

REGION



Lower Brazos
Regional Flood Planning Group

Thursday, March 19, 2026

10:00 AM

Brazos River Authority, Lt. Gen. Phillip J. Ford Central Office

4600 Cobbs Dr., Waco, TX 76710



- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Attendance**
- 2. Public Input - comments on agenda items or flood planning issues
(limited to 3 minutes each)**
- 3. Consent Agenda**
 - 3.1. Approval of Minutes for the January 15, 2026, meeting**
 - 3.2. Approval and Certification of the Finance Report Expenditures**

Meeting Minutes

REGION 8 - LOWER BRAZOS REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

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10:00 a.m. – Thursday, January 15, 2026

Meeting agenda, materials, and audio recordings are available online at www.lowerbrazosflood.org

1. Call Meeting to Order and Attendance

Anthony Beach presided over the meeting in Waco, TX. Mr. Beach called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Anthony Beach	P	Alysha Girard	P
Bruce Bodson	P	Matt Phillips Alt. Aaron Abel	P
Sujeeth Draksharam	P	Kristina Ramirez	P
Tim Finley	P	Jonathan Steiber	P
Russell Ford	P	Mark Vogler	P
Charlotte Gilpin	P	Brandon Wade	P

Quorum Present: Yes. A quorum is 7 of 12 voting members.

2. Public Input - Public comments on agenda items or flood planning issues (limited to 3 minutes each)

Anthony Beach opened the floor for public comments. No public comments.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1. Approval of Minutes for the December 18, 2025 meeting
- 3.2. Report, Approval and Certification of the Finance Report Expenditures – No Finance Report

Anthony Beach opened the floor for approval of the minutes from the previous meeting as they were presented.

Sujeeth Draksharam made the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes presented and Aaron Abel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation by the TWDB consultant developing the Nature-Based Solutions for Flood Resilience Guidance Manual

Alysha Girard recommended including information on long-term funding and financial planning for the maintenance of nature-based solutions. She also mentioned many funding mechanisms do not currently account for future benefits, which ultimately makes pursuing funding for these types of projects more difficult. The presenter responded that the long-term goal of nature-based solutions is for them to be self-sustaining; however, they acknowledged that this requires significant upfront effort. Kristina Ramirez agreed. She mentioned that nature-based solutions may require specialized maintenance and encouraged this to be included within the manual.

Sujeeth Draksharam mentioned that the implementation of nature-based solutions is largely out of the RFPG's control. They can recommend nature-based solutions, but that is the extent of the RFPG's oversight.

Tim Finley mentioned that he has experienced success with nature-based solutions but acknowledged that they require significant up-front planning and space. He believes the manual will be a helpful tool for communities to become more aware of what nature-based solutions may entail.

5. Discussion and possible action on the report from the technical consultant.

Action Item: Finalize the method for selecting FMEs to be performed by both the RFPG (Task 4C) and TWDB (Task 5B).

The Technical Consultant Team presented on the proposed definition for "rural communities" for use in the Lower Brazos Regional Flood Plan. The RFPG discussed potential modifications to the proposed definition to better align with the intended use.

Alysha Girard made a motion to approve the proposed definition for "rural communities" as presented by the Technical Consultant Team with the following modification: Where an FME is sponsored by an entity that spans multiple counties, the rurality designation shall be made based on the location of the proposed study instead of considering the full extents of the sponsoring entity. The motion passed.

The Technical Consultant Team presented on the proposed list of FMEs to be performed by the RFPG (Task 4C) and to be performed by the TWDB (Task 5B). The RFPG instructed the Technical Team to reach out to sponsors and confirm their interest in the proposed studies. They provided approval for the team to continue down the list as needed if sponsors declined the offer.

6. Report from:

- 6.1. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff
Tressa Olson provided the TWDB Report to the RFPG.
- 6.2. Regional Planning Sponsor
No Sponsor Report
- 6.3. Lower Brazos RFPG Chair
Alysha Girard provided a brief Chair report.

7. Confirm next meeting date and discuss new business to be considered at next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 10:00AM.

Adjourn

Anthony Beach adjourned the meeting at 11:24 AM.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the meeting held on March 19, 2026.

Matt Phillips, Secretary

Alysha Girard, Chair

Brazos River Authority
2028 Region 8 Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group
 From 12/01/25 Through 01/31/26

	Current Period	Life to Date	Total Budget	Budget Variance	% Budget Remaining
Revenues					
State Grants	235,080	1,097,656	2,520,600	1,422,944	56.45%
Total Revenues	235,080	1,097,656	2,520,600	1,422,944	56.45%
Reimbursable Expenditures					
Salaries	235	1,999	14,750	12,751	86.45%
Benefits	101	860			
Indirect Costs	24	200			
Other Expenditures			10,250	10,250	100.00%
Printing/Publishing					
Public Information/Notices/Ads ¹	-	36			
Misc postage/overnight/Misc/etc. ²	131	627			
Total Other Expenditures	491	3,722	25,000	21,278	85.11%
Voting Planning Member Travel	-	279	4,500	4,221	93.81%
Subcontractors ³	234,590	1,093,655	2,491,100	1,397,445	56.10%
Total Reimbursable Expenditures	235,080	1,097,656	2,520,600	1,422,944	56.45%
Work in Kind					
Salaries/benefits	182	6,239			
Other	-	-			
Total Work in Kind	182	6,239			
Net Revenue over expenditures	(182)	(6,239)	-	-	

²Agenda, handouts, sign in sheets & chair notes & Digicert

³ Thru 1/31/26



4. Discussion and possible action on the report from the technical consultant

Technical Consultant Update

March 19, 2025



Agenda



General and Schedule Updates



Task 4C & 5B – Performance of FMEs

General Updates

Task 4B Tech Memo

- Received administratively complete notification from TWDB
- Waiting on comments

Task 5A Recommend FMXs

- Notice to proceed from TWBD
- Gathered FMX submittals through end of last year
- Using model data to vet and refine FMX list

Draft Chapters

- Developing draft Chapters 2 and 3
- Will provide for RFPG review in April

Schedule Update

2026

2027

Task 4C: RFPG Performance of FMEs

Task 5A: FMX Recommendation

Task 5B: TWDB Performance of FMEs

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Task 5B list due to TWDB



Task 5B supporting data due to TWDB



Draft 5B due to RFPG

Final 5B due to RFPG



Task 6: Impacts of Plan

Task 7: Flood Response

Task 8: Recommendations

Task 9: Funding Analysis

Task 10: Public Engagement

Task 11: RFP Comparison

Draft RFP due to TWDB



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May

Task 4C: RFPG Performance of FMEs

Task 5B: TWDB Performance of FMEs

Ryan Londeen, PE, CFM

Tasks 4C and 5B

Task 4C – RFPG Performance

- Budget: \$575,000
- Focused on non-rural areas
- Technical Team to initiate immediately after approval
- Will incorporate all study results into 2028 RFP

Task 5B – TWDB Performance

- Budget: \$3.9 M
- Focused on rural or underserved communities
- Provide list to TWDB by March 26 and supporting data by April 24
- Results from first two studies will be incorporated in 2028 RFP
- TWDB consultant (Edge Engineering) will continue work over next 5 years

