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Dr. Jacob holds a joint appoint with the Texas A&M Sea Grant Program and Texas Cooperative Extension. He has coastwide responsibility for inland environmental problems that have a direct impact on the quality of our bays, estuaries, and coastal waters. Preeminent among these issues are the mitigation and abatement of runoff pollution from both rural and urban sources, and the preservation and restoration of valuable natural habitats such as wetlands.

Dr. Jacob is trained as a soil scientist with B.S. and M.S. degrees from Texas Tech University, and a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. He is registered as a Professional Geoscientist with the State of Texas and is a Professional Wetland Scientist.

Jacob is a recognized expert on Texas wetlands, having been active in consulting and research aspects of wetlands for more than 10 years. Jacob is co-author of the Texas Coastal Wetlands Guidebook.

Dr. Jacob is director of the Texas Coastal Watershed Program. The TCWP provides education and outreach to local governments and citizens about the impact of land use on watershed health and water quality. The TCWP currently has 7 staff members with programs in habitat restoration, sustainable landscapes, and water quality issues.