

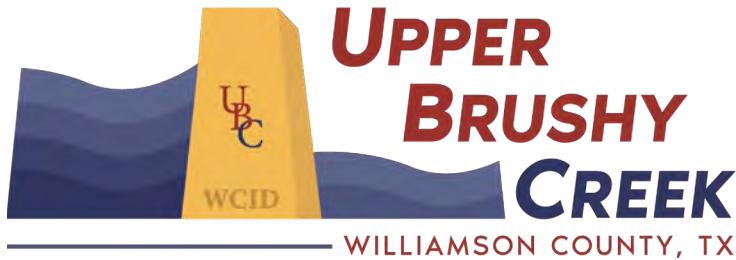


Upper Brushy Creek WCID

FY 2025 Budget



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Strategic Plan

The Board of Directors guide the Strategic Plan which is made up of their vision, mission, and guiding principles.

Vision - The District's focus is Regional Flood Risk Mitigation across the Upper Brushy Creek watershed.

Mission - We reduce flooding impacts through our existing dams, partner projects, and risk communication.

Guiding Principles - We are committed to our founding purpose of proactively reducing regional flood risk via the conservative stewardship of public funds.

The Strategic Plan is implemented by teams of staff and consultants led by the Board appointed General Manager. Teams work collaboratively across the District's core areas of maintenance, capital improvement program, risk management, and fiscal responsibility.

Maintenance - Dam safety inspections identify potential problems early allowing for proactive fixes which reduce risks and costs. Regular maintenance including vegetation control to reduce potential slope and spillway stability issues enhances dam safety and longevity.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) - The District utilizes predictive modeling and risk informed decision making to direct regional flood mitigation, dam rehabilitation, and partner projects where they are needed most. Projects are studied and analyzed to ensure the District obtains best value solutions considering both short-term and long-term financial impacts.

Risk Management - Dams cannot mitigate all flooding risk and dam failure (breach) risk cannot be eliminated as long as the dams exist. The District works to protect life and property beyond what is feasible with regional flood mitigation projects through strategic communications and interagency coordination.

Fiscal Responsibility - The District's conservative investments and timely leveraging of low-cost debt allows for the earlier completion of projects resulting in reduced risks and a net savings. Fiscal auditing and internal controls ensure compliance with state and local standards. Internal Services leverage operational efficiencies and intergovernmental partnerships to achieve maximum results with minimal staffing and expense.



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August 30, 2024

Upper Brushy Creek Board of Directors
Williamson County, Texas

I am honored to present this proposed Operating and Maintenance Budget for the 2025 fiscal year (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025). The staff and consultant team thoughtfully constructed this budget to implement the Board's Vision and Mission while adhering to the Guiding Principles.

The proposed FY2025 serves as the funding and fiscal plan for staff and our consultant teams to implement the necessary tasks across three of the District's key areas: Maintenance, Risk Management, and Fiscal Responsibility. (The fourth key area, Capital Improvement Program, is almost exclusively funded by the voter approved bond funds and unreserved fund balances.)

The Operations budget of \$3.25 million and the Capital Expenses budget of \$37.59 million ensure the preservation of the District's existing infrastructure, critical dam safety and regional flood risk management with prudent use of tax-payer funds.

Sincerely,

Alysha L. Girard
General Manager

Upper Brushy Creek WCID
Board of Directors

General Manager

Maintenance	Capital Improvement Program-CIP	Risk Management	Fiscal Responsibility
Dam Safety Inspections	Planning & Prioritization	Emergency Action Plan	Bond Financing-Debt Service
Intake Structures & Valves	Engineering, Analysis, & Design	Flood Monitoring Network	Accounting & Audits
Vegetation & Fencing	Best Value Studies	Strategic Communications	Internal Services
	Construction	Encroachment Permits	



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FY2025 Expected Revenues

	Total Taxable Value
Total Certified Taxable Value	\$ 85,043,115,894
Total Certified Taxable Value under review	\$ 593,409,541
TOTAL 2024 CERTIFIED TAXABLE VALUE	\$ 85,636,525,435
	Tax Levy
Maintenance & Operating Fund Tax Levy	\$ 11,475,294.41
Debt Service Fund Tax Levy	\$ 3,082,914.92
TOTAL 2024 TAX LEVY	\$ 14,558,209.32



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FY 2025 Operating Funds Summary

BEGINING BALANCE

General Unassigned as of 6/30/2024	\$16,399,119.25
Emergency Fund as of 6/30/2024	\$15,331,408.00
Assigned Projects Fund as of 6/30/2024	\$27,598,157.00
Assigned - Rattan Creek Regional Detention as of 6/30/2024	\$798,428.75
Total Operating Funds	\$60,127,113.00

