



**COUNTY JUDGE**  
Fort Bend County, Texas

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Colonel Richard Pannell  
Commander  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Galveston District  
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Dear Colonel Pannell:

Fort Bend County has suffered significant erosional and soil loss impacts on the Brazos River in the vicinity of Richmond, Texas. These impacts have primarily occurred due to scouring effects on the Brazos River during peak storm events. We understand that Section 206 of the Flood Control Act of 1960, as amended, authorizes the Corps to assist communities in mitigating the impacts of flooding. Fort Bend County now requests assistance related to the Brazos River as it flows through Richmond, Texas, the Fort Bend County seat. Fort Bend County has entitled remediation of the river near Richmond, Texas the ***Brazos River Erosion Management (BREM) project***.

Extensive erosion of the Brazos River occurs near Richmond, Texas. Average annual migration rates of the Brazos River near Richmond, Texas are in the range 4-feet per year. In excess of 400-feet of movement has occurred in the last 70 years. Scour is particularly associated with peak storm events, and up to ten feet of soil loss has been documented to result from a single flood occurrence. Further erosion threatens historically significant properties, public buildings owned by Fort Bend County, and private property as well as public infrastructure, including levees, utilities, roads and railroad bridges. Hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed as part of the federal Flood Plain Management Services program will assist Fort Bend County in understanding the basic parameters of this erosion, and begin to conceptualize appropriate responses.

Fort Bend County is requesting that this letter serve as our application to request federal assistance through H&H study of the Brazos River near Richmond, Texas. Please contact Richard W. Stolleis, County Engineer at telephone 281-633-7506 to arrange further discussion of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Hebert". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert Hebert  
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