

## INSIDE WILLOW FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT



Enhancing Our Community  
through Drainage, Parks & Trails

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### WFDD Awarded Project Barker Funding

WFDD is excited to announce \$24 million in funding from the Texas Water Development Board for the planning, design and construction of Project Barker, a drainage improvement and community park project within Barker Reservoir. “We are ecstatic to spearhead Project Barker as a solution to reducing flooding to properties adjacent to Barker Reservoir, while at the same time providing 420 acres of new park space,” said WFDD President Wendy Duncan. Project Barker, which will include a 3,000-acre regional flood storage pond, will be located east of the Willow Fork Diversion Channel and south of Westheimer Parkway. WFDD will be engaging the community about this exciting project, so watch for a mailer invitation to a meeting where conceptual drainage and park facilities will be shared and to provide your input on what you would like to be considered.



### Bag It, Don't Dump It!

Cooling fall weather is an ideal time for tidying yards or taking on landscape projects—but remember to help keep our storm drains and channels clean as well. Across WFDD, there has been an uptick in reports of lawn clippings being blown in storm drains and dumping of yard and other debris into drainage channels. Deposited debris builds up over time and can clog storm drains, obstruct proper drainage, cause flooding, and pollute waterways. Residents are responsible for keeping their yard waste out of drains and channels, even when using a lawn service. Unauthorized dumping on District facilities, property, easements and rights-of-way is prohibited and is “subject to a penalty up to \$10,000” and “may result in a Class C misdemeanor,” according to WFDD’s rules and regulations. [Read the full list of District Rules and Regulations.](#)

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### Interested in Serving on WFDD’s Board?

WFDD is currently seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on its five-member board of directors. Directors are publicly elected officials who serve four-year, staggered terms. When a vacancy occurs mid-term, district residents may apply for appointment to serve the remainder of the term (in this case until May 2022), at which time they can pursue election to continue in the position. The ideal candidate would be willing to learn about surface water drainage, flooding, and related engineering matters as well as be interested in public service and enthusiastic about parks, trails and activities that enrich our community. [Learn more about WFDD and its board and operations on our website.](#) To apply for the position, contact the district’s law firm, ABHR, at (713) 860-6400 or email Jane Miller at [jmiller@abhr.com](mailto:jmiller@abhr.com).



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