INCOME

General Unassigned (Taxes, Interest, Fees)	\$12,975,294.41
Emergency Fund	\$425,000.00
Assigned Projects Fund	\$0.00
Assigned - Rattan Creek Regional Detention	\$0.00
Total Income	\$13,400,294.41

EXPENSES

General Unassigned (O&M)	\$3,250,000.00
Emergency Fund	\$0.00
Assigned Projects Fund*	\$14,770,000.00
Assigned - Rattan Creek Regional Detention	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$18,020,000.00

ENDING BALANCE

General Unassigned	\$26,124,413.66
Emergency Fund	\$15,756,408.00
Assigned Projects Fund	\$12,828,157.00
Assigned - Rattan Creek Regional Detention	\$798,428.75
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS	\$55,507,407.41

*Note: Assigned Projects Fund based on December 2023 Approved Capital Improvements Program Plan (FY 2025 plus Unspent Monies from FY 2024)



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FY 2025 Bond Related Funds Summary

	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>
<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u> as of 6/30/2024	\$375,560.51	\$26,544,910.59
<u>INCOME</u>		
Taxes	\$3,082,914.92	\$0.00
Interest	\$75,000.00	\$600,000.00
Total Income	\$3,157,914.92	\$600,000.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Debt Payment	\$2,871,719.00	\$0.00
Tax Appraisal/Collection Fees	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
FY 24 Bond Projects (July - September)	\$0.00	\$4,324,910.59
Bond Projects*	\$0.00	\$22,820,000.00
Total Expenses	\$2,906,719.00	\$27,144,910.59
<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	\$626,756.43	\$0.00

**Note: Bond Projects based on December 2023 Approved Capital Improvements Program Plan (FY 2025 plus Unspent Monies from FY 2024)*



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OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	Account #	FY 2025
Personnel		\$ 913,000
Director Salary	11	\$ 8,000
Staff Salary	14	\$ 700,000
Payroll Liabilities (staff/director)	15	\$ 60,000
Staff Benefits (Ins & TCDRS)	16	\$ 145,000
Staff Development	20	\$ 8,000
Office Expenses		\$ 19,000
Office Supplies	31	\$ 15,000
Office Lease - Copier	32	\$ 4,000
Administrative Services		\$ 390,000
Accounting/Auditing	41	\$ 55,000
Election Costs	42	\$ -
Tax Appraisal/Assessor Fees	43	\$ 130,000
Legal	44	\$ 125,000
IT Services	45	\$ 60,000
Admin Assistance/Intern	46	\$ 20,000
Building/Fleet Expenses		\$ 79,000
Building/Landscape Maintenance	51	\$ 45,000
Fleet Maintenance	52	\$ 5,000
Insurance	53	\$ 12,000
Utilities	54	\$ 17,000
Professional Services	60	\$ 500,000
Dam Operations & Maintenance		\$ 1,200,000
Dam Maintenance/Repairs	71	\$ 850,000
Dam Monitoring Systems	72	\$ 350,000
Contingency	80	\$ 141,000
Total O&M Expenses		\$ 3,250,000
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL		
Full Time Equivalents	5	
Temp Assistance/Intern	1	



