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Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir Final Permit Approved

After over 10 years of planning and environmental studies, the final permit for the **Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir** was approved on Feb. 2, 2018 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, allowing construction to begin on the first major Texas reservoir in nearly 30 years. The reservoir is vital to supply water for the future of our fast-growing region. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring and the project is anticipated to be delivering water to our communities in 2022.

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The NTMWD Board of Directors look on as Executive Director Tom Kula signs the final major permit required for construction to begin on the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir project.

Historic Approval Garner News Coverage from Across Region

News of the reservoir's approval spread quickly around the region and state. Cities, businesses and agencies shared their perspectives on the benefits and new supplies the project will bring to the region, including this video featuring Collin County leaders and business interests who recognize the importance of the project to meet future needs.

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NBC 5 covered the reservoir permit approval and featured comments from a local business and Plano City Manager Bruce Glasscock.

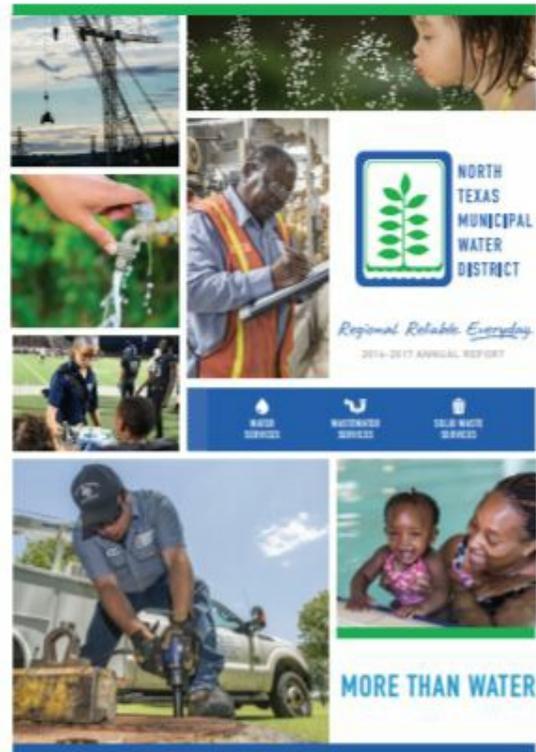
2017 Annual Report Highlights Progress and Cities Served

Each year the District produces a comprehensive annual report reviewing accomplishments, major projects and

financial information for the previous fiscal year. The theme of the 2017 report is #MoreThanWater — highlighting all the ways our services support North Texans where they live, work and play — and features a center collage recognizing our 13 Member Cities and their accolades as among some of the best places to live in the nation.

NTMWD celebrates our progress, projects, services, history and people who work diligently to uphold our vision, mission and goals — to serve North Texas today and tomorrow by providing dependable, quality services in a cost-efficient way.

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Lookout Drive Transfer Station Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Tour

On February 14, NTMWD leaders and staff joined representatives from our Board of Directors and the City of Richardson for a ceremonial ribbon-cutting event to officially mark the completion of the new Lookout Drive Transfer Station. The event was followed by a tour of the facility and operations.

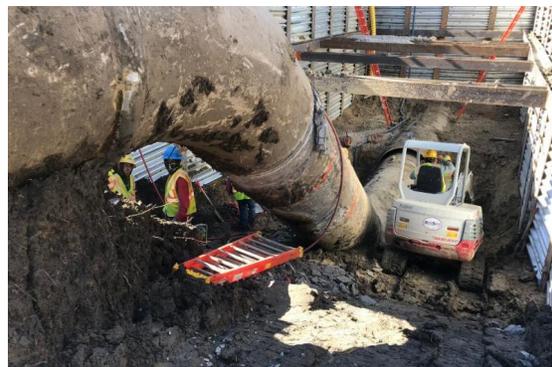
Replacing the original facility constructed in 1976, the new transfer station features state-of-the-art control systems for odor, noise and litter. The facility accepted its first load in August 2017.

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Forney Pipeline Repaired With No Impacts To Service

As most of us were ringing in the new year, our crews were busy repairing a major leak on this 42-inch pipeline near Forney and Highway 80. Thanks to our dedicated team, the pipe was fixed without affecting service, despite freezing temperatures — another example of how we deliver #MoreThanWater to the communities we serve.



March Kicks Off Landscaping

Season and Texas SmartScape Month

This month, "Put Down Some Roots" and turn your lawn into a Texas SmartScape. Native and adapted plants need less water and fertilizer to thrive in the intense heat of Texas summers. The [Texas SmartScape](#) program encourages proper design, care, and maintenance techniques to have a healthier, more beautiful landscape while helping to protect the environment. For a listing of zone-friendly native/adapted plants, visit the [Texas SmartScape](#) and Texas A&M [AgriLife Water University](#) websites.



NTMWD will be holding free *ULandscapeIT* classes in Wylie on **March 21** and **April 13**. Register today to attend, and learn how to #PledgeToPlantSmart this spring and Put Down Some Roots!

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Ready, Prep... Go! Get Your Lawn and Landscape Ready for Spring

Spring into action with these lawn and garden prep tips and techniques recently shared on our February WFAA segment. See what our experts recommend on when and how to do your pruning, applying fertilizer, mulching, watering and more.

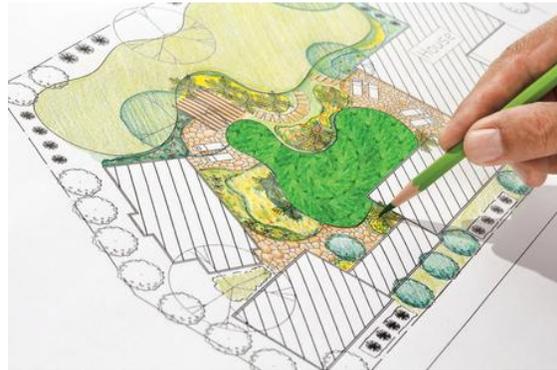
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ULandscapeIT Sessions at NTMWD in March and April

Want to learn some tools and tricks for a "do-it-yourself" landscape that can save water and transform yours into one of the trendiest yards on the block?

