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Issue 5

# THE ADVOCATE

## Barker Flood Prevention Newsletter



### Important Dates

#### Barker Flood Prevention Community Meeting

**February 26th, 6:00-8:00pm**

Kingsland Baptist Church— The Loft

The US Army Corps of Engineers will be the featured presenter. Sheri Willey, Deputy Chief of Project Management will discuss current Corps projects related to our reservoirs and watersheds.

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### In The News

#### White House Eyes Army Corps Funds to Build Wall

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/politics/us/article/White-House-eyes-Army-Corps-funds-to-build-wall>

#### Call to Action:

BFP Position Statement:

The idea of diverting unspent funding allocated for emergency relief and military construction (including Corps of Engineers funds) to pay for US-Mexico border barriers was floated this week.

Our area was devastated by Harvey and still faces the threat of future flooding. Barker Flood Prevention adamantly opposes diversion of disaster recovery and flood mitigation funds to any other purpose. These funds should be protected and expedited to the intended relief efforts.

We encourage our supporters to contact legislators to share your opposition and request that funds be expedited.

See the below link for the contact information for your local representatives:

John Cornyn- [www.cornyn.senate.gov](http://www.cornyn.senate.gov)

Dan Crenshaw- <https://crenshaw.house.gov>

Ted Cruz- [www.cruz.senate.gov](http://www.cruz.senate.gov)

Michael McCaul- <https://mccaul.house.gov>

Lizzie Fletcher- <https://fletcher.house.gov>

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#### Learn More About Our Leadership and Initiatives

<https://www.chron.com/neighborhood/katy/news/article/SUNDAY-CONVERSATION-Advocacy-group-co-founder>

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### Barker Flood Prevention Mission Statement:

Barker Flood Prevention is a non-partisan volunteer group advocating flood management solutions for the Barker Reservoir watershed by coordinating with public agencies and elected officials, educating the community about flood management projects and policies, and encouraging timely implementation of effective projects.

#### Action Items:

1. Increase conveyance within the Barker Reservoir watershed and surrounding area through de-silting and channel realignment projects
2. Increase capacity in Barker Reservoir through selective or mass excavation
3. Increase conveyance out of Barker Reservoir by building a flood tunnel or other means
4. Manage the Cypress Creek overflow by building a third reservoir or other means

Barker Flood Prevention Steering Committee is made up of community leaders, experts in hydrology, sedimentation, flood prevention, civil engineering and other pertinent fields. The purpose of this committee is to evaluate proposals, provide feedback and advocate to agencies and politicians for those projects we feel would be most beneficial to our community.

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