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West University Place and Harris County Flood Control District to Hold Joint Town Hall Meeting

WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE, TX – The City of West University Place and the Harris County Flood Control District (Flood Control District) will hold a town hall meeting on the Poor Farm Ditch Improvement Project. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the West University Place City Hall Council Chambers located at 3800 University Blvd.

The meeting aims to provide a platform for stakeholders to hear current plans, discuss concerns, and contribute to shaping the direction of flood management initiatives in West University Place. Officials from both the city and the Flood Control District will be present.

Although this project is being managed by the Flood Control District, West U is committed to providing opportunities for residents to be involved and informed over the course of this initiative.

“This collaborative effort underscores our commitment to proactive flood mitigation,” said Mayor Susan Sample. “This town hall is an opportunity for residents and officials to work together towards a food-resilient future.”

In 2023, nearly \$33 million in combined local, state, and federal dollars were secured for the improvements. The cities of West University Place and Southside Place are each contributing \$150,000, the Flood Control District is investing \$5,700,000, with Representative Ann Johnson (HD-134), Senator Joan Huffman (SD-17), and former Senator John Whitmire (SD-15) securing \$16,900,000, and Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher securing \$9,886,000.

The current channel was constructed in 1952 and is one of the earliest examples of a concrete-lined ditch in Harris County.

For more information about this project, please visit www.westutx.gov/pfd.

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