



Partners combining resources to improve flood control and water quality.

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PARTNERS LAUNCH COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD INFORMATION WEB SITE

SAN ANTONIO – The Bexar Regional Watershed Management (BRWM) partnership has launched a new web site, www.bexarwatershed.org, to help residents in the Bexar County area learn the latest information on flood management and water quality issues.

The site features useful information about a variety of topics such as flood safety, flood control projects, flood control tools and technology and water quality programs. There are also a variety of maps, including watersheds, flood forecasting and digital flood insurance rate maps (DFIRMs).

Suzanne Scott, member of the BRWM communications committee from the San Antonio River Authority, says, “This site should prove to be an excellent resource for citizens interested in flood management and water quality issues.”

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There are five watersheds in Bexar County, and residents can actually type in their home address to find out what watershed they live in. "Knowing your watershed can help you better prepare for heavy rain and flooding," Scott adds.

The site also details the various capital improvement projects as well as dam and water detention projects that are planned or underway within each watershed. As part of the BRWM goal to provide improved flood control, the partnership has identified and begun work on several regional projects, including storm water outfall repair, drainage improvements and low water crossing mitigation.

"We encourage citizens to visit this site from time to time to keep posted on the progress BRWM is making to benefit the entire county," Scott says.

BRWM is a collaboration of Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, the San Antonio River Authority and 18 participating suburban cities to improve flood control and water quality within Bexar County. By working in a collaborative effort, the partnership can improve technology, combine resources and jointly address flooding and water quality on a regional basis.

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