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**Halls Bayou
Federal
Feasibility
Study**

A Harris County Flood Control District Study

FACT SHEET

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Halls Bayou

As a tributary of Greens Bayou, Halls Bayou is located in north central Harris County and includes the City of Houston and unincorporated areas of Harris County. Flowing east to join Greens Bayou, it covers nearly 42 square miles and is approximately 20 miles in length. Halls Bayou collects drainage from west of Veterans Memorial Drive eastward until it joins Greens Bayou at Brock Park.

Halls Bayou consists primarily of developed urban land with a mix of residential, commercial and industrial uses, as well as some pockets of undeveloped land. There are nearly 5,900 structures in the mapped 1% (or 100-year) floodplain of Halls Bayou.

Halls Bayou Federal Study

Under the authority of a 1996 federal law, the Harris County Flood Control District is conducting the Halls Bayou Federal Feasibility Study in an effort to identify a plan that would address flooding problems along Halls Bayou and qualify for federal funding. If federal participation is secured, this powerful partnership will allow HCFCD to work hand-in-hand with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and combine the strengths of both agencies to bring greater flood damage reduction benefits to the communities along Halls Bayou.

The feasibility study, which began in 2005, is in the early stages and is currently focusing on gathering information and gaining a better understanding of the problems and opportunities within the Halls Bayou watershed.

As part of the study, HCFCD is conducting environmental assessments and public involvement activities to comply with the standards set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act.

Since there are many projects throughout the United States competing for available funding, obtaining sufficient and sustained federal funding for a recommended project may be difficult.

Study Schedule

Flood damage reduction on a major stream is a decades-long process. To meet the requirements and be considered for federal funding support, HCFCD is required to do an extensive and lengthy study, in cooperation with the Corps.

The study is expected to take five to seven years to complete. Depending on the size of the project and the share of federal participation, project implementation could take from five to 20 years. With HCFCD taking the lead, implementation of flood damage reduction projects can begin prior to completing the study. If federal support for the plan is secured, partial reimbursement for previous projects can be made to HCFCD.

Public Involvement

Public participation is important to HCFCD and the Corps. While we are just beginning the study, early involvement and active collaboration with the Halls Bayou community will result in the development of a better plan.

For More Information

HCFCD wants to know what is important to the public - problems, opportunities, concerns, history, parks, etc. For any questions or to provide feedback on your community, please contact Study Manager Russ Poppe at 713-684-4000.



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