

One Water Strategies

Managing Demand to Increase Sustainability and Resiliency

New Braunfels Utilities

- Municipal Utility
- Water, Wastewater, Electric
- Fast growth corridor
- Growth's Impact: Infrastructure, Facilities, Employees, Expectations

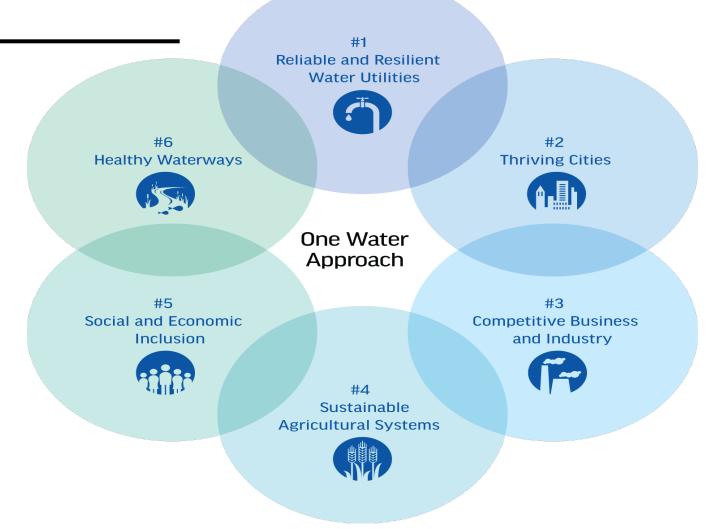


Water Resource Plan





One Water Approach





Hallmarks of One Water

A mindset that all water has value
Focus on achieving multiple benefits
Systems Approach
Watershed-scale thinking and action
Right-sized solutions
Partnerships for progress
Inclusion and engagement for all



One Water Strategies for NBU

- Reviewing systems and operations for opportunities.
- Sustainability and resilience are key management principles.
- Partner with leaders in the field for best practices and implementation





Project partners

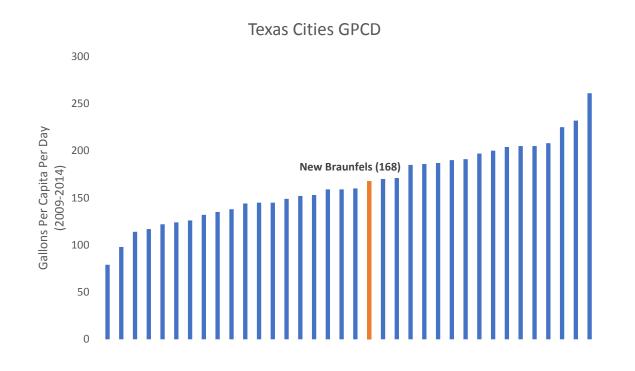
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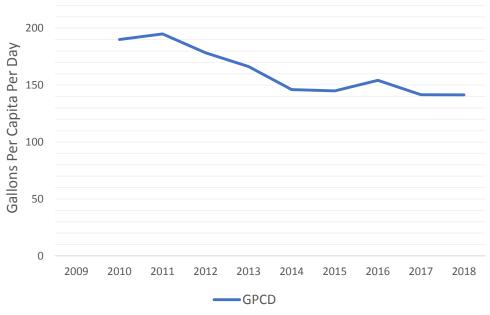




NBU's GPCD



New Braunfels GPCD from 2010 - 2018





Future demand projection

- Recent water demand growth has been approximately 4% per annum even as the population increases at 6% per annum.
- Modifying the demand projections accordingly indicate that NBU has adequate supplies for over a decade.

