

Flood Infrastructure Assessment

Classification Guidance & Toolkit Overview

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APPENDICE DESCRIPTIONS

APPENDIX A: FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE CLASSIFICATION METHODOLOGY

Outlines guidance for populating the condition, functionality, and confidence rating for each asset as required by Task 1 of the Regional Flood Planning Scope of Work. The methodology utilizes empirical and approximate data sources as the basis for the classification guidance. A three-tier data confidence rating system was developed that allows the confidence to be assigned based on the available data.

APPENDIX B: TOOLKIT USER GUIDE

Documents the spreadsheet-based tool developed to provide communities without GIS a resource to manage their flood infrastructure and provide an aggregated summary for inclusion into the regional flood planning process.

LINK TO DOWNLOAD SPREADSHEET: [FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT](#)

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2024, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) delivered the first comprehensive State Flood Plan, as mandated by [Senate Bill 8](#)¹ during the 86th Texas Legislative session.² This initiative is a significant step in reducing the risk and impact of flooding across the State of Texas – a coordinated statewide effort focusing on identifying and mitigating flood risks. As required by statute, the first State Flood Plan included an inventory of constructed and natural flood infrastructure but had very limited information about the condition or functionality of the flood infrastructure assets.

The second cycle of regional flood planning is now underway, and this infrastructure toolkit has been prepared by the TWDB to improve the assessment of flood infrastructure condition and functionality. This toolkit provides guidance on classifying the condition, functionality and data confidence rating of constructed and natural flood infrastructure based on the following:

CONDITION

- Deficient: The infrastructure or natural feature is in poor structural or non-structural condition and needs replacement, restoration, or rehabilitation.
- Non-Deficient: The infrastructure or natural feature is in good structural or non-structural condition and does not require replacement, restoration, or rehabilitation.
- Unknown: The condition of infrastructure or natural feature is unknown.

FUNCTIONALITY

- Functional: The infrastructure is serving its intended design level of service.
- Non-Functional: The infrastructure is not serving its intended or design level of service.
- Unknown: The functionality or capacity for infrastructure is unknown.

**Note: Level of Service will vary depending on local criteria and flood infrastructure type.*

CONFIDENCE

- High: Data used for classification came from the asset owner through findings of a study or analysis.
- Low: Data used for classification is based on asset attributes and assumptions.
- None: No data is available to determine data confidence classification.

¹ <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/86R/billtext/pdf/SB00008F.pdf>

² https://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/sfp/doc/2024_State_Flood_Plan_Volume_I.pdf

This document outlines the resources funded by the TWDB to assist communities with the development and classification of major flood infrastructure inventory:

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- **APPENDIX B: TOOLKIT USER GUIDE**

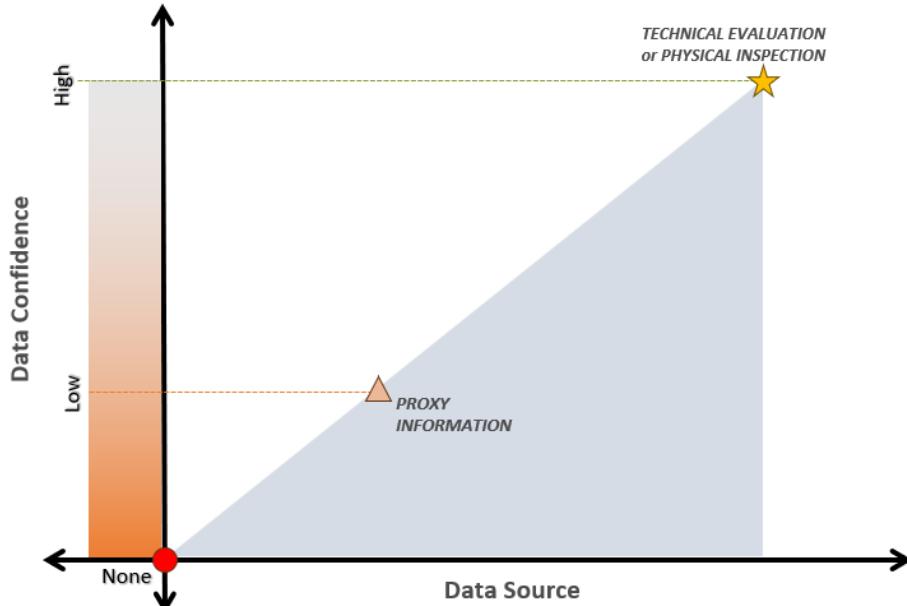
Describes how to use the spreadsheet tool that was created for communities lacking a GIS-based inventory, to streamline data collection and management. Documents the spreadsheet-based tool developed to provide communities without GIS a resource to manage their flood infrastructure and provide an aggregated summary for inclusion into the regional flood planning process.

