

San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan Public Meeting Summary Report FALL 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

TOMBALL

Date and Time:
December 16, 2019
3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location:

Lonestar Bekendorf Conference Center30555 Tomball Parkway
Tomball, Texas 77375

Recorded Attendance: 14 Comments Recieved: 4

KINGWOOD

Date and Time:
December 17, 2019
3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location:

Kingwood Community Center 4102 Rustic Woods Drive Kingwood, Texas 77345

Recorded Attendance: 159 Comments Recieved: 51

HUFFMAN

Date and Time:
December 19, 2019
3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location:

May Community Center 2100 Wolf Road Huffman, Texas 77336

Recorded Attendance: 54 Comments Recieved: 14

Email Comments Recieved: 17



Attendees veiw an exhibit showing the San Jacinto River watershed.

SAN JACINTO REGIONAL WATERSHED MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN



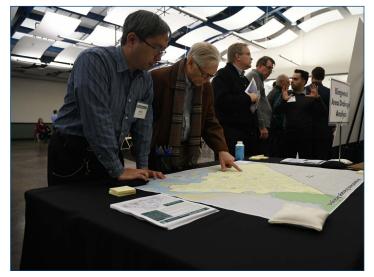
Attendees view exhibits and discuss the Study at the Kingwood open house.

STUDY OVERVIEW

This regional planning study, led by four local partners, including the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA), Montgomery County, and the City of Houston, was kickstarted in 2019 to identify future flood mitigation projects that can be implemented in the near- and long-term to reduce flood risks to people and property throughout the San Jacinto River Watershed. The San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan (SJMDP) team hosted three public open houses in December 2019 to encourage public participation and input in the SJMDP and provide information about other ongoing study efforts in the San Jacinto River Watershed. A second round of public open houses is anticipated to be held in summer 2020, and the final Study report is anticipated to be released in fall 2020. For more information about the Study and future public meetings, please visit sanjacstudy.org.

GOALS OF THE SJMDP

Overall, the SJMDP aims to provide an up-to-date technical basis to identify flooding vulnerabilities for future growth and improve flood resiliency within the watershed. The goals of the SJMDP are being achieved by the development of a set of hydrologic and hydraulic models for the major tributaries of the Upper San Jacinto River regional watershed (from the headwaters in Walker County to the Interstate 10 crossing at the San Jacinto River in Harris County). The models will use consistent, cohesive methodology and rainfall rates, regardless of the county in which those channels are located.





Attendees discuss exhibits with Study Team representatives.

COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY

- Concerns regarding study budget limiting the size of study area
- Concerns regarding localized flooding issues
- Concerns regarding drainage blockage under FM 2100
- Requests to include communities located in the I-10 & 610 area in the study
- Comments both in support of and against the Lake Conroe temporary seasonal lake lowering program
- Requests to build gates on Lake Houston to reduce flooding
- Requests to deepen the river south of Lake Houston to increase the amount of water it can move to the Houston Ship Channel
- Concerns that sandmining and silting of rivers are making flooding worse
- Concerns that not enough is being done to protect businesses in the Kingwood Town Center area

MEETING DISPLAY SUMMARY

Materials and presentations at all three meetings included information about the following projects, studies, and efforts in the region:

- San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan
- Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis
- Huffman Area Drainage Analysis
- Spring Creek Watershed Planning Study
- Luce Bayou Watershed Planning Study
- Willow Creek Watershed Planning Study
- Jackson Bayou Watershed Planning Study
- Cedar Bayou Tributary Analysis
- Channel Maintenance, Repairs, and Service Requests
- San Jacinto River Authority-led Projects
- City of Houston-led Projects
- Harris County Permit Office
- Harris County Engineering Department Recovery and Resiliency Division
- Hurricane Harvey Repair Efforts
- Information about services provided by Harris County Flood Control District, Harris County and Montgomery County
- Kingwood Area General Information
- Harris County Flood Control District Projects
- Harris County Community Services Department



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