

Appendix E: Public Engagement

DATE RECEIVED	COMMENT
26-Apr-23	Have you considered retention ponds with recharge into the aquifer we pull water from in The Woodlands? It takes years to recharge an aquifer but if you drill down to a level that feeds into the aquifer, it will take less time. This is not an immediate fix for flooding, but it would remediate some flooding because of the ponds and hopefully recharge the aquifer for years down the road.
26-Apr-23	Groundwater availability is a very hot topic in Montgomery County. Could the impounded water from these dams be used to recharge the aquifer? For instance, in California, they use these flood control dams to protect property and recharge aquifers. I doubt we have the geology needed but might be worth looking into.
2-May-23	The presentation was informative BUT at the same time disheartening because it does not seem as if a solution can be found in the near future to keep our homes from flooding again. When I bought my home it wasn't in a floodplain, now my entire property is! Home flooded in 2016 and 2017. Montgomery County should DO something to reduce the overdevelopment and sinking of our property. Hopefully a solution can be found quickly to avoid future flooding.
2-May-23	As a resident who will be directly impacted by the Walnut Creek proposed dam, I am gravely concerned by the impact of this project. If the water rises up to Riley Road, which it already normally does WITHOUT the dam, I may be forced to stay on my higher property instead of being able to go to work. If I can't leave my property, I will lose it. This project may displace me from my home!!! Please take road improvements into consideration of this project! Please! My other major concern is that road improvements will be placed on the county, which will lead to unfair tax hikes on us - the community already paying the price for improvements to another city's well being. If these concerns are taken into consideration and solutions are put in place, we will withdraw our opposition to this project.
2-May-23	1) The water levels rise with backflow not foreflow. 2) The Harris County Channel from the Spring Creek is choked with 0 capacity. Please increase the capacity (Behind Lenox Hill).
2-May-23	Why are we basing results on a 100 year study when Harvey was a 500 year flood event? DO NOT LOWER THE DAM, DO NOT MINIMIZE OVERFLOW FLOODPLAIN BEHIND DAM. FEMA's FORMULAS ARE OUTDATED! Were Atlas 14 rainfall predictor's used? BUY THE LAND - All of it - NOW That has been the unending battle - by the time you find out the area floods, it's too late and peoples lives are changed. Don't let the upstream development build - it will raise land level, more concrete - further causing flooding downstream.
2-May-23	We have lived in our home on 22 acres for over 15 years. A tributary of Walnut Creek runs through our property. Our home has NEVER flooded. We did our due diligence before building with elevation levels to ensure we were building in a safe area. We are now placed in the impact zone for flooding because of this project. Because builders and counties have not considered flooding before completing projects, we are being penalized for their negligence. Our attorney information is on file with you. Our 22 acres should not be impacted because of others incompetence and greed.
3-May-23	Is there a way to include planned construction developments, particularly residential developments, in the study area and how they will impact the modeled benefits of the dams under study? It would be helpful to have a tool similar to the Montgomery county interactive flood maps that would allow residents to see if their property might benefit from the construction of either or both dams. The maps used in the public meeting are helpful, but too small to see where your property is located in respect to the creek. Thank you.
10-May-25	Having attended the most recent public hearing as well as the previous one, I noticed that the edge/limits of the survey area do not extend north beyond the Waller/Grimes county line. As a resident of Saddle Creek Forest, I can tell you that there are 4 tributaries to Walnut Creek that that run through SCF that originate in Grimes County, resulting in delayed road flooding from rainfall across the watershed in Grimes County. Your study fails to address effects of any planned developments in extreme southern Grimes County, especially given the speed at which developments are spreading northward in Waller County. Also, Grimes County seems to have much less activity, involvement or regulation in flood control and mitigation relating to development than Waller. I feel this topic should be included as potentially having a significant effect on the proposed dam in the 10+ year time frame.
28-Apr-25	What implications for the local aquifers do the two dams present?
24-Apr-25	You have no considered the Zero Cost, Do Nothing, option that saves everyone without creating unnecessary burden for an agency that can't even be identified. Require the MoCo FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT to do their job and RESTRICT construction of homes in areas defined as high hazard. The study is now completed and actually shows WHICH 275 homes will be impacted. Why keep allowing citizens to build in hazardous locations? The Barker Cypress / Addicks reservoir is a perfect example of County Flood Control failing to CONTROL building in hazardous areas. There are many other potential uses, but just because a developer purchased it does not mean the county is required to allow them to put lives at stake for profit. Really - negative impact and \$5000,000 cost on the entire county to benefit only 275 homes? The fact no one has been identified to be a sponsor should be a good indicator of what the problem is. Cost Ratio for dual project is only 0.71 - you failed to state that in the presentation. Barely 1.0 based on made up benefit values with no backup. Obviously not beneficial. Cut losses now and STOP WORK.

