



2018 BOND PROGRAM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

Watershed	Meeting Date
Addicks Reservoir	June 21, 2018
Armand Bayou	June 7, 2018
Barker Reservoir	August 1, 2018
Brays Bayou	July 9, 2018
Buffalo Bayou	July 30, 2018
Carpenters Bayou	June 14, 2018
Cedar Bayou	July 19, 2018
Clear Creek	July 17, 2018
Cypress Creek	June 15, 2018
Greens Bayou	June 16, 2018
Halls Bayou	June 20, 2018
Hunting Bayou	June 23, 2018
Jackson Bayou	June 25, 2018
Little Cypress Creek	July 31, 2018
Luce Bayou	July 23, 2018
San Jacinto and Galveston Bay	July 24, 2018
San Jacinto River	July 10, 2018
Sims Bayou	June 5, 2018
Spring Creek	June 27, 2018
Spring Gully and Goose Creek	June 28, 2018
Vince Bayou	July 25, 2018
White Oak Bayou	June 12, 2018
Willow Creek	July 18, 2018

INTRODUCTION

The flood risk reduction needs in Harris County are well documented and widely known, and these flooding risks have been made more apparent by recent extreme weather events. Flooding has always been a major risk in our region, and the Harris County Flood Control District was established for this very reason. Originally, the Flood Control District was created by the Texas Legislature in 1937 in response to devastating flooding events in 1929 and 1935 to serve as the local sponsor for federal flood control projects. During the ensuing decades, the Flood Control District's mission has expanded in order to address the needs of Harris County.

With more than 2,500 miles of bayous and streams and a population of over 4.5 million people spread out over almost 1,800 square miles, the opportunity to implement flood damage reduction projects has historically exceeded available funding. For years, the Flood Control District has operated on a limited budget of \$60 million per year for operations and maintenance and \$60 million per year for implementation of its capital improvement program. Opportunities to implement additional flood damage reduction projects greatly exceed the \$120 million allocated to the Flood Control District annually.

Today, the Flood Control District remains committed to its mission to provide flood damage reduction projects that work, with appropriate regard for community and natural values. The Flood Control District accomplishes its mission by working with its partners and local stakeholders to evaluate, develop, and implement flood damage reduction projects and then performing long-term maintenance of its drainage infrastructure.

THE BOND PROGRAM

To help facilitate the Flood Control District's mission, Harris County Commissioners Court called a Harris County Flood Control District bond election for August 25, 2018, to provide funding for projects across Harris County that will reduce the risk of flooding. Registered voters in Harris County will be asked to vote on the issuance of up to \$2.5 billion in bonds for flood risk reduction projects throughout the county. The \$2.5 billion bond proposal offers residents of Harris County an opportunity to accelerate the delivery of flood damage reduction projects that will otherwise continue to be addressed in a piecemeal approach at current funding levels. By investing in county infrastructure in this way, the Flood Control District will also be better positioned to leverage local funding dollars to take advantage of federal funding opportunities and deliver large-scale regional projects that, in some cases, have been only minimally progressed over decades due to limited funding.

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The bond proposal includes a preliminary list of projects that would meet the goal of the bond election, which is both to assist with recovery after previous flooding events and to make Harris County more resilient for the future. Projects would be distributed throughout Harris County. Broad categories of projects include:

- Channel modification projects
- Regional stormwater detention basins
- Voluntary home buyouts in areas with the greatest risk of flooding, which could include more than 1,000 residential structures across Harris County
- Engineering studies of specific watersheds or areas that will produce specific alternatives that could become projects to reduce flooding risks in that watershed
- Local match for federal grant dollars for qualifying projects such as completing our active projects in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, such as Brays Bayou, Hunting Bayou, and White Oak Bayou.
- Local match for other grants to repair our damaged infrastructure and construct new flood damage reduction projects

In summer 2018, the Flood Control District held 23 large-scale community information and engagement meetings to provide Harris County residents the opportunity to review and provide input on the preliminary list of flood damage reduction projects. These meetings were held in each of Harris County's 23 major watersheds. Approximately 3,800 community members attended these meetings, and more than 2,300 community input comments were received. Additionally, 38 capital projects were added to the preliminary project listing as a result of the community engagement meetings.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

23

Watershed Community Engagement Meetings (hosted by HCFCD)

43

Additional Community Meetings (hosted by Civic Organizations)*

3,800+

Community Engagement Meeting Registered Attendees*

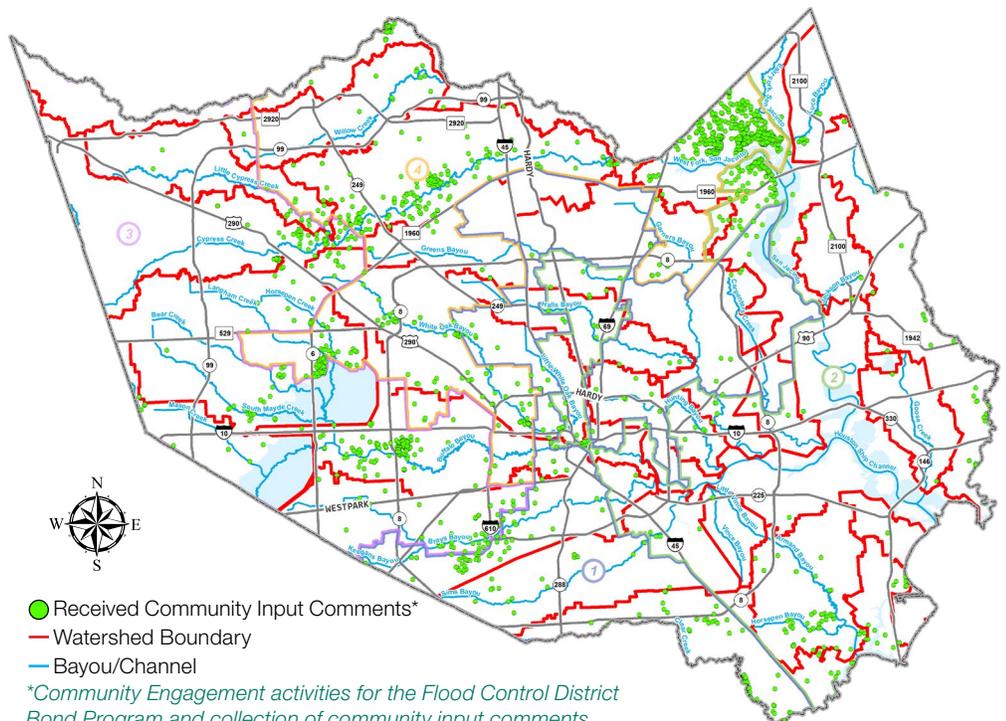
70,000+

Bond Program Website Visitors*

2,400+

Community Input Comments Received*

RECEIVED COMMUNITY INPUT COMMENTS*



*Community Engagement activities for the Flood Control District Bond Program and collection of community input comments occurred from May 30 through August 3, 2018.