

# Texas Stream Team Datamap and Site Automation

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# Introduction

The Texas Stream Team is a volunteer-driven environmental monitoring program that collects surface water quality data from over 350 active sites across Texas. This project aims to **decrease processing time** and **increase data accuracy** for the uploaded data through:

- **Data automation**
- **Validation**
- **Visualization**

# Problem Statement

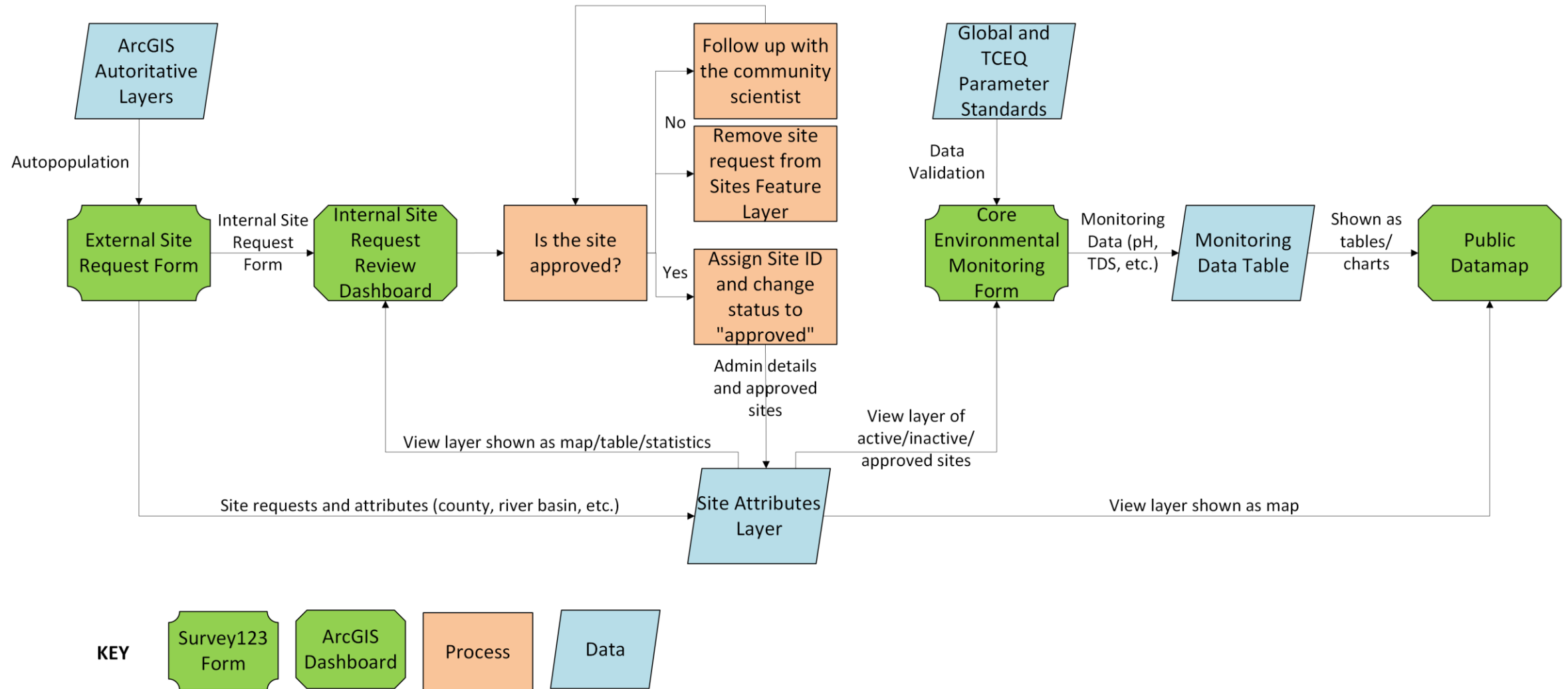
- Texas Stream Team oversees **350+ active monitoring sites** across Texas
- They **collect water quality data** submitted by community scientists, which is used to guide conservation efforts
- **Processing delays** may result from manual data entry, human error, high submission volume, or a combination of these factors
- This has led to **delays, inaccurate data, and reduced accessibility**

# Data

- **ArcGIS Online Layers**
  - Used to autopopulate attributes and provide spatial context
- **Custom Validation CSV**
  - Contains water quality standards from TCEQ for data validation
- **Sample Test Records**
  - Submitted in phases to test form and layer functionalities

