

# WHY DO WE NEED A DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE CYPRESS CREEK WATERSHED?

## CYPRESS CREEK'S NEEDS WERE NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED IN THE 2018 BOND...

...a solution was needed to protect property in the watershed.



On June 19, 2023, the Texas Legislature approved the creation of the Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District (CCDID), a public entity, to represent the 500,000+ citizens in the Cypress Creek watershed.

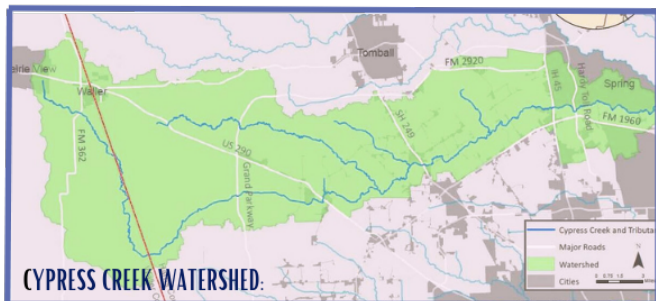
This special purpose district gives the community a united voice in future flood prevention—which we have not had before—and creates the ability to seek federal and state funding. The district was created through the leadership of State Representative Sam Harless who filed and sponsored the bill in the House, and Senator Paul Bettencourt who sponsored the bill in the Senate. Both houses overwhelmingly approved the bill.

## We must actively pursue alternative solutions for funding flood mitigation in the Cypress Creek Watershed!

There is not enough money at the County level to fund all that must be done to adequately meet the needs for flood mitigation on Cypress Creek. The creation of a Special District encompassing the Cypress Creek Watershed allows us to: Gain access to Federal and State Funding, Participate in State Flood Planning, and Develop and Activate practical plans for Cypress Creek flooding mitigation.

### IF WE DO NOTHING...

- Unchecked flooding will continue.
- Homeowners and businesses will leave.  
Hewlett-Packard left after being flooded twice.
- We risk losing community resources, such as the Cultural District.
- The area will deteriorate and property values decrease.



Approximate Boundaries: West—Eastern Waller County (SH362); North—Grand Parkway 99; South—FM1960/SH529; East—Junction of Cypress Creek and Spring Creek (Lee Road)

### OUR OPTIONS...

- Wait for a County Bond Election and hope for an allocation of funds to Cypress Creek (5-10 years? or more?)
- Wait for long-term solutions such as a Tunnel to Lake Houston—a project that will require County and Corps of Engineers co-participation (a 30-year project).

## OR—Control Our Own Destiny Through Our United Voice!



### THE PROCESS

- The Special District has been created by the Texas State Legislature and a Temporary District Board appointed: Mark Adam, Dr. Calvin Cobb, Clara Lewis, Joe Myers and Barbara Schlattman.
- The Board will investigate flooding mitigation options throughout the Watershed, and develop a comprehensive plan and costs.
- Powers of taxation are not a part of the current bill approved by the Texas Legislature; the Board must go to a future session of the Legislature to seek such powers.

### QUESTIONS

- Will the District have the power of Eminent Domain? No.
- Will the District have powers of taxation? No, not without voter approval.
- Who will comprise the Board: Temporary Board Members are representatives from the area organizations that have worked for the creation of the District and reside within the Cypress Creek Watershed. Permanent directors elected by the voters will include representatives from each of 5 voting districts within the watershed.

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