



Lake Houston Area Grassroots Flood Prevention Initiative

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Evaluation Branch, North Unit Regulatory Division,
CESWG-RD-E
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 1229
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**RE: Request for Public Hearing on Permit
Application No. SWG-2016-00384**

We, as representatives of the Lake Houston Area Grassroots Flood Prevention Initiative—an organization consisting of several hundred residents of the Lake Houston Area committed to preventing future flooding in our Area—respectfully submit this as a formal request for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, to hold a Public Hearing on Permit Application No. SWG-2016-00384.

The Applicant, Romerica Investments LLC, proposes to discharge 68,323 cubic yards of fill material into 42.35 acres of wetlands and an estimated 285 cubic yards of fill material into 771 linear feet of streams adjacent to the West Fork San Jacinto River during the development of a marina/resort district, a commercial district, a residential district, and roadway expansion to be located in waters and wetlands adjacent to the West Fork of the San Jacinto River, in Kingwood, in Harris County, Texas.

The location of the proposed project is in an area that several hundred homes experienced massive flooding during Hurricane Harvey. Additionally, much of this area has flooded numerous times since Harvey following rainfall events that were mere fractions of the voluminous amount of rain received during Harvey.

This is a matter of extreme concern to the residents of the Kingwood Area. Our membership is very fearful about the potential impact this project could have on increasing the likelihood of future flooding events—and the resultant increased hazards to public safety—due to the location and development plans of this project.

Therefore, in order to solicit additional information to better assist the Corps in the evaluation of the proposed project—as well as to provide a forum to enhance the public's understanding of the proposal—we strongly urge the Corps to hold a public hearing on the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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