



PROJECT RECOVERY

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Five Years Later, Hurricane Harvey Funds Restoring Homes, Lives and Quality of Life for Harris County Residents

HARRIS COUNTY, Texas – While the past week’s rains have brought much needed relief to drought-ridden Harris County, the wet weather has also brought back painful memories for area residents whose lives were upended by Hurricane Harvey.

“The rains have also been a reminder for Project Recovery staff of the importance of the work we are doing to restore not just the homes but the sense of well-being many of our residents lost this time five years ago,” said Dr. Adrienne Holloway, executive director of Harris County’s Community Services Department (CSD). CSD administers the federally funded Project Recovery program. This week, Dr. Holloway released a report cataloguing the program’s progress and demonstrating, through photos and videos, the impact on the lives of Harris County residents.

Entitled “Hurricane Harvey 5th Anniversary – A Retrospective and a Prospective,” the report summarizes the objectives and accomplishments of Project Recovery’s key programs. These programs fund development of new single-family homes and apartments, rebuild homes substantially damaged by Harvey, reimburse homeowners for repairs made to their homes post-Harvey, and advance the County’s future resilience through drainage improvements and buyouts that restore green space. For areas so deep in the floodplain where no improvements can be determined sufficient to protect life and property in the neighborhood, Project Recovery is buying out property and providing funds for residents to purchase new homes out of harm’s way.

The report can be viewed at HarrisRecovery.org.

Harris County’s Project Recovery is funded with \$916 million in federal Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds administered by the State of Texas General Land Office. For more information about Project Recovery, visit www.HarrisRecovery.org or email DR.Hotline@csd.hctx.net.

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About Project Recovery – Project Recovery exists to assist Harris County residents in recovering from floods experienced in 2015, 2016 and Hurricane Harvey through an array of options including homeowner repair reimbursement, new home construction, homeowner buyout for flood mitigation, affordable rental, local infrastructure improvements and new transit options. Through Project Recovery, the Harris County Community Services Department and other county departments ensure projects are complete, with the goal of improving the long-term resiliency of Harris County.