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PRESS RELEASE

Cmr. George P. Bush announces more than \$11 million in flood and drainage improvements as well as disaster recovery acquisition funds for Montgomery County

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Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$11,199,922 in Hurricane Harvey funds to make flood and drainage improvements and conduct an acquisition program for approximately 24 residential properties located in a floodplain or repetitive flood areas in Montgomery County. These communities were overwhelmed by Hurricane Harvey as heavy rainfall caused flooding of streets and homes, threatening public health, safety, and welfare.

"Hurricane Harvey devastated communities across the Texas Coast," said Commissioner Bush. "These recovery funds are critical to protecting lives, homes and businesses from future storms. We continue to work with our partners in communities across the region to leverage these resources efficiently and effectively to benefit Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey."

With these funds, Montgomery County will be able to remove approximately 24 residential properties from harm's way. Additionally, the county will install new storm sewer pipe, replace storm sewer culverts, regrade ditches, install outfall ditches and inlet boxes, improve embankments, create detention ponds, and install a backup generator at a lift station. Construction will take place at the following locations:

- 1/2 Porter Lane - both sides of the street from FM 1314 to Airfield Lane
- 1/2 Jerry Lane - both sides of the street from Porter Lane to Louis Lane
- 1/2 Bobby Lane - both sides of the street from Porter Lane to Louis Lane
- 1/2 Deuster Lane - both sides of the street from Porter Lane to Louis Lane
- 1/2 Alexander Lane - both sides of the street from Porter Lane to Louis Lane
- 1/2 Louis Lane - Alexander Lane to east of FM 1314
- 1/2 Porter Heights - area south of Louis Lane
- 1/2 South Porter - both sides of the street between East Marin Drive and Robert Drive, from Robert Drive to Needham Road
- 1/2 Tamina Community Detention Pond - from creek source to detention pond

Texas GLO Hurricane Harvey Recovery Funds:

Commissioner George P. Bush and the Texas General Land Office was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to lead the historic Hurricane Harvey housing recovery efforts funded by \$5.676 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The GLO allocated \$413 million of the allocation for infrastructure projects to protect communities affected by the storm. The GLO allocated the funds to regional Council of Governments' (COGs) based on a HUD approved needs assessment. The locally-led COGs then conducted methods of distribution (MODs) for determining infrastructure and buyout and acquisition amounts for cities and counties within each jurisdiction. COG boards are comprised of officials from the impacted communities elected in part to prioritize funds allocated for recovery programs. The MOD process requires public engagement and the GLO reviewed each MOD for compliance with federal rules and requirements before approving each plan.

To review the approved MODs, please visit <https://recovery.texas.gov/action-plans/hurricane-harvey/index.html>.