

**Bond Election Advisory Task Force
Storm Water Work Group Recommendation
February 23, 2018**

Recommendation: \$112 million.

The above recommendation is based on the following points:

- The resolution creating the Task Force specifically called out the recommendations of the Flood Mitigation Task Force report and listed flood mitigation as the first item in its initial list of items identifying city service needs. (Reference: first two paragraphs of Resolution #20160811.)
- No Watershed Protection Department (WPD) flood mitigation/erosion projects have been presented to voters on a Bond Election ballot since 2006.
- The City of Austin Equity office listed the Watershed Protection Department's projects as "green", meeting the Equity office criteria.
- By increasing the original staff "starting point" recommendation from \$75 million to \$112 million, all 10 Council Districts will have projects included in the Bond proposal.
- CM Houston specifically called out flood mitigation in District 1 as a concern in her memo to the Task Force. The current proposal contains two District 1 projects.
- The Environmental Commission voted unanimously to support a \$100 million recommendation, showing support from all ten District representatives.
- The current recommendation has been increased by \$12 million to address one of the scalable projects listed on the attached WPD project detail spreadsheet, the District 5 Pinehurst Dr. and Wild Dunes Flood Mitigation.
 - Based on the results of a recently City funded study, structure buy-outs are the most efficient flood mitigation for this project. Increasing the bond funding could decrease the number of years of the project to 8 years. With original work group bond recommendation, the mitigation could take 14 years.

Attached is the entire WPD Project Detail for this Stormwater (Flood Mitigation/Drainage) Bond Proposal.