#### **Flood Activity Updates from TWDB**

Lower Rio Grande Valley WQ Management & Planning Conference, May 19, 2021

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Agenda

- 1) Community Assistance for Flood
- 2) Flood Funding
- 3) Flood Mapping



#### **Community Assistance Program (CAP)**



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#### **NFIP Roles and Responsibilities**

NFIP State Coordinator's Office provides:

- compliance assistance to local governments
- technical assistance
- NFIP enrollment
- training
- local and federal coordination
- disaster preparation and recovery

#### **Floodplain Management Training**

TWDB offers webinars and in-person classes covering:

- General floodplain management
- Base Level Engineering
- Substantial Damage
- Community Rating System
- Elevation Certificates

https://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/workshop/



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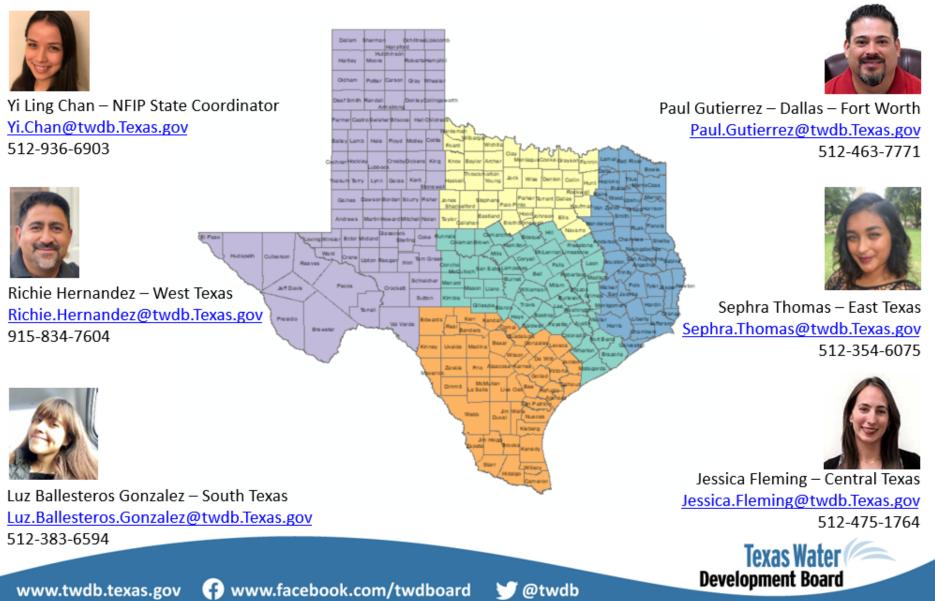


#### **Community Rating System**

Community Rating System (CRS)

- Voluntary FEMA program that encourages NFIP-participating communities to exceed basic standards.
- CRS is a point system based on a wide range of floodplain management activities.
- CRS communities can reduce insurance rates by increments of 5%, up to 45%.

## **TWDB Flood Outreach Contacts**



#### **Flood Funding**





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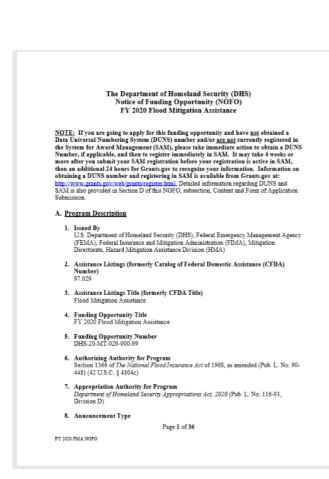
#### Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant

#### **FY 2021 Funding Opportunity**

- > Approximately \$170 Million nationwide.
- Applications are submitted through FEMA's new grant system, FEMA GO.
- Applicants could receive up to 100% federal funds to mitigate NFIP-insured properties.

