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City of Wharton Flood Reduction Project Fully Funded

Wharton, TX, July 9, 2018 –

The City of Wharton received notice of their Flood Reduction Project being fully funded through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The City started a flood mitigation plan in May of 1999 and continued to work on the project over the past 19 years making it shovel ready. The announcement comes as part of nearly \$5 billion in funding for disaster recovery projects in Texas. Texas Governor Gregg Abbott along with local leaders identified the Lower Colorado River Phase 1 (Wharton), TX project as one of the high-priority projects which would make the City more resilient to future storms and flooding.

The City of Wharton has over the years attempted to figure out ways to fund the \$74 million dollar project without placing the bill in the hands of its citizens. In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Texas Congressional Delegation and the Office of Management and Budget began work on placing funding in the hands of those Texas cities and counties that were able to strengthen infrastructure and reduce or eliminate the risk of loss of life and property. The USACE announced the City of Wharton's Flood Mitigation Project would receive \$73,290,000.

The project while shovel ready is still within its infancy phase. Over the next several years the City will work alongside the USACE to see the project completed for the safety and betterment of its citizens.

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