



Regional Flood Management Committee

Other Announcements

July 16, 2025

- **H-GAC Resources for Hurricane Season-** [Stay Prepared!](#)
- **TFMA, [Turn Around Don't Drown Resources](#)**
- **Texas A&M AgriLife Resources:**
 - [Introduction to Green Infrastructure Online Course](#)
 - [Quarterly Green Infrastructure Newsletter](#)
 - [Benefit Cost Analysis webinar July 30, 2025](#)

For more information on these resources, contact: Michael Niebuhr, Green Infrastructure Program Coordinator, Disaster Assessment and Recovery, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at michael.niebuhr@ag.tamu.edu

- The *Galveston Bay Coalition of Watersheds* for Brazoria and Galveston counties will meet **Tuesday, August 12, from 10:00-11:30 am** in-person at the Galveston County Extension Office, Carbide Park, La Marque.
- **HCFCF Public Notice: [Help Shape Large-Scale Flood Risk Reduction Strategies in Harris County](#)**
 - The Harris County Flood Control District, in coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), invites the public to participate in a series of public scoping meetings for the Solutions for Advancing Floodplain Evaluation and Resilience (SAFER) Study.
- **[The San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group Needs Your Input!](#)**
 - The San Jacinto RFPG is kicking off the second cycle of the TWDB Regional Flood Planning Process. Your participation will help ensure the updated plan addresses the real flood challenges and priorities of communities throughout Region 6. **[Take the Region 6 Survey by August 1st.](#)** If you have any questions, please reach out to our technical consultant, Freese and Nichols, Inc., at SJRFPG.TechCon@freese.com.
- **[ASFPM FloodRisk.org now available in Spanish!](#)**
- **[Flood Resistant Design and Construction, ASCE/SEI 24-24](#)**
 - ASCE 24-24 updates and replaces the previous version, ASCE 24-14. It provides essential guidance on design and construction to structural engineers, design professionals, code officials, floodplain managers, and building owners. The standard is adopted by reference in model building codes.

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- **TFMA's 2025 Higher Standards Survey:** TFMA has conducted an annual "Freeboard Survey" since 2004. The purpose of this survey is to document community efforts to adopt standards higher than the NFIP minimum requirements and to share this information with other cities and counties in Texas. ***This survey contains 11 questions and should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.***
 - Please provide input for your community by providing information regarding your floodplain management program by [addressing the questions in this survey by July 31](#).
 - All results will be posted on the TFMA website and will be presented at the **TFMA Texas Chapter Annual Technical Summit** once all responses are compiled. Your information is vital to this survey. If you have any questions regarding the survey or need clarification on any of the questions, please email the questions/comments to the TFMA office at TFMA@tfma.org.

- **TFMA Texas Chapter Annual Technical Summit**, August 26, 2025 - August 29, 2025

The TFMA Technical Summit is recognized for its dynamic programming, quality presentations, and information on the latest advances in the practice of floodplain management and other industry-related fields. The information presented, and collaborative environment provided, enhances attendees' ability to provide guidance and services to their organizations, therefore enhancing your professional development skills.

- **FEMA's Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide Updates:** Commonly referred to as the PAPPG, promotes consistent application of the federal statutes and regulations related to the Public Assistance (PA) program. FEMA updates the PAPPG annually when necessary and conducts a comprehensive review at least every three years. Version 5 (V5) of the PAPPG includes significant policy changes, additional guidance, and formatting updates that improve clarity and readability. Note, this version applies to disasters declared on or after January 6, 2025.
- **FEMA Updates Benefit Cost Analysis Discount Rates for Mitigation Projects** as Office of Management and Budget Adjusts Rates

A calculation FEMA uses to determine cost effectiveness of mitigation projects has returned to its original amount. The Benefit-Cost Analysis discount rate has been adjusted from 3.1% to 7% following recent action by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). On April 8, 2025, OMB revoked a recent update to Circular No. A-94, "Guidelines and Discount Rates for Benefit-Cost Analysis of Federal Programs," to return the discount rate to the original amount set in October 1992. BCA Toolkit and will release additional guidance on the applicability, timing and content updates.



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Upcoming H-GAC Events:

- **Disaster Debris Management in Response to Flooding by H-GAC – July 24 (Online)**

The webinar will be from 10 am to noon on Zoom. Topics will include: Recent flooding incidents; Considerations with flood debris-riverine vs coastal; Assessing the damage; Types of flood debris; Waterway debris removal programs; Environmental considerations; Substantial damage estimates. [Registration](#). To receive updates on [disaster debris cleanup and management workshops](#), email swinformation@h-gac.com.

- **The next meeting of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC) is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.**

- [Register to Attend In-Person](#)
- [Register to Attend Virtually](#)

The main topic of discussion will be a review of the 2025 Water Quality Management Plan Update. H-GAC is seeking comments on the current draft of the document. For more information about water quality management planning, including how to submit comments on the Draft 2025 WQMP, [please visit the project website here](#).

- **Share Your Successes to Celebrate 20 Years of H-GAC Parks, Natural Areas Awards**

Since the first awards were given in 2006, they have recognized more than 300 planning, policy, built projects, and education programs in 10 of the 13 counties in our region to celebrate and elevate achievements of counties, cities, communities, neighborhoods, non-profit organizations, and individuals. As we celebrate this year's award winners in **February 2026**, we will also highlight past honorees. You are invited to help **celebrate past projects by sharing any stories you have** showcasing the value the awards have brought to your community. Contact [Andrea Tantillo](#) with your success story and a photo or two, for a chance to be included in a slideshow during the awards ceremony in 2026 or on the [Parks and Natural Areas Awards webpage](#).

- **Dickinson WCID Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft - Public Forum - July 24, 2025**

H-GAC and the Dickinson Water Control Improvement District (formerly Galveston County WCID #1) are soliciting feedback on the [Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan](#), and will be hosting a public forum on **July 24th, 2025, from 6-8 pm** at the [City of Dickinson's City Hall Council Chambers](#). This meeting is **open to the public, and all are welcome to attend**. Provide comments and feedback on the [draft plan](#) via this [online survey](#). In-person attendance is preferred. For those who cannot attend in person, join us on [Zoom](#). For more information, contact [Amanda Ashcroft](#).