TO THE FABRIC OF THE ADJACENT STREETS. SERVING PRIMARILY AS A PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR, THE WALK IS VEHICULAR RATED, ALLOWING FOR OCCASIONAL VEHICULAR ACCESS.

SHADE AND PLANTING

A 4' WIDE GRAVEL BAND CONNECTS THE BRICK WALK TO THE BUILDINGS. THE GRAVEL BANDS PROVIDE A FLEXIBLE CONNECTION, ACCOMMODATING EXISTING UTILITIES, RAMPS, STAIRS AND MERCHANT APPURTENANCES, ALSO ALLOWING FOR SPONTANEOUS PLANTING.

UNDERUTILIZED SPACE

THE ALLEYWAYS PROVIDE A SPECIAL RETAIL/ ENTERTAINMENT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY AND CAN BE ACTIVATED TO PROMOTE USE OF BUILDINGS THEY SERVE.

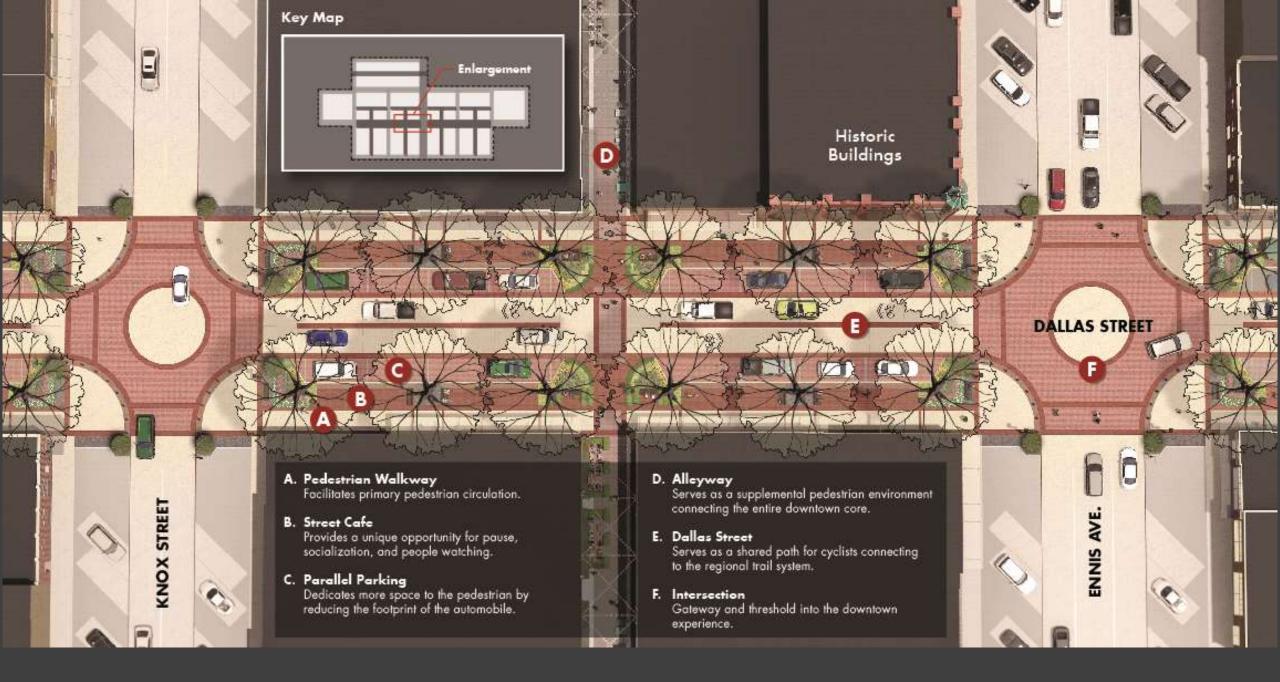
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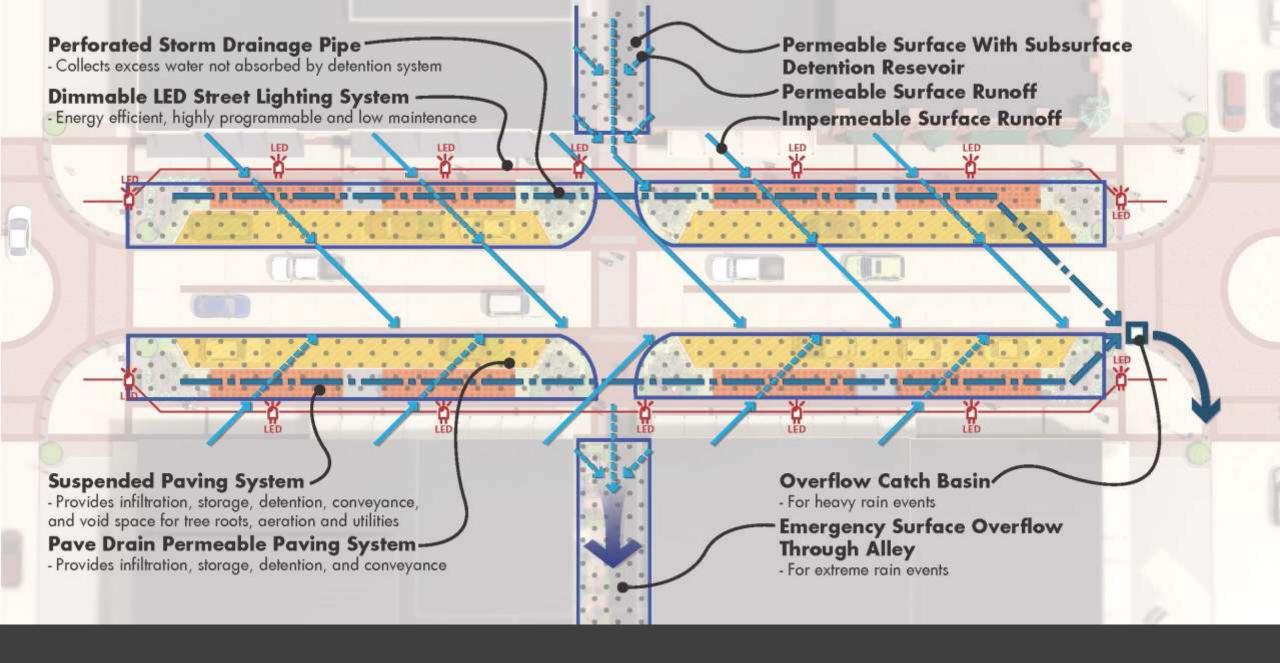
THE ENTIRE ALLEY WAS REGRADED TO BE ACCESSIBLE, WITH SMALL RAMPS AND LANDINGS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE GRAVEL BANDS WHERE NEEDED.

