

# **2018 Bond Program Monthly Update**

Harris County Commissioners Court – July 2022



In June, the Harris County Flood Control District hosted a virtual public meeting on the Feasibility Study of Stormwater Conveyance Tunnels with more than 600 participants and nearly 200 comments. The Phase 2 report released by the Flood Control District identified large-diameter underground stormwater tunnels as having the potential to significantly reduce flooding risks in Harris County, warranting additional analyses. Preliminary information regarding a potentially "transformational" system of tunnels that could reduce persistent flooding for tens of thousands of homes was included in the update of the feasibility study, which was launched after Harris County officials challenged the Flood Control District to develop new flood risk reduction tools in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

The Flood Control District also hosted virtual meetings to share updates and gather input on projects in the Armand Bayou watershed (B104-00-00 Horsepen Bayou Stormwater Conveyance Improvement project), in the Cypress Creek Watershed (Mercer Stormwater Detention Basin K500-21-00), in the Halls Bayou Watershed (Halls Bayou Bond Program – Summer 2022 Updates) and in the Cedar Bayou watershed (Channel Conveyance Improvements along Clawson Ditch Q122-00-00).

#### **Construction Contracts Awarded**

Total – Count

47

Total – Amount

\$392M

#### **Agreements Awarded**

Last Month - Count

5

Last Month - Amount

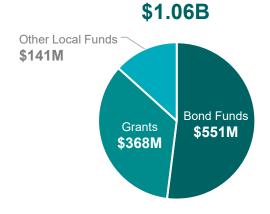
\$20M

Total - Count

459

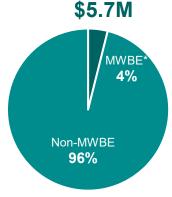
Total – Amount \$358 M

### **Total Spending through June 2022**



#### **Professional Services Invoices Paid**

Total Invoiced – 06/01/2022 to 06/30/2022



<sup>\*</sup>Minority- and/or Women Owned Business Enterprises (MW

#### **Overall Progress**

#### % Complete of the 2018 Bond Program

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#### **Key Performance Indicators**\*

\*\*SPI is Schedule Performance Index. Closest to 1 is the best, with anything above or below that as indicators for trending. For SPI, anything above 1 indicates ahead of schedule and under 1 behind

#### **Home Buyouts**

Home Buyouts in Progress

Home Buyouts Completed Includes CSD Mandatory Buyouts Buyouts Funding Secured

Buyouts Funding Secured -Spent to Date

351

\$516M \$156.6M

#### In the News

The following represent construction notices distributed by the Harris County Flood Control District in June 2021. To view more information, log on to hcfcd.org and visit the "Latest News" section.

#### Flood Control District releases Phase 2 results of Tunnel Feasibility Study (June 2022)

Concept of a future tunnel system recommended for further analysis

HOUSTON, TX - June 21, 2022 - Large-diameter underground stormwater tunnels have the potential to significantly reduce flooding risks in Harris County and warrant deeper analysis, the Harris County Flood Control District announced today with publication of its "Feasibility Study of Stormwater Conveyance Tunnels - Phase 2" report. Preliminary information regarding a potentially "transformational" system of tunnels that could reduce persistent flooding for tens of thousands of homes were included in this update of the feasibility study, which was launched after Harris County officials challenged the Flood Control District to develop new flood risk reduction tools in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

The second phase of the feasibility study shows that a potential tunnel system, if added to the existing bayou channels and detention basin network, could be a highly effective option for reducing flooding in densely populated areas of Harris County. The potential eight tunnel alignments (or locations) identified in the feasibility study represent the foundation of a Harris County tunnel system that could potentially reduce flooding in and around areas designated as damage centers. A damage center is a concentrated area that has and will continue to flood repeatedly, with water in homes and businesses. Damage centers were identified through a data-driven process, and then the damage centers were reviewed further to account for social vulnerability and other factors, in and around the watershed. By applying a social vulnerability screening, the feasibility study team identified the neighborhoods where people are least able to recover from a disaster. This comprehensive approach to flood damage reduction incorporates traditional engineering factors, as well as environmental and social considerations. This approach differs from one focused mainly on a cost-to-benefit ratio based on property values.

At the start of the tunnel feasibility study (Phase 1), the team confirmed that it is potentially possible to construct tunnels in many areas of the county. In the next stage (Phase 2), the team identified potential individual tunnel locations, considering various elements such as elevation, community impacts and availability of vacant land for traditional projects. As the benefits of tunnels became more evident during the feasibility study, however, the team also identified the potential benefits gained when tunnel alignments work synergistically with each other, al instead of as independent alignments. A comprehensive approach to flood risk reduction, with the use of a tunnel system in conjunction with the existing drainage system, would provide significantly more benefits by allowing the different alignments to reduce the flood risk across multiple watersheds.

So far, the Phase 2 feasibility study has found that tunnels would require the acquisition of much less property, as compared to traditional flood risk reduction projects. Also, because the majority of tunnel construction would happen deep underground, a tunnel may have a flexible alignment that is not tied as closely to a bayou or creek. For example, a tunnel could potentially provide benefits to flood damage centers in more than one watershed. Tunnels are being considered as an addition to – not a replacement for – the county's existing stormwater management network of bayous, channels and stormwater detention basins.

The resulting tunnel system includes a potential eight tunnel concepts along the following bayous, in alphabetical order:

- Brays Bayou
- Buffalo Bayou
- Clear Creek, Berry Bayou and Vince Bayou
- Greens Bayou, Halls Bayou and Hunting Bayou
- Halls Bayou and Hunting Bayou
- Little Cypress Creek and Cypress Creek
- Sims Bayou
- and White Oak Bayou

These preliminary alignments from the Phase 2 feasibility study are conceptual and may change as more field information and modeling results are collected. These potential tunnel concepts come at a high cost, but in some situations can compare favorably against multiple smaller traditional projects totaling the same potential benefit. Preliminary construction cost estimates for a typical 10-mile tunnel segment are in the \$3-\$4 billion range. Funding for design and construction would require state and/or federal partnership funding, as well as a local share. If funding is secured, design and construction is estimated to take 10-15 years for a single representative 10-mile tunnel segment.

