



# Hunting Bayou, Houston, Tx

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**FACT SHEET as of March 26, 2012**

**AUTHORIZATION:** WRDA OF 1990, Sec 211(f) of WRDA 96

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Flood Risk Management

**PROJECT PHASE:** Construction

**BUILDING STRONG<sup>®</sup>**



**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Senators Hutchinson (TX) and Cornyn (TX); Representatives Jackson-Lee (TX-18)

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** Harris County Flood Control District

**BACKGROUND:** The Hunting Bayou watershed is located in central Harris County, northeast of downtown Houston and is almost completely contained within the city limits of Houston, Galena Park and Jacinto City. The watershed covers about 30 square miles and flows into the Houston Ship Channel via Hunting Bayou, the watershed's single primary stream. The project will reduce the number of structures subject to the 100 year storm from 7,000 to 1,400. The reformulated project will be identified by the General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and is anticipated to include channel modifications and detention features. This project is being conducted under Section 211(f) of WRDA 1996 allowing the sponsor, Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), to conduct the GRR and be reimbursed for the Federal share of the cost upon completion and approval. The Corps is providing guidance and oversight to the Sponsor during preparation of the report. The proposed NED plan will remove 4,600 structures from the 25 year flood plain.

**STATUS:** The project was not funded in FY 2011. Carry over funds from FY 2010 were used to initiate an Agency Technical Review (ATR) with Hydraulic Engineering Center (HEC) of the Hydrology &Hydraulics models for risk and uncertainty.

**ISSUES:** Without continuing Federal oversight of the non-Federal effort on the GRR, study completion will be delayed along with eventual implementation of flood risk management measures in the watershed.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):**

**CONSTRUCTION**

Federal Cost Estimate	\$102,142,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	85,418,000
Total Project Cost	\$187,560,000
Allocation thru FY 2010	\$1,435,000
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	-243,000 <sup>1/</sup>
Allocation for FY 2012	0
President Budget FY 2013	0
Amount that could be used in FY 2013	\$100,000
Balance to Complete	\$100,950,000

<sup>1/</sup> - Funds in the amount \$243,000 were transferred to the Flood Control and Coastal Emergency Account to repair damages at projects impacted by the 2011 Floods.

**SCHEDULE:**

**FY 2012 Scheduled Work:** Project was not in the FY12 President's budget. Carryover funds will be used to complete the HEC review of the H&H models risk and uncertainty, and to initiate ATR (Agency Technical Review) of the Draft GRR.

**FY 2013 Budget:** Project is not in the President's FY2013 budget. If funding is received it would be used for project oversight, AFB review and draft GRR review coordination.

**COMPLETION:** With optimum funding, the GRR study completion date is October 2014 and Construction completion is in 2019.

**For more information** regarding the Hunting Bayou, TX project, contact Mr. Pete Perez, P.E., Deputy District Engineer, Chief, Programs and Project Management Division at (409)766-3018 or Pete.G.Perez@usace.army.mil.

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