

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

To: All interested Agencies Groups and Individuals: Gulf Coast Water Authority, TPWD, Fort Bend County, City of Beasley, Local Citizens and River Bend Residents.

This is to give notice that Fort Bend County has determined that a portion of the following proposed action under the HUD Entitlement Community Development Block Grant Program is located in a wetland, and Fort Bend County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

There are two proposed projects in Fort Bend County. First is the City of Beasley Sanitary Sewer System Rehab located on the South Side of Loop 540, Beasley, Fort Bend County, Texas. The Beasley Sanitary Sewer System Rehab project replaces the existing clay lines with approximately 2,305 linear feet of 12" PVC sewer main on 4 inches of compacted bank and bedding with compacted bank sand extending to 12" above the pipe along the city alleyways. This phase two of the project line replacement is necessary due to area wide broken lines impacted by infiltrating tree roots and shifting soils. The approximate amount of impact to wetlands may be .01 acres.

The second project is the Fort Bend County MUD 19 Sewer Improvements Project. The Project construction activities consist of replacing the existing failing four (4")-inch force main at Riverwood Dr. Lift Station No. 1, extending 2,500 ft to the discharge manhole at the City of Richmond's gravity sanitary sewer at Preston St. The approximate amount of impact to wetlands may be .02 acres. Construction will include boring under the canal at Riverwood Dr. at 29°34'53.18"N, 95°46'40.52"W.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Community Development Program, Fort Bend County at the following address on or before November 29, 2019: Fort Bend County, 301 Jackson St, Richmond, TX 77461 Attention: Marilyn Kindell, Director, 281-341-4410, A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 to 5:00 at 301 Jackson St. and <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments-and-community-development/notices>. Comments may also be submitted via email at communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytexas.gov.

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