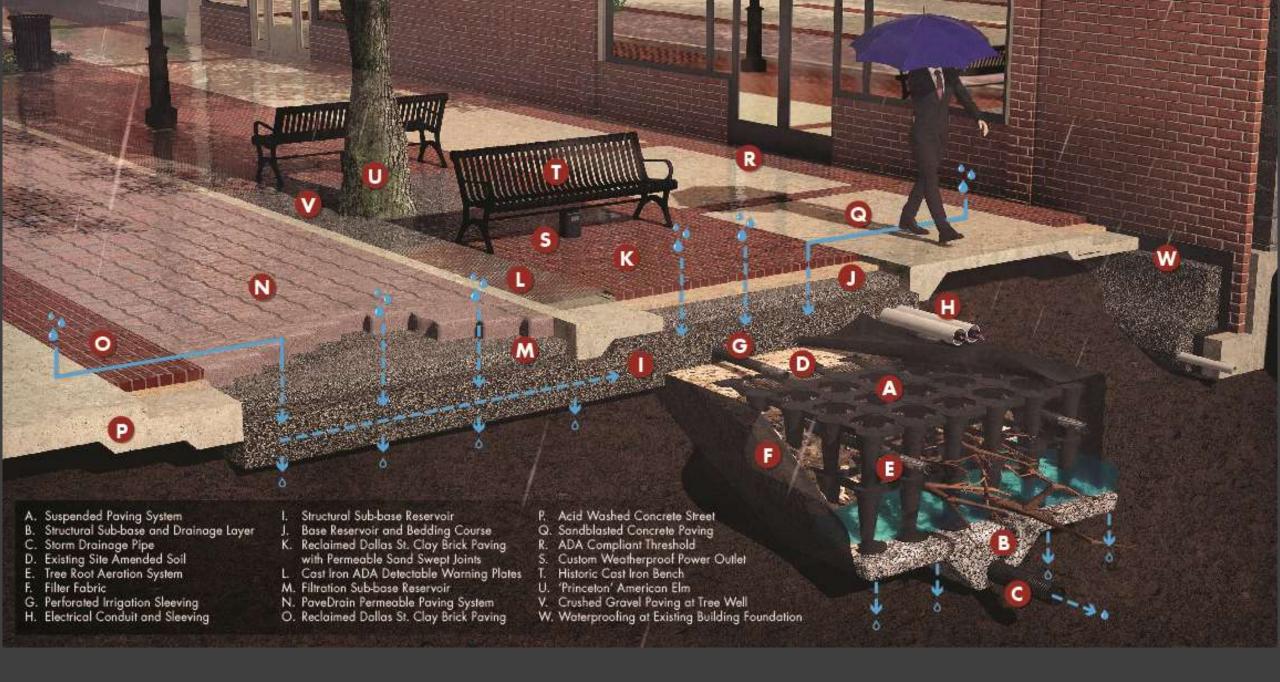
Alleyway: Proposed Design

MATERIALS AND AMENITIES

ALLEYWAYS, IF PROGRAMMED AND ENHANCED WITH PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES CAN SERVE AS A SUPPLEMENTAL PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT CONNECTING THE ENTIRE DOWNTOWN CORE. RECLAIMED HISTORIC BRICK PAVING COMPLIMENTS THE BUILDINGS AND SERVES AS A WARM WELCOMING PATH INTO THE ALLEYS.



















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NRCS Local Work Group Meeting For Navarro and Ellis Counties

11/14/2018 | Brandon Steinberg

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Locally Led Conservation



Locally led conservation is based on the principle that community stakeholders are best suited to identify and resolve local natural resource problems.



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- Ellis-Prairie SWCD
- Navarro SWCD





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Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)

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Our Partners at the State Level since 1940.



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Local Work Group (LWG)

Convened by local SWCD and NRCS, the Local Work Group responsibilities include:

- Identifying the biggest conservation needs in our counties;
- Prioritizing those conservation needs that can be addressed by USDA programs;
- Recommending USDA conservation program application and funding criteria and focus of NRCS funding efforts;
- Assisting NRCS with public outreach and information efforts; and,
- Providing recommendations to the NRCS State Technical Advisory Committee based on resource data.







Public Involvement

- Anyone can participate
- Local, state and federal agencies
- Agricultural organizations
- Local agri-businesses
- Impacted stakeholders





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What is a "Resource Concern?"

Every piece of property is unique with opportunities to improve natural resources and address any areas of concern. Human activities contribute to the condition of natural resources on the land -- they can help improve them or contribute to their decline, which can result in what we refer to as a "resource concern."



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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Conservation Practices





Through the use of Conservation Planning, practices are implemented to address identified resource concerns, in order to meet client objectives.



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Ranking Applications to Award O O **EQIP Funding**

Four evaluation categories contribute to the overall score:

- Local issues (the most points are awarded here)
- State issues (second most points in this category)
- National issues (least amount of points awarded)
- Cost effectiveness



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Local Resource Concerns

County Based

- Funding Percentage
- Prioritize Resource Concerns



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THANK YOU!

These are the priorities we will use for ranking funding for our FY20 EQIP applications.

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Questions?

