

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Harris County Flood Control District Greens Bayou Project, Texas
HMGP-DR-1791-TX Project #67

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures that reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to HCFCD for the construction of improvements to an existing stormwater detention basin and funding the construction of a new stormwater detention basin. The project area consists of the tracts of land of the two proposed detention basin locations, both located on the north side of Houston, Harris County, Texas, within the Greens Bayou watershed. The proposed P545-01-00-E005 (Kuykendahl) stormwater detention basin is located north of W. Rankin Road and west of Kuykendahl Road, adjacent to the North Fork of Greens Bayou (P145-00-00). The proposed P500-08-00-E001 (Glen Forest) stormwater detention basin is located east of Interstate Highway (IH) 45 between Rankin Road and Greens Road, adjacent to Greens Bayou.

The proposed action would add approximately 3,219 acre-feet of storage volume. The area of focus for the proposed project is a reach of Greens Bayou approximately 2 miles along W. Greens Road from Ella Boulevard to Imperial Valley Drive that experiences significant flood damages. The purpose of the proposed project is to lower flood water surface elevations and reduce structure flooding in this area. The proposed action would also include stream improvement and maintenance activities to accommodate flow into and out of the proposed stormwater detention basins.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on the human and natural environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Parts 9 and 10). The draft EA evaluates alternatives that provide for compliance with applicable environmental laws. The alternatives evaluated include (1) no action; (2) the proposed action described above.

The draft EA is available for review and comment at the Harris County Public Library Aldine Branch 11331 Airline Drive Houston, Texas 77037, Monday 1-8pm, Tuesday 10-7pm, Wednesday 1-8pm, Thursday 10-7pm, Friday 1-6pm, Saturday 10-5pm, Closed on Sunday, from October 30, 2014 to November 28, 2014. An electronic version of the draft EA can be requested from Dorothy Weir, FEMA Region 6, at dorothy.weir@fema.dhs.gov or viewed on FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents>.

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date. Written comments on the draft EA can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to Dorothy Weir, Environmental Specialist, FEMA Region 6, 800 N Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209, Fax: 940-297-0152; dorothy.weir@fema.dhs.gov. If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.