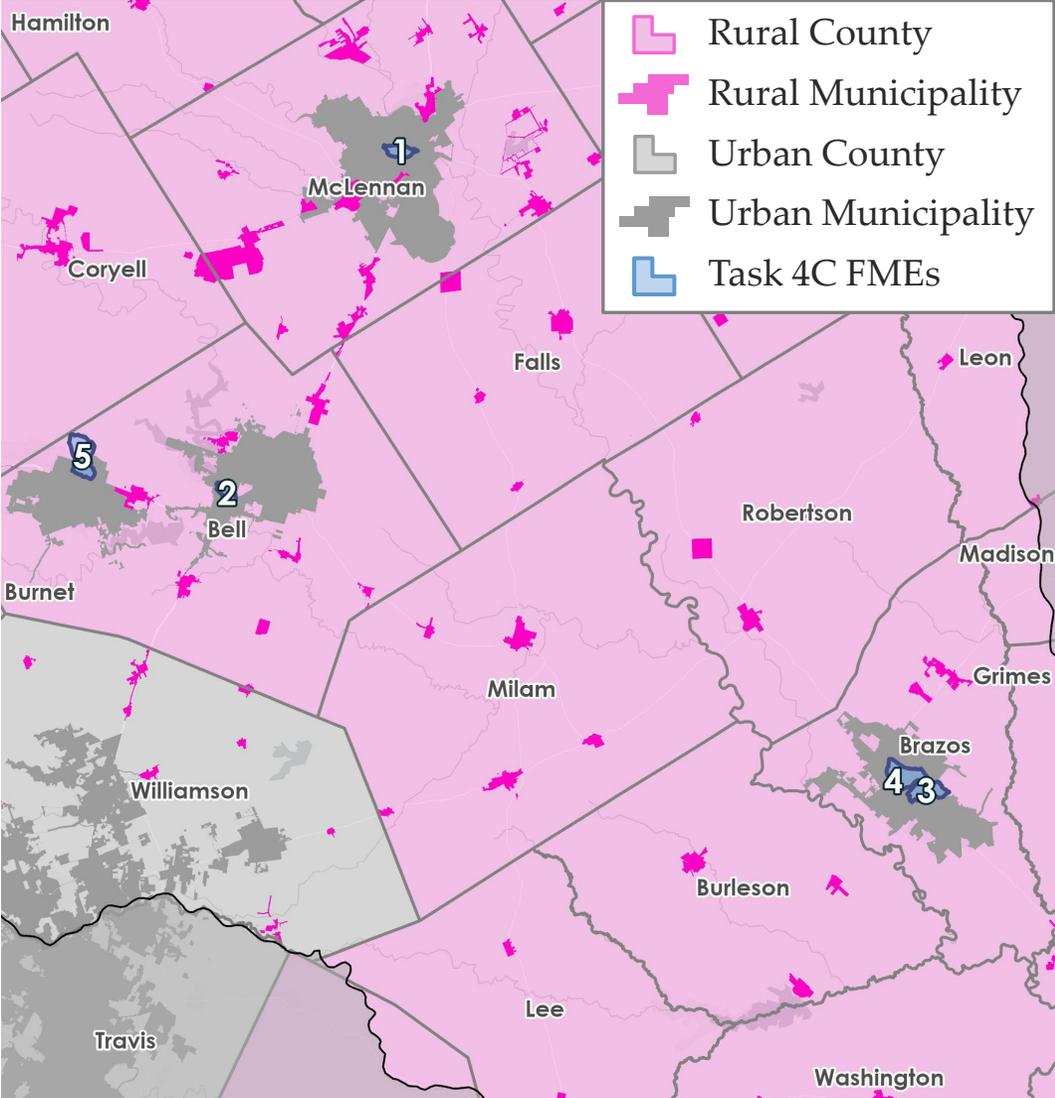
FMEs Selected for RFPG

Total Task Budget: \$575,000

Start with top 3 FMEs. Group can vote, later, on including more if budget allows.

Scopes of work included in supplemental material

Rank	FME Name	FME Sponsor	Estimated Cost	Running Total Cost
1	Barron's Branch Creek Improvements	City of Waco	\$187,000	\$187,000
2	Turtle Creek Channel and Drainage Improvements	City of Belton	\$170,000	\$357,000
3	Project Development for Bee Creek Watershed	City of College Station	\$151,000	\$508,000
4	Burton Creek Channel Improvements	City of Bryan	Unknown	
5	Long Branch Environmental Improvements	City of Killeen	Unknown	



FME 2: Turtle Creek Channel & Drainage Improvements

Estimated Cost: \$170,000

Sponsor: City of Belton

Sponsor Response: Heavily Engaged

Overview: Analyze existing flood risk within Turtle Creek watershed where the City has seen frequent flooding. Identify regional flood risk mitigation solution(s) with emphasis on achievable implementation.



