

**Knowledge, Resources, Respect**  
Flood Damage Reduction and Our Community

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Flooding is our natural disaster – it happened before the area was developed and it can still occur. This is not to say that we cannot reduce the risk of flooding. We can do that, we have done that, and we continue to do that – in a more innovative and effective manner than at any time in the Harris County Flood Control District’s 67-year history.

Items to be presented by Mr. Talbott include:

- An overview of the area’s drainage network and how it evolved
- How our knowledge of flood risk has evolved with experience and advances in technology.
- An overview of proposed changes in the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Harris County.
- What is being done to further reduce the risk of flooding, and
- How projects are being integrated with appropriate regard for “community and natural values.