

Upper Brushy Creek

WCID

A Dam District

Williamson County, Texas

WANT THE WHOLE DAM STORY?

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MEET THE DISTRICT

The Upper Brushy Creek Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) was created to help reduce flooding and control erosion. Extending from Leander to Hutto, the District is home to over 400,000 people and more than 20 District-managed dams.

Setting the Foundation

The original WCID was created by the Texas Legislature in 1957 to be the local sponsor of dams built by the federal Soil Conservation Service. Earthen dams were identified as the most efficient and effective way to reduce flood damage. Construction of the District's earthen dams was complete by 1966.

Growth and Modernization

Rapid urbanization coupled with enhanced dam safety regulations resulted in the State designating almost all of the District's dams as high hazard. In 2001, voters approved a two-cent tax rate to fund operations, dam maintenance, and capital improvements projects. Once funding was approved, the District focused its efforts on modernizing the high hazard dams to meet the new regulations.

Continued Commitment to Regional Flood Planning

In 2016, the District completed a Flood Protection Plan that updated the watershed's 30-year-old flood models and worked with stakeholders and local communities to identify areas with the greatest flood risks. The District also recently completed a comprehensive risk assessment of its aging dams to identify and prioritize key opportunities to enhance dam safety and longevity. These studies identified flood mitigation and dam rehabilitation projects that will minimize damage in areas with the highest flood risks and ensure existing dams will continue to function safely for the next 50+ years.

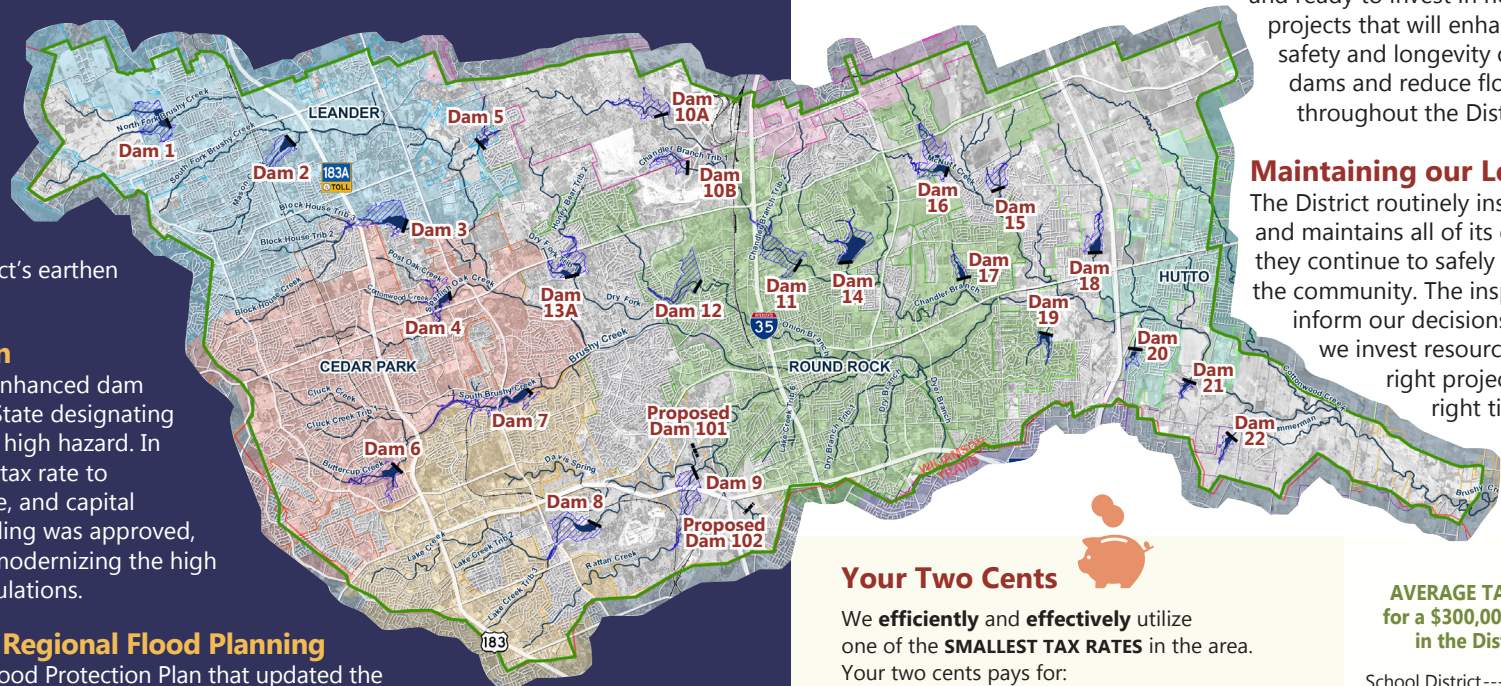
WHAT WE DO

Protecting Life and Property

Rehabilitating our existing dams and implementing new solutions in other flood-prone areas will provide critical flood protection for the next 50 years. With our completed regional studies in hand, we are poised and ready to invest in necessary projects that will enhance the safety and longevity of our dams and reduce flood risks throughout the District.

Maintaining our Legacy

The District routinely inspects and maintains all of its dams so they continue to safely protect the community. The inspections inform our decisions so that we invest resources in the right projects at the right time.



Your Two Cents

We **efficiently** and **effectively** utilize one of the **SMALLEST TAX RATES** in the area. Your two cents pays for:

- Maintenance and Operations
- Emergency Preparedness
- Regulatory Compliance
- Dam Capital Improvement Program

AVERAGE TAX BILL for a \$300,000 home in the District

School District	-----	\$4,017
City	-----	\$1,405
M.U.D.	-----	\$1890
County	-----	\$1260
UBCWCID	-----	\$60

Since the dams were built, the region has changed from rural farmland to quickly growing communities.

This denser urban footprint means the dams provide essential flood protection for more people and property than ever before.

From rural farms...
1950s

...to small towns...
1980s

...to growing urban cities.
2000s

