

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Construction of Improvements to a Stormwater Detention Basin
Houston, Harris County, Texas
HMGP-DR-1791-TX, Project No. 233

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 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA proposes to provide funding to HCFCD for the construction of improvements to an existing stormwater detention basin located east of Homestead Road, west of Kirkpatrick Boulevard, south of Miley Street and north of the Union Pacific railroad tracks in northeast Harris County, Texas. The proposed action would add 244 acre-feet of storage to the detention basin for Hunting Bayou. The proposed action would also include pilot channels, box culverts, a maintenance berm, and interceptor structures to accommodate flow into and out of the proposed stormwater detention basin. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide flood protection to the citizens of Houston, Texas and reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and FEMA's regulations implementing the NEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for review and comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm> or viewed at Houston Public Library – McCrane-Kashmere Gardens Library, 5411 Pardee Street, Houston, Texas 77026 (832-393-2450) between January 4, 2012 and February 2, 2012, from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (M); 10 p.m. - 6 p.m. (T-W); 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Th); and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (F).

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date of January 4, 2012. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or faxed to the contact listed below. If no substantive comments are received by 5:00 p.m. February 2, 2012, 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.

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