



Call to Action!

Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries Resiliency Study

After a series of public meetings, the USACE is soliciting comments from the public regarding the scope of the study, potential alternatives that should be considered, and environmental resources and impacts that should be addressed during the study process. Comments should be postmarked by May 31, 2019 for consideration during the formulation and technical analyses phase. Comments can be provided in one of two ways:

1. Submit electronically to: BBTRS@usace.army.mil
2. Mail to: USACE, Galveston District, Attn: BBTRS, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229

For additional information on the study, visit: <https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/>

A letter has been submitted to the Corps on behalf of Barker Flood Prevention (see below). Please feel free to use this submission as a guide for your own correspondence. You may copy the letter verbatim if you wish.

For more information, please visit www.barkerfloodprevention.org.

In The News

From the 86th Session of the Texas State Legislature:

- The Texas House of Representatives passed SB 7 to pull more than \$3 billion from the state's rainy day fund to help pay for flood control projects statewide.
- SB 8 has also received approval. This bill would help finance and allow representatives from each of the state flood planning regions to craft a plan and submit it to the water development board for consideration. High priority projects would be considered first for funding.
- Leadership in Austin has also brokered an agreement on House Bill 13 and House Joint Resolution 4. These bills, in conjunction with SB 7 & 8, will provide planning for USACE projects, and resilient infrastructure projects which will be placed before Texas voters in November.
- Barker Flood Prevention fully supports all these measures and encourages you to reach out to your state legislators to voice your support. A list of representatives is available at <https://www.barkerfloodprevention.org/contact-your-officials>

The Greater Houston Flood Mitigation Consortium released a second report this week, which focuses on hard-hit vulnerable neighbors. The report makes a number of recommendations, most of which relate to affordable housing. Learn more at: <https://www.houstonconsortium.com/>

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

Join us by going to barkerfloodprevention.org/join

Like and follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/barkerfloodprevention/>

www.barkerfloodprevention.org