- **FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT**

This is a spreadsheet-based resource designed for communities without a GIS-based inventory.

A data confidence rating system was developed that categorizes data sources as *high*, *low*, or *none*, as shown in **Figure 1-1**. The rating system aims to highlight when approximate data is used instead of empirical data. The infrastructure assessment methodology allows lower-confidence data sources to be used in the flood infrastructure classification. Higher-confidence data sources such as recent (since 2018) Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) studies and field inspections are preferred.

Figure 1-1: Data Confidence Rating System (FNI, 2023)



This figure illustrates the three-tier classification (high, low, or none) used to rate the reliability of data sources in flood infrastructure assessments. High-confidence sources (e.g., recent H&H studies and field inspections) are preferred, while lower-confidence or proxy information can still be utilized when technical evaluations and empirical data are not available.

2 OVERVIEW OF FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE

A defined classification methodology was developed and documented in [Appendix A](#): Flood Infrastructure Classification Methodology. [Appendix A](#) outlines criteria to evaluate various flood infrastructure assets to populate the condition (deficient, non-deficient, unknown), functionality (functional, non-functional, unknown), and data confidence rating (high, low, none) for the state flood infrastructure inventory.

Table 2-1 outlines a summary of the flood infrastructure guidance provided. Natural flood infrastructure features do not have a designed level of service, so no guidance is provided to assess natural infrastructure functionality. These fields should be reported as unknown and description as "N/A."

Table 2-1: Flood Infrastructure Classification Guidance Summary

Flood Infrastructure Type	Functionality	Condition
Dams, Reservoirs, and Weirs	Y	Y
Flood Early Warning Systems (FEWS)	Y	Y
Levees	Y	Y
Low Water Crossings	Y	Y
Roadway Stream Crossings, Culverts, and Bridges	Y	Y
Storm Drain Systems, Inlets, Channels, Tunnels, and Ponds	Y	Y
Revetments and Coastal Constructed (Sea Barriers, Sea Walls, and Tidal Barriers)	Y	Y
Rivers and Tributaries	N	Y
Wetlands and Estuaries	N	Y
Playas	N	Y
Dunes	N	Y
Coastal Natural	N	N
Fans	N	N
Gauges	N	N
Parks or Open Spaces	N	N
Sinkholes	N	N

A variety of industry resources were consulted in the development of this toolkit. See Appendix A for publicly available resources, grouped together by asset classification type.

3 TOOLKIT USER GUIDE OVERVIEW

The [**Flood Infrastructure Assessment Toolkit \(Toolkit\)**](#) is a spreadsheet-based resource designed for communities without a GIS-based inventory to assess and classify the condition, functionality, and confidence rating for their flood infrastructure. Once populated, the Toolkit can be incorporated into the regional flood planning process by providing the inventory data to RFPG Consultants.

[**Appendix B**](#) provides a step-by-step user guide for the Toolkit, including:

- How to collect and enter relevant asset data into the Toolkit
- Management of detailed or aggregated flood infrastructure inventory
- Enabling macros
- Prioritization of data collection
- Additional resources

The Toolkit uses a three-tiered data confidence rating system (high, low, or none) to document how each classification (condition and functionality) is determined based on available data sources and institutional knowledge. Its primary functions are to:

- Expand the Texas flood infrastructure inventory
- Assist with classification of the infrastructure condition, functionality, and confidence rating
- Provide standardized guidance for infrastructure assessments

To support communities lacking a GIS-based inventory, the [**Toolkit**](#) is available as a resource through RFPGs. When communities submit completed spreadsheets with locational data (latitude/longitude or address), that information can be integrated into the TWDB flood planning database. Otherwise, a tabular summary of each community's infrastructure and classification will be linked to its jurisdictional boundary within the database.

APPENDIX A

FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE CLASSIFICATION METHODOLOGY

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Classification Methodology

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1 SUMMARY

The full flood infrastructure classification methodology is included below as a reference for communities. Communities can utilize this methodology to override the automatic classification in the Toolkit (see **Appendix B: Toolkit User Guide**). Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) Consultants will utilize information provided by communities and leverage the comprehensive classification guidance to make a final determination regarding infrastructure classification. Condition, functionality, and data confidence ratings should be assigned based on the following definitions:

CONDITION

- **Deficient:** The infrastructure or natural feature is in poor structural or non-structural condition and needs replacement, restoration, or rehabilitation.
- **Non-Deficient:** The infrastructure or natural feature is in good structural or non-structural condition and does not require replacement, restoration, or rehabilitation.
- **Unknown:** The condition of infrastructure or natural feature is unknown.

