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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS NOTICE OF PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION
FOR INPUT ON UPDATES TO CURRENT RIPARIAN ORDINANCES**

Dear Resident(s):

Please take notice that the Charter Township of Texas Planning Department will conduct a public listening session on **Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** for the purpose of learning more about current riparian challenges and discussing the upcoming riparian ordinance update process. You can participate in-person at the Township Hall Board Room, or via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83276452765>. The purpose of this meeting is simply to listen to your comments, concerns, suggestions, etc. We want your input to gain a better understanding of current riparian challenges from residents that these ordinances directly impact. Each resident will be given 3-minutes to speak during the listening session.

As you may be aware, the Township has been discussing the need for updates to the current ordinances since before the flooding in 2018, when groundwater and lake levels did not recede following rain events as they had in years past. Now that the Township is on the home stretch with final permitting and eventual construction of a long-term solution, the Township Board has directed the Planning Department and Planning Commission to resume work on updating current riparian ordinances to protect lakes, ponds, and streams within the Township, in addition to centralizing the ordinances for simplicity. On Tuesday, June 14, 2022, the Planning Commission reviewed a draft Riparian District Ordinance which included the creation of a new district, and centralization of current and newly proposed ordinances to protect lakes, ponds, and streams. Based on the feedback received from the public and subsequent conversations, the Planning Department has determined that additional feedback from current riparian lot residents is needed before the process of updating the ordinances can be resumed.

The Township has created a webpage for this project, which includes general information, a link to the Zoom meeting, a link to current riparian ordinances, a link to the current version of the draft Riparian District Ordinance initially reviewed during the June 14, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting, and contact information. You can access this webpage at www.texastownship.org/riparian-ordinance.

If you are unable to make it to the listening session, or prefer to provide your input in writing, please email planner@texastownship.org or mail/drop off a letter to Township Hall no later than end of day on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Lovely".

John Lovely
Zoning Administrator