



# Chacon Creek, Laredo, Tx

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**FACT SHEET as of February 6, 2012**

**AUTHORIZATION:** Project is not authorized.

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Flood Risk Management

**PROJECT PHASE:** Preconstruction, Engineering and Design (PED)



**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Senators Hutchison and Cornyn (TX), Representative Cuellar (TX-28)

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** City of Laredo, Texas

**BACKGROUND:** The project would provide flood risk management, ecosystem restoration and recreational amenities to Chacon Creek in the eastern part of the city of Laredo, Texas. The flood risk management component of the project will consist of the permanent evacuation of 73 residential structures along Chacon Creek. The vacated flood risk management lands will be used for recreational amenities. The ecosystem restoration component will include 16.75 acres of wetland restoration and 401 acres of riparian restoration. The project will reduce annual flooding damages by \$539,000 and provide \$1,049,800 in annual recreation benefits. The project will also increase average annual habitat units by 248.

**STATUS:** An Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) occurred in early FY 2011 on a near-completed draft report. The Corps' Fort Worth District was addressing IEPR comments and preparing the report for public review and comment when work was suspended due to lack of a study authority. Routine schedule maintenance occurred for the remainder of FY 2011 and continues for FY 2012.

**ISSUES:** The study currently does not have an authority. The Fort Worth District and Corps Headquarters have worked with the sponsor's Congressional delegation to secure a study authority with little success. The project currently has a draft report ready to be released for public comment but is unable to do so due to the lack of a study authority. Because of the impending election, the Fort Worth District does not anticipate receiving an authority until sometime in FY 2013, more than likely in the form of an inclusion in the next Water Resources Development Act.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):**

		<b><u>PED</u></b>
Federal Cost Estimate	\$	1,536,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate		512,000
Total Project Cost	\$	2,048,000
Allocation thru FY 2010	\$	0
ARRA Funding		0
Allocation for FY 2011		0
Allocation for FY 2012		0
President Budget FY 2013		0
Capability for FY 2013		1,536,000
Balance to Complete	\$	1,536,000

**SCHEDULE:**

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: NA

FY 2013 Budget: Not in the President's FY2013 budget. If funding were received, it would be used to initiate PED.

**COMPLETION:** With optimum funding, the project completion date is September 2013.

**For more information** regarding the Chacon Creek, Laredo, TX, project, contact Jodie Foster, project manager, at (817) 886-1679 or [jodie.r.foster@usace.army.mil](mailto:jodie.r.foster@usace.army.mil).

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