

Cities of Simonton and Weston Lakes Flood Plain Town Hall Meeting

February 12, 2010

WELCOME

Mayor of Simonton – Lou Boudreaux

Mayor of Weston Lakes – Mary Rose
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AGENDA

- Welcome
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- Introduction of Subject Matter Experts
- Flood Plain Administration History, Background and Process (Cliff Aldrich)
- Fort Bend County Interactive Map and County Web Site (Jeff Janecek)
- Impact to the Communities of Simonton and Weston Lakes(Charles Kalkomey)
- Insurance Implications (Linda Delamare)
 - The FIRMs
 - Insurance Rates: Pre Firm/Post Firm, Preferred and Standard
 - Grandfathering
- Overview of the protest/appeal process (Cliff Aldrich)
- Community Questions

INTRODUCTIONS

Subject Matter Experts

- Jeff Janecek, Fort Bend County Drainage District
- Charles Kalkomey, City Engineer, Cities of Simonton and Weston Lakes
- Linda Delamare , National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA Region IV
- Debbie Cahoon, NFIP Specialist, Texas Water Development Board

THE HISTORY AND PROCESS

- FEMA established the National Flood Insurance Program in 1968 to provide a safety net for individuals who lost their homes in flood events
- Weston Lakes MUD 81 joined the program on August 5, 1986
- Fort Bend County joined the program on March 19, 1987
- Simonton Joined the Program on August 4, 1987
- The City of Weston Lakes Joined the Program on April 29, 2009
- Participation in the NFIP allows residents in the city to buy Flood Insurance.
- Non participation prevents residents from buying federally sponsored flood insurance and if areas of the city are in a flood plain prevents residents from obtaining a federally backed mortgage

THE PROCESS (CONT)

- Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) were sequentially published for the Fort Bend County area in 1986, 1992, and 1997 after hydrology and hydraulics studies
- In 2004 another study was undertaken to update the 1997 FIRMS
- Fort Bend County study included a detail study of the Oyster Creek Area and 87 miles of the Brazos River and have resulted in the proposed FIRMs released in October 2009
- We are in a process that allows community and resident review of the FIRMs and the accompanying Flood Insurance Study
- Our Town Hall meeting is part of the community outreach effort to inform citizens of the proposed changes and the impacts of the changes to their current flood insurance or the need and desirability to obtain flood insurance under the NFIP

THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS

Zone X: If your property is in Zone X your property is outside the 100 year Flood Plain

Zone A: If your property is in Zone A your property is in the 100 year Flood Plain, but no FEMA detailed study has been conducted to specifically establish the Base Flood Elevation in this zone

Zone AE: If your property is in Zone AE, your property is in the 100 year Flood Plain and Base Flood Elevations have been established for this zone.

Flood Way: If your property is in an established Flood Way no construction or structure may be placed in the Flood Way that would impede or constrict the flow of water in this area.

FORT BEND COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Jeff Janecek

The Interactive Map

Interactive Map at <http://fbcmap.co.fort-bend.tx.us./floodplainmap>