



The Bayou Segnette Watershed



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Watershed 101

A watershed is the area of land that drains into a specific water body.

What you REALLY need to know about watersheds:

Your actions can have an impact on the water quality (how clean the water is) in your watershed.

Locally our rain water drains directly into canals that are then pumped directly into Bayou Segnette. Storm water receives no cleaning or treatment along the way. Therefore, whatever gets pulled into the storm drains with the rain water gets flushed into Bayou Segnette.

Bayou Segnette State Park is in the **Bayou Segnette Watershed**, one of twenty-seven mini-watersheds that make up the Barataria Basin.

The Bayou Segnette Watershed is impaired for fish and wildlife propagation. Low levels of dissolved oxygen and high levels of nitrogen, phosphorous, and sulfates in Bayou Segnette mean that although the fish you see and catch here are likely healthy, without restorative action the number of fish and wildlife we'll have here here in the future may dwindle.

Top 10 Things you Can Do to Protect Bayou Segnette:

1. Dispose of food waste and cooking oils in your trash and not down your sink.
2. Dispose of pet waste properly.
3. Properly maintain vehicles.
4. Properly maintain septic systems.
5. Limit the use of pesticides and fertilizers.
6. Keep your storm drains clear and clean of debris.
7. Properly dispose of household chemicals.
8. Carefully choose where you wash your car.
9. Properly dispose of all wastes--do not dump illegally.

10. Join the Bayou Segnette Watershed Alliance.

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