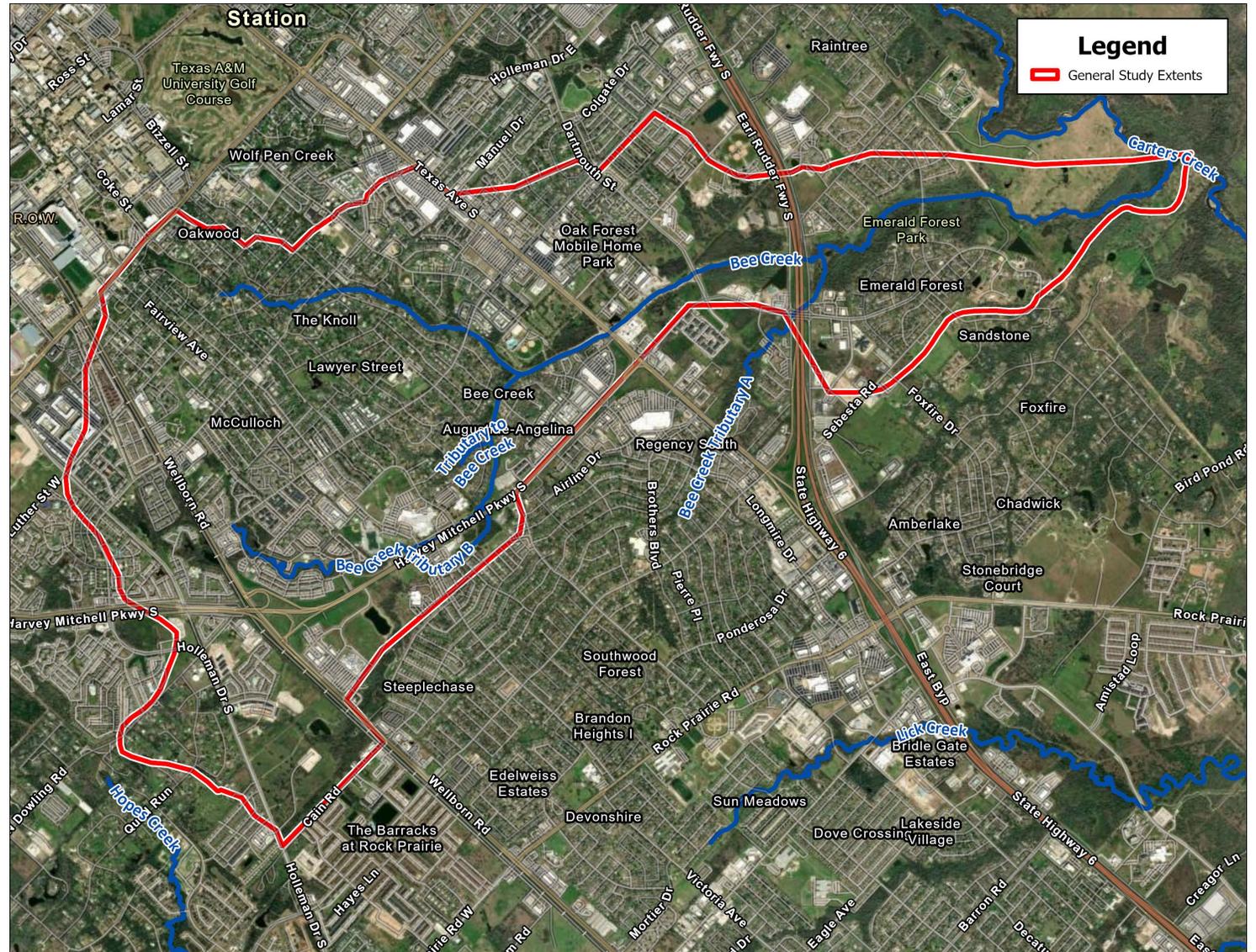
FME 3: Project Development for Bee Creek

Estimated Cost: \$151,000

Sponsor: City of College Station

Sponsor Response: Heavily Engaged

Overview: Utilize previous modeling efforts from past city master drainage plan to create updated existing conditions model to reflect latest conditions and data. Riverine analysis only (no urban risk). Identify potential projects to mitigate flood risk in highest risk areas.



