A light blue map of the Houston-Galveston Area Council service area, showing county boundaries. The map is centered on the text.

# **H-GAC's Homeowner Wastewater Assistance Program**

# Failing OSSFs within our Region



# Permitted and Unpermitted OSSFs



Authorized Agent	Permitted Systems 2023	Unpermitted Systems 2023	TOTAL OSSFs 2023
Austin	5,731	2,728	8,459
Brazoria	16,375	26,103	42,478
Chambers	1,776	6,091	7,867
Colorado	605	318	923
Fort Bend	14,452	10,050	24,502
Galveston	7,556	7,852	15,408
Grimes	4,931	4,048	8,979
Harris	34,501	47,326	81,827
Liberty	2,694	16,024	18,718
Matagorda	1,669	4,628	6,297
Montgomery	33,498	55,572	89,070
San Jacinto	0	0	0
Walker	6,015	5,500	11,515
Waller	5,323	8,586	13,909
Wharton	1,804	5,406	7,210
Brookside Village	43	N/A	43
City of Manvel	334	N/A	334
City of Surfside Village	565	N/A	565
San Jacinto River Authority	3,370	N/A	3,370
TCEQ Region 12	3,274	N/A	3,274
<b>Total</b>	<b>144,516</b>	<b>200,232</b>	<b>344,748</b>

# H-GAC Homeowner Wastewater Assistance Program

- Currently the Water Resources Group at H-GAC has two Supplemental Environmental Programs (SEPs) and four other programs that deal with repair or replacement of OSSFs
  - TCEQ SEP (funded by enforcement action fines)
  - Harris County District Attorney's Office SEP (funded by enforcement action fines)
  - Olin Community Grant (funded through corporate and employee giving program)
  - Friends of the River San Bernard Grant
  - TCEQ/GBEP BIL (multi-year contract)
  - Wells Fargo Grant
- Total funds available are almost \$400,000
- All programs have environmental benefits, helping affected communities avoid harmful environmental impact from failing OSSFs
- Texas A&M AgriLife has a program for OSSF pumpouts with no stipulations

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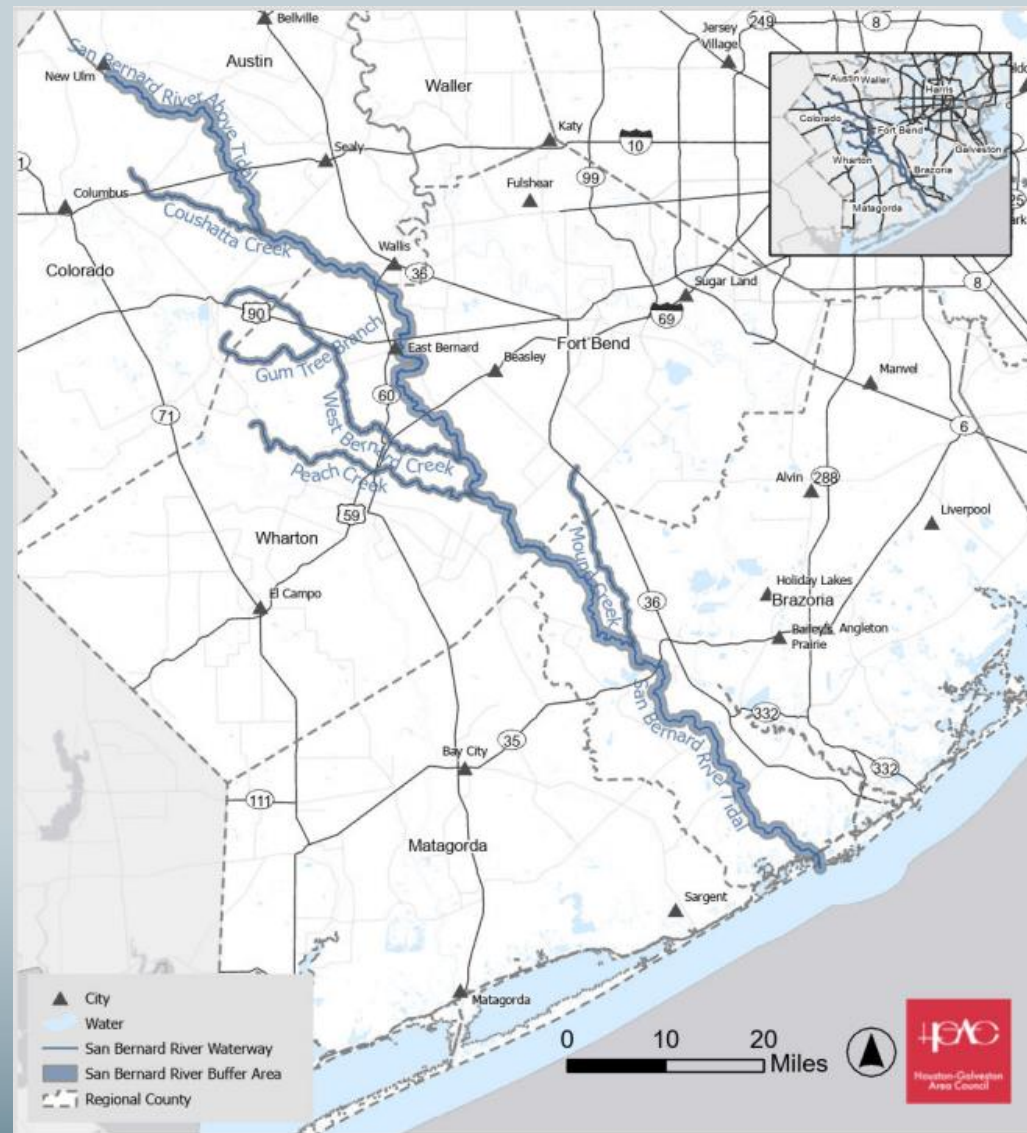
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# Applicant Qualifications

