Project Description:
Creation and restoration of approximately 8 acre linear park from MLK Park north along Whitaker Bayou to 49th Street. Activities funded with Penny Sales Tax revenue would include: stream bed restoration such as earthmoving and stream contouring; riparian habitat improvements of scenic and biological amenities of bayou such as exotic plant removal and native planting; installing public water access such as boardwalks and canoe/kayak launches; and stormwater improvements including installation of settlement ponds and bioswales on publicly owned sites, right-of-ways and any other appropriate sites.

SBEP currently has two consultants under contract to assess the habitat restoration and stormwater retrofit along Whitaker Bayou. This project being larger in scale and more complex than the IBSS Stormwater Retrofit Demonstration will take longer to plan. However the stormwater component of this project will be similar to IBSS Stormwater by integrating bioswales, detention areas and gross pollutant removal structures along the waterway.

Approximate Cost: $10 million

Current funding: City Penny Surtax $3 million

Similar project by Scheda Ecological, Inc.