Task 4C – Vote for Approval

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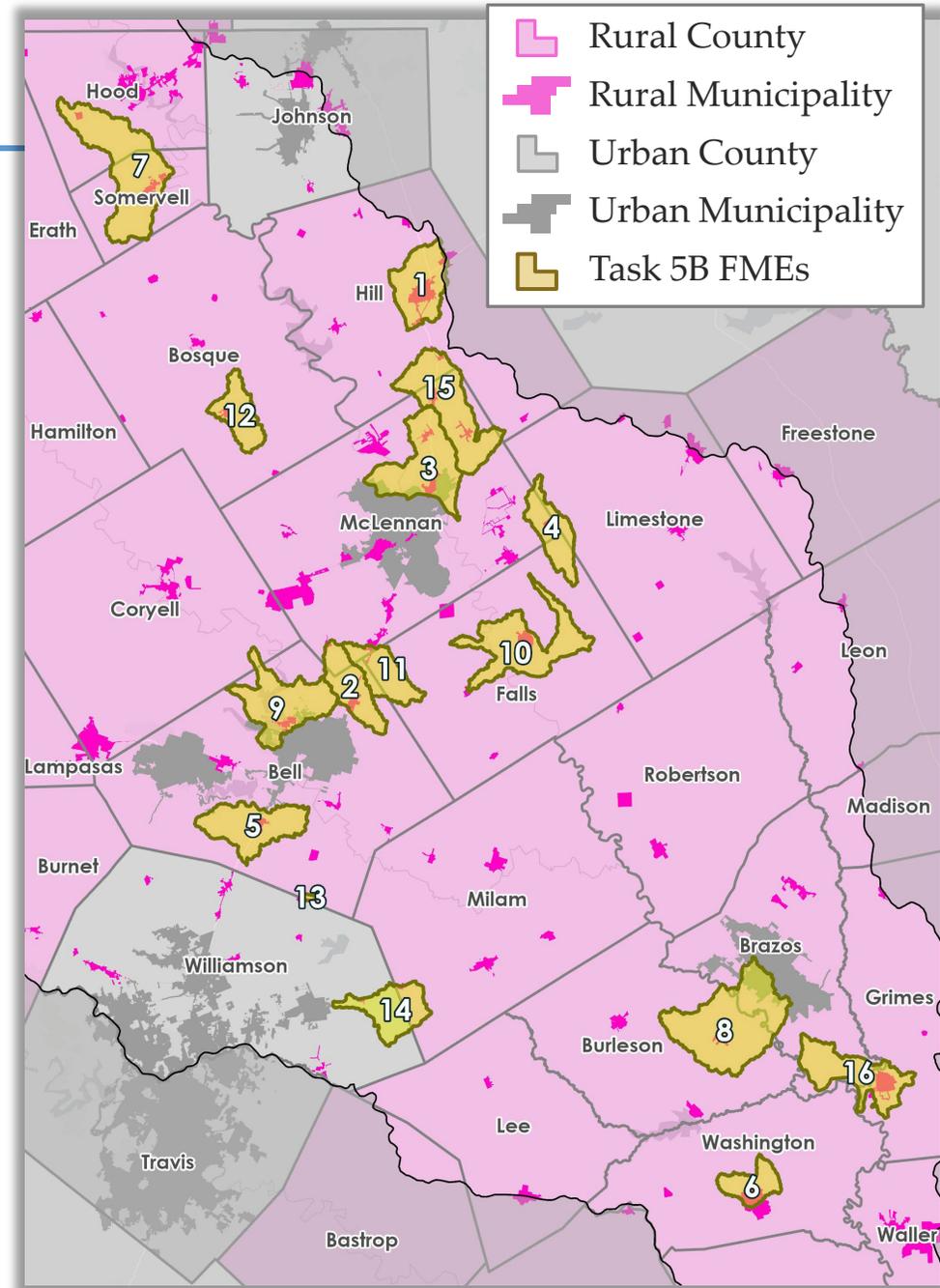
Vote to approve the presented list (items 1 – 3) of Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs) for performance by the Regional Flood Planning Group's technical consultant team.

