

Fact Sheet

The West Keegans Bayou Improvement District (WKBID) Board of Directors is committed to actively identify and take corrective measures for the operation and maintenance of West Keegans Bayou within the bounds of the District.

The following are key points associated with the history, responsibilities and commitment of the WKBID Board of Directors in overseeing the function, operation and maintenance of West Keegans Bayou:

- WKBID was created in 1978 with the specific purpose to provide outfall storm drainage for developing areas west of Belknap Road (Eldridge Parkway) that were delineated as part of the Keegans Bayou watershed.
- Its purpose is to provide storm drainage, conveyance of drainage downstream, and to implement drainage improvements and maintain same that serve all areas within District's Boundary.
- Through the District's maintenance tax, a maintenance account has been established to dedicate funds to maintaining West Keegans Bayou, both on an annual basis and on a long-term program for addressing the condition of the channel as it appears overtime.
- Accumulation of maintenance funds over time enables the District Board to fund the cost of an extended and recurring maintenance program over several years without the selling of bonds and having to incur debt over a 20-year period.
- Tax rates generally increase with the selling of bonds and maintaining the required debt service to retire the bonds. The District Board has found a way to the follow through on its commitment to maintain West Keegans Bayou, and to fund maintenance without taking on debt.

A five-year phased plan into year 2026 for maintenance of the bayou has been considered by the Board of Directors, with the major components being:

1. Sediment Removal and Slope Restoration of Approximately 22,490 linear feet of channel in five phases.
2. Backslope Drain Removal and Replacement of Approximately 30 deteriorated corrugated metal pipe drains and reinforced concrete upper and lower structures.
3. Backslope Drain Cleaning and Repair of Approximately 60 clogged backslope drain pipes and structures.