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Corps of Engineers and Hays County to conduct Flood Plain Management public workshop

FORT WORTH, TEXAS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a public workshop to inform residents of northern Hays County about a new Flood Risk Management Study for the area. The meeting will be held February 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dripping Springs City Hall, 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas.

The workshop will provide an opportunity to explain the study, allow for public input and scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act and for residents to ask questions and voice concerns, as well as to learn how the study will be conducted and what it involves. Surveyors will visually collect information by driving through neighborhoods and rural areas as well as by walking river and creek banks.

The study, requested by Hays County to address flood plain management concerns and the potential for human and economic losses due to flooding in the rapidly growing county, is funded in part by Hays County and a grant from the Texas Water Development Board. The Lower Colorado River Authority facilitated the project under its Feasibility Study Cost Sharing Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Study alternatives may include flood mitigation through structural and nonstructural methods, with an early 2013 date for existing conditions, future without project forecasted conditions, ideas on how to move forward and input from stakeholders. Over the next several years other parts of Hays County are expected to be re-surveyed for flood risk management needs.

For more information about the Flood Risk Management Study, please contact Stacy Gray, USACE project manager, at (817) 886-1787, email at stacy.l.gray@usace.army.mil or Betty Lambright, Hays County, at 512-393-2143, email at betty.lambright@co.hays.tx.us.

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