Join us **March 21 or April 13, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**, in Wylie for a session on plotting, potting and crucial tools of the trade including [ULandscapeIT](#) by waterUniversity.tamu.edu.



2018 Garden Show by Collin County Master Gardeners

Cure your spring fever at the 2018 Garden Show on **March 17 and 18** hosted by the Collin County Master Gardeners. A perennial favorite, this year's event theme is "Seed to Table" and will showcase creative planting techniques, presentations, vendors and activities for all ages.

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Take 10 for 10th Annual Fix-a-Leak Week, March 19-25

Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so each year EPA offers tips to help hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills. Learn how to win the battle against leaks in your home.

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Mayor's Conservation Challenge Kicks Off April 3 in Plano

Join Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere and countless Texas residents who are helping their cities vie for designation as the nation's most water-wise. This year's National Mayor's Challenge kick-off will be April 3 in Plano featuring an array of top-tier speakers, EcoFair vendors and prizes.



How It Works

1. Residents go to www.mywaterpledge.com
2. Take a 4-step conservation pledge on behalf of the city
3. See city's current standings
4. Encourage their friends to take part

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Local Students Make a Splash at Lego League Regional Competition

In early February, NTMWD joined the **Perot Museum** and **John Bunker Sands Wetland Center** to cheer on teams at the First LEGO League regional championship. We are especially proud of the Turbo Lemons - a brother and sister team from Allen - who met with NTMWD and City experts to test and refine their project before the big competition. They earned first place for their rainwater project! Our mascots Otis and Bob enjoyed making lots of new "water spotter" friends at the event too.



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Celebrate World Water Day

March 22 is World Water Day, the time once

a year when we focus on the crucial substance that covers more than 70% of our earth. Join us in promoting this year's 'Nature for Water' discussions on nature-based solutions to our 21st century water challenges at

<http://worldwaterday.org/>.

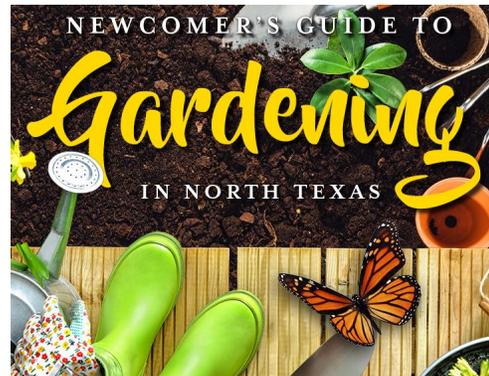


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What's Happening Around NTMWD?

There are many exciting events happening within the District and our cities. Check out what's coming up and how you and your residents can get involved:

- Mar. 3: [Newcomer's Guide to Gardening in North Texas](#) (McKinney)
- Mar. 3: [Equipment & Techniques for Wildlife & Landscape Photography](#) (Seagoville)
- Mar. 17- 18: [Collin County Garden Show 2018](#) (McKinney)
- Mar. 19: [Water Loss Audit Workshop](#) (Wylie)
- Mar. 21: [ULandscapeT: Water Efficient Landscape](#) (Wylie)
- Mar. 22: [World Water Day](#)
- Mar. 22: [Board of Directors Meeting](#) (Wylie)
- Mar. 28: [Green Seminar: Top 100 Plants for North Texas](#) (McKinney)
- Apr. 3: [Mayor's Challenge on Conservation](#)
- Apr. 7: [Trash Bash](#) (Richardson)
- Apr. 7: [Lawn Sprinklers 101](#) (Allen)
- Apr. 13: [ULandscapeT: Water Efficient Landscape \(Wylie\)](#)
- Apr. 14: [Saving From a Rainy Day: DIY Rain Barrel Class](#) (Allen)
- Apr. 14: [Earth Day](#) (Garland)
- Apr. 17: [Green Seminar: Landscape Design](#) (McKinney)
- Apr. 20-22: [Earth Day Texas](#) (Fair Park)



IN THE NEWS

- [State's first new reservoir in 30 years will supply water to rapidly growing North Texas](#) (Dallas Morning News)
- [McKinney city manager: New NTMWD reservoir critical for growth](#) (McKinney Courier-Gazette)
- [Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir receives final permit needed to begin construction](#) (Allen American)
- [Rep. Ratcliffe meets with North Texas Municipal Water District on Lower Bois d'Arc permit approval](#) (Blueribbon News – Rockwall/Heath paper)
- [North Texas cities to get water supply boost: Final permit received for construction on Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir](#) (Community Impact News)
- [NTMWD gets go-ahead for new reservoir, Lake to be built in Bonham, complete in 2022](#) (Plano Star Courier)
- [Green light for massive Fannin County reservoir project](#) (KTEN TV station – interview with Fannin County Judge Carter)
- [The biggest thing to happen to Fannin County in the last 50 years'](#) (Sherman Herald Democrat)
- [Lower Bois d'Arc Reservoir Plan Includes Mitigation Lands, Bridge, Infrastructure](#) (KETR Commerce radio)
- [\(Carrollton\) City officials propose water rate increase](#) (Star Local Media)
- [North Texas gardening courses offer comprehensive 'newcomer' instruction](#) (North Texas e-News)
- [Lavon Lake Watershed Protection Plan accepted by EPA](#) (North Texas eNews)
- [Winter Maintenance On Water System Could Affect Taste, Smell](#) (CBS Ch. 11)

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