Hurricane Harvey
Flood Risk “Management”?
Looking Forward

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154,170 Homes Flooded

Floodplains:
- 32% < 100-yr
- 23% > 100 yr, < 500 yr
- 46% > 500 yr

~ 10% of all buildings in Harris County
55,570 (36%) had flood insurance.
Only 23% of 239,430 policy holders flooded
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• The people are more aware of flood risks and involved in next steps.

• Significant public and political support - structural projects, buyouts, studies, storm water management criteria changes, etc.

• Local floodplain and building regulations

• HCFCD criteria changes – freeboard added, extreme event analysis refined, H&H analysis updates, closing “loopholes”

• Harris County flood risks lower and better prepared for all floods.
“The Most Important Things in Life Aren’t Things”