Feature Layer	Function
Texas County Boundaries	Autopopulation/Web Map
TWDB_River_Basins	Autopopulation/Web Map
Watershed Boundary Dataset HUCs	Autopopulation/Web Map
Stream Segments_Current	Autopopulation/Web Map
TCEQ_SWQM_Stations	Web Map Only
Sampling Sites	Web Map Only
Buffer of Sampling Sites	Web Map Only

# New Datamap Workflow



# Related Tables

- Created **siteAttributes** point feature class and **monitoringData** standalone table in ArcGIS Pro
  - Created fields and configured domains
  - Established one-to-many relationship
  - Verified relationship by manually adding test records then uploaded to ArcGIS Online

siteAttributes		monitoringData (Features: 2, Selected: 0)			
Site ID		Site Global ID	Sample Date	Sample Time...	Sample Dept...
testSite001	(2)	3aadd26-4e68-473b-865b-e785f3c55417	2025-04-22	0930	10
testSite002	(0)				
testSite003	(1)				
testSite004	(0)	3aadd26-4e68-473b-865b-e785f3c55417	2025-04-23	1500	10
testSite005	(0)				
testSite006	(0)				
testSite007	(0)	3aadd26-4e68-473b-865b-e785f3c55417	2025-04-23	1500	10
testSite008	(0)				
testSite009	(2)				



# New Monitoring Site Request Form

- **Designed in Survey123 Connect**
  - Customized title, font styling, color scheme, and question reordering
- **Autopopulation of geographic attributes**
  - County, River Basin, HUCs, Lat/Long
- **Conditional field visibility**
  - Uses form mode logic to hide/show admin fields

### NEW MONITORING SITE REQUEST FORM

To begin monitoring, a Texas Stream Team trained citizen scientist can either reactivate an existing site that is not currently being monitored by looking for sites on the [Datamap](#), or they can request to have a new site created by submitting this form.

Before submitting this form, please review the [Site Selection Guide](#) to ensure the proposed site meets all of the qualifications. If the proposed site is on private property, a [Private Property Access Form](#) must be submitted by the landowner granting access to their property before site creation can take place.

Once the form is submitted with the new site information, a Texas Stream Team staff member will review it to make sure all of the criteria are met and will send confirmation once the site has been created.

If you are part of a group and would like to add a site, please be sure to fill out an updated [Group Citizen Scientist Monitoring Plan](#) and submit it below.

First Name\*

type	name	label	calculation	body::esri:visible
Hidden	survey_mode	Survey Mode	<code>pulldata("@property", 'mode')</code>	
Text	county	County	<code>if(\${survey_point}, pulldata("@layer", "getValueAt", "attributes.CNTY_NM", "https://services.arcgis.com/KTcxiTD9dsQw4r7Z/arcgis/rest/services/Texas_County_Boundaries/FeatureServer/0", \${survey_point}), "")</code>	<code>\${survey_mode}='edit'</code>

# Core Environmental Monitoring Form

- **Designed in Survey123 Connect**
  - Customized title, font styling, color scheme, and question reordering
- **Time constraint for sample time**
  - Applied a **regular expression (regex)** and substring logic
- Configured **automatic calculations** for TDS and DO average using XLSForm expressions

### CORE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING FORM

Preferred browsers: Edge and Chrome

Please use the [Observations Only Form](#) to submit field observations when water quality tests were not conducted due to safety issues, weather-related reasons, etc. Note in the Comments sections why tests were not conducted.

**Site ID and Description\***  
select "10001 - Training" if using the form for training purposes

-Please select-

▼

**Sample Time (military)\***  
HHMM  
For example: 1455

1:30

Must be HHMM in 24-hour format (ex. 0930)



# Core Environmental Monitoring Form Cont.

- **Created a dynamic list of sites**
  - Contains approved, active, inactive sites
  - Site selection stores GlobalID to maintain one-to-many relationship
  - Users can search by site ID and description, improving usability.
- **Implemented data validation**
  - Used pulldata() function to compare submitted measurements against TCEQ standards CSV
  - Warning notes displayed when values exceeds expected ranges

**Site ID and Description\***  
select "10001 - Training" if using the form for training purposes

Please select- ▼

- testSite001 - South Brushy Creek @ Cham...
- testSite002 - Brushy Creek @ Great Oaks
- testSite003 - Brushy Creek @ Creek Bend...
- testSite004 - Brushy Creek @ Chisholm Tr...
- testSite006 - Trinity River @ N Hampton Rd
- testSite007 - Brushy Creek @ Olsen Mead...

