

# ABOUT THE SAN JACINTO REGIONAL FLOOD PLAN



SAN JACINTO REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP  
REGION 6

## BACKGROUND

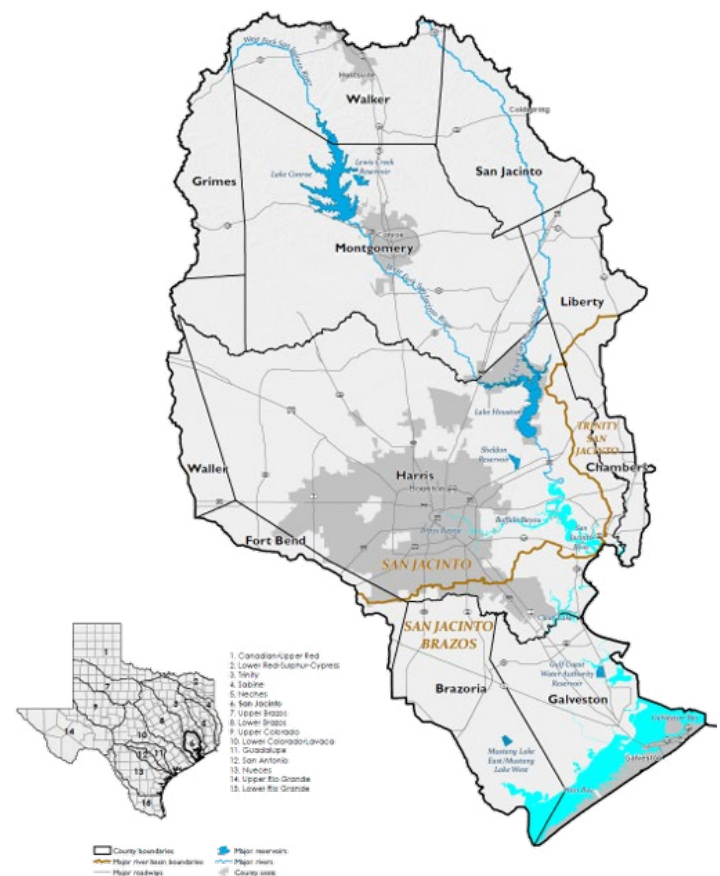
In the wake of historic flooding in Texas, the 2019 Texas Legislature passed legislation to create Texas' first-ever regional and state flood planning process. The Legislature created a state flood planning framework and charged the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) with creating flood planning regions based on river basins and with administering the ongoing work of flood planning.

The San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group (San Jacinto Region) is one of the 15 Regional Flood Planning Groups (RFPGs) formed by the TWDB. San Jacinto Region includes all or part of 11 counties and extends from Galveston in the south to Huntsville in the north.

Through this groundbreaking, first of its kind flood planning effort, the San Jacinto Region received a flood planning grant from the TWDB to help identify specific flood risks as well as strategies to reduce flood risks in coming years. This effort represents a bottom-up approach to flood planning and is intended to be a transparent process which relies on public input.

The San Jacinto region encompasses 5,089 square miles, making it the second smallest flood planning region in the state by area. However, the region is the second most populous, with an estimated population in 2020 of 6.4 million. With a population density of 1,200 people per square mile, the San Jacinto region is also the most densely populated region in the state, with double the population density of any other region. The extensive development and proximity to the coast makes flooding a particular issue of interest and need;

the San Jacinto region has the highest amount of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) claims of any region in the state (1975-2019). Approximately 21% of Texas residents live in the area. It is a geographically diverse region where the needs of rural stakeholders must be balanced with those of rapidly developing urban population centers.



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## OVERVIEW OF THE DRAFT REGIONAL FLOOD PLAN

The overarching goal of regional flood planning is to reduce the risk of flooding that currently exists and preventing creation of new flood risk through responsible floodplain management practices.

As part of this effort, the San Jacinto Region submitted a DRAFT Regional Flood Plan to the TWDB on Aug. 1, 2022. The DRAFT plan will be available for public comment until Oct. 29, 2022. After the public comment period, the Final Regional Flood Plan for the San Jacinto Region will be submitted to the TWDB in January 2023. During this initial round of regional flood planning, the San Jacinto RFPG conducted the following tasks:


- Developed mapping of existing and future flood risk and exposure.
- Leveraged local knowledge to identify flood prone areas.
- Identified regional goals and minimum flood management standards for recommendation across the region.
- Estimated the overall impact of the Regional Flood Plan, like potential impacts to flood prone areas, future flood risks and the environment.

Nearly \$30 billion in funding is needed to implement flood risk reduction actions in the San Jacinto Region, including:

- **374 recommended Flood Management Evaluations**, with a total cost of approximately \$198 million;
- **34 recommended Flood Mitigation Projects** with a total cost of approximately \$28 billion;
- **64 recommended Flood Management Strategies** with a total cost of more than \$1.1 billion

For more information about the San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group or to provide comments on the DRAFT Regional Flood Plan, visit our website at [sanjacintofloodplanning.org](http://sanjacintofloodplanning.org).

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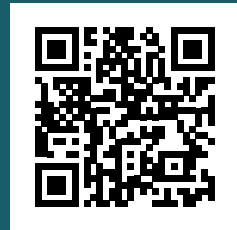
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**IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE**  
**TUESDAY, SEPT. 27, 2022**  
**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

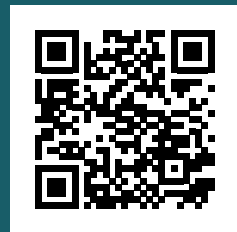
White Oak Conference Center  
 7603 Antoine Dr.  
 Houston, TX 77088

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