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# **Barker Flood Prevention Newsletter**



## **November 5th Flood Related General Election Issues**

Early Voting now until November 1st

## 2019 Texas Legislation Update

The 2019 Legislative session passed legislation to address flood prevention and remediation. However, the job is not done. Three constitutional amendments on the November 5 ballot need approval in order to implement the legislation. Barker Flood Prevention supports propositions 2, 3 and 8. For additional information go to <a href="https://ballotpedia.org/Texas">https://ballotpedia.org/Texas</a> 2019 ballot measures

### BFP Position on Fort Bend County \$83 Million Flood Bond Referendum

On November 5, Fort Bend County voters will decide on an \$83 million bond referendum including flood-related projects.

The bond issue as written is imperfect. It would benefit from more research, specificity and detail. However, many included projects such as channel clearing are overdue, and details can be refined after passage. This bond is a much-needed first step.

Therefore, Barker Flood Prevention recommends a vote in favor of this bond.

We commit to working with Fort Bend County officials to optimize execution of bond projects. We also encourage Fort Bend County to be more thorough, transparent and open to community input for any future flood-related bonds and projects.

# **Meetings Attended**

### HCFCD Public Comments on 'Study to Evaluate Bridges and Bypass Channels

The conclusions from this part of the study were that the benefit/cost ratio (plus disruption to local infrastructure) from a 7" elevation reduction was (disappointingly) low and therefore would likely not attract funding. For more information visit www.barkerfloodprevention.org

# **Progress**

### Flood Tunnel Passes Initial Feasibility Study

Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) has released the Phase One Final Report for the flood tunnel which, if constructed, will provide the much needed conveyance out of the Barker and Addicks Reservoirs. Initial findings are favorable, and HCFCD will continue with phase 2 of the 3 part study. Please use the link below to learn more details.

#### Z-08 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDY FOR LARGE DIAM-ETER TUNNELS FOR STORMWATER CONVEYANCE

### **Harris County Flood Bond Projects**

F-52: Rehabilitation of Approximately 20 Miles of Channels Upstream of Barker Reservoir to Restore Channel Capacity.



For an interactive map of specific subdivision drainage improvement and storm repair projects go to:

https://www.harriscountyfemt.org/cb

### **Fort Bend County**

#### Current

Desilting Willow Fork Channel of Buffalo Bayou – Cost Unknown - Completion due October 2019

Cane Island Branch Repair—Cost Not Available—Completion due February 1, 2020

Peek Road Bridge Channel Banks—\$1.025M—Design Phase 90% Complete

### **Completed Projects**

Fort Bend County Rain Gage Network—\$47K—Five gages installed May 2019

### For more information go to <a href="https://">https://</a>

www.fortbendcountytx.gov/government/departments-a-d/ county-judge/fort-bend-county-recovery-and-mitigation-report

# **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.

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