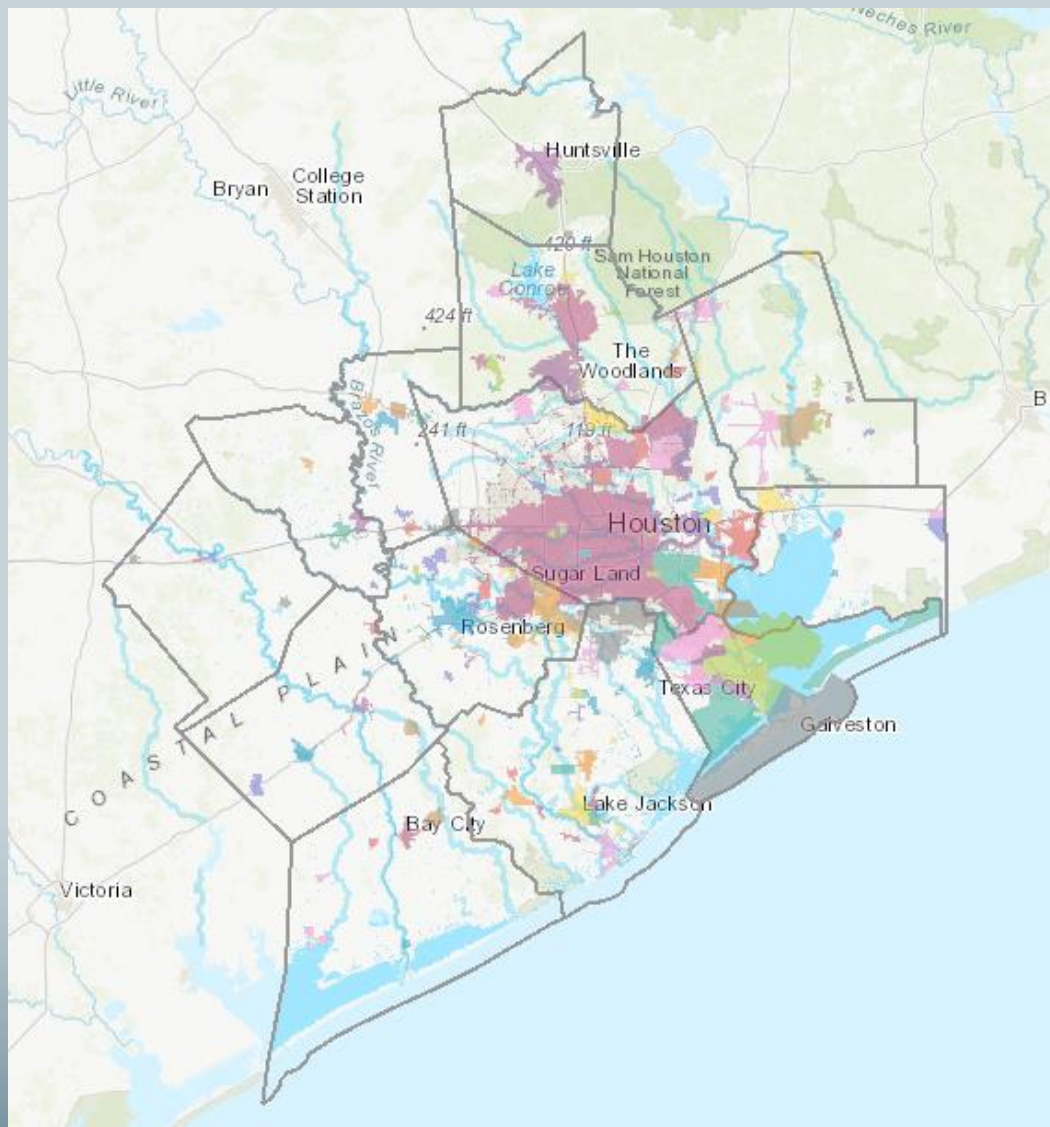
- **Homeowner Wastewater Education Workshop:** the applicant must attend a wastewater education workshop on OSSFs.
- **Ownership & Residence:** the applicant must own and reside in the home (no rental properties, vacation homes, etc.) and must own both the home and the property
- **Eligible Counties:** the applicant must reside in Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, or Wharton County.
- **Combined Household Income:** the income of all members of the household must not exceed 80% of the median income for the county
- **Inspection:** an inspection of the OSSF must be conducted to verify failure or malfunction
- Homeowners may be eligible for funding even if under enforcement action for violation of TCEQ rules (we have multiple funding sources are available).