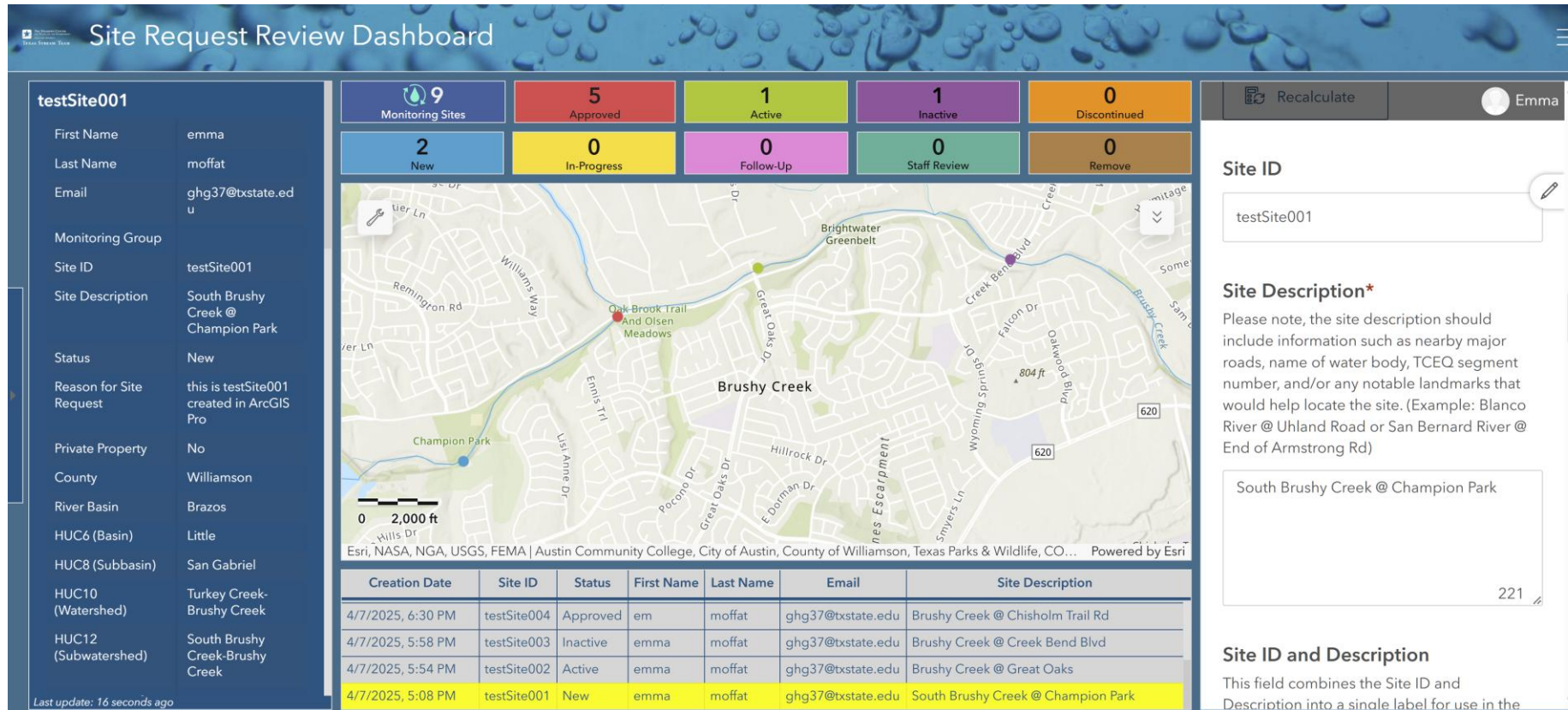
Sample  
HHMM

**Water Temperature (°C)\***

35

Alert: The water temperature value entered exceeds the typical range for this stream segment, and may indicate a potential concern. Please verify your entry and check site conditions before submitting.  
TCEQ parameter maximum: 32.8 °C

# Site Request Review Dashboard



- **Top:** status indicators
- **Left panel:** displays detailed data from siteAttributes view layer
- **Right panel:** embedded editable version of the New Monitoring Site Request Form
- **Center:** Map element containing siteAttributes view layer
- **Bottom:** data table of siteAttributes View Layer - Form Responses

# Results and Discussion

- **Successful Workflow:** Improved data accuracy and streamlined data management
- **Data Quality Issues:** No issues found during testing. Potential errors could be found by user input error and duplication
- **Limitations:** Steep learning curve, related table creation, ArcGIS dashboard constraints, Core Environmental Monitoring Form (overload)
- **Future Fixes:** Strengthen validation rules and parameters. Perform additional spatial analysis for site proximity



# Conclusion

- **Enhance the speed and accuracy** of the data mapping process.
- **Improve accessibility and reliability** of public data maps while **minimizing** administrative workload.
- **Optimize efficiency** for community scientists and the Texas Stream Team site monitoring process.





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# Thank You!

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