

# THE ADVOCATE

## Barker Flood Prevention Newsletter



### July 14th, 2020 Primary Runoff Elections

We encourage you to research the candidates positions on flood control issues and VOTE! For more information:  
<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments-e-n/elections-voter-registration/primary-runoff-election-day>  
<https://harrisvotes.com/>

### 2019 Flood Related General Election Issues

#### Texas Legislation Ballot Measures Passed

- Proposition 2 – Allows the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$200 million in bonds.
- Proposition 3— Authorizes temporary property tax exemption for disaster areas.
- Proposition 8— Creates a Flood Infrastructure Fund

#### Fort Bend County \$83 Million Flood Bond Referendum Approved

Allows the Fort Bend County Drainage District to borrow money for 25 flooding and drainage projects. As a result, the district will not have to raise taxes. Many of the projects are based on approval of state or federal grant money. The grant money will translate into nearly \$260 million worth of projects.

For details on projects, go to— [Fort Bend Flood Bond Projects](#)

### Meetings Attended

Dan Crenshaw w/HCFCD—Flooding. View webinar here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liLdRThrbM&feature=youtu.be>

### Progress

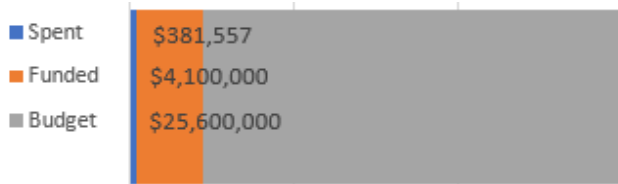
#### Flood Tunnel Passes Initial Feasibility Study

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 Addick's 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.

<https://www.hcfcd.org/Z08-Tunnel-Study/Prel.-Opinion>

#### Harris County Flood Bond Projects

F-52: Rehabilitation of Approximately 20 Miles of Channels Upstream of Barker Reservoir to restore



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

<https://www.harriscountyfemr.org/cb>

#### Fort Bend County

##### Current

Peek Road Bridge Channel Banks—\$1.025M—Design phase complete

##### Completed Projects

- Silt removed from the Willow Fork branch of Buffalo Bayou
- Cane Island Branch Repair—Cost Not Available—Completion due February 1, 2020
- Initiated a five-year plan for annual inspections, cleanup and repair of drainage infrastructure.

##### For more information go to:

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/recovery-and-mitigation-report>

#### Willow Fork Drainage District

Continues the \$4.2MM desilt project for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Diversion Channel in the Cinco Ranch area of Katy. Approximately 130,000 cubic yards out of 181,000 cubic yards of material have been removed from the channel, and 60,000 cubic yards have been transported off site. Allgood Construction, the contractor for this project, anticipates completion around the end of summer. Weather permitting

##### For more information go to:

<https://www.willowforkdrainagedistrict.com/drainage/hurricane-harvey-recovery/>

### 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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