

WORKSHEET FOR v1 DRAFT ACTION PLANNING FOR LAKE WORTH GREENPRINT

NAME: _____

Are you a designee to Lake Worth Regional Coordinating Committee? (circle one): yes / no

Instructions:

Step 1:

From the list below, please select up to ten (10) ideas that best meet these criteria:

- Importance – Which of these are the most important for accomplishing the Greenprint goals (protecting water quality/quantity and enhancing recreation)?
- Feasibility – Which of these are most feasible? Consider: are there resources available to accomplish these ideas?

Please indicate your preference by putting a “+” in the “+” column next to 10 ideas.

Step 2:

From the list below, please select up to ten (10) items that should be removed from the list (not important and/or infeasible). *Please indicate your preference by putting a “-” in the “-” column next to 10 ideas.*

Note: If you select more than 10 ideas for either step, none of your responses will be counted.

Action Plan Ideas:

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		RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT ACTION PLAN STEPS
		1) Coordinate with federal agencies to seek grant funding.
		2) Use a portion of the oil and gas lease revenue to fund actions related to the Lake Worth Greenprint.
		3) Set aside revenue from stormwater utility fees for water quality protection/improvement.
		4) Leverage funds from existing groups that have been known to raise money for related work.
		5) Create an open space district that can cross city and county lines.
		6) Consider tax increment financing.
		7) Pass a city and/or county ¼ or 1 cent sales tax or property tax.
		START A VOLUNTARY OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION PROGRAM
		8) Start a program focused on preserving riparian corridors, creating easements for new trails, or protecting open space generally that is high priority according to the Greenprint.
		GATHER MORE INFORMATION TO UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS
		9) Identify research/monitoring needs related to Lake Worth.
		10) Evaluate the septic systems in the watershed and review waste treatment improvement opportunities.
		11) Monitor septic system discharge into the lake.
		12) Study the effects of decommissioning septic systems on the lake.
		DEVELOP OR ENHANCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES
		13) Develop a regional feral hog control program.

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	14) Create a voluntary backyard wildlife habitat program for interested landowners.
	15) Preserve existing City-owned High Priority Water Quality Zones with a High ranking on the Water Quality Zones Greenprint map.
	16) Promote Low Impact Development (LID) for stormwater management. Have a LID design competition for City-owned land that is within High Priority Water Quality Zones.
	17) Do more regional stormwater detention.
	18) Reduce the need for irrigation on City-owned lands, and use non-potable wastewater where appropriate.
	19) To reduce runoff on public lands in the watershed that are not designated as parkland, use undeveloped savannah grassland open space range management.
	20) Consider future recreational use for the City-owned land with a High ranking on the Recreational Connectivity and Recreation Access Greenprint maps.
	21) Improve the parking and clean the beaches at City-owned parks around Lake Worth.
	22) <i>Expand the "Adopt-a Park" program.</i>
	23) City of Fort Worth to double check that that the estimated costs associated with improving the parking in the parks around Lake Worth is on the deferred maintenance list.
	24) Improve existing parks around the lake by providing facilities for more diverse recreation (e.g. lawn bowling, remote controlled airplane fields, disc golf, etc.)
	25) Develop a competitive juniors (high school) rowing program housed at Casino Beach or another shoreline park.
	26) Create a family friendly camp/day use site with shallow beach access.
	27) Dredge the canal that starts at Silver Creek Road and Huron and ends in the lake for fishing, boating, canoeing, and swimming.
	28) Improve systems for selling boat permits for Lake Worth – currently only available at 2 places.
	29) Water Marshall to create an on-line system for selling boat permits.
	30) Continue to improve existing boat ramps and invest in new boat ramps.
	EDUCATE/PUBLICIZE
	31) Establish a communications strategy to promote the resources, to describe what is here and what is evolving.
	32) Have signage about good stewardship practices at places that people will go to already, like boat ramps and trailheads.
	33) Approach Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine about doing an article.
	34) Have a demonstration project, such as putting pervious pavement and bioswales at an existing park.
	35) Traveling road show to visit local schools.
	36) Have special events highlighting the importance of water quality, e.g. promote at a paddle race or fishing contest.
	37) Work with landowners to equip them to voluntarily enhance practices that maintain or improve water quality.
	38) Create a computer based brief course about best management practices and then create an incentive for people to take the course, like by offering credit on property taxes.
	39) Expand existing program whereby City of Fort Worth provides stormwater credits to Fort Worth Integrated School District for providing stormwater education in exchange for a rebate on their utility fees.
	40) Create development review tool for city and county offices to assist in educating developers - reference Greenprint maps as part of entitlement process and ensure proposed development is consistent with priority areas for water quality protection.
	41) Educate the public about application/use of fertilizers and detergents to reduce negative water quality

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		impacts.
		42) Coordinate with the State of Texas’ existing program to promote agricultural heritage.
		43) Better promote the nature center.
		44) Have signs at the parks and Casino Beach that educate the public around history, the military, and water quality.
		45) On the PCSD website, give timely updates on progress regarding the Lake Worth Trail.
		46) Coordinate with Streams and Valleys about proposed new trails.
		CREATE LANDOWNER INCENTIVES
		47) Provide private landowners financial incentives to leave natural buffer strips and plant native vegetation.
		48) Develop tax incentives to keep critical land in suitable low-impact uses.
		49) Work with county tax authorities to refine the requirements around what qualifies for an ag exemption.
		UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL PLANNING AND EVALUATION
		50) Re-do the public surveys city-wide (i.e. park need assessment) every two years. Look at trends over time in current/recent behavior.
		51) Add a page to the City of Fort Worth’s Comprehensive Plan with Greenprint findings, such as where the water protection areas are located.
		52) Develop an EPA-acceptable Watershed Protection Plan (WPP).
		53) Create a committee to create a plan to provide large scale utilization of existing parkland.
		54) Ideas for how to focus future trail work.
		REGULATE
		55) Establish urban growth boundaries – urban areas ringed with open space.
		56) Limit use of lake water for private drilling gas/oil.
		57) Develop a water protection overlay that triggers certain requirements for development within that overlay zone.
		58) Restrict water that is used for lawns and golf courses.
		59) Limit use of lawn and golf course pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers; use natural and organic methods instead.
		60) Restrict fuel discharge (gas avail on lake).
		61) Establish ordinances to protect native plant communities in conservation developments and corporate campuses.
		62) Develop a committee of implementing jurisdictions, like the RCC, to review large development decisions.
		63) Develop a zoning overlay indicating the conceptual location for new trails (locations determined by the Greenprint maps) and then work with developers to determine exact location of those trails through the development process.
		64) Limit motorized uses around the Fort Worth Nature Center and any swimming beaches.
		65) Limit boat access in different parts of the lake by vessel type (E.g. sail, paddle, or watercraft).
		66) For jurisdictions in the watershed that don’t already have one, create a parkland dedication ordinance that requires new development to set aside a portion of the land for open space or payment of a fee-in-lieu of setting aside land.
		67) Zoning to keep population growth low so access and availability for recreational lands can be preserved.