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Mr. Ron Stein, Program Lead
Total Maximum Daily Load Program
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
MC-203
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Subject: Letter of Support for the Gilleland Creek TMDL Implementation Plan

Dear Mr. Stein:

On behalf of the City of Austin, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to show our support for the Gilleland Creek TMDL Implementation Plan. As you know, protection of our water resources is a high priority for the City of Austin and its citizens.

The plan contains six management measures that when put into action may help lower the amount of bacteria in Gilleland Creek. Through this letter, we want to express our commitment to help implement those measures. We recognize that the measures are voluntary and not legally binding on the City, especially where insufficient funding or resources would prohibit their implementation. We also recognize – should the voluntary measures alone fall short of lowering bacteria, that 30 TAC §309.2(b) authorizes the TCEQ to establish effluent criteria to supplement the measures and help to achieve the contact recreation standard for Gilleland Creek.

Thank you again for the opportunity to show our support for the Gilleland Creek TMDL Implementation Plan.

Sincerely,

Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water Utility

Victoria Li, Director
Watershed Protection Department