23-Apr-25	<p>We live in Saddle Creek Forest. It is north of Riley road with parts of our neighborhood in Waller county and some in Grimes county and is between Birch Creek to the east and Walnut Creek to the west. Our past experiences with rain events and flooding in this area are a concern. We are stranded when bridges and roads are flooded and we cannot get out and outside services (like EMS) are needed but they cannot get in. We heard about this project via social media and were interested if it would provide any relief to these flood events. We attended the 4/21/25, meeting at the Field Store Community Center. The documentation and presentation both inform us that there be no positive result for us if this project, in it's current scope, goes forward. In our area that is impacted by these floods, the water levels do not remain at that stage for long after the rain stops. Currently, it moves thru (downstream) in usually less than a day. But at the meeting we were told that these two dams would cause a minimal increase in water levels but would take longer to drain - days longer. As stated in your documentation "Runoff impounded upstream of the dams could take up to a week to completely drain after an extreme rainfall event". Before the presentation when we were looking at maps, we asked that question to the person that did the presentation, (before we knew he was the person that was doing it) he replied we would probably get a little more water and it would take longer to drain.</p> <p>I am totally against this project. It will make a bad situation worse. It has no mention of building higher bridges over those creeks so we are not stranded. All the estimated benefits of "No Longer Flooded" are for those downstream of the proposed dams - at the expense of us upstream of the proposed dams.</p>
21-Apr-25	<p>I believe it may be a grave concern and huge mistake to not include the cost of improving the Riley Road improvements needed for this project to go ahead. If both of these reservoirs are built and full of water, as intended, then you will be trapping the residents of Riley Road with no means of leaving or getting emergency services to their property. This is the only road in our area, there are no other options. Riley Road already floods during non-major storm events for at least a full day. This will only make it worse. The majority of residents work off of their property and must leave to earn a living. The bridges crossing the creeks at all points MUST be improved and built higher due to this project. This is not a cost that should be pushed onto Waller County since it is YOUR project causing this effect. This is a significant oversight of the project to not include this cost in your Cost to Benefits Analysis.</p>
21-Apr-25	<p>Roads and bridges along Kyle, Riley, and countless other roads in the affected area already suffer from significant flooding during normal rain events. Not including the cost of improvements to these areas within this project is not only irresponsible but poses a significant risk of trapping residents in their homes for the entire duration that water is being held back by the new dams. Assuming that Waller County will fund such improvements in support of a project that only does harm to local residents seems naive at best and should be the sole responsibility of those who actually benefit from the project.</p>
28-Apr-25	<p>Protect private property rights Protect farms and ranches. NO public trails on private property rights.</p>
19-May-25	<p>How can each of the projects have a positive BCA, and the combined projects have a negative? Do you plan to pursue these mitigation projects given the negative BCA?</p>
19-May-25	<p>I never heard back from anyone. My house in Walden at 13010 Wood Harbour has flooded twice in the last few years and I have had to totally move everything and rebuild every single thing. Walden is so fussy about everything I do and try to do. I just want you to let out the lake level sooner. This is so expensive and hard for me to keep doing this. Please respond.</p>
19-May-25	<p>I do not like nor want the Birch creek dam to go forward. There's so little land left for ranching and the project would cause my land to flood more, make it difficult for my horses and our cattle in heavy rains. It would cause a backup of debris that I suspect you aren't going to come clean after every event... Increasing our labor. I am strongly against the project.</p>
19-May-25	<p>Please consider clearing/cut trees and drenching right below dam. Drenching and removing trees can have considerable flow out. Might prevent flooding of neighbors on lake!</p>
20-May-25	<p>Kindly advise since Harvey flooded 100's of Homes over 8 years ago Why there is still an ongoing study & no action I truly appreciate your efforts But. 8 years & no solution</p>
27-May-25	<p>"Two of the more cost-effective alternatives identified are dams on Walnut Creek and Birch Creek, which were recommended for implementation in the SJMDP. This project is planned to include a conceptual-level design for each of the two dams, as well as definition of benefits and costs for each dam and a combination of the two dams." Who would own, operate, and maintain these dams and the reservoirs associated with them? On whose books would the real property be accounted for? What would be the revenue source for O&M?</p>
30-May-25	<p>So far we have been lucky-no hurricanes so far. Received no response or action on getting the river right below the outflow cleaned and dredged and beyond down stream!. Been here in Walden over 25 years and we have flooded inside lot at least 6 times of over 4-5 ft! Tried of fixing bulk head and looking for lost jet ski and boats besides home flooding! Let's wake up and open the gates to alleviate flooding! We residents do not care about what you can flood to in elevation! This area has grown beyond expectations and you all need to manage a lot better!! Let's get up to date and help by getting river cleaned out and dredged below dam!! Please take action and make visible to the surrounding area!</p>
3-Jun-25	<p>I support the study even though the number of properties in Montgomery County precinct 3 removed from flooding will be limited during an event like the "Tax Day flood". Each flood event is different and these projects will certainly help! I would like, however, to see projects that improve the flow downstream, such as dredging as we have seen many new sandbars in Spring Creek over the last few years.</p>
5-May-25	<p>Is there going to be something else published as a "Full Report", or is that all there is? I do NOT see a Public Comment response date posted anywhere that I can find on that web site. When are comments due? 3. The big picture shows there are about 11 other dams proposed around the state as part of the resolution of the problems for the confluence area. Why aren't those other studies linked to this web site? Have they been started? How will they relate to this study? 4. It is apparent to me that the problem area is ALSO down stream from THIS flooding location, in which case ALL studies need to be captured. If the downstream creeks are flooded or overflowing, the upstream water has no where to go.</p>