

Inwood Forest Regional Detention Project

Why This Project Matters

The Inwood Forest Regional Detention project matters because it delivers transformative flood protection and quality-of-life improvements for Northwest Houston. By converting a former golf course into a major flood mitigation site with community amenities, this project provides both safety and long-term value. Here's why this project is essential:

1. Protects Over 4,400 Structures from Flooding- The project is designed to reduce flood risk for more than 4,400 homes and buildings located within the White Oak Bayou and Vogel Creek watersheds—offering meaningful protection for thousands of residents and businesses.
2. Provides Major Regional Stormwater Detention- The City of Houston and Harris County plan to construct 12 detention basins across the site, with a combined storage capacity of approximately 1,200 acre-feet of floodwater—helping to control stormwater runoff and reduce pressure on downstream bayous.
3. Enhances Community Spaces with Recreational Amenities- In partnership with the Houston Parks Board, the project includes an amenities package featuring new trails, trailheads, exercise stations, benches, signage, and landscaping—creating a multifunctional space that promotes both safety and recreation.
4. Revitalizes Underutilized Land for Public Benefit- By repurposing the former Inwood Forest Golf Course, the project turns an underused site into a resilient green space that benefits nearby communities both functionally and visually.
5. Advances Long-Term Resiliency and Sustainability- This project is a cornerstone of Houston's flood mitigation strategy, aligning with broader efforts to create a safer, greener, and more connected city while restoring natural drainage patterns and habitat.

WEBSITES:

- <https://houstonparksboard.org/inwood-recreation-project/>
- <https://www.hcfcd.org/Activity/Projects/White-Oak-Bayou/C-59-Inwood-Forest-Stormwater-Detention-Basin-Project>

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