

Resolution by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi supporting the Implementation Plan for improved water quality, to reduce bacteria, developed by the Cole and Ropes Parks' Coordination Committee (CARP) for Cole and Ropes Park Beaches located in Corpus Christi Bay and the Louisiana Parkway Watershed (Watershed) in Corpus Christi, Texas.

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi is a coastal city valuing its shoreline for aesthetic, economic, recreation, and public health reasons; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the City of Corpus Christi was invited to participate as a stakeholder in water quality restoration planning for Cole and Ropes Park Beaches: and

WHEREAS, the CARP Coordination Committee, a twelve-member stakeholder committee, was formed and elected at a public meeting held in 2012, representing thousands of basin stakeholders, including interests in business, tourism, recreation, environmental resources, public health and safety, academia, and home ownership, as well as three staff representatives from the City of Corpus Christi, and was facilitated by the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation and the Center for Coastal Studies, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, on behalf of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ); and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid “Watershed” stakeholders and entities represented in the CARP Coordination Committee, along with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have worked together to plan and implement voluntary and mandatory actions appropriate to community needs to improve water quality through common sense strategies that reflect the natural environment, recreational uses, and economy of the region; and

WHEREAS, the TCEQ established two separate Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) projects, for bacteria, otherwise known as pollution budgets, one each, for Cole and Ropes Park; and

WHEREAS, the TMDL is a scientifically determination of how much pollutant the water body can naturally assimilate each day and remain healthy; and

WHEREAS, the established TMDL projects will require implementation activities that will reduce existing pollutant loads from point sources and non-point sources that the TCEQ identified during development of the two TMDLs; and

WHEREAS, the CARP Coordination Committee and Work Group stakeholders spent thousands of volunteer hours in meetings preparing the Implementation Plan (I-Plan) that will recommend to TCEQ a variety of activities to remedy the high levels of bacteria in both Cole and Ropes Park beaches, as identified in the two TMDL projects, and seeks resolutions of support from its members, which I-Plan is attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI:

Section 1.

That, the City supports the CARP I-Plan and pledges its participation to implement those activities identified in the I-Plan for which it has responsibility, using those funds that have been or may be appropriated for them.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its adoption by the City Council.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor

Corpus Christi, Texas

_____ of _____, 2016

The above resolution was passed by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____
Rudy Garza	_____
Michael Hunter	_____
Chad Magill	_____
Colleen McIntyre	_____
Brian Rosas	_____
Lucy Rubio	_____
Mark Scott	_____
Carolyn Vaughn	_____