FUNCTIONALITY

- **Functional:** The infrastructure is serving its intended design level of service.
- **Non-Functional:** The infrastructure is not serving its intended design level of service.
- **Unknown:** The functionality or capacity for infrastructure is unknown.

**Note: Level of Service will vary depending on local criteria and flood infrastructure type.*

DATA CONFIDENCE LEVEL

- **High:** Official studies have been performed by a reputable agency to confirm the condition or functionality rating.
- **Low:** No studies, reports, or analysis are available to confirm or deny condition or functionality rating.
- **None:** No known data is available to confirm the condition or functionality rating of the asset.

2 CONSTRUCTED FLOOD ASSET GUIDANCE

The following criteria can be applied to classify each constructed asset type according to condition, functionality, and the data confidence rating related to each category. Constructed assets must be evaluated individually for condition and functionality, as well as the respective data confidence ratings.

Condition and functionality classification guidance was developed for most constructed flood infrastructure, as described in further detail in the sections below.

2.1 DAMS, RESERVOIRS, AND WEIRS

Dams are man-made structures constructed across a waterway to impound water for flood control, water supply, power generation, or recreation. **Reservoirs** are man-made lakes often created by installing dams across rivers or tributaries to capture and store water for a variety of purposes, including water supply.¹

Weirs are low-lying barriers built across waterways that gauge the volume of water flowing through a canal and can serve as flood management infrastructure by capturing water upstream and slowing its downstream flow during times of peak discharge.

Table 2-1 and **Table 2-2** summarize the condition and functionality classification guidance for **dams**, **reservoirs**, and **weirs** by data confidence rating. Documentation of the condition or functionality based on a study performed in the last 10 years or from available data in the [National Inventory of Dams \(NID\)](#) is considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as age, institutional knowledge, ownership, and purpose can be utilized with engineering judgment to assign a classification with *low* confidence. If no information from **Table 2-1** or **Table 2-2** is available, the classification is *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*. If information from the [NID](#) or [TCEQ Dam inventory](#) is used, include inventory number in *Notes* field of the infrastructure assessment Toolkit.

Table 2-1: Dams, Reservoirs, and Weirs Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documented as deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years OR A condition rating of “Poor” or “Unsatisfactory” in the National Inventory of Dams (NID) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years OR A condition rating of “Fair” or “Satisfactory” in the National Inventory of Dams (NID) OR Owned by a federal entity OR Utilized for power or water supply
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is greater than 50 years OR Not owned by a federal entity (USACE or USBR) OR Not utilized for power or water supply OR Institutional knowledge of deficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is less than 50 years AND No institutional knowledge of deficiency

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the following characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

Dam functionality is based on the ability of a dam to pass the required percentage of the probable maximum flood as defined by the TCEQ state dam safety criteria depending on the size and hazard classification of the dam. Regions could consider using publicly available tools such as the FEMA Spillway Capacity and Extreme Discharge Estimator Tool (currently under development by FEMA and in beta-

testing) to generate a rough PMF estimate and compare it to spillway capacity data contained within the NID if budget allows. Such an analysis would give an indication of the capacity but would still be considered *low* confidence given the high-level nature of the tool and should only be used if no other dam-specific hydrology information is available.

Table 2-2: Dams, Reservoirs, and Weirs Functionality Classification Guidance

	FUNCTIONAL	NON-FUNCTIONAL
HIGH	Documented as functional (passes the required % PMF based on hazard classification and size as defined by TCEQ dam safety criteria) in a report or study performed in the last 10 years	Documented as non-functional in report or study performed in past 10 years
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owned by a federal entity (USACE or USBR) OR Utilized for power or water supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not owned by a federal entity OR Utilized for power or water supply

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the functionality classification.

2.2 LEVEES

Levees are man-made structures constructed parallel to a waterway for flood control. **Table 2-3** summarizes the condition classification guidance for **levees** by data confidence rating. Documentation of the condition or FEMA accreditation status referenced in the National Levee Database (NLD) and the National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) are considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as age, institutional knowledge, and engineering judgment can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. If none of the information summarized in **Table 2-3** is available, then the condition should be classified as *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*.

Table 2-3: Levees Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	Documented as deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years OR FEMA accredited based on NLD and NFHL records with accreditation date more recent than 2018 (Atlas 14 publication date)
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is greater than 50 years OR Is not FEMA accredited based on NLD and NFHL records Institutional knowledge of deficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEMA accredited based on NLD and NFHL records with accreditation date older than 2018 (Atlas 14 publication date) OR Age is less than 50 years AND No institutional knowledge of deficiency

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

Table 2-4 summarizes the functionality classification guidance for levees by data confidence rating. Documentation of the functionality from a study published or FEMA accreditation status obtained since 2018 (NOAA Atlas 14 publication date) are considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as ownership, purpose, FEMA accreditation status obtained before 2018, and engineering judgment can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. If none of the information summarized in **Table 2-4** is available, then the functionality should be classified as unknown with a confidence rating of none.