#### **Important Dates**

- Aug-Sept Notice of Funding Opportunity posted on Grants.gov
- Sept 30 Grant cycle opens
- Dec 1 Applications are due in FEMA GO to the TWDB
- Dec 1-18 Any RFIs will be sent to applicants
- Jan 8 RFI's are due back from the applicants
- Jan 30 TWDB submits eligible applications to FEMA





## Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)

- Category 3 Federal Award Matching Funds
  - Harlingen, 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage Improvements
  - Cameron County, Paso Real Drainage Project
  - Weslaco, Mayor Pablo Peña Park Drainage Improvements
  - Lyford, 1<sup>st</sup> and Orange Ave Drainage Improvements
- Support local match for any federal award
- Support already-vetted flood mitigation projects

# Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)

- Category 4 Measures Immediately Effective in Protecting Life & Property
  - Nueces County Drainage & Conservation District #2, Phase 1 FEWS Project

- Warning Systems, Reverse 911 systems
- Crossing Barriers
- Public Education & Outreach
- Dam Emergency Action Plans



## Flood Information Clearinghouse

- <u>https://texasfloodclearinghouse.org/</u>
- Collaborative effort for flood funding opportunities in Texas

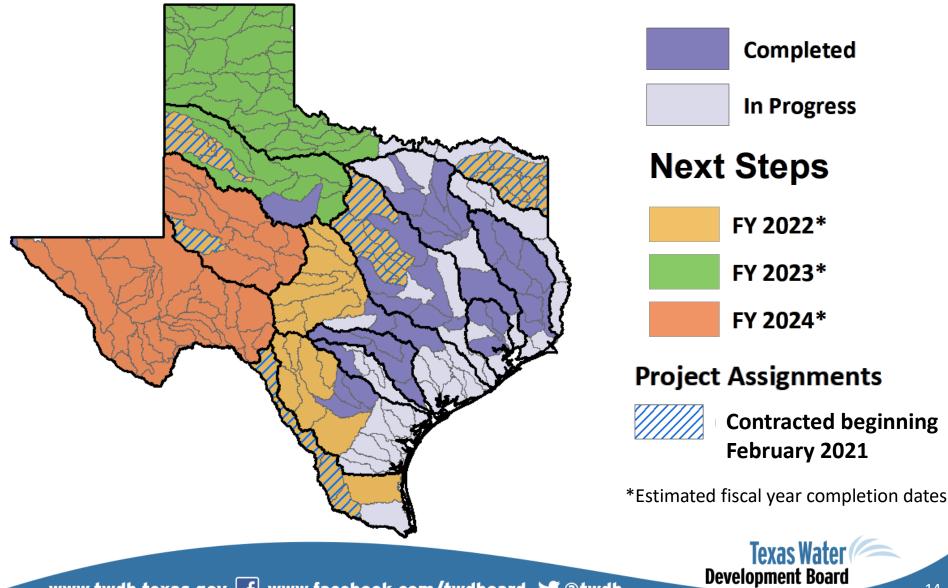


#### **Flood Mapping**

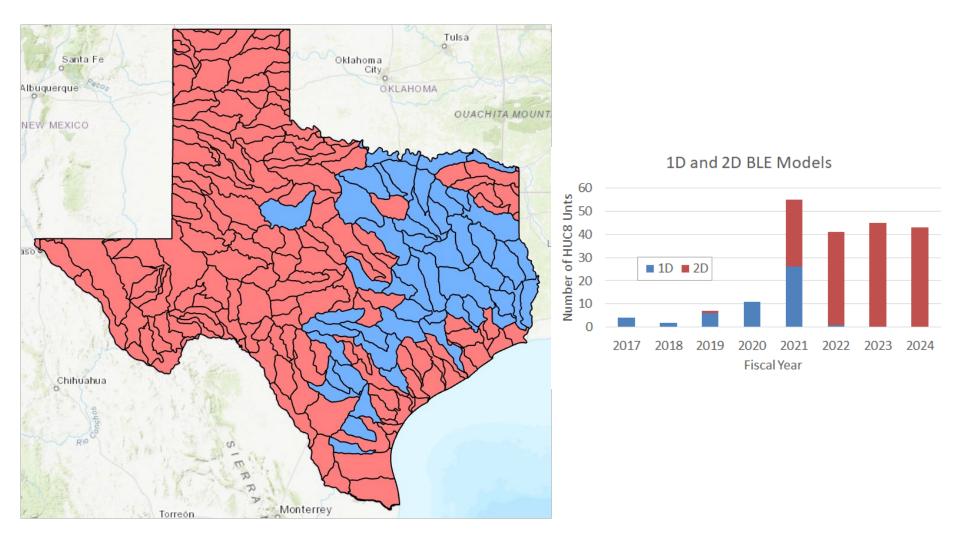




#### **Base Level Engineering Plan**



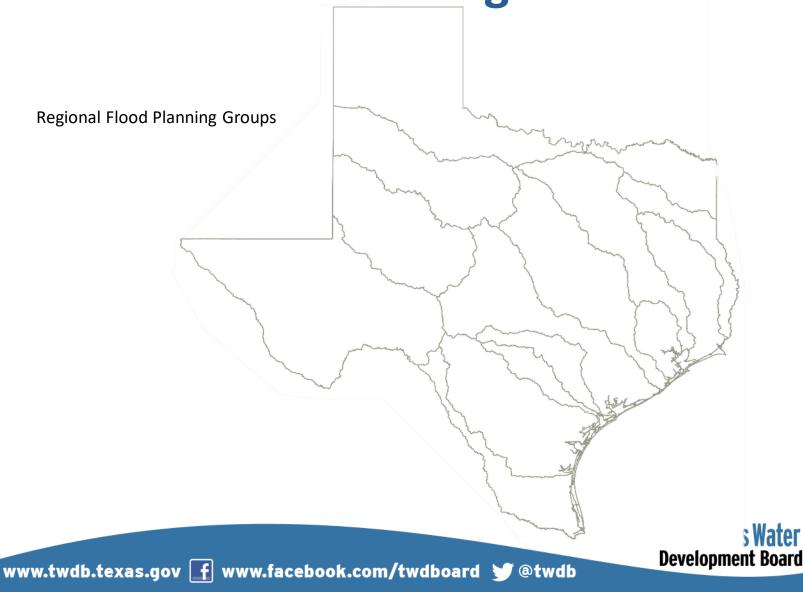
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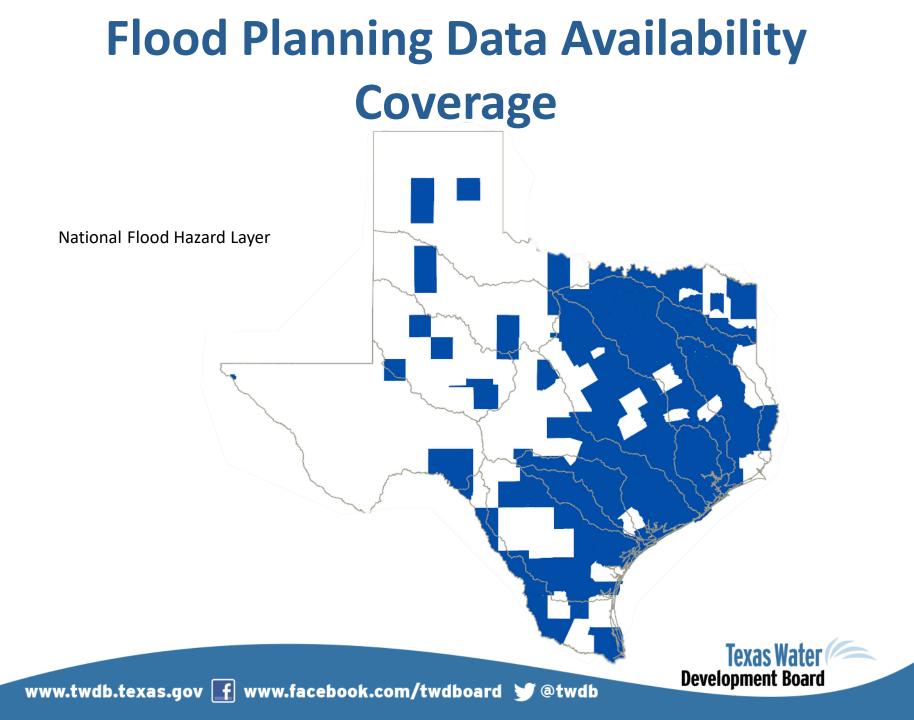