New Braunfels Water Supply & Demand with DOR Supply Thresholds and Population





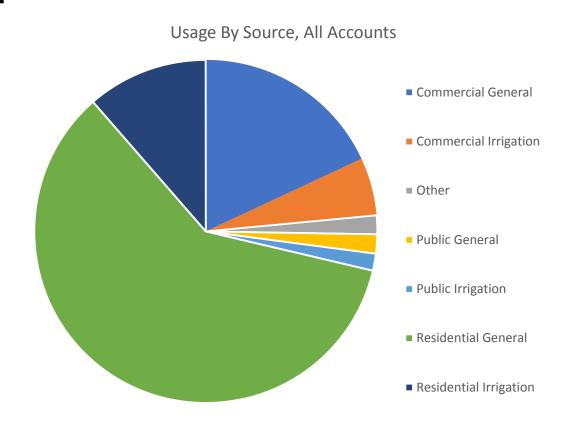
Demand management opportunities

- Often One Water discussions focus on the supply side, yet demand management and water conservation also play a role
- Consideration of residential versus non-residential demand
 - Informs modified demand projections
- Consideration of distribution of demand across accounts
 - Ordinance modifications
 - Outreach to high-consumption users
 - Reviewing Rebates



Residential versus non-residential consumption

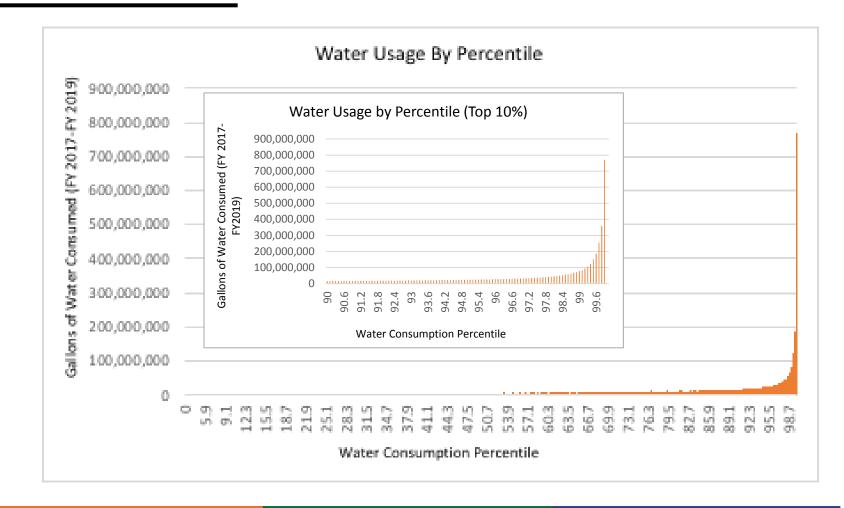
- Although non-residential accounts are very small in number, they are significant in overall consumption
- Therefore the assumption that water demand would increase in proportion with the population increase is not necessarily valid





Distribution of consumption by account

• The top 0.1% of accounts constitute 10% of total water demand and the top 1% of accounts constitute 27% of total water demand





Outreach to high consumers

• Identify high-percentile accounts

• Determine the end-uses of water

- Identify one-time change options
- Create and implement an action plan



Ordinances

• Review and assess how fines are assessed by volume.

Determine cap for scaled fines by customer type.

Create fine structures created by customer groups.



Current Internal Adjustments

• State of the Art Leak Detection program

• Wastewater management systems review

• Meter Replacement Program



Future Internal Adjustments

• Neutral Output Discharge Elimination System

• E-Pulse

• WaterSmart Customer Service Portal













Phase I focus on:

- Restoration:
 - Remove asphalt
 - Debris removal
 - Invasive species removal
 - biodiversity planting and seeding
 - Creation of habitat pools and ripples
- Storm Water Mitigation:
 - Check dams
 - Creating Berms & Bioswales
 - Bank Stabilization



Phase II Buildings

- Comal Springs Environmental Education Center
- Event & Meeting Space
- Demonstration gardens
- Smart building applications





Phase II additional features

- Rainwater harvesting
- Black water reuse system
- Permeable walkways and parking areas
- Smart building applications
- Low impact development reuse of materials