# Friends of the River San Bernard

- Coverage: The property must be located in close proximity to the river or its main tributaries.
- For:
  - Repair or Replacement of OSSFs
  - Pumpouts of OSSFs
- Eligibility Requirements:
  - Failed or failing system
  - Owner lives in and owns the property
  - The property is not new construction for sale
  - Owner must not earn more than 80% of median household income for that county.



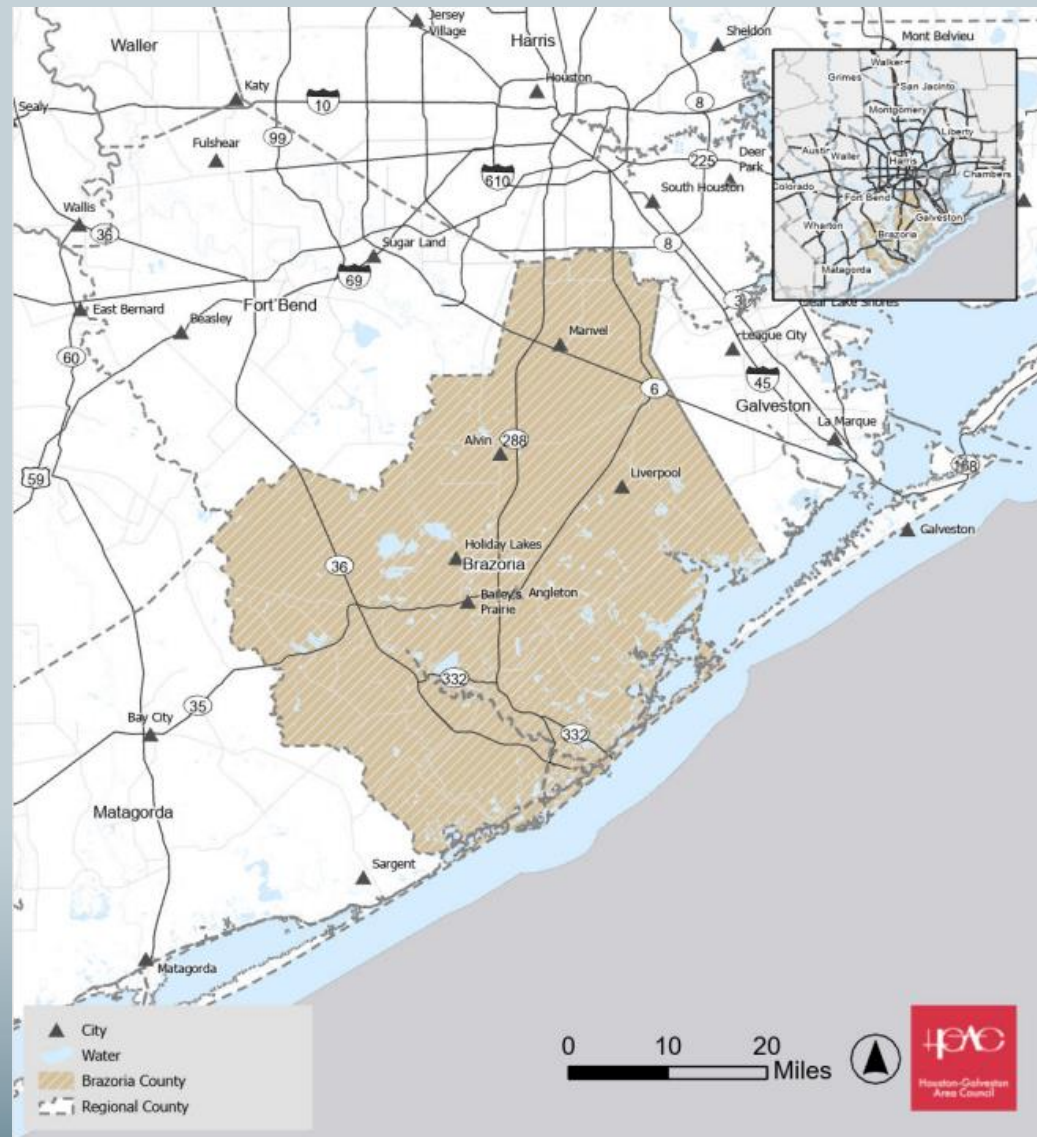
# Harris County District Attorney (HCDA)



- Coverage: 13 County H-GAC Region
- For:
  - Repair or Replacement of OSSFs
  - Pumpouts of OSSFs
- Eligibility Requirements:
  - Failed or failing system
  - Owner lives in and owns the property
  - The property is not new construction for sale
  - Owner must not earn more than 80% of median household income for that county.