"Although the costs of a tunnel system are significant and finding partnership funding for a project of this scale is not guaranteed, we are excited about exploring tunnels as an additional tool to reduce flooding risks in Harris County," said Flood Control District Executive Director Tina Petersen. "There is still additional analysis to be done on the economic benefits and integration into our current stormwater management network, and we are asking for public feedback as we move forward."

Additional analysis that could occur in Phase 3 of the feasibility study would quantify countywide economic benefits of adding a tunnel system to our current stormwater management network, identify how to integrate such a system into our existing network, identify funding strategies, further investigate and refine potential tunnel alignments, and continue to gather public input. Phase 3 investigation could begin as early as Spring of 2023.

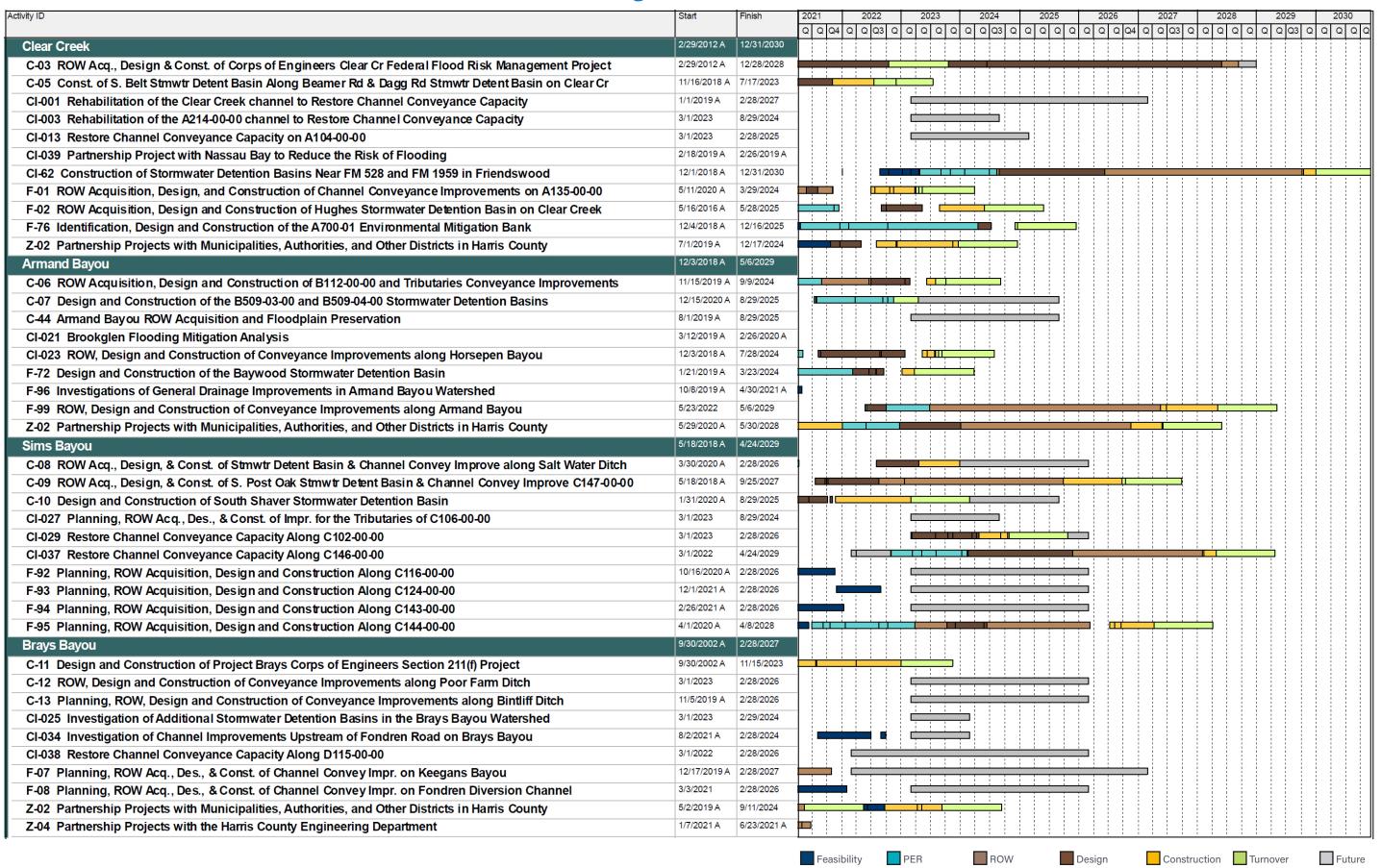
Materials from a June 16, 2022, Community Engagement Meeting, including meeting video and presentation, are available at <a href="https://www.hcfcd.org/tunnels.">www.hcfcd.org/tunnels.</a>