FMEs Selected for TWDB

Total TWDB Budget: \$3.9 M

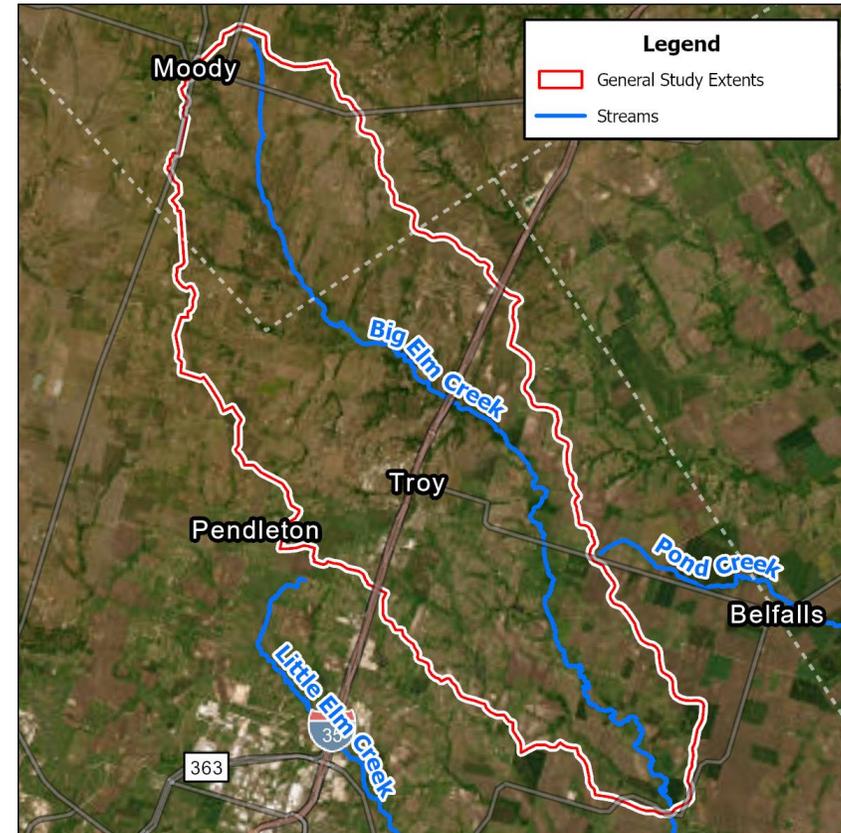
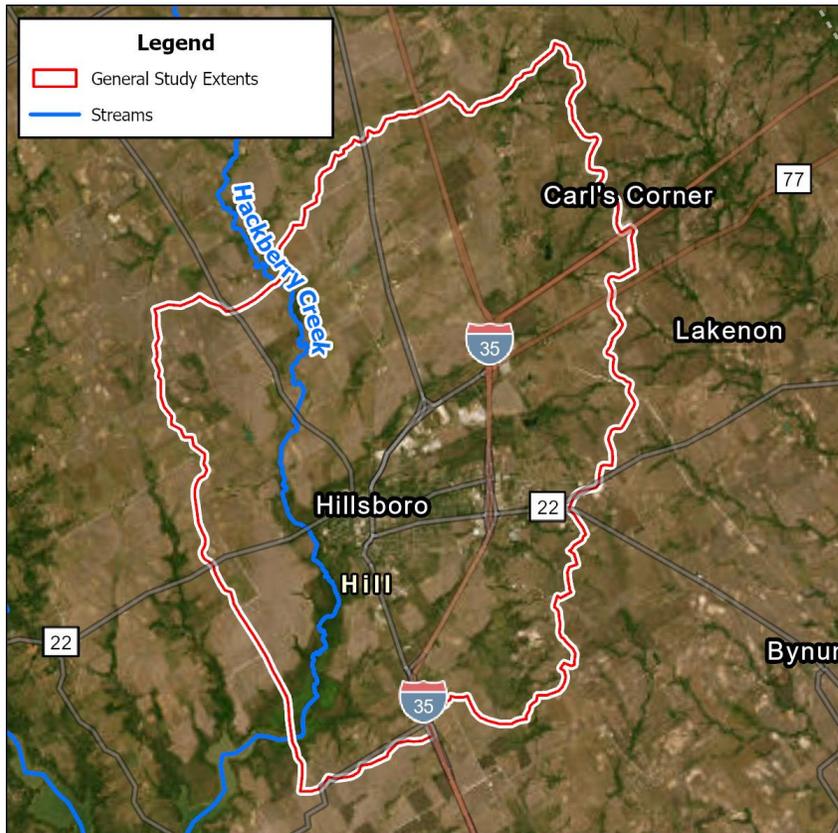
Top 2 study results will be included within 2028 RFP.

