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**H-GAC, TCEQ to Host Oyster Creek Watershed Public Meetings
Residents and Stakeholders Invited to Provide Public Comment**

Houston, TX – Yesterday, several communities in the Houston-Galveston region received approval for projects representing \$33,700,989 in Regional Mitigation Program funds from the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

“These projects will help reduce flood risk, enhance emergency preparedness, and increase wastewater utility resilience in the cities of Columbus, League City, and Brookshire,” said Justin Bower, director of Community and Environmental Planning at the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC). “This funding will be instrumental in helping our region become more resilient in the face of future disaster events.”

The breakdown of the approved projects is as follows:

Funding Recipient	County	Project	Funded Amt.
League City	Galveston County	Drainage Study, Flood Preparedness, and Drainage Improvements	\$15,561,500
Brookshire	Waller County	Drainage Improvements	\$1,310,000
Columbus	Colorado County	Generator and Drainage Improvements	\$1,018,300
Houston-Galveston Area Council	Colorado County	Generator and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements – City of Columbus	\$15,811,189

The Texas General Land Office allocated Community Development Block Grant Mitigation funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to local governments in the Houston-Galveston region based on a Method of Distribution developed by H-GAC through an extensive public participation process.

The purpose of these funds is to increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship during future disasters. HUD requires that at least 50 percent of total funds must be used for activities benefiting low- to moderate-income persons.

To learn more, visit h-gac.com. For information on the city of Columbus Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements visit: [youtube.com/watch?v=FaoyH7JZyUI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaoyH7JZyUI).

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H-GAC is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast planning region, which includes an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 7 million people. H-GAC promotes efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. For more information, visit h-gac.com.