FORT BEND COUNTY LID 7 Serving New Territory since 1989 Status Update - Post Hurricane Harvey

After Harvey Actions

Pump Stations:

- Armoring pump cables
- Update wiring to allow all 4 pumps to run off generator
- Control panel upgrade
- Selectable inhibit switches
- Remote visual monitoring
- Pump Station lighting repairs

A Post-Harvey assessment has been created to document and evaluate the impact of Hurricane Harvey. The latest update of the assessment is available on the websites of NTRCA and LID 7.

Flood Fighting Facilities and Equipment On Hand

 Existing levee system, Ellis Creek, drainage sewers, detention ponds, and pump station.

 Six temporary pumps are "on-call". Two were used during Hurricane Harvey. We have added four additional temporary pumps.

 Tiger Dams purchased during Hurricane Harvey remain available until such time as permanent solutions can be implemented.

Planned Projects

North levee closure
Pump Station capacity expansion
Brazos river bank erosion mitigation
External drainage channel repairs
Expanded internal storm water detention
Drainage improvements

Step One - Near Term

 \$12,150,000 bond application has been submitted to the TCEQ for the issuance of \$12,150,000 in bonds to finance:

- Northeast levee closure,
- Northwest levee closure,
- Pump Station Expansion
- Engineering Fees for studies related to the Brazos River erosion mitigation project.
- Assuming state approval, these funds will be available in the third quarter of 2018.

Step Two - Long Term

Two separate engineering firms are developing effective and cost efficient solutions to increase flood protection for New Territory.

 AECOM has been tasked with developing a Brazos River bank stabilization and erosion mitigation project.

 Costello, Inc. has been tasked with creating a working model of flooding during Harvey that can be used to test different ways to decrease the risk of potential flooding in New Territory.

Step Two - Long Term continued

 LID 7 has called a Bond Authorization Election on May 5, 2018, for the voters to consider authorization of up to \$121,150,000 in bonds to finance all projects under consideration.

• Importantly, the bond election merely *authorizes* LID 7 to issue bonds. If LID 7 actually issues bonds, the amount for each issuance will depend on the specific needs and details of each project to be funded.

Step Two - Long Term continued

- In advance of the Bond Election on May 5, 2018, LID 7 will hold an "open house" on April 24, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the Club at New Territory.
- Voters can learn more about the concepts for the proposed projects and the forecasted tax-rate impacts.
- Voters will have the opportunity to visit with the Board and its professional consultants.

Why did my 2017 taxes go up?

Taxes in 2017 were increased to:

- Fund emergency operating expenses and flood fighting equipment utilized during Hurricane Harvey
- Fund near-term pump station improvements
- Fund operations and maintenance for the new Reclaimed Water System.
- Fund proposed project studies

Will LID 7 taxes increase in the future?

- If the May 5, 2018, Bond Authorization Election passes, and if LID 7 issues more bonds, the short answer is taxes will increase.
- More information about the tax-rate impact of the issuance of additional bonds will be shared at upcoming Board meetings and at the open house on April 24, 2018.

VOTERS DECIDE. Voters will decide whether to authorize LID 7 to issue more bonds to fund more flood protection projects.

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