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#### Flood Planning Data Availability Coverage





# **Flood Planning Data Availability** Coverage Base Level Engineering (BLE)

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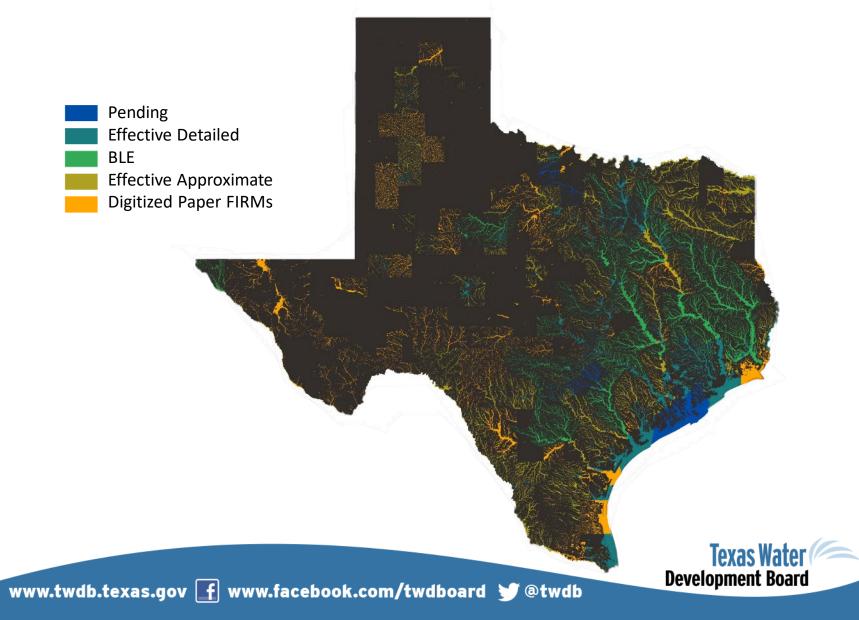
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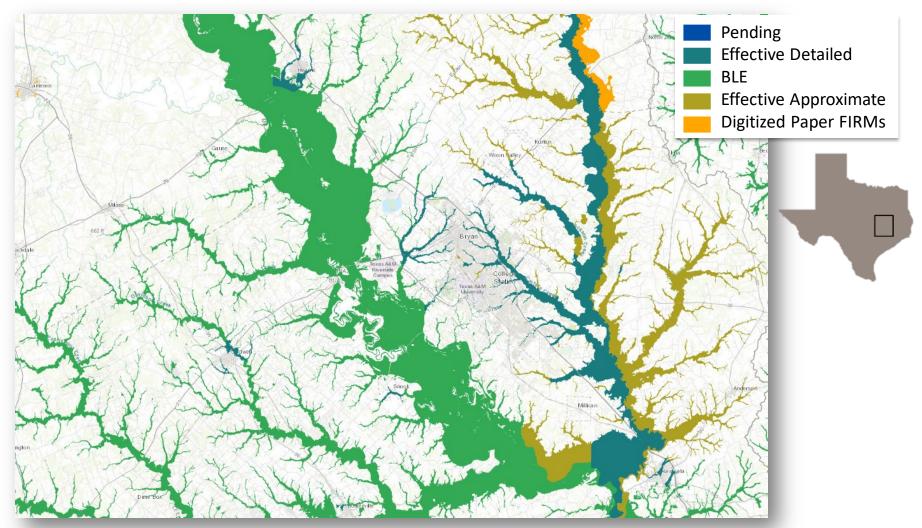
#### Prioritization

