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Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting on December 9th, 2021

Houston County will hold a public meeting via webinar on Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 pm to gather public input for updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan includes Houston County, Cities of: Crockett, Grapeland, Kennard, Latexo, Lovelady, along with Crockett ISD, Latexo ISD, Consolidated WSC, Houston County WCID #1, and Houston Electric Cooperative. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting. **Please register at the link below to participate in the webinar.**

http://h2o.adobeconnect.com/mit_houston_co_12092021/event/registration.html

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide a project overview from H2O Partners, Inc., consultant to the project, and solicit information from citizens. Public input will help the project team to analyze potential hazards affecting residents and recommend possible actions to reduce their impact. Hazards included are flood, dam failure, tornado, thunderstorm wind, drought, hail, wildfire, winter storm, earthquake, lightning, extreme heat, and hurricanes/tropical storms.

A public participation survey is available at: **<https://h2o.surveyparrot.com/s/Houston-County-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan-Update/tt-c28bde>**

The goal of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards by identifying and implementing cost-effective mitigation actions. Mitigation is defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects.

Questions about the Hazard Mitigation Plan should be addressed to H2O Partners, Inc., planning consultants for Houston County; Attn: Heather Ferrara, Project Manager by email at **heather@h2opartnersusa.com**.