# Olin Grant

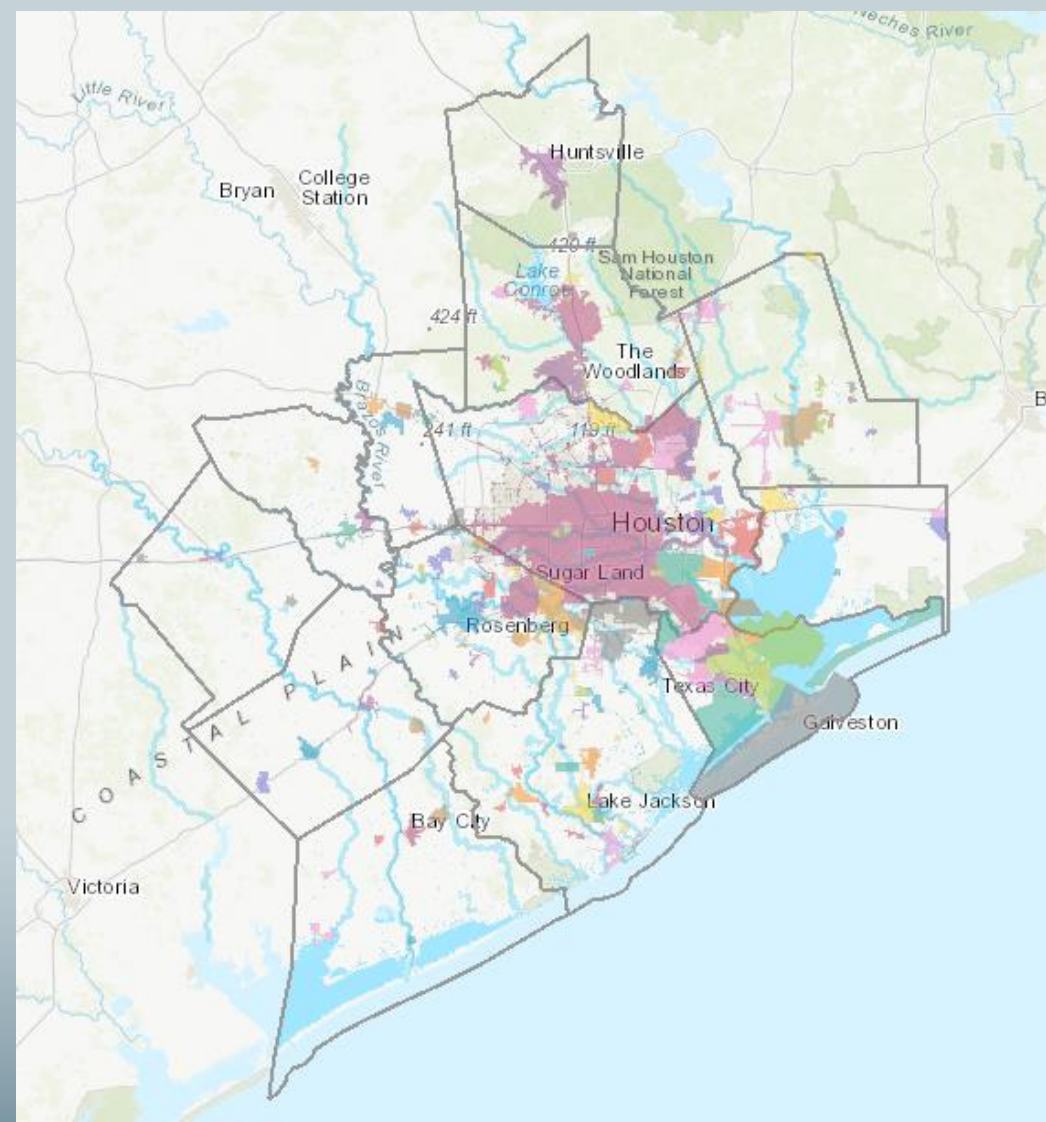
- Coverage: Brazoria County only
- Scope:
  - Repair or Replacement of OSSFs
  - Pet waste Stations
  - Clean up of dilapidated sites or dumps
- Eligibility Requirements:
  - Failed or failing system
  - Owner lives in and owns the property
  - The property is not new construction for sale
  - Owner must not earn more than 80% of median household income for that county.