- Pending & Preliminary Flood Hazard data
- Detailed Study Areas National Flood Hazard Layer Effective (NFHL)
- Base Level Engineering Data
- Approximate Study Areas NFHL
- Digitized Effective Paper Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)
- Fathom approximate data [in progress]

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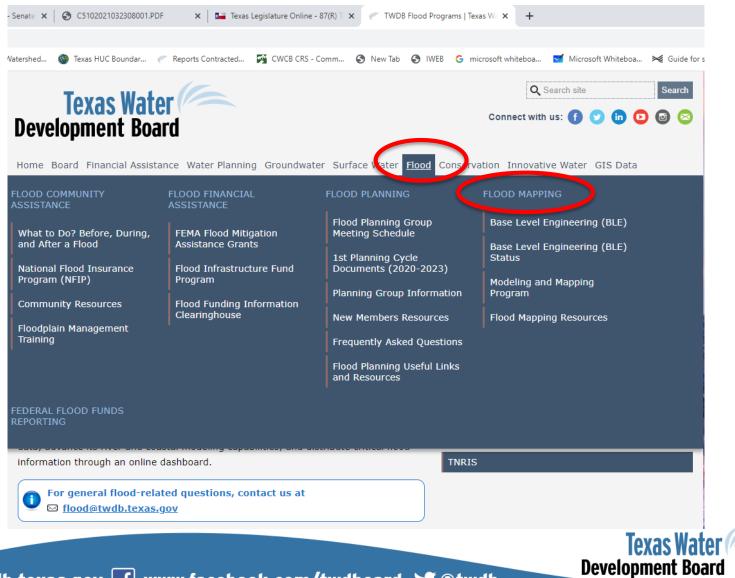
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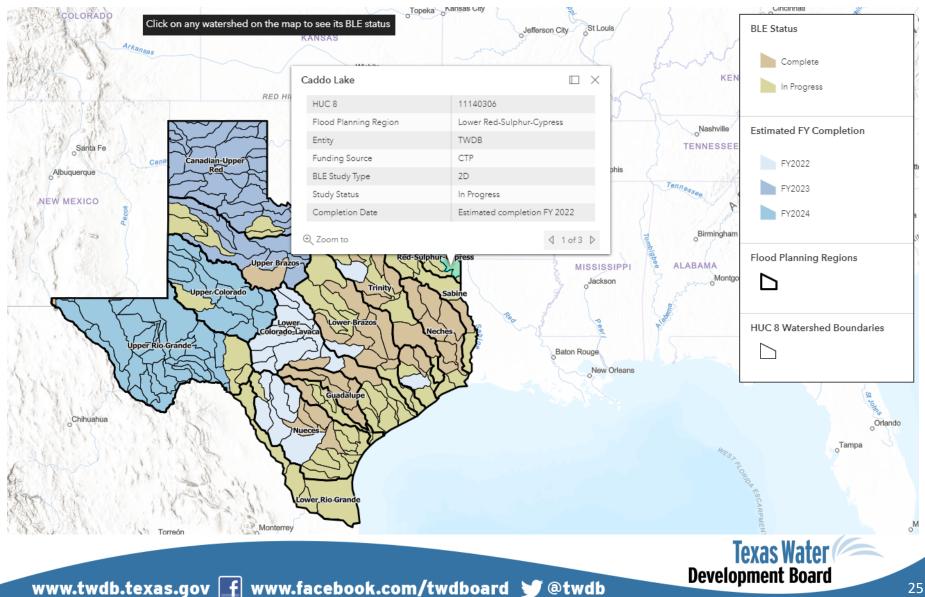
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#### Wrap Up

• TWDB has multiple assistance and funding programs to serve communities.

 Continue to make progress on flood mapping and look forward to reporting complete LiDAR-based flood risk mapping statewide to you all soon!