Rank	FME Name	Estimated Costs	Running Total Cost	Sponsor Response
1	City of Hillsboro (Drainage Master Plan) DMP	\$279,000	\$0.2 M	Yes
2	City of Troy DMP	\$261,000	\$0.5 M	Yes
3	City of Lacy-Lakeview DMP	\$278,000	\$0.8 M	Yes
4	City of Mart DMP	\$251,000	\$1.1 M	No
5	Village of Salado DMP	\$268,000	\$1.3 M	Yes
6	Big Sandy-New Year Creek DMP (Washington Co)	\$552,000	\$1.9 M	Yes
7	Glen Rose DMP	\$262,000	\$2.2 M	Yes
8	Old River Drainage Study (Burleson Co)	\$633,000	\$2.8 M	Yes
9	Morgan's Point Resort DMP	\$273,000	\$3.1 M	Yes
10	City of Marlin DMP	\$275,000	\$3.3 M	Yes
11	CR 462 Crossing at Deer Creek (Falls Co)	\$85,000	\$3.4 M	Limited
12	City of Clifton DMP	\$271,000	\$3.7 M	Yes
13	W Clark & W Front St Storm Sewer (City of Bartlett)	\$85,000	\$3.8 M	No
14	Brushy Creek & South FM 486 Crossing (Milam Co)	\$85,000	\$3.9 M	No
15	City of West DMP	\$259,000	\$4.1 M	No
16	City of Navasota DMP	\$279,000	\$4.4 M	Yes



FMEs 1 & 2

First 2 FMEs to be completed within 2028 Regional Flood Planning Cycle.
Scope of Works & Community Affirmation Forms provided in supplementary handout.
All other Drainage Master Plan FMEs will follow similar scope.



Non-Drainage Master Plan FMEs

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- There are 3 FMEs that are not Drainage Master Plans
- All 3 were brought forth in the latest amendment
- Limited, or no, sponsor response to outreach.
- Specific goals and scope of work for each study is unclear
- They all seem to be localized to specific, undersized, infrastructure
- Resulting projects may not qualify as FMPs under current guidance and rules (1 sq mi benefit, regional in nature, low ranking for funding)
- Low-cost effort \$50,000 - \$85,000

Non-Drainage Master Plan FMEs

Falls County - CR 462 Crossing at Deer Creek

Creek crossing improvements for a rural (gravel) county road. Appears to be listed on TxDOT Rural Transportation Improvement Plan. However, there is conflicting information, and we have not been able to confirm specific details with County.

Sponsor Response: Some interest. Did not confirm agreement



Milam County - Brushy Creek & South FM 486 Crossing

Creek crossing improvements for a TxDOT (FM) road. Rural part of the county. There is no existing structures located in the vicinity.

Sponsor Response: We spoke to someone at the county, but they did not call back



City of Bartlett - W Clark & W Front St Storm Sewer

Storm sewer improvements at this intersection. We are unsure if the scope of the study extends further from this intersection.

Sponsor Response: We spoke to someone at the city, but they did not call back



Task 5B – Vote for Approval

Rank	FME Name	Estimated Costs	Running Total Cost	Sponsor Response
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Vote to approve the final list of Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs) to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for performance.

TWDB will perform the FMEs in order from highest to lowest ranked, as resources allow.

Task 4C and 5B Next Steps

Identify FME filters and Rural classification

Rank recommended FMEs based on Task 3B results

Filter FMEs based on additional criteria selected by RFPG

JAN/FEB 2026
Select FMEs for RFPG and TWDB to perform

MARCH 2026
Submit FME scopes and fees to TWDB

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY 2026

- Draft Chapters 2 and 3 – Discussion
- Task 4C (FME Performance) – Progress Update
- Task 5A (FMX Recommendation) – Introduction & Discussion

JULY 2026

- Task 4C (FME Performance) – Progress Update
- **Task 5A (FMX Recommendation) – Discussion & Possible Action**
- Task 7 (Flood Response) – Introduction
- Task 8 (Recommendations) – Introduction

Gold = RFPG Decision or Vote



5. Report from:

5.1. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff

5.2. Regional Planning Sponsor

5.3. Lower Brazos RFPG Chair



6. Discussion and possible action on meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year

3rd Thursday – bi-monthly for regular RFBPG meetings

May 21, 2026

July 16, 2026

September 17, 2026

November 19, 2026



7. Confirm the next meeting date and discuss new business to be considered at the next meeting

3rd Thursday of the month for regular RFBPG meetings – May 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM

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8. Adjourn