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## STUDY WILL SEEK FLOODING SOLUTIONS IN HARRIS COUNTY'S CEDAR BAYOU WATERSHED

This fall the Harris County Flood Control District will launch the **Cedar Bayou Flood Risk Reduction Study**, which will analyze flooding and drainage issues in the Cedar Bayou watershed in east Harris County. The goal is to develop proposed short- and long-term solutions that would reduce flooding risks related to the bayou and its tributaries.

The Flood Control District and Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman's office will work together during the study effort to proactively communicate with residents who live and work in the watershed, and will hold public meetings at key points in the process to gather input and share information about the study.

"We've had some bad floods within the last year and a half, especially in the Crosby and Huffman area. These residents want to see more flood reduction projects in east Harris County," said Commissioner Morman. "With the continued growth, it's imperative we get a handle on this before it gets any worse."

The study will focus on the portion of the watershed that is in unincorporated Harris County, so the Flood Control District and Precinct 2 will coordinate meetings with residents and business owners who live and work in this area and who have firsthand knowledge of flooding issues. Because the watershed lies in the boundaries of several jurisdictions, the study team will also coordinate with Liberty and Chambers counties, the cities of Baytown and Mont Belvieu, and various community groups with interest in the Cedar Bayou watershed.

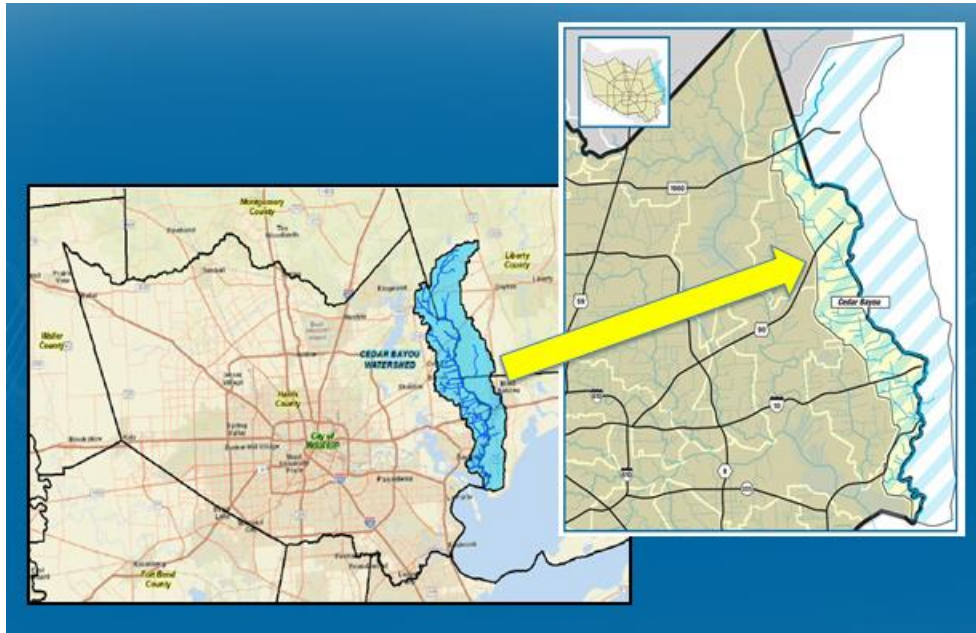
Funding for the study is made possible by a \$250,000 flood protection planning grant awarded to the Flood Control District by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), which recently authorized \$3.5 million in grants from the Disaster Contingency Fund for 17 projects around the state. The Flood Control District has already committed an additional \$400,000 towards the work effort.

As part of the Cedar Bayou Flood Risk Reduction Study, the Flood Control District will investigate Cedar Bayou and its tributaries in order to determine areas that frequently flood and the causes of those flooding issues. The team will:

- Identify flood risks and estimate potential damages due to flooding.
- Identify and evaluate potential flood risk reduction projects, such as channel improvements and regional stormwater detention basins.
- Estimate the costs and benefits of the proposed projects.

- Develop an implementation plan that prioritizes the recommended solutions.

The Cedar Bayou watershed is located in east Harris County. Cedar Bayou forms most of the boundary between Harris County and Liberty and Chambers counties, with about half of the watershed in Harris and the remainder in the other two counties. Cedar Bayou flows south from its headwaters in Liberty County to its mouth at Galveston Bay.



Cedar Bayou Flood Risk Reduction Study information and updates will be posted at [www.hcfd.org/projects-studies/projects-and-studies/cedar-bayou/cedar-bayou-flood-risk-reduction-study/](http://www.hcfd.org/projects-studies/projects-and-studies/cedar-bayou/cedar-bayou-flood-risk-reduction-study/)

To ask questions about the study, or to sign up for email updates, contact the Harris County Flood Control District's Project and Study Information Line at 713-684-4040, or email [ProjectCommunications@hcfd.org](mailto:ProjectCommunications@hcfd.org)

#### **ABOUT THE HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Harris County Flood Control District provides flood damage reduction projects that work, with appropriate regard for community and natural values. With more than 1,500 bayous and creeks totaling approximately 2,500 miles in length, the Flood Control District accomplishes its mission by devising flood damage reduction plans, implementing the plans and maintaining the infrastructure. To learn more about the Flood Control District, visit [www.hcfd.org](http://www.hcfd.org).

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