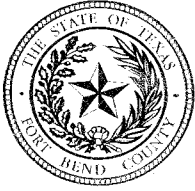


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September 8, 2015

COL Richard Pannell, Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District
2000 Fort Point Road
Galveston, Texas 77550

Dear COL Pannell:

This is in reference to your Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program. We understand that Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 authorizes the Corps to provide technical assistance to support states and their political subdivisions to prepare plans related to water and related land resources issues. Fort Bend County requests consideration of the attached study proposal for funding under this program. This study proposal relates to the Brazos River as it flows through Richmond, Texas, the Fort Bend County seat.

Extensive erosion of the Brazos River occurs in the vicinity of Richmond, Texas. Average annual migration rates of the Brazos River near Richmond, Texas are in the range of 4-feet per year; in excess of 400-feet of movement has occurred in the last 70 years. Further erosion threatens historically significant properties, public buildings owned by Fort Bend County, and private property as well as public infrastructure. Hydrologic and hydraulic analyses are currently being performed specific to the Brazos River near Richmond, TX. Studies performed under this PAS request would assist Fort Bend County to perform technical engineering assessment of this hazardous situation.

The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court unanimously supports a partnership between the County and the Corps of Engineers to address the ongoing problem. The City of Richmond also supports the project, but has deferred to County leadership on the issue. Fort Bend County understands that the PAS program is cost-shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal and is prepared to sign an agreement with the Corps to execute a PAS study. The attached study proposal describes our current view of how such a study might unfold. Upon your review of this initial request, we would like to further discuss the scope, schedule, and level of effort available. Please contact Richard W. Stolleis, County Engineer, at 281-633-7506 to arrange a further discussion. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Hebert
County Judge