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City of Wharton and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Continue Work on Flood Reduction Project

WHARTON—The City of Wharton and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are making progress on the Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I, Texas Wharton Flood Risk Management Project, which includes building a system of levees, sumps, drainage features, and control structures to protect the city and its citizens from flooding.

USACE is currently working on finalizing the levee design plans for Phase I of the project. Once the plans are final, they will be shared with the community. Other team members are working in coordination with the city and USACE on other aspects of the project.

Recently, the City and their consultant, HDR Engineering, Inc., conducted a community meeting to discuss the real estate services, acquisition, and relocation process for the potentially affected property owners and residents. As part of this process, HDR is contacting citizens to obtain needed signatures on right of entry forms, which allows city agents permission to access private property to perform various work activities, such as surveys and appraisals.

Other consultants who are contacting potentially affected property owners and residents include Jone Lang Lasalle, Inc. and Hudgins-Groover Real Estate, who are the appraisers for HDR. Civil Corp who is performing surveys for HDR and New South Associates, who is performing survey work for the USACE.

Citizen cooperation with the project team is important to make sure the project continues to move forward on schedule; however, it is important that individuals remain vigilant about securing their personal records and information. If a citizen is contacted by an individual or company that they are unfamiliar with, we ask that they contact the City of Wharton to verify their status as a team member. Inquiries can be sent to Krystal Hasselmeier, Assistant to the Community Development Director at the City of Wharton, at (979) 532-2491 x239 or via email at khasselmeier@cityofwharton.com.

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