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Dear Southside Place Edloe Residents,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the current status of the Harris County Flood Control District's (HCFCD) Poor Farm Ditch project, and to advise you of upcoming correspondence regarding a non-invasive survey you will be receiving from HCFCD.

#### Project Status

The City is pleased to report that the Poor Farm Ditch project is now fully funded for construction through a combination of local, state and federal funding sources as follows:

- HCFCD - \$4.5 million
  - City of Southside Place - \$150,000
  - City of West University Place - \$150,000
  - Congressionally Directed Funds - \$9.886 million
  - State of Texas - \$16.9 million
- Total - \$31,586,000

Last October, an interlocal agreement (ILA) was executed between the City of Southside Place, the City of West University Place, and HCFCD to establish roles and responsibilities through the duration of design and construction. In that ILA, each of the respective Cities agreed to be the primary point of contact for area residents, so going forward, please direct any inquiries or concerns regarding the project to us.

HCFCD recently entered into a professional services agreement with the engineering firm Freese & Nichols to complete the final engineering. This process is expected to take approximately nine months and does include a community engagement meeting to be conducted by HCFCD. There will also be periodic updates given to City Council. The schedule indicates final engineering to be completed by the fall of this year (2024), and advertising the project for a construction start in the first quarter of 2025.

#### Survey Notification

The next activity you can expect is a letter from HCFCD regarding a non-invasive surveys. Because the last topographic survey for the design was conducted several years ago, it is important to verify existing conditions and, where appropriate, update the survey. As such, HCFCD contractors will need to access your backyards briefly, sometime over the next few months. In most cases, they will simply verify that nothing has changed from their previous survey, but may need to bring in survey equipment or possibly put some pins in the ground. Rest assured the work is "non-invasive" meaning there will no physical work outside of possibly using hand shovels to inspect soil, and they will only enter your backyard through an unlocked gate. If you wish to coordinate with HCFCD regarding pets, or to unlock a gate, there will be contact information in the letter on how to do so.

The City of Southside Place appreciates your cooperation during this phase of the project. We are excited to take this step as the project moves closer to construction. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 713 668-2341 or [citymgr@southsideplacetx.gov](mailto:citymgr@southsideplacetx.gov) should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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City Manager