# TCEQ SEP

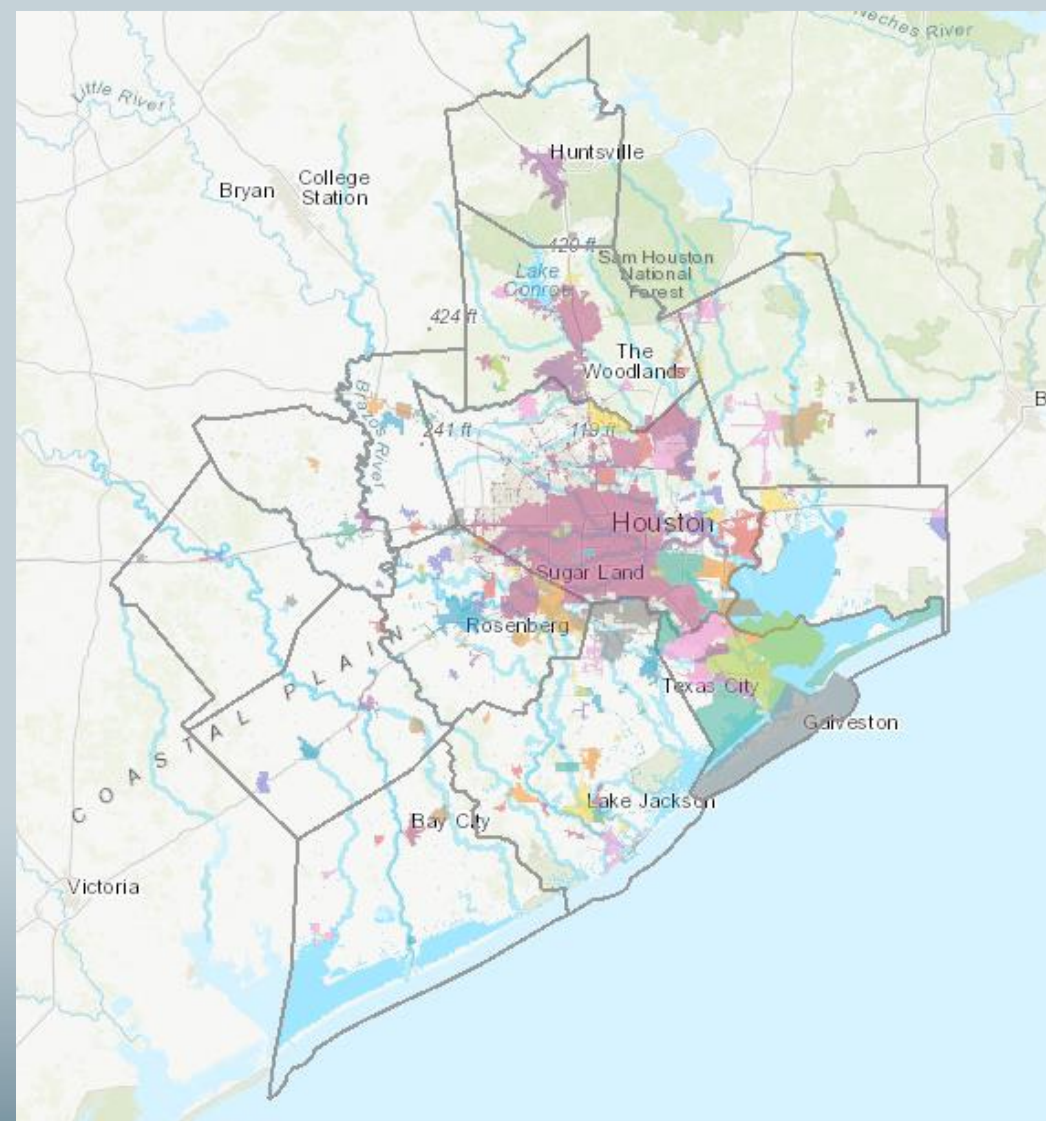
- Coverage: 13 County H-GAC Region
- Scope:
  - Repair or Replacement of OSSFs
- Eligibility Requirements:
  - No code enforcements on the homeowner
  - Failed or failing system
  - Owner lives in and owns the property
  - The property is not new construction for sale
  - Owner must not earn more than 80% of median household income for that county.