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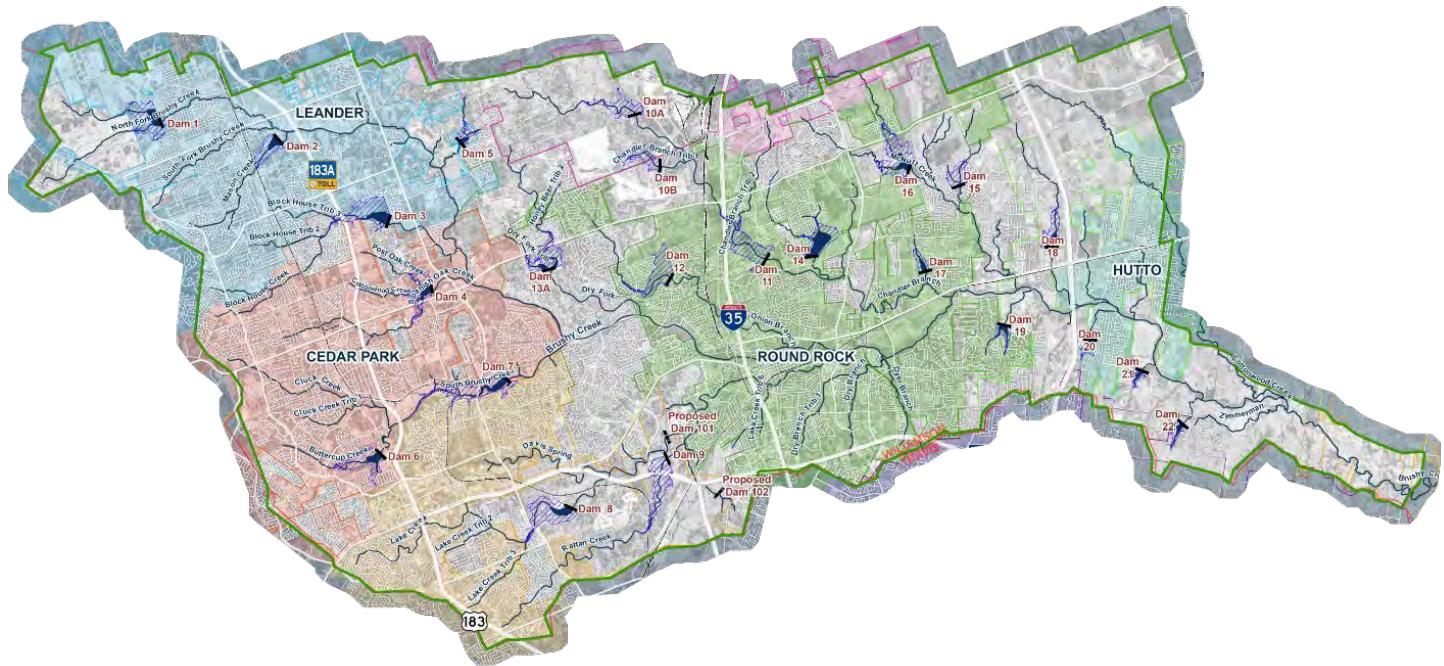
CAPITAL EXPENSES	Capital Projects Fund FY 2025	Assigned Project Fund FY 2025
Rehabilitation Projects		
Dam 5	\$ 140,000	
Dam 12	\$ 170,000	\$ 780,000
Dam 14 Phase 2	\$ 1,500,000	
Dam 16	\$ 4,300,000	
Dam 18	\$ 100,000	
General Engineering	\$ 110,000	\$ 60,000
Parapet Walls		\$ 300,000
Other Projects		\$ 3,630,000
Flood Mitigation Projects		
Dam 101	\$ 16,500,000	\$ 9,450,000
Block House Creek (Cedar Park)		\$ 550,000
Total CIP Budget*	\$ 22,820,000	\$ 14,770,000
*Note: December 2023 Approved Capital Improvements Program Plan (FY 2025 plus Unspent Monies from FY 2024)		

About the District

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BUILDING AND MAINTAINING DAMS FOR OVER 60 YEARS

The Upper Brushy Creek Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) was created in 1956 to help reduce flooding and control erosion. The original twenty-three dams were constructed in the late 50's and early 60's to protect a mostly rural landscape including small towns, crops, and ranch land. Since then, the District has rapidly developed from Leander to Hutto to be home to over 400,000 people with complimentary commercial development. The increase in overland flows and the numbers of lives and property at-risk make the regional flood protection the dams provide more crucial than ever.



GROWTH AND MODERNIZATION

Rapid urbanization coupled with increased dam safety regulations resulted in the State designating almost all the WCID dams in the District's western half as high hazard due to downstream risks. The designation drove voters to split the District into the Upper and Lower Brushy Creek WCID. In 2001, the Upper Brushy Creek voters approved a two-cent tax rate to fund operations, dam maintenance, and the Capital Improvement projects.

CONTINUED COMMITMENT

Several years ago, the District achieved the first comprehensive update to area flood models in more than 30 years. Those models, collaboration with city and county partners, and community feedback were leveraged to develop a Flood Protection Plan. The Plan identified areas with the greatest flood risks within the District and potential solutions to reduce risks and flood damage in those areas. In addition, the District recently completed a comprehensive assessment of its aging dams to identify and prioritize key projects that enhance dam safety and longevity.

GOING FORWARD

The District's next steps include rehabilitation of the aging dams to ensure they continue to safely provide the much-needed flood protection for the next 50+ years. The District also continues to assess and collaborate on regional scale solutions that would protect lives and minimize property damage from creek flooding.

In November 2020, the voters approved an \$85 million bond program to fund flood safety projects throughout the Upper Brushy Creek watershed. The District received extremely competitive bids for its first bond issuance securing an interest rate of 2.89% for the initial 51+ million dollars of bonds.

The low interest rate was due in large part to the District's coveted AA credit rating which was recently assigned by Standard and Poor's based on the District's financial strength, consistent tax base, and the economic diversity of the region.

At the time of the election, a conservative estimate of a 3.7% interest rate was assumed. The low 2.89% rate will result in the taxpayers saving over \$5.1 million over the life of the note. Voters approved the issuance of up to \$85 million in bonds to fund both rehabilitation and new construction projects.

