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Subject: Update on W100-00-00-E001 – Linear Stormwater Detention on Buffalo Bayou in Terry Hershey Park

Good afternoon: This week, construction signage will be installed advising that Harris County Flood Control District construction on linear stormwater detention between Eldridge Parkway and Dairy Ashford Road will begin on or about **April 9, 2019**, and that the area will be closed to the public for the duration of construction. Construction will occur throughout the south bank of Buffalo Bayou in three areas where detention compartments are being built.

We appreciate your ongoing participation in community conversations regarding the continuing improvements the Flood Control District is undertaking in the Buffalo Bayou watershed. Thank you in advance for sharing this information within your organization and area HOAs.

Attached are an image showing the location of the detention compartments, and the construction notice which was mailed to more than 2,500 households in January 2019. Below we have outlined a few points which we hope will be helpful to you in addressing any questions you receive from neighbors:

Tree Relocation – Precinct 3 has identified 17 trees for relocation. If you see activity in the area before April 9, it is likely this relocation project. These trees are part of a program to relocate native trees to the Environmental Education Center at John Paul Landing Park.

Clearing – Trees and brush will be removed primarily in the three areas where detention compartments will be built. There also may be some limited tree removal for construction access purposes.

Tree Buffers - Plans for the area include preserving a tree buffer where possible between the detention compartments and adjacent private property, and also preserving some trees and vegetation at the water's edge. After construction, opportunities for reforestation around the construction area will be coordinated by Harris County Precinct 3, which will continue to maintain the property as part of Terry Hershey Park.

Construction Access - Construction equipment will access the work area via public easements and the City of Houston Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The contractor will use heavy construction equipment such as dump trucks, excavators and bulldozers to remove trees, vegetation and excavated soil. Motorists are urged to be alert to truck traffic when passing near construction access points.

Trail and Footpath Closures - All trails and footpaths on the south bank of Buffalo Bayou between Eldridge and Dairy Ashford will be closed as needed for public safety for the duration of this project. When visiting Terry Hershey Park, the public is encouraged to enjoy all open sections, to respect warning signs and trail closures, and to avoid construction equipment.

Public input on the project – In 2018, more than 900 people from the project area participated in a survey about this project. When asked to indicate their highest concern of a) reducing flooding in the area, b) protecting forest, and c) recreational amenities, 68% of those surveyed identified reducing flooding as their highest concern.

Where to find more information: www.hcfcd.org/F58

We know you will receive questions, and we would be pleased to work with you to ensure you have all of the information you need before, during and after construction.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need someone from the Flood Control District to speak to residents in your area.

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