



Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin Fact Sheet

OVERVIEW

The Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin's primary purpose is to reduce the risk of flooding for residents and businesses along Brays Bayou. Additionally, it brings much needed greenspace and recreational amenities to southwest Houston neighborhoods.

BENEFITS

Upon completion, Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin will be able to store approximately 600 million gallons of stormwater. As a result, thousands of residents and businesses will benefit. When not used for flood damage reduction purposes, Willow Waterhole brings an additional 280 acres of useable greenspace for the nearby community.

A MODEL PARTNERSHIP

The Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin is a prime example of the benefits provided by regional partnerships between Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. In this case, the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a \$750,000 grant by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to fund construction of recreational and aesthetic amenities during the initial development of the Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin. This unique partnership sets a new standard, demonstrating how entities can work together to further benefit the communities they serve.

LOCATION

The Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin is located near South Post Oak Road and U.S. Highway 90 in southwest Harris County. The project connects the Willow Waterhole Bayou between Gasmer and South Willow drives.

STATUS

HCFCD began construction on the Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin in May 2004, and construction is approximately 37 percent complete. While it will take several more years to complete the project, every phase completed will deliver a level of relief and steadily reduce the risk of flooding.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin is an example of how community input and participation can achieve innovative ways to meet specific needs of an area and provide greater community benefits. Regional partnerships have been successful because of the dedication and commitment of a broad base of community leaders and organizations, exemplified by the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy that fosters relationships and promotes the project.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information on the Willow Waterhole Greenway Project, please visit www.projectbrays.org or call the Project Brays Hotline at 713-316-4820.