# Wells Fargo Grant

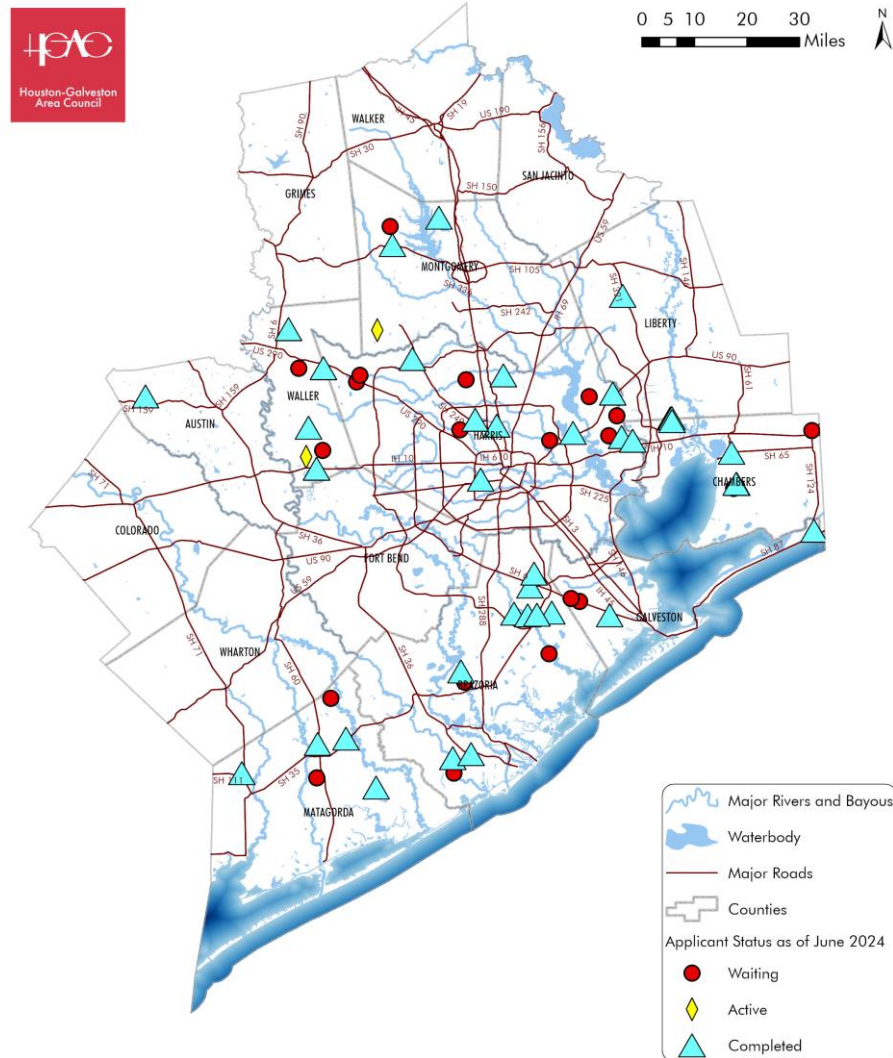
- Coverage: 13 County H-GAC Region
- Scope:
  - Conduct Homeowner OSSF Operations and Maintenance Course
  - OSSF Pumpouts
  - Wastewater Workforce Development
- Eligibility Requirements:
  - Vulnerable Communities
  - Attend Homeowner Education Workshop
  - Applicant must live in and own the home
  - Applicant must not earn more than 80% of the median household income for the county