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MillerCoors Fort Worth Brewery





To Make Great Water Takes Great Responsibility





Corporate Goals - 2020

- Establish Local Water Conservation Programs that return more water annually back to the Environment than the brewery will use during the year. (RESTORE 100%)
- Drive water use numbers to 3.1 barrels of water to produce 1.0 barrel of beer at All Large Breweries (8)
- All Large Breweries (8) become third party certified "Landfill Free"



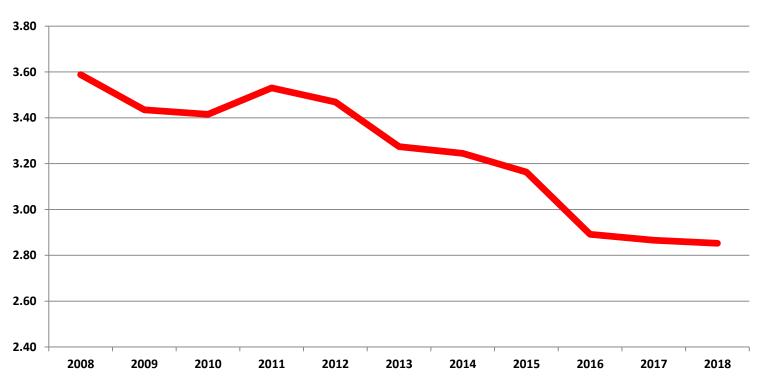
- In our world the program is about water volume and water quality
- It makes up roughly 96% of our product
- In addition, of all the water used by MillerCoors 96% is for growing the Barley and Hops



Brewery Numbers

 Approximately 24% Reduction in Water Purchased since 2008

WATER USAGE - BBLS/BBL BY YEAR





How does the Fort Worth Brewery Compare?

- For the Domestic Brewing Industry as a whole: 6 barrels
 of water
- The European Beer Industry: Between <u>8 -10 barrels</u> of water
- The Fort Worth brewery: Currently at <u>2.67 barrels</u> of water (Oct 2018)

• **NOTE**: 2018 Plant KPI is **2.86 barrels** of water to produce a barrel of beer.



Our External Sustainability Project

It starts with targets of

Improving Water Quality

Increasing Water Quality



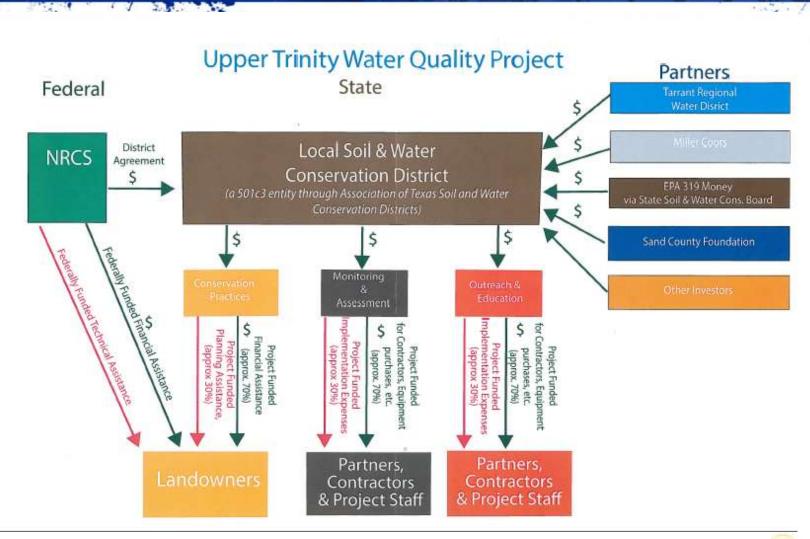
It really all starts with Soil Health



Richland-Chambers Watershed Partnership

- TRWD, TXAgrilife and NRCS
- Issues of Concern
 - Excess Nutrients (Phosphorus, Nitrogen)
 - Sedimentation
 - Run-off
 - Program is focused on reducing the sources of the issues of concern
 - Group is currently developing a Watershed Protection Plan.