Table 2-4: Levees Functionality Classification Guidance

	FUNCTIONAL	NON-FUNCTIONAL
HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documented functional in a report or study performed since 2018 (NOAA Atlas 14 publication date) OR Based on NLD and NFHL records, FEMA accreditation date is after 2018 	Documented non-functional in a report or study performed since 2018 (NOAA Atlas 14 publication date)
LOW*	Based on NLD and NFHL records, FEMA accreditation date is before 2018	Based on NLD and NFHL records, the levee is not FEMA accredited

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the functionality classification.

2.3 ROADWAY STREAM CROSSINGS, CULVERTS, AND BRIDGES

Table 2-5 summarizes the condition classification guidance for **roadway stream crossings, culverts, and bridges** by data confidence rating. Documentation of the condition is considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as age, institutional knowledge, and engineering judgment can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. If none of the information summarized in **Table 2-5** is available, then the condition should be classified as *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*.

Table 2-5: Roadway Stream Crossings, Culverts, and Bridges Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	Documented as deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years	Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is greater than 50 years OR Institutional knowledge of structural deficiency OR There is limited O&M budget relative to the amount of infrastructure managed by the asset owner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is less than 50 years AND No institutional knowledge of deficiency

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

Table 2-6 summarizes the functionality classification guidance for roadway stream crossings, culverts, and bridges by data confidence rating. Documentation of the functionality from a study published since 2018 (NOAA Atlas 14 publication date) is considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as institutional knowledge and engineering judgment of *Task 2: Existing Flood Risk Exposure* findings can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. If none of the information summarized in **Table 2-6** is available, then the functionality should be classified as *unknown* with a confidence rating of *None*.

Table 2-6: Roadway Stream Crossings, Culverts, and Bridges Functionality Classification Guidance

	FUNCTIONAL	NON-FUNCTIONAL
HIGH	Documented as functional in a report or study performed since 2018 (NOAA Atlas 14 publication date)	Documented as non-functional in a report or study performed since 2018 (NOAA Atlas 14 publication date)
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on <i>Task 2 Existing Flood Risk Exposure</i>, there appears to be capacity to pass the 100-year event <i>OR</i> No institutional knowledge of capacity concerns 	Institutional knowledge of capacity concerns

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the functionality classification.

*If Task 2 Analysis indicates less than 100-year capacity for the crossing, but the design level of service is unknown, the functionality should be classified as unknown with Low data confidence.

2.4 LOW WATER CROSSINGS

Low water crossings are roadway creek crossings that are subject to frequent inundation during storm events during a 50% (2-year) annual chance storm event. They are designed to allow vehicles and pedestrians to cross creek beds during periods of low water flow. **Table 2-7** summarizes the condition classification guidance for low water crossings by data confidence rating. Documentation of the condition is considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as age, institutional knowledge, and engineering judgment can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. If none of the information summarized in **Table 2-7** is available, then the condition should be classified as *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*.

Table 2-7: Low Water Crossings Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	Documented as deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years	Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is greater than 50 years <i>OR</i> There is limited O&M budget relative to the amount of infrastructure managed by the asset owner <i>OR</i> Institutional knowledge of deficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is less than 50 years <i>AND</i> No institutional knowledge of deficiency

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

Low Water Crossings Functionality Classification Guidance: Low water crossings are considered to have no design capacity or level of service and therefore, should be classified as *non-functional* with a data confidence rating of *low*.

2.5 STORM DRAIN SYSTEMS, INLETS, CHANNELS, TUNNELS, AND PONDS

Storm drain systems, channels, tunnels, and ponds are designed to manage the excess water generated during rainfall events to prevent flooding, erosion, and water pollution. **Table 2-8** and **Table 2-9** summarize the condition and functionality classification guidance for storm drain systems, channels, tunnels, and ponds by data confidence rating. Documentation of the condition is considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as age and institutional knowledge can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. County parcel and the [National Structure Inventory \(NSI\)](#) datasets include the year of building construction. If the infrastructure age is unavailable, parcel and NSI data can be used to estimate when nearby flood infrastructure may have been constructed. A comparison of the construction year to the applicable Design Criteria Manual (DCM) and NOAA Atlas 14 publication date can be used to assign a functionality classification. Classification using

these datasets and engineering judgment should be assigned a *low* confidence rating. If none of the information summarized in **Table 2-8** and **Table 2-9** is available, then the condition should be classified as *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*.

Table 2-8: Storm Drain Systems, Inlets, Channels, Tunnels & Ponds Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	Documented as deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years