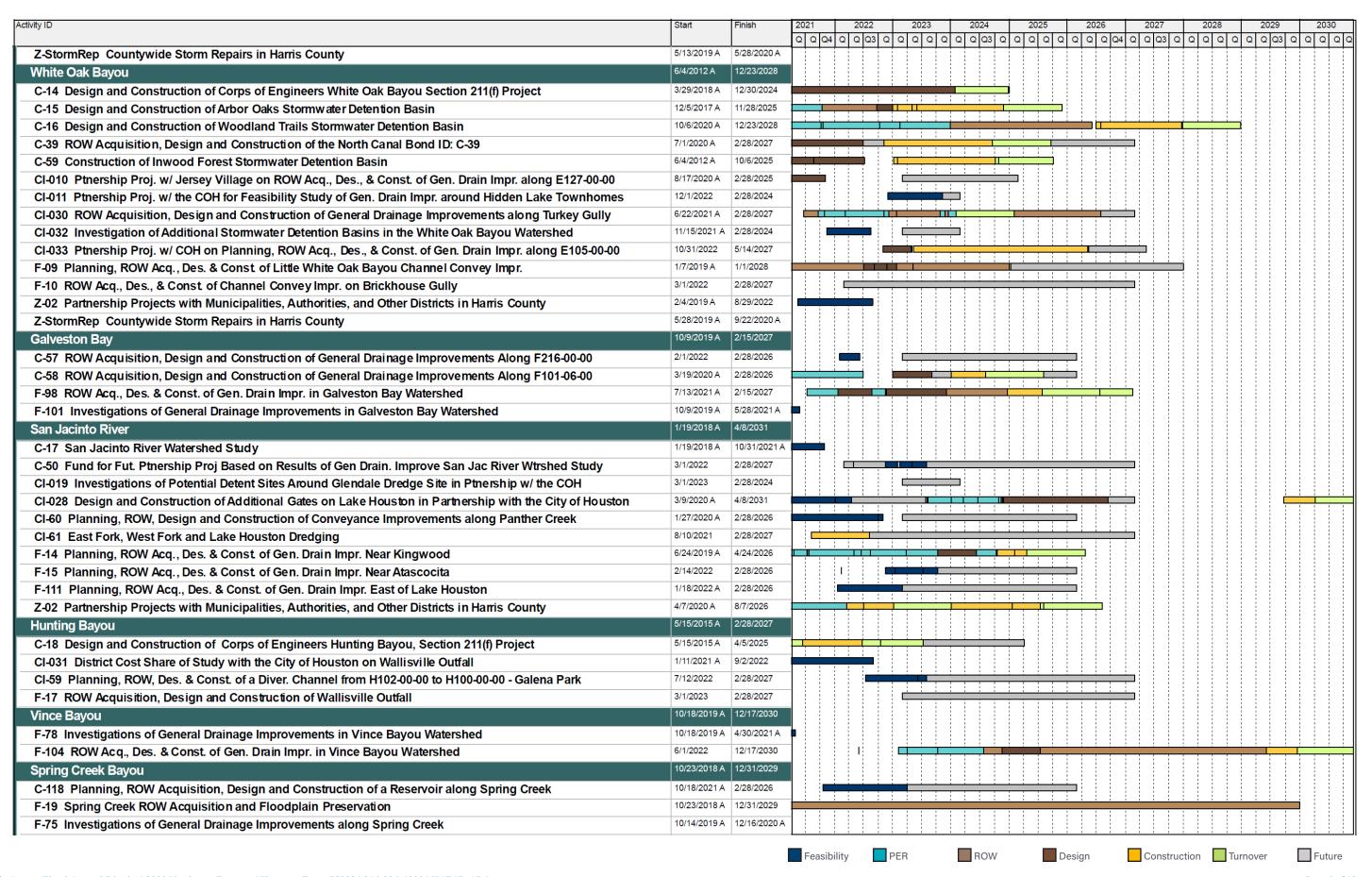
#### **Construction Update for Traffic Switch Along Brays Bayou** (June 2022)

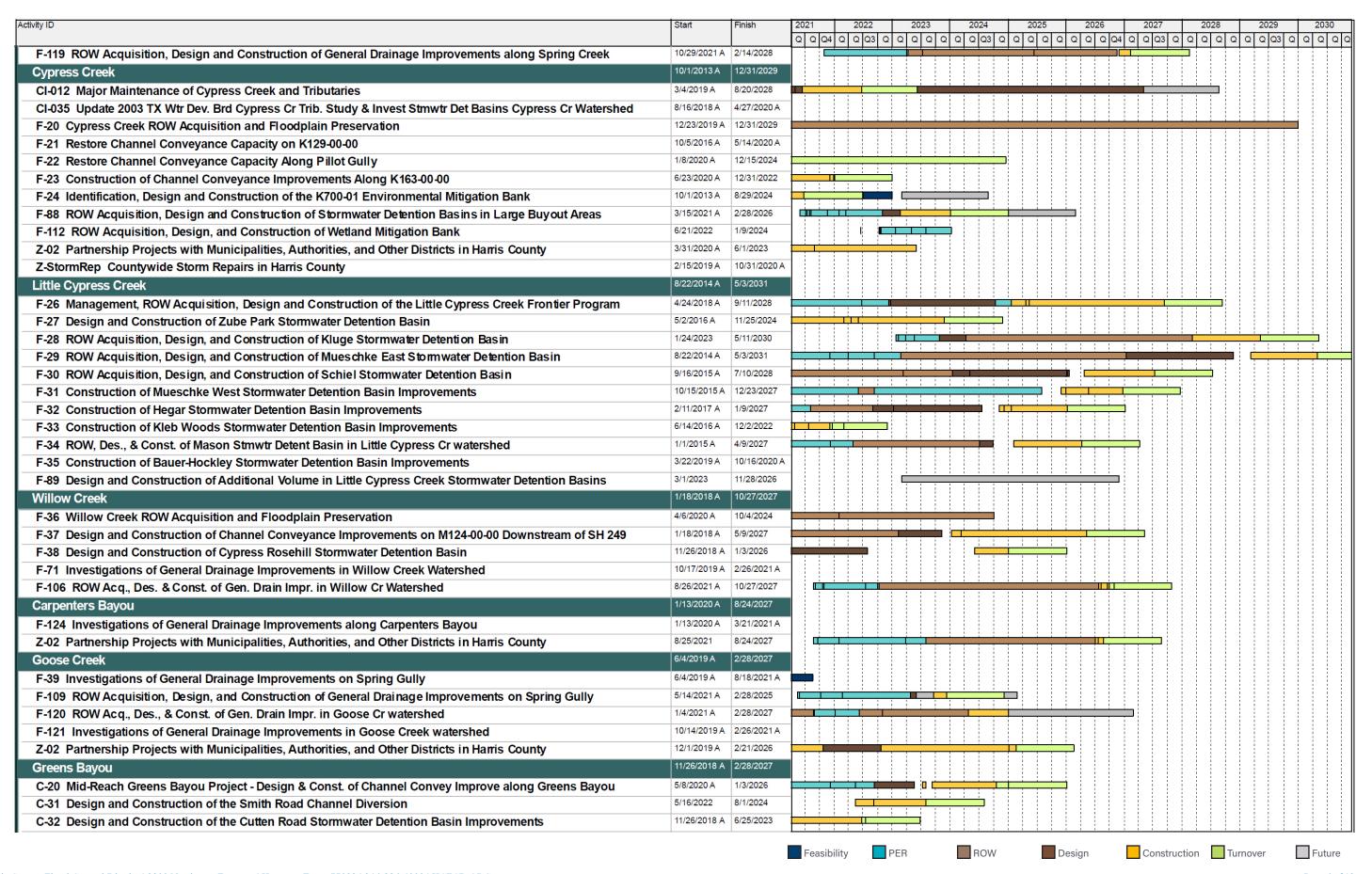
This weekend, there will be a traffic switch on South Braeswood Boulevard along Brays Bayou at the Chimney Rock Road intersection.

