

SJRA calls for lowering Lake Conroe

The San Jacinto River Authority has called for the lowering of Lake Conroe on a temporary seasonal basis to allow long term flood mitigation projects to take place such as the projects led by the US Army Corp of Engineers currently conducting and analyzing surveys of the West Fork of the San Jacinto River. Also, the Harris County Commissioners Court voted May 1st to hold a multi-billion dollar flood control bond election on the one year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey's landfall to fund multiple flood mitigation projects.

Recover Lake Houston Website

SJRA Board of Directors vote unanimously to temporarily lower Lake Conroe

On April 26, The SJRA Board of Directors met to decide on calling for Lake Conroe to be lowered up to 2 ft on a seasonal basis during the peak of hurricane season as short term flood mitigation. The lowering would last the next two to three years until more effective and long term flood mitigation strategies can be put in place. The plan must be approved by the city of Houston who holds majority rights to the waters in Lake Conroe. The lowering of Lake Conroe would complete the Plea for 3 Lake Houston campaign started in December by the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce.

"This temporary plan for the lowering of Lake Conroe that is year to year. Every year, this plan will be reviewed and must be approved...This is a

short term flood mitigation plan, while long-term plans such as dredging along the West Fork of the San Jacinto River are developed and put into action. The ultimate goal is to develop a joint operation strategy involving both Lake Conroe and Lake Houston" - [Jace Houston, General Manager of SJRA - The Courier of Montgomery Co.](#)

USACE Aerial Tour of West Fork

West Fork Dredging Project

US Army Corps of Engineers continue their study of the West Fork

The Galveston District of the USACE has been active in their analysis of the San Jacinto River's West Fork. Heavy focus for potential dredging is the portion of the river between [Hwy 59/69](#) leading into Lake Houston as far as West Lake Houston Pkwy according to hydraulic engineers. In a series of videos on their Facebook page, USACE conducted an aerial tour identifying potential dredging sediment deposit sites in the river. Engineers estimate that potential 1 to 3 million cubic yards could be removed from the West Fork of the San Jacinto River. To put it into context, its enough sand to fill two and a half Astrodomes. Another video, goes into detail of their analysis. To watch the videos, use the links on the left. For up to date progress of dredging projects, follow the Galveston District on their [Facebook page here.](#) .

Governor Abbott approves Harris Co. Bond Election on one year anniversary of Harvey

The Harris Co. Commissioners voted to hold a multi-billion bond package that would be the largest local investment in region's flood control following Hurricane Harvey. Governor Abbott approved the election to take place August 25 of this year on the one year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey's landfall. Though the language of the bond referendum remains to be seen, the bond will consist of various long term flood mitigation projects from funding buyouts, home elevations, reservoirs, dam construction, retention basins, channels, etc. Funding for the

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bond will include \$500 million from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Community Development Block Grant funds from the US. Housing and Urban Development. The projected total of funds used for flood mitigation could be as high as \$5 billion.

LHA Back2Biz: Deerbrook Marketplace Grand Re-Opening - May 12th

Come and join the Humble Community and the Back to Business campaign as we welcome back the many stores in the Deerbrook Marketplace who have re-opened their doors following Hurricane Harvey. There will be a performance by the Humble High School Band followed by a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting. Activities include photo booth, mini-golf course, RadHatter, and Humble HS Band Dunk Tank. There will also be a special appearance from members of the Houston Texans Cheerleaders.

Bring your spare change to help continue the recovery efforts of Hurricane Harvey. All proceeds will benefit the Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM).