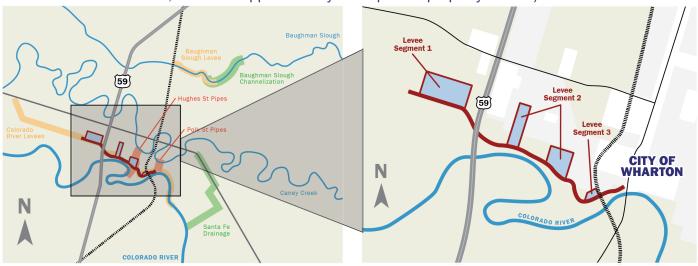
# RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION & RELOCATION PROCESS FAQ

#### What is the Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I Texas Flood Risk Management Project?

The project includes building a system of levees, sumps, drainage features, and control structures to protect the city and its citizens from flooding. There are several sources of flooding within and near the city of Wharton, including the Colorado River, Baughman Slough, Caney Creek, and Peach Creek. The city has a plan to construct a new levee system to reduce the amount of flooding in the Wharton area.

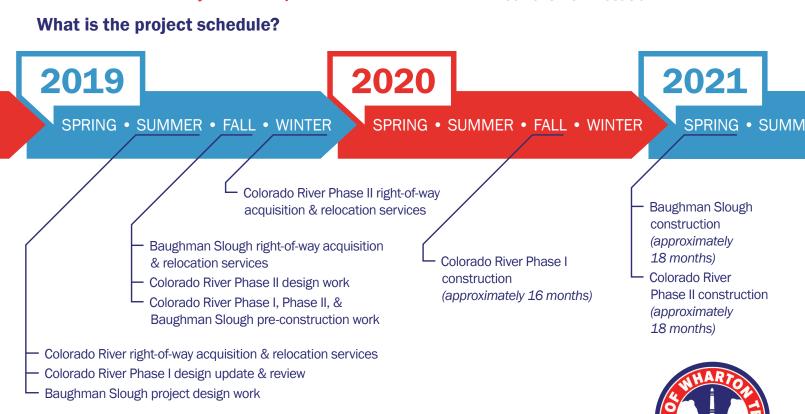
#### How many property owners will be impacted?

For Phase I work activities, there are approximately 40 impacted property owners/residents.



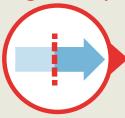
**Overall Project Area Map** 

**Current Work Location** 



## What can an impacted property owner/resident expect during the right-of-way acquisition and relocation process?

Step 1 Obtain Right-of-Entry



- Right-of-entry form provides city agent permission to access property to perform various work activities such as surveys and appraisals
- Property owner/ resident signs form and submits to City

Form must be signed prior to next steps

**Step 2**Survey Data



 Team performs surveys to ensure property appraisal data is accurate

Work expected to take approx. 60 days

**Step 3**Order Appraisal



- Team orders appraisal to determine property's true market value
- Appraiser will contact property owner/ resident to schedule appointment

Process expected to take approx. 60 days

**Step 4**Present Offer



- Property owner/ resident receives official offer
- Property owner/ resident has opportunity to review/ discuss offer with team and submit counter offer

Offer takes approx. 60 days after appraisal; property owner/resident has 45 days to review & respond

**Step 5**Relocation Assistance



 Property owner/ resident receives relocation assistance for a range of benefits and expenses

Minimum 90 days

#### How will I make sure my rights are protected?

During the right-of-way acquisition and relocation process, the team will follow the federal guidelines outlined in the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (Uniform Act). This is intended to ensure fair treatment, compensation, and assistance to property owners whose property is acquired for public use projects.

#### **Uniform Act Objectives:**

- Provide uniform, fair and equitable treatment of persons whose real property is acquired or who are displaced in connection with federally funded projects
- Ensure relocation assistance is provided to displaced persons to lessen the emotional and financial impact of displacement
- Ensure that no individual or family is displaced unless decent, safe and sanitary housing is available within the displaced person's financial means
- Help improve the housing conditions of displaced persons living in substandard housing
- Encourage and expedite acquisition by agreement and without coercion

### **STAY UPDATED**

The City of Wharton is committed to providing timely and accurate information about this project to keep you informed and updated.



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