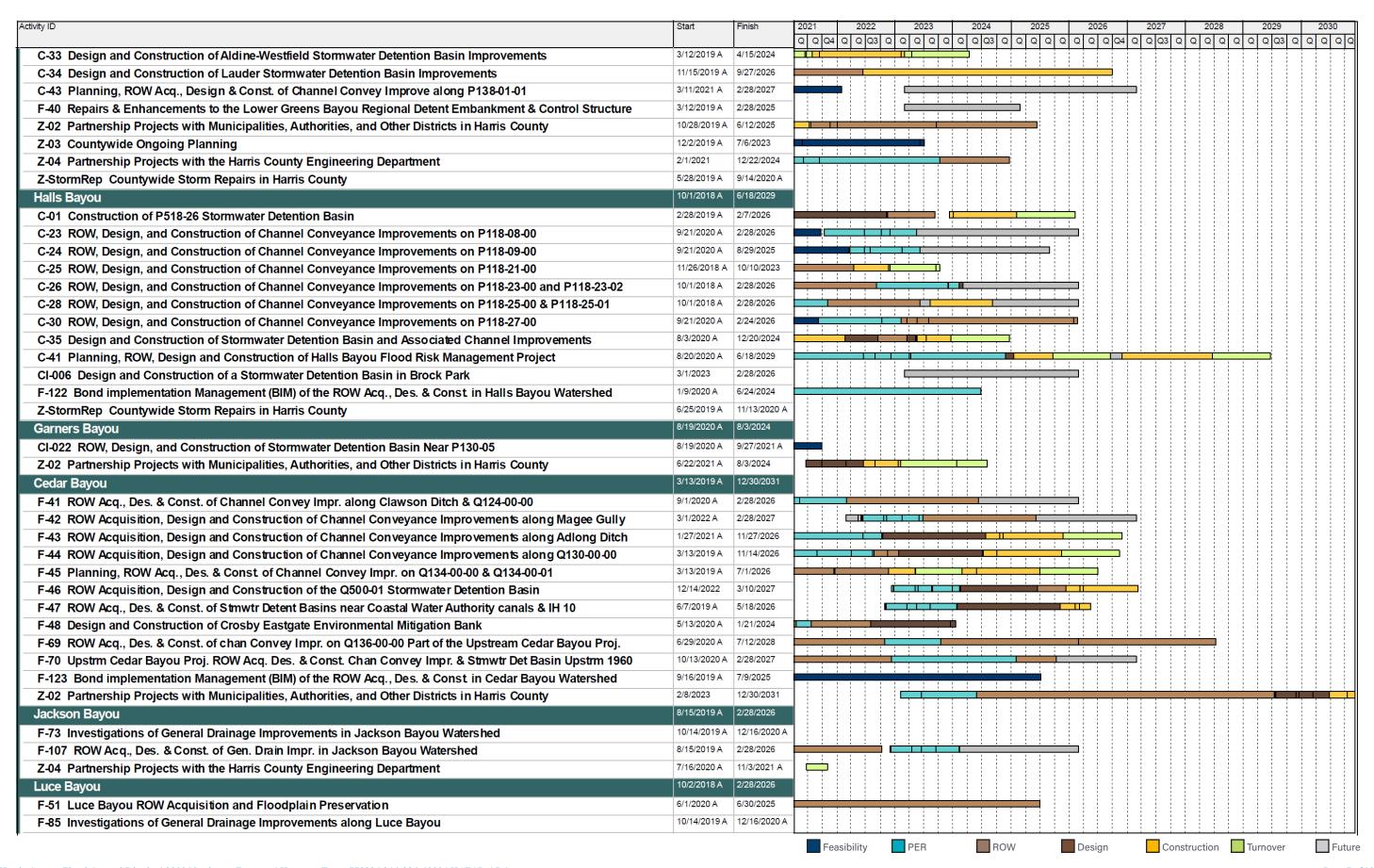
The two-way traffic currently on the north half of the boulevard will be shifting to the south half of the boulevard. The temporary lane shift along with the associated construction should be completed within one week. Commuters should follow all directional signage, striping, and signal lights during this temporary traffic shift. For more information, visit projectbrays.org.

