



# Weatherford City Council

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## AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** December 17, 2024

**Staff Contact:** Bill Smith, Assistant Director of  
Public Works

**Item Number:** 2024-701-AR

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**SUBJECT:** Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Wild-TX Lands, LLC for the purchase of wetland mitigation credits for South Holland Lake Creek project in an amount not to exceed \$529,392.

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### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The South Holland Lake Creek project is an extension of the erosion stabilization needs identified in the Holland Lake Watershed Study and will work in conjunction with the downstream improvements that were completed through the Timber Creek area. Erosion and downstream siltation were identified along the South Holland Lake Creek section between Washington Drive and the Interstate Drainage System, a section through the Roger Williams Auto Mall. Staff engaged the Holland Lake Watershed Study Engineer of Record, Freese and Nichols, Inc to perform a preliminary assessment of the conditions and provide an alternatives analysis for permanent channel stabilization.

The proposed channel improvements will connect to the Trash Rack system and culverts at Interstate 20, then continue under the private drive crossing and terminate at the Washington Drive abutment. The channel will consist of a concrete bottom and short side walls of modular concrete blocks that support a vegetated "floodplain bench". This will allow typical storm events to be contained within the concrete "pilot" channel and larger 100 year storms to be accommodated within the floodplain bench. This project will permanently address the erosion of the channel and corresponding siltation of Holland Lake. The project also ensures the long term integrity of the Trash Rack and Washington Drive abutments. Lastly, much needed equipment access to the channel and trash rack will be incorporated for on-going maintenance of both the public infrastructure and private landscaping areas

Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulates construction activities within waters of the United States, including wetlands. Based on the construction activities associated with the project, it will result in unavoidable permanent impacts to waters of the United States, and mitigation credits are required to be purchased to offset these impacts. The USACE has approved the proposal to purchase the credits from the Mill Branch Mitigation Bank, and Wild-TX Lands, LLC is an authorized seller of mitigation credits for the Mill Branch Mitigation Bank. Construction will not be permitted by the USACE until the mitigation credits are purchased.

The construction of the project is currently bidding, and a construction contract is expected to be presented to the City Council in January 2025.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Purchase of the credits will be funded with currently available funds from storm water utility rate revenues.

**SUGGESTED ACTION**

Staff recommends authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Wild-TX Lands, LLC for the purchase of wetland mitigation credits for South Holland Lake Creek in an amount not to exceed \$529,392.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- [Mill Branch - City of Weatherford PSA](#)
- [South Holland Lake Creek Exhibit](#)
- [Mitigation Credit Memorandum](#)