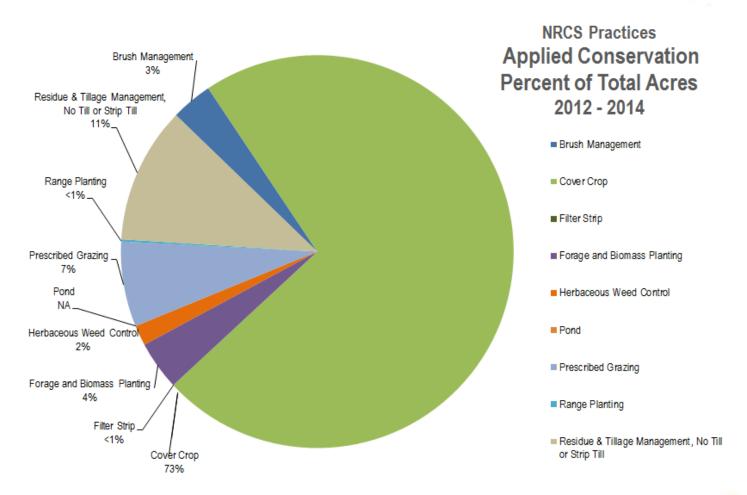






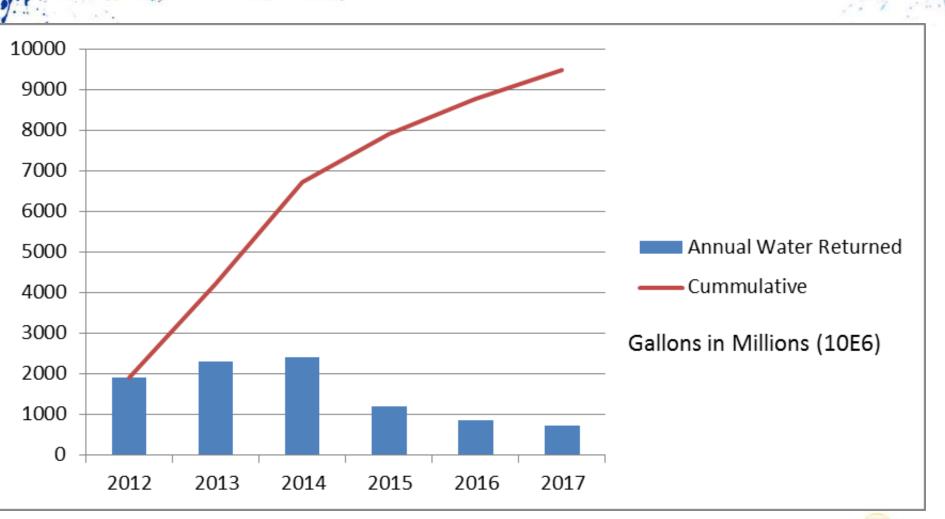


NWQI - Applied Conservation Practices





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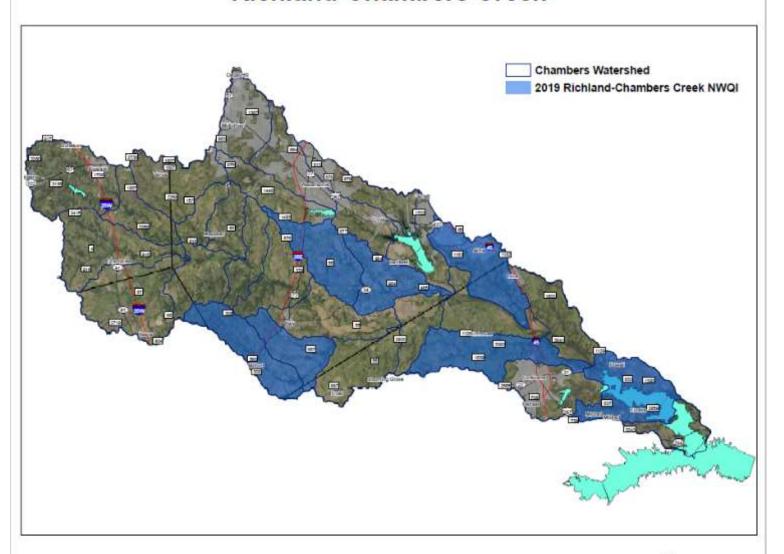
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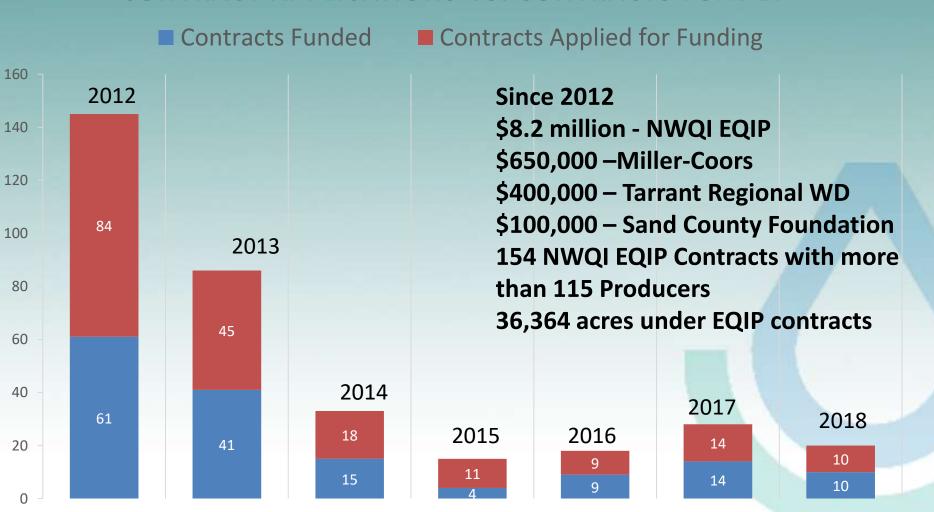






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CONTRACT APPLICATIONS VS. CONTRACTS FUNDED





Conservation Planning Assistance at Work





Chambers Creek NWQI (2018)

At-a-Glance

- Contracts 10
- \$340,000 in EQIP funding
- Acres 977

Typical Conservation Practices:

- Prescribed Grazing
- Residue & Tillage
 Management
- Cover Crop
- Forage & Biomass Planting
- Livestock Pipeline
- Herbaceous Weed Control
- Range Planting
- Cross Fencing
- Ponds
- Forage Harvest Management







Challenges for Implementing Successful Projects in the Future

- The soil in the Blackland Prairie
- Staff to Monitor/Evaluate Projects
- Education for Land Owners
- Time to Build Relationships with Producers



Questions?

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LEMON COOKIES

Soft bakery style lemon cookies with a lemon zest glaze

Prep Time: 10 minutes
 Cook Time: 14 minutes
 Total Time: 24 minutes

• Yield: 24

INGREDIENTS

- 1 and 3/4 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest (~1 small lemon)
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (room temperature)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Glaze

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 1/3 cup lemon juice

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2. Prepare a cookie sheet with a non-stick spray, or parchment paper, set aside
- 3. In a medium bowl whisk the flour, baking soda, salt, and lemon zest.
- 4. In large mixing bowl beat the butter for a few seconds, add the sugar and mix until light and fluffy. Add in the egg, vanilla, and lemon juice. Mix until fully combined.
- 5. Continue mixing while you add in the dry ingredients. Mix until fully combined.
- 6. Drop cookie dough by the spoonful onto the prepared cookie sheet. Bake until light golden on edges, approximately 12- 14 minutes. Remove from oven, let cool on the cookie sheet about 5 minutes and then remove to continue cooling on a wire rack.
- 7. Once cooled prepare the glaze by whisking the powdered sugar, lemon juice, and lemon zest together until well combined. Spoon onto the top of the cookies. Allow to sit and dry, glaze will harden.
- 8. Store cookies in airtight container at room temperature. Enjoy!

