

MEETING OVERVIEW

Harris County Precinct: 2



Date and Time:

June 7, 2018, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location:

Bay Area Community Center
5002 E. NASA Parkway
Seabrook, TX 77586

Recorded Attendance: 91

Public Comments Received:

86

New Project or Buyout

4

In Support of Proposed
Bond Project

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Comment

8

Question

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Other

69



WATERSHED APPROACH

The Flood Control District will focus on initiating a watershed-wide planning study to identify alternatives to address drainage issues in the Armand Bayou watershed. The drainage study would involve significant public involvement and input, and recommended alternatives would have bond funding for design and construction immediately following completion of the study. Voluntary home buyouts for structures that meet Flood Control District requirements are also planned for this watershed.

BENEFITS

Bond Program projects would benefit residents of the Armand Bayou watershed by reducing the risk of future flooding through channel conveyance improvements and additional stormwater detention capacity. Some of these benefits are detailed below:

- Design and construction of the Baywood and Red Bluff stormwater detention basin would provide significant stormwater detention capacity, keeping stormwater away from private property.
- Conveyance improvements along Horsepen Bayou (B104-00-00) and Willow Springs Creek (B112-00-00) are included in the Bond Program to address long-standing drainage issues along those waterways, notably in the Brookglen subdivision.
- Voluntary home buyouts and funding for acquisition of flood-prone property would also improve drainage issues in the watershed.

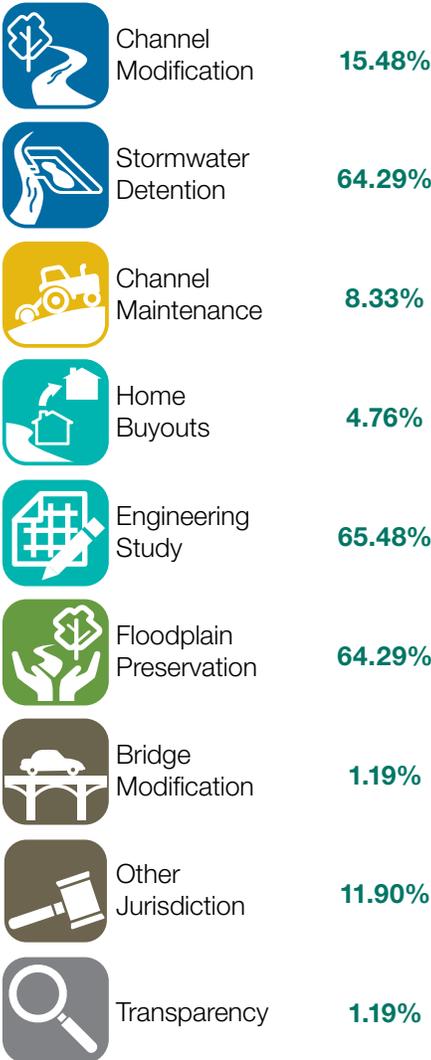


COMMUNITY INPUT REVIEW PROCESS

Each public comment was considered individually by the Flood Control District. Comments were reviewed to identify and categorize the ideas, concerns, requests, and information presented. This input was then categorized by theme for incorporation into the proposed Bond Program, and the Flood Control District team responded to each community input comment received. Themes identified for Armand Bayou watershed are detailed below.

A total of two new “Community Input” projects were incorporated into the proposed Bond Program as a result of community input, and four Citizen Service Requests were received.

PUBLIC INPUT THEMES



COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY

From May 30 through August 3, 2018, the Flood Control District received a total of 86 community input comments related to flood damage reduction concerns in the Armand Bayou watershed. Common themes and requests expressed through community input include support for floodplain preservation within the watershed, study requests related to benefits of floodplain preservation and regional detention, and requests for additional regional detention facilities.

A summary of community input follows:

- More than 55 comments expressed clear support for the Middle Armand Bayou Protection Partnership Project.
- Requests for regional detention within the watershed were quadruple the number of requests for channel modifications along Armand Bayou.
- The Armand Bayou Nature Center is of particular interest within this watershed, and community input identifies that – through land acquisition, ecological enhancement, and engaged partnerships – flood risks can be reduced through active floodplain preservation efforts.
- At least ten public comments indicated localized drainage issues occurring along local thoroughfares and within area subdivisions. These street drainage concerns fall outside of the Flood Control District’s jurisdiction, as the Flood Control District is charged with minimizing flood risks associated with Harris County’s bayou system specifically.
- Several individuals expressed the need for additional channel maintenance activities to occur along Armand Bayou.
- Four individuals requested that the Flood Control District consider their property for the Flood Control District’s Voluntary Home Buyout Program.

Some of the concerns expressed within the Armand Bayou watershed fall outside of the Flood Control District’s jurisdiction, requiring coordination with other municipalities and/or organizations to address these comments.

Community input resulted in the development of the projects listed below:

COMMUNITY INPUT PROJECTS	DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS	LOCAL COST
Brookglen Flooding Mitigation Analysis	Effort will investigate flooding problems and evaluate potential solutions to flooding problems to reduce the risk of flooding in the Brookglen area.	\$ 250,000
Planning, Right-Of-Way, Design and Construction of Conveyance Improvements along Horsepen Bayou	Project could reduce the risk of flooding for structures in the watershed. Some project costs will be determined based on partnership with NASA.	\$ 6,000,000