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### **West University Place Takes Another Step Forward to Improve Drainage on the West Side**

WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE, TX – At its September 9 regular meeting, the West University Place City Council took another step forward in addressing drainage concerns on the west side of the city by approving an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., to design a new storm sewer trunkline on the recently acquired property that will drain to Brays Bayou.

The West Side Drainage Improvement Project will be an approximate 8-year, multi-phase undertaking with an estimated cost of \$203 – 258 million. Phase I of this project will include designing and permitting a new storm trunkline, which is projected to span over the course of two years as it involves coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the cities of Houston and Bellaire, Harris County Flood Control District, and various permitting authorities.

Upon funding approval, the construction phase of the new trunk line is projected to take approximately 3 years, with the remaining phases consisting of drainage improvements throughout the west side of the city.

“With the preliminary design work taking place behind the scenes over the last several years, this has been a long endeavor, and we are just getting started,” said Mayor Susan Sample. “While this undertaking is complex and will take time, it is an investment that is necessary to keep our city safe and resilient.”

While construction of this project will take place on the west side of the city, a majority of the community is expected to benefit. By alleviating stormwater from Poor Farm Ditch, residents across the city will experience drainage relief.

For more information about this project, please visit [www.westutx.gov/westside](http://www.westutx.gov/westside).

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