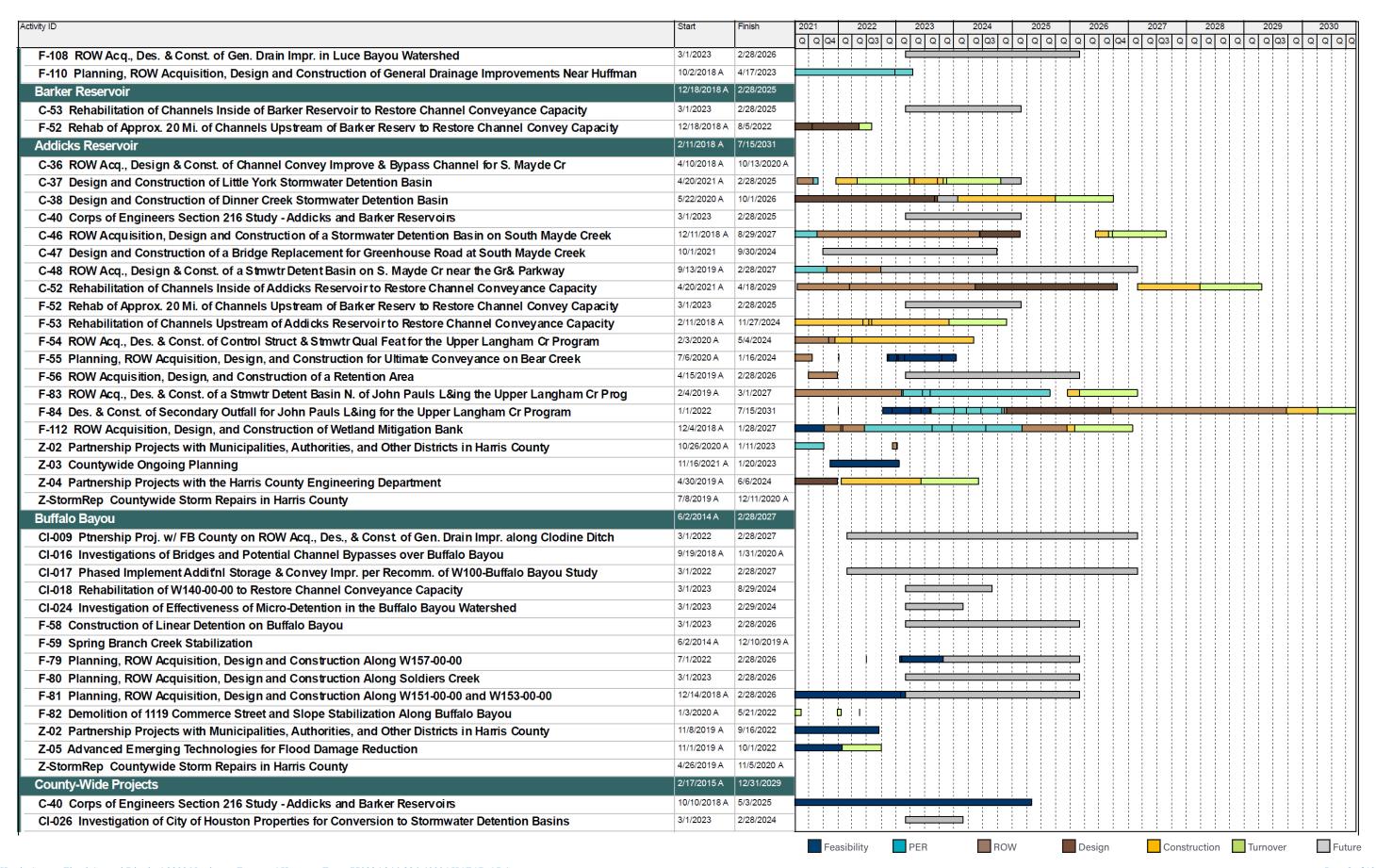
## **2018 Bond Program Master Schedule**

