



**Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition  
Resolution  
In Support of 2015 Harris County Bond Propositions**

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WHEREAS, the Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition (the "Coalition") seeks to benefit the economy and enhance the quality of life for the more than 500,000 residents in the Greens Bayou watershed through flood mitigation, parks and trails development and economic development.

WHEREAS, the Watershed spans 45 miles across Harris County through Precincts 1, 2 & 4 and is immediately adjacent to Precinct 3.

WHEREAS, partial investment has been made towards regional flood mitigation but the overall system cannot be completed unless and until funding is available.

WHEREAS, median household income in the Watershed is less than \$40,000/year, which is well below the Harris County median of \$53,137 and with the change in flood plain maps following Tropical Storm Allison, many Harris County residents are now required to have flood insurance that they cannot afford.

WHEREAS, the Watershed, like the County as a whole, is becoming increasingly urban and green space that protects against flooding is a rapidly diminishing resource.

WHEREAS, most residents do not have access to outdoor recreational amenities that are within walking or biking distance so they are required to have a car to visit park facilities. Studies show that access to recreational facilities and alternative transportation, such as biking and walking, are associated with improved health outcomes.

WHEREAS, an estimated 1.9 million people, or 52% of Harris County residents, live within 1.5 miles of a major bayou.

WHEREAS, the north and south reach segments of the Watershed that fall within the City of Houston will be positively impacted by the Bayou Greenways plan to build trails along Greens Bayou. The benefits of this project will not be fully realized until areas located in unincorporated Harris County are included in the system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board of directors of Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition hereby supports passage of the Harris County bond propositions which provide \$700 million for roads and bridges, \$60 million for parks, \$64 million for Harris County Flood Control District and \$24 million for Veterinary Public Health Adoption and Care Center at the November 3 general county election.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of October, 2015.

Reginald Lillie  
Chair of the Board

Jill Boullion  
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## Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition Priority Connectivity Trail Projects

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### Summary: More Bang for the Buck

These four trail projects have the potential to connect more than 200,000 people to regional trail systems and help them safely access parks, schools, churches and work places. Each project has partners that could help the county leverage taxpayer investment. The Coalition is committed to working as a collaborative partner to raise awareness and community support for each project.

### West Reach: 6 mile trail on Greens Bayou from Willowbrook Mall to Bayou Greenway Trail east of Veterans Memorial Drive (\$3.9 million)

- Leverage \$58m investment in Antoine Basin (Federal Project)
- Connect population of more than 35,000 (249/1960/Beltway/Veterans Memorial) and 42,000 in Greenspoint
- With the exception of neighborhood parks there are no public parks in this area
- Leverage 2.81 miles of Bayou Greenway Trail on west side of I-45
- Connects Willowbrook Mall to North Houston Skate Park, future BMX Park, and Dylan Park
- Leverage ½ mile of existing trail and pedestrian bridge (NWHC MUD 6)
- Potential partners include NW Harris County MUD 24, NW Harris County MUD 6, Harris County MUD 180, Harris County UD 15, Harris County UD 14, Harris County MUD 33

### North Reach: Interstate 45 underpass and 5.71 miles of trail from Drake Park to Crowley Park on Greens Bayou (\$6.35 million)

- Leverage \$63m investment in Kuykendahl & Glen Forest Basin Project
- Leverage North Houston Skate Park, future BMX Park and Dylan Park
- Leverage 2 miles STEP trail from Drake Park to Glen Forest Basin
- Leverage 2.81 miles of Bayou Greenway Trail on west side of I-45
- Connect 60,000 residents in Aldine to park & commercial amenities
- Interstate 45 underpass is needed to connect east/west trail systems
- Potential partners include City of Houston, Greenspoint District, East Aldine District, Houston Parks Board

### East Reach: 2.2 mile trail connecting communities to Lyndsay-Lyons Park using Harris County Flood Control ROW (\$2.3 million)

- Connect 32,300 people to Lindsay-Lyons Park directly and another 15,500 people who live within a 2 mile radius of the park
- Start a regional trail system that will eventually connect Williams Gully to Garners Bayou and Greens Bayou Mitigation Bank
- Leverage investment in Waste Management Nature Preserve
- Potential partners include Harris County MUD 278, MUD 290 and Trail of the Lakes MUD and Harris County Flood Control District

### South Reach: 7 mile regional trail system on Hunting Bayou from Jacinto City/Galena Park to Hermann Brown Park and Greens Bayou (\$7 million)

- Connects 22,000 people to Bayou Greenways Trail on Greens Bayou
- Connects through City of Houston Hermann Brown Park
- Potential partners include City of Houston, Jacinto City, Galena Park, TxDOT

## Flood Mitigation Priority Projects

### **Summary: Providing a higher level of protection**

Four stormwater detention basins comprise the Greens Bayou Mid-Reach Flood Damage Reduction Project. Two of those basins, Kuykendahl and Glen Forest, will begin construction in 2015 partially funded by a FEMA grant and the balance by county taxpayers. Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition stakeholders advocate for the completion of the Mid-Reach project with construction of the two remaining basins, Aldine Westfield and Lauder, to ensure a better level of stormwater damage reduction for the watershed. East Aldine District would be a potential partner on these two projects.

- **P-500-04 Lauder Basin - \$12,000,000**
  - 1,200 acre feet off-line detention basin identified in the Greens Bayou Mid Reach Flood Study conducted by HCFCD
  
- **P-500-06 Aldine Westfield Basin - \$9,000,000**
  - 1,250 acre feet off-line detention basin identified in the Greens Bayou Mid Reach Flood Study conducted by HCFCD
  
- **Greens Bayou Watershed Masterplan - \$700,000**
  - HCFCD initiated the Greens Bayou Watershed Master Plan project around 2010 in order to develop and evaluate alternatives outside of the Greens Bayou Mid Reach Flood Study limits, which were between Veteran's Memorial Drive and JFK Boulevard. The Greens Bayou Watershed Masterplan was removed from the HCFCD CIP, however, there remains significant floodplain and 1% and 10% flooding concerns outside of this study that will not be alleviated with the projects currently underway in the Greens Bayou watershed.