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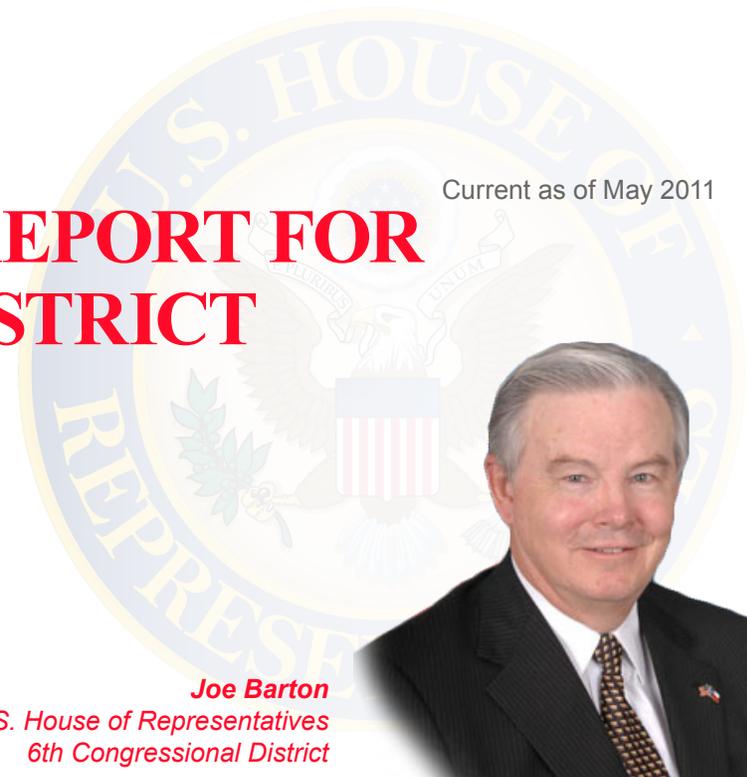
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Galveston District

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# UPDATE REPORT FOR THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT



**Joe Barton**  
*U.S. House of Representatives  
6th Congressional District*

## About the Galveston District

**W**ith its rich heritage in Texas history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District plays a key role in America's well-being by keeping waterways open for navigation and commerce and serves the nation as part of the world's largest public engineering, design and construction management agency.

Encompassing the Texas coast from Louisiana to Mexico; an area that spans across 50,000 square miles, includes 48 counties, two parishes and 16 congressional districts, the Galveston District successfully executes its mission of providing vital public engineering services in peace and war to strengthen our nation's security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters.

With its 370 dedicated professionals and annual budget of approximately \$150 million, the Galveston District will continue to provide valuable navigation, flood risk mitigation, environmental, shoreline protection, regulatory, military construction and emergency management services to our nation and remains fully committed to continuing our mission of building strong.

*"It is a great privilege to serve our nation  
as the commander of the U.S. Army  
Corps of Engineers Galveston District."*

*– Col. Christopher W. Sallèse  
District Engineer and Commanding Officer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District*



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## Texas Environmental Infrastructure Program

### Background:

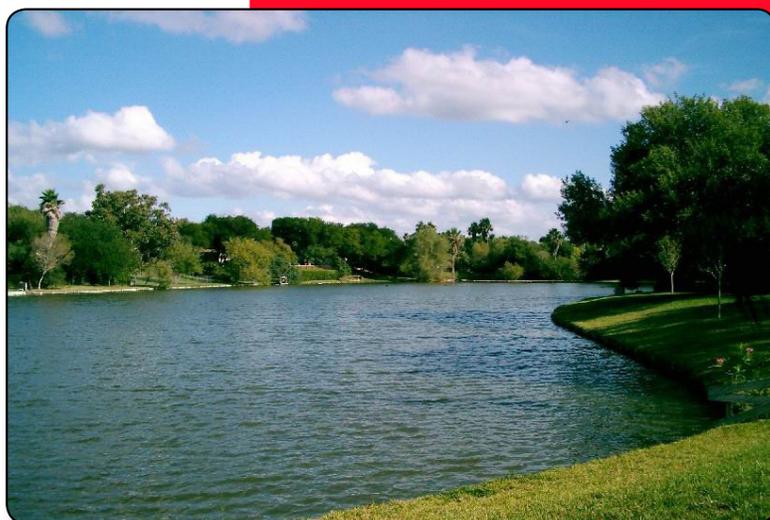
The program consists of providing environmental assistance in the form of planning, design and construction assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects to non-federal interests in Texas. This work includes projects for water supply; storage; treatment and related facilities; water quality protection; wastewater treatment and related facilities; environmental restoration; and surface water resource protection and development; as identified by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The TWDB, in coordination with the Texas Water Conservation Association, Texas Rural Water Association and individual local public entities, have identified \$210 million in currently proposed projects that are in urgent need of funds to meet short-term water supply needs. Out of this \$210 million, 12 high-priority projects have been identified totaling \$46,086,000.

### Issue:

The Texas State Water Plan regional planning groups identified about 4,500 water management strategies to meet water supply needs over the next 50 years. Many of these strategies have been initiated and federal assistance (under the Texas Environmental Infrastructure Program, coupled with significant funding appropriated by the Texas Legislature), will ensure that water supply needs are met in the most efficient and timely manner.

### Current Status:

There were no funds allocated in the fiscal year 2011 or FY12 President's Budgets for this program.



*Example of a reservoir near Brownsville, Texas.*



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## 6th District Authorized Studies

### Sabine Neches River Basin

**FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY:** The Neches River Basin is bound on the north and east by the Sabine River Basin, on the west by the Trinity River Basin, and on the south by the Neches-Trinity Coastal Basin. The Neches Basin is a prolific water resource and could be used to supply additional water both inside and outside the basin. The purpose for the study is to evaluate flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, water supply, and recreation possibilities within the watershed. Potential projects include multi-purpose reservoirs, development of wetlands to provide habitat and improve water quality for aquatic ecosystems, restoration of riverine corridors, development of a comprehensive watershed plan, and other measures. The need to begin this important study will continue to intensify, as planning for capital improvements and infrastructure become stymied due to the lack of a basin-wide management plan to account for water quality, water quantity and allow for new water permits. There are no ongoing activities as the project has never been funded.

FY11 President's Budget:	\$0
FY12 President's Budget:	\$0
Total cost of project:	\$16,498,000

