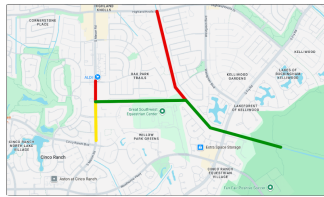


INSIDE WILLOW FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT



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Partnering to Improve Sidewalks



WFDD, in partnership with Cinco MUD 3 and the Houston Parks Board, has [728 + 991](#) started work on sidewalk upgrades along Mason Rd (highlighted yellow) from [18 + 1346](#) Cinco Ranch Blvd to the Ft Bend/Harris County line, just north of Camden Downs apartments. Signalized crossings at Cinco Ranch Blvd and Northmoor Dr provide safe access to the new sidewalk.

"This project replaces a damaged, 30-year-old, 4-foot path with a smooth, 7-8-foot-wide sidewalk in a high-traffic area," said WFDD Director Gregg Nady. "It also supports future trail expansion outlined in WFDD's 2011 Parks Master Plan." The upcoming trail expansion (highlighted green) will create a high-comfort route from Mason Rd, connecting to miles of trails in George Bush Park and beyond, including an underpass at Fry Rd. Additional partners—Harris Co. Pct. 4, Harris Co. MUDs 345 and 346, and Nottingham Country and Memorial MUDs—are contributing to the trail expansion to improve access and connectivity for residents. "The high-comfort trail is designed for all ages and abilities to create a safer, low-stress environment for cycling, walking, running, etc.," Nady said. Additional sidepaths and trails (highlighted red) are also being added by Harris Co. and Memorial MUD.

Security Behind the Scenes



WFDD Patrol Manager Brian Brosnell

WFDD's security program has expanded along with the district, from protecting drainage infrastructure to safeguarding trails, parks, recreation amenities, and public facilities. While protecting critical assets remains essential, the district also prioritizes a safe and positive experience for the community, whether at a concert, enjoying a park, or biking to school.

"As the district has grown, so has our focus on helping people feel safe and informed, and ensuring they can reach support wherever they are," said WFDD Director Sarah Hubbell. "Our security team's consistency and personal presence reflect the level of service we strive to provide." WFDD's partnership with On-Site Protection delivers a comprehensive program that includes 24/7 video monitoring, crime analysis, and regular patrols by Ft Bend Co. Sheriff's Office deputies. Their visibility deters crime and has significantly reduced unauthorized motorized vehicles along district channels. In addition to security duties, patrol manager Brian Brosnell and his team have provided first aid, coordinated EMS response, made arrests, assisted park visitors, repaired bicycles, and even helped locate lost animals. "Their work often happens behind the scenes but supports a safer experience across the district every day, so if you see our officers while enjoying the parks and trails, feel free to say hello or offer a quick thank you," said Hubbell. For immediate security concerns, contact the Ft Bend Co. Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at 281-341-4665, or call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Stay Ready: Understand the Forecast



As hurricane season approaches, there are multiple tools available to help residents stay informed and prepared, and understanding them can make a real difference in how to plan and respond. The newest tool is the NOAA hurricane cone map, which shows the most likely path of a storm's center and the range of possible tracks. As a storm progresses, the cone widens to show where the center of the storm could go, enabling inland communities to better understand and prepare for storms in the Gulf that can bring heavy rain, wind, and flooding.

Signing up for alerts and understanding National Hurricane Center forecasts is also helpful, along with knowing the difference between hurricane watches and warnings. A watch means conditions are possible within 48 hours and it's time to prepare. A warning means conditions are expected within 36 hours and action should be taken. Being familiar with these tools and storm alerts can help residents move from simply seeing a forecast to knowing how to respond. To learn more, visit NOAA's [Understand Forecast Information](#) webpage. Find more stay ready [resources, emergency information, and alert sign-up](#) on WFDD's website.

Stay Ready

If you find this information helpful, please forward to your neighbors.

