

**FACT SHEET**  
**FARMERS BRANCH, TARRANT COUNTY, TX**  
**CONSTRUCTION - CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM – SECTION 205**

**STATEMENT OF ISSUE** Recent flooding events along Farmers Branch have caused significant property damage and disrupted public services. The non-Federal sponsor has its cost share funding in place and is anxious to get this project into construction.

**CURRENT STATUS** The plans and specifications were completed in FY2010. The city of White Settlement acquired the necessary real estate interests and coordinating with utilities companies for necessary relocation actions. The construction contract was originally advertised in September 2011, with bid opening in November 2011. The low bid exceeded the government estimate. Since the Federal share of project costs are capped at the \$7 million level, any cost increases are the responsibility of the city of White Settlement.

**SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:**

	<b><u>FY 2011</u></b>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$ 7,000,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	10,867,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	17,867,000
Allocation thru FY 10	6,982,000
Allocation for FY2011	0
Allocation for FY2012	18,000
President's Budget FY 2013	0
Balance to Complete after FY 2013	0
Amount that Could be Used in FY 2013	0
Benefit to Cost Ratio (7%)	1.3
Remaining Benefits Remaining Costs Ratio (7%)	N/A

**BACKGROUND** The project is located within the city limits of White Settlement, Tarrant County, Texas, along Farmers Branch creek between White Settlement Road and Las Vegas Trail. The recommended plan is comprised of three components to reduce flood damages along Farmers Branch and its tributary. The non-Federal sponsor is the city of White Settlement. This project was authorized in Section 205, Flood Control Act of 1948. The plan consists of a 6,500-foot grass and rock-lined channel with widths of cut varying from 55- to 160-feet between White Settlement Road and Las Vegas Trail. The plan also includes a 32-foot bottom-width concrete channel along its tributary at Las Vegas Trail. The last component of the plan will permanently evacuate 43 residential structures and 1 commercial structure, which removes 60 percent of the residents from the 100-year floodplain.

The project construction contract was advertised in September 2011. The contract could not be awarded since the low bid exceeded the amount of funds available. Working with the city of White Settlement, the Fort Worth District is rescoping the project to not exceed the city's funding capabilities. The construction contract is scheduled for award in March 2012.

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST** Representative **Granger** (TX-12)