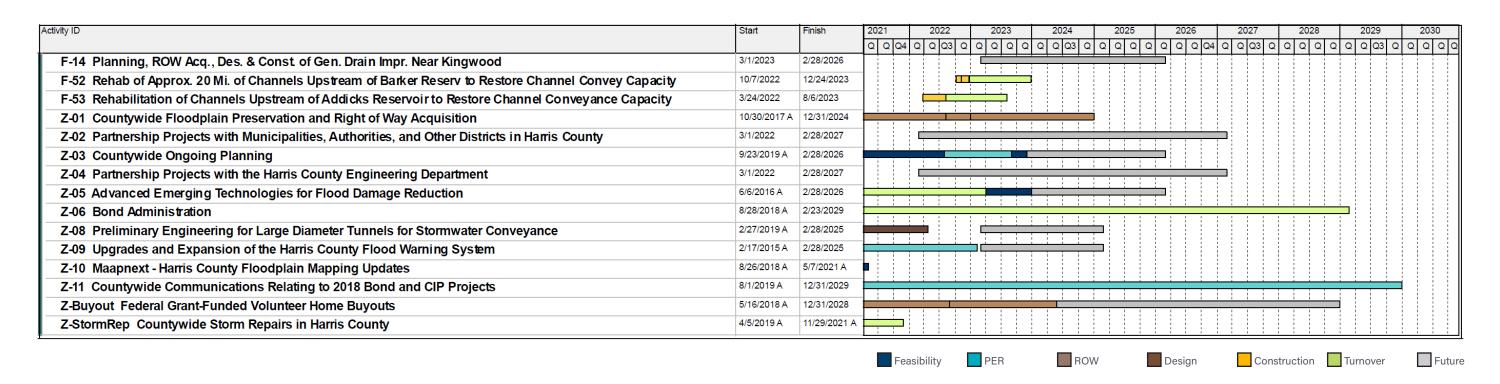


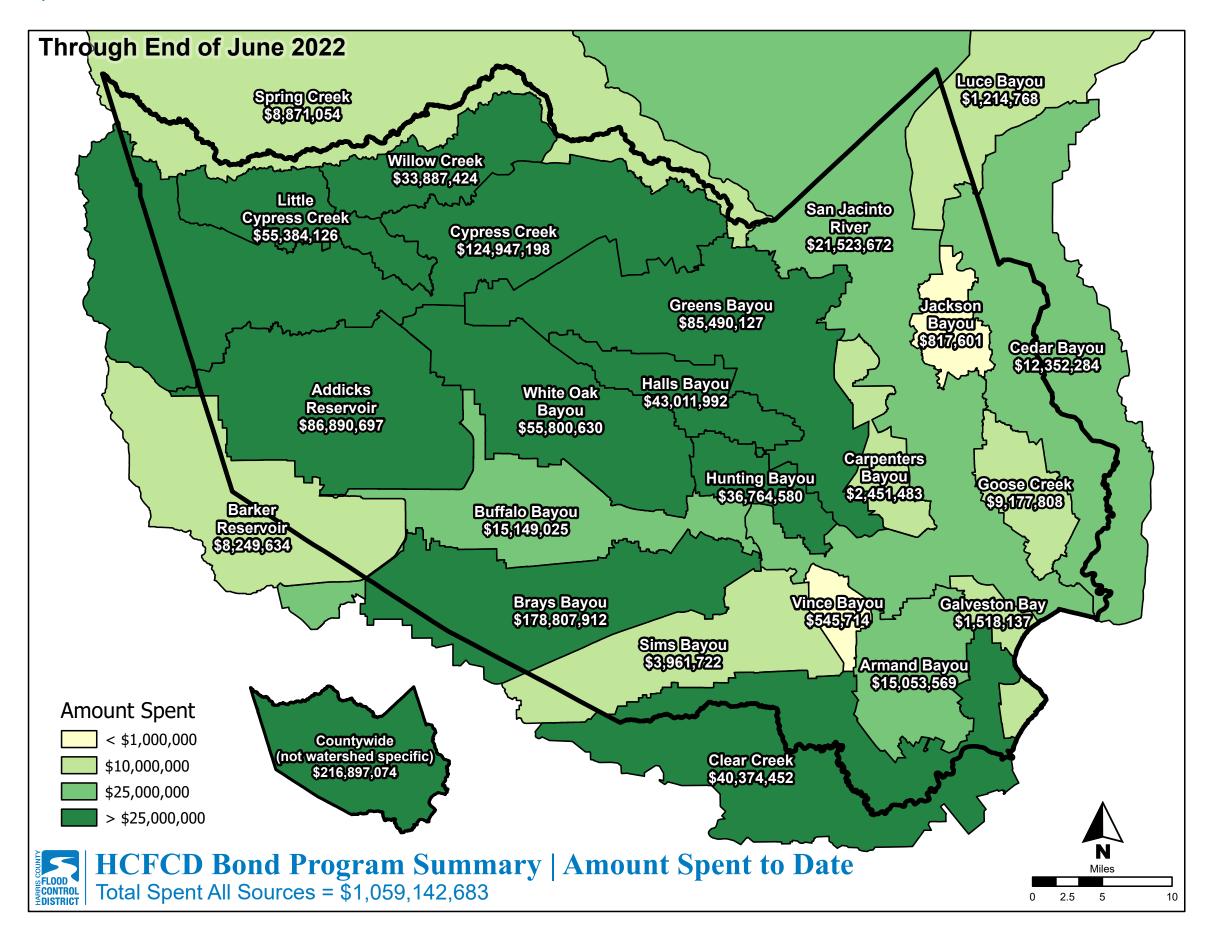


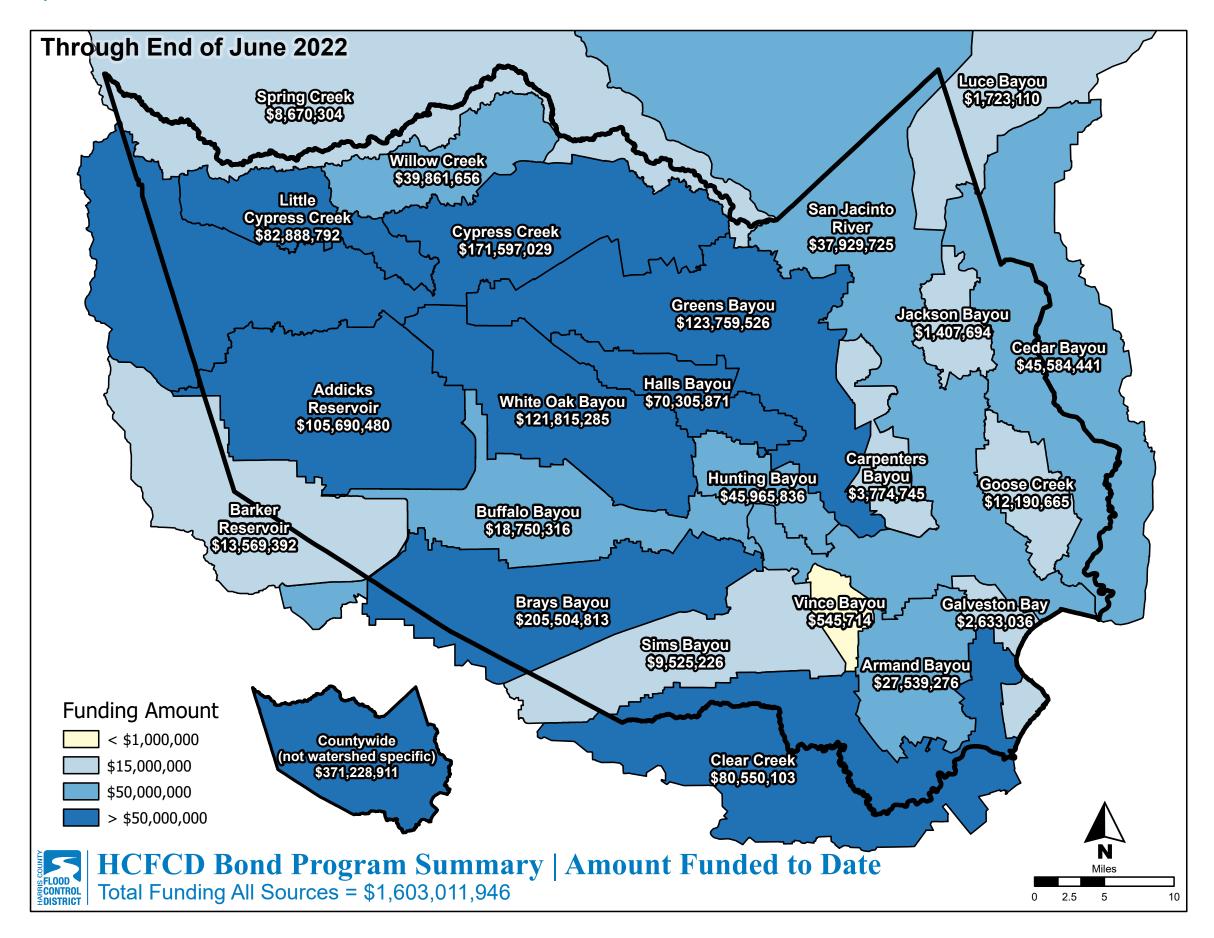












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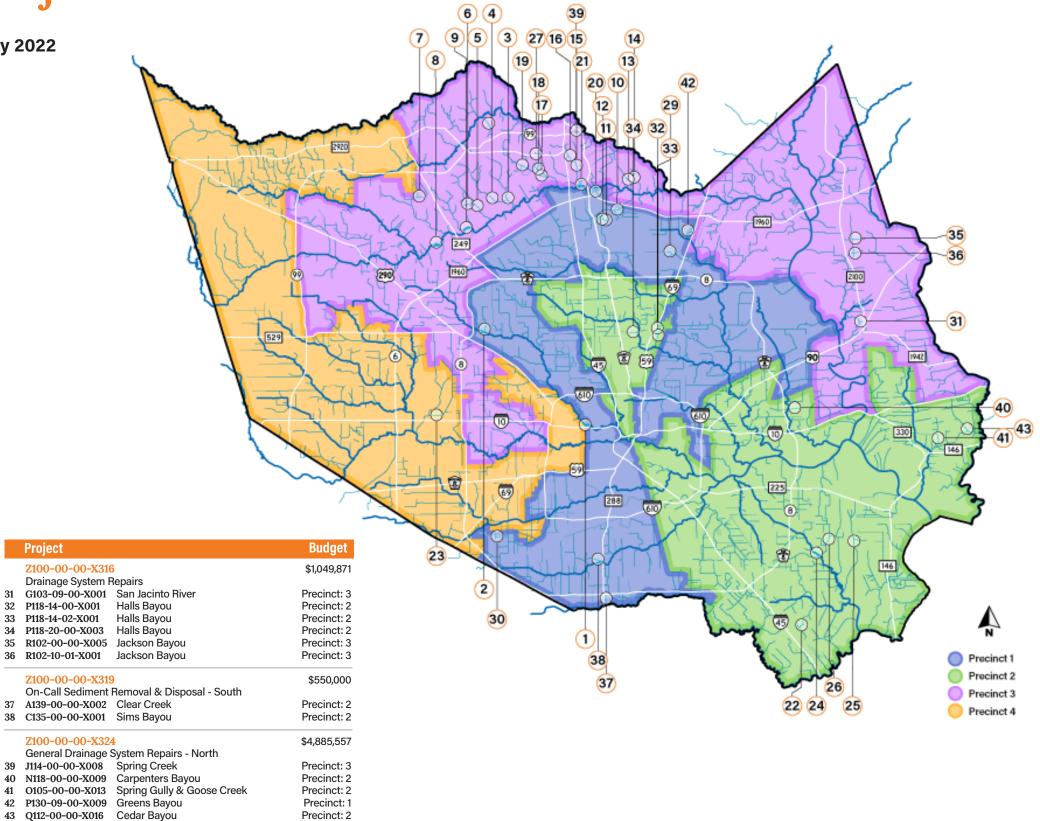


**Maintenance Projects** 

Project

Total Budget: \$78,842,850 **Active Construction Projects - July 2022** 

	Project	Budget
1	E100-00-00-X164   White Oak Bayou 2022 White Oak Bayou Repairs	\$1,390,374 Precincts: 1, 2, 4
2	E125-00-00-X007   White Oak Bayou	\$3,494,955
	Channel Improvements & Repair	Precinct: 1
	K100-00-00-X084	\$13,430,031
	Major Maintenance of Cypress Creek Tributaries	. , ,
3	K131-00-00-X029 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
4	K131-02-00-X027 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
5	K133-00-00-X034 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
6	K133-03-00-X007 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
	K100-00-00-X085	\$3,299,607
	Major Maintenance of Cypress Creek Tributaries	
7	K142-07-00-X013 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
8	K164-00-00-X003 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
	K100-00-00-X087	\$13,791,893
	Major Maintenance of Cypress Creek Tributaries	
9	K100-00-00-X092 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
10	K111-00-00-X034 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 1
11	K111-02-00-X006 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 1
12	K111-02-01-X003 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 1
