



# Preliminary Goals Objectives and Constraints

As part of the study process, the Harris County Flood Control District along with the Stakeholder Group is developing goals, objectives and constraints that will be used to determine the best flood damage reduction plan for the study area.

The purpose of developing local goals, objectives and constraints that work in conjunction with Federal goals and objectives is to identify the best plan for the community that will compete for federal funding. The following goals and objectives are considered preliminary while the District collects additional comments from the public.

## **Overall Goal**

The goal of the Halls Bayou Federal Feasibility Study is to identify the best plan to reduce flood risks and damages along Halls Bayou.

## **Specific Study Goals**

- Conduct the necessary engineering, economic and environmental studies in a timely manner to evaluate flood damage reduction and recreation possibilities along Halls Bayou.
- Identify a viable project that is acceptable to the District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and has the general support of the public residing in the watershed.
- Select a recommended plan in a timely manner to obtain endorsement of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, approval from the Assistant Secretary of Army (Civil Works), and a project that is competitive for Congressional appropriations.
- If appropriate, identify and prioritize viable alternatives for flood damage reduction apart from the federal plan that could be locally funded.

## **Objectives**

- Reduce risks and damages caused by flooding from Halls Bayou.
- Explore partnerships with other local agencies to address local flooding issues outside the jurisdiction of the Harris County Flood Control District (Local Only).
- Provide opportunities for recreation and observation of wildlife along Halls Bayou (possible options to consider include: open spaces and hiking, biking and paddle trails where appropriate).
- Preserve and restore a diversity of native habitat for wildlife along Halls Bayou.
- Improve water quality in Halls Bayou through partnerships with other agencies.
- Improve bank stability along Halls Bayou to reduce required maintenance efforts (Local Only).

## **Constraints**

- Avoid alternatives that solve flooding problems in one area, but transfer them to other areas (do not increase water surface elevations in any location). (Local Only)

NOTE: All goals and objectives are considered Federal and local unless otherwise identified as 'local.' Federal goals and objectives satisfy the mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, while local goals, objectives and constraints have been identified by the Halls Bayou Stakeholder Group to address the interests of the local community.