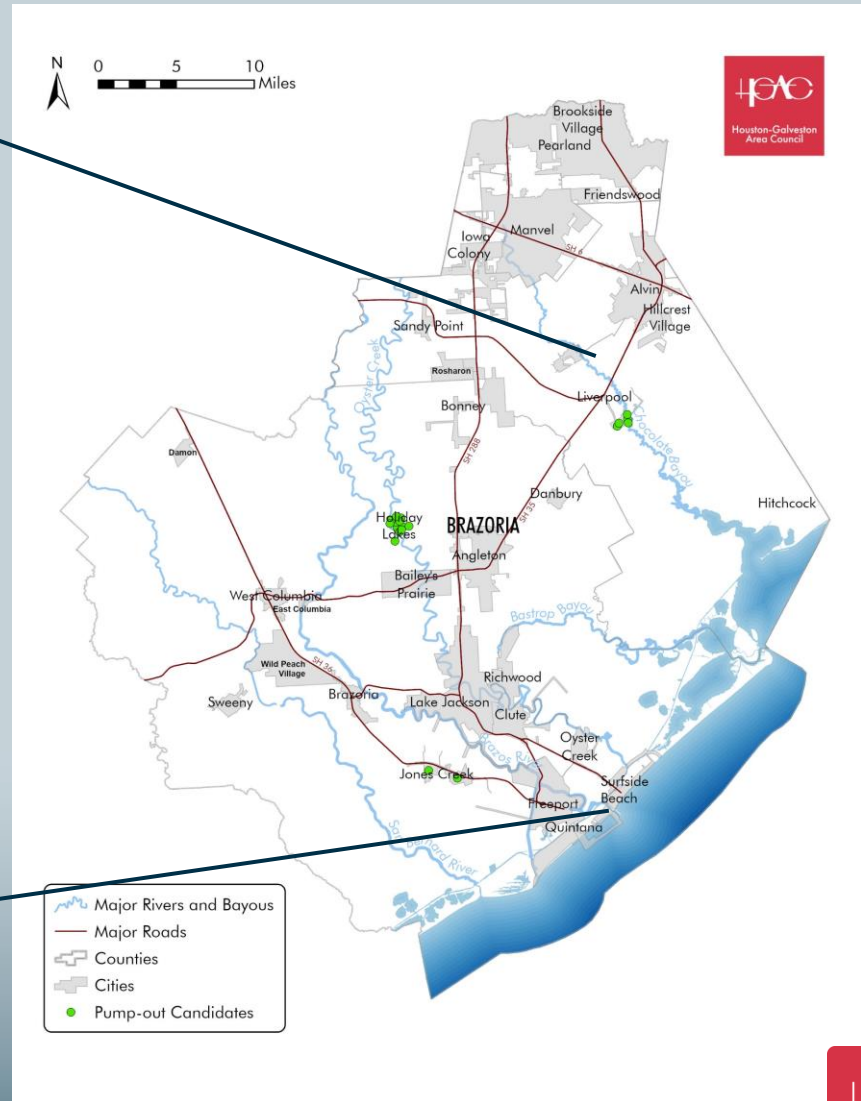
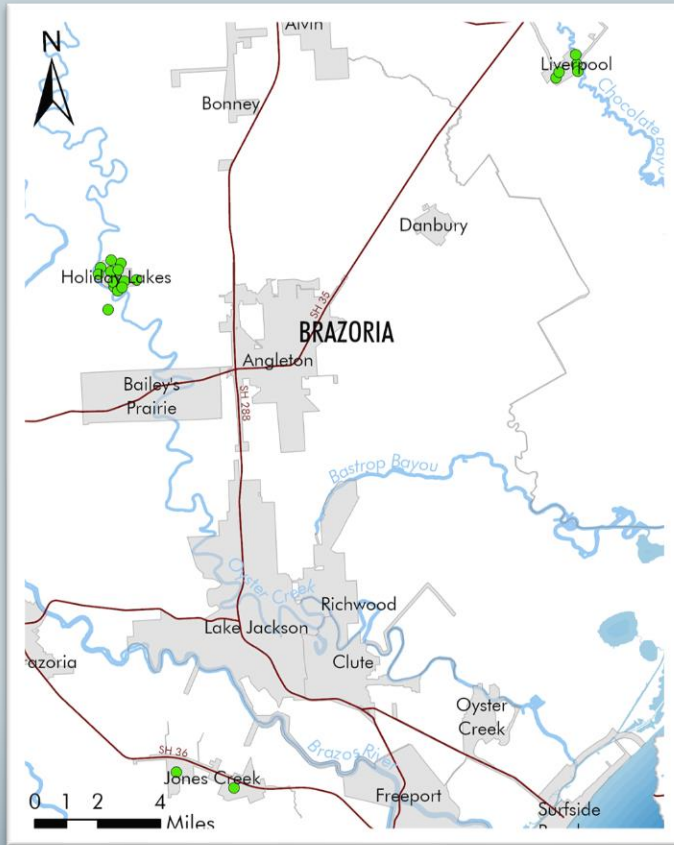
# HWAP – By the Numbers

County	Completed Replacements	Completed Repairs	Currently Waiting	Pump-outs
Austin	1	-	-	-
Brazoria	6	3	3	24
Chambers	6	-	3	-
Colorado	-	-	-	-
Fort Bend	-	-	-	-
Galveston	2	-	2	-
Grimes	-	-	-	-
Harris	5	3	7	-
Liberty	-	4	-	-
Matagorda	3	1	2	-
Montgomery	2	2	3	-
San Jacinto	-	-	-	-
Walker	-	1	-	-
Waller	5	-	3	-
Wharton	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>

# HWAP – Replacements & Repairs



# HWAP – Pumpouts



# Resident Feedback

*"There are no words to express our gratitude and appreciation for everything that was done to help us. From the beginning, at the meeting, everyone was patient in helping me understand. I got follow up phone calls, and emails keeping us updated throughout the process. The service people who came to our home were prompt, and thorough and explained every detail. This was no small task, and we recognize all of the effort and financial funding that went into this project. Kudos to you, your team! This is something we are beyond grateful for, we are blessed to have crossed paths, we can never repay the financial assistance and kindness.*

*Please pass along our appreciation and genuine "THANK YOU" to ALL of the people who made this possible!"*

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