13	K112-00-00-X006 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
14	K112-01-00-X008 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
15	K120-00-00-X026 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
16	K120-03-00-X008 Cypress Creek K124-00-00-X048 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
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19	K124-02-00-X020 Cypress Creek K124-06-00-X003 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
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20	K117-00-00-X003   Cypress Creek Reinforced Concrete Spillway and Stilling Basin	\$1,197,520 Precinct: 1
	Tiennoreca Generate opinway and Gaining Basin	
	Z100-00-00-X280	\$16,396,126
04	General Drainage System Repairs - North	Draginati 2
21	K100-00-00-X097 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
	Z100-00-00-X281	\$16,569,166
	General Drainage System Repairs - South	D :
22	B104-03-02.1-X008 Armand Bayou	Precinct: 2
23	W167-04-00-X005 Buffalo Bayou	Precinct: 4
	Z100-00-00-X304	\$1,392,750
	Drainage System Repairs - Southeast Area	
24	B100-00-00-X011 Armand Bayou	Precinct: 2
25	B106-00-00-X011 Armand Bayou	Precinct: 2
26	B112-00-00-X010 Armand Bayou	Precinct: 2
	Z100-00-00-X312	\$995,000
	Drainage Sediment Removal & Disposal - North	
27	K124-02-03-X002 Cypress Creek	Precinct: 3
28	M108-00-00-X003 Willow Creek	Precinct: 3
29	P130-05-00-X012 Greens Bayou	Precinct: 1
	Z100-00-00-X314	\$400,000
	On-Call Sediment Removal County Wide	
30	D140-01-01-X001 Brays Bayou	Precinct: 1



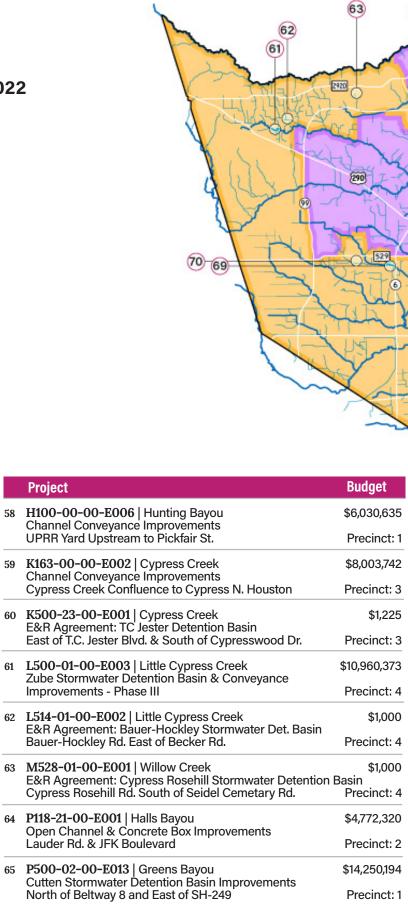
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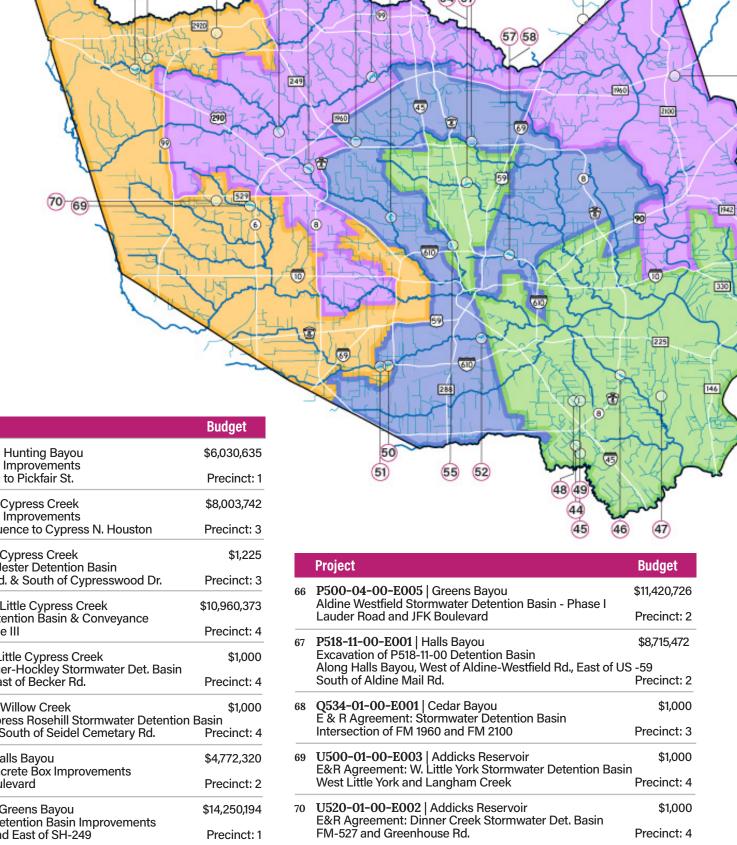


# Capital Projects Total Budget: \$231,910,827

# **Active Construction Projects - July 2022**

	Project	Budget
44		\$5,755,382
	Mud Gully Channel Conveyance Improvements From Basin A520-03-00 to Sagerock Dr.	Precinct: 2
45	A520-03-00-E003   Clear Creek	\$16,988,090
	Construction of South Belt Stormwater Det. Basin - Pha West of FM 1950 & Beamer Rd. Intersection	Precinct: 2
46		\$5,049,826
	Widening & Deepening of Armand Bayou Beltway 8 to Spencer Hwy	Precinct: 2
<b>4</b> 7	B509-03-00-E002   Armand Bayou Excavation of Genoa-Red Bluff Stormwater Detention E Southeast of Genoa-Red Bluff Rd. & Fairmont Pkwy	\$2,111,794 Basin - Phase I Precinct: 2
48	C506-01-00-E004   Sims Bayou	\$9,732,379
	South Shaver Stormwater Detention Basin West of S. Shaver St. & Galveston Rd. intersection	Precinct: 2
49	C506-02-00-E005   Sims Bayou	\$4,822,417
	South Shaver Stormwater Detention Basin East of S. Shaver St. & Galveston Rd. intersection	Precinct: 2
	D100-00-00-B030 Brays Bayou Federal Flood Control Project Multi-Site Project	\$20,965,112
50	D100-00-00-B030 Brays Bayou	Precinct: 1, 4
51	South Rice Blvd. Bridge D100-00-B031   Brays Bayou Chimney Rock Bridge	Precinct: 1, 4
	D100-00-00-B047 Brays Bayou Federal Flood Control Project Multi-Site Project	\$49,975,582
52	D100-00-00-B011   Brays Bayou Calhoun Bridge	Precinct: 1
53	E100-00-00-E005   White Oak Bayou	\$21,371,486
	Phase 4 Channel Conveyance Improvements E. of IH-45 at Shawnee to S. of Edgebook	Precinct: 1, 3
54	E100-00-00-E006   White Oak Bayou White Oak Bayou Federal Flood Risk Reduction Project	\$13,160,439
	Channel Modifications - Discrete Segment 106 Cole Creek to Hollister Rd.	Precinct: 1
 55	E501-02-00-E001   White Oak Bayou	\$1,479,625
	Riggs Stormwater Detention Basin - Design Phase Southwest of Riggs Rd. & IH-45	Precinct: 1
<b>56</b>	G503-06-00-E002   San Jacinto River	\$1,000
	Excavation & Removal Agreement Woodridge Stormwater Detention Basin	Precinct: 3
 57	H100-00-00-E005   Hunting Bayou	\$16,338,008
	Hunting Bayou Federal Flood Risk Management Project Hunting Bayou from US-59 to Homestead Det. Pond	rt Precinct: 1





Precinct 1

Precinct 2

Precinct 3

Precinct 4