

## LOOK UPSTREAM

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### **Flood damage reduction plans - Cypress Creek Watershed.**

Rapidly growing urban development is continuing to accelerate in the Northwestern sector the Cypress Creek Watershed as new subdivisions, shopping centers, schools, highways and streets break ground each month. What are the Harris County plans for timely integrated building of flood damage reduction infrastructure to offset the tremendous increase in stormwater runoff being created due to forests and pastures being replaced with asphalt and concrete? Is there a consensus of opinion within the engineering community on workable methods for achieving levels of flood reduction which the tax payers want? Has the volume and peak of flood waters been technically calculated? And what is being done to determine the consequences if this infrastructure is not constructed ahead of urban development?

Is there a lack of sufficient funds for purchasing land and constructing regional detention basins? Are Commissioner Steve Radack and Commissioner Jerry Eversole supportive in the quest for avoiding delays in timely construction of flood protection in the Cypress Creek Watershed? What is the current status and what are the plans for the "Home Buy-out Program" in the Cypress Creek Watershed?

Information on these questions and more will be provided by management representatives from the Harris County Flood Control District's Planning Department at a special presentation covering their plans for the Cypress Creek Watershed on March 17, 2004 (Wednesday) evening from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. at the Ponderosa Forest Fire Station. This event sponsored by the

Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition as the highlight of their annual membership meeting will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The Ponderosa Forest Fire Department (281-444-3354) is located at 17061 Rolling Creek (one block north of FM 1960).

Information on open meetings, flood insurance, flood maps, projects, events and more can be obtained from the CCFCC web site [www.ccfcc.org](http://www.ccfcc.org) or e-mail [floodalliance@ccfcc.org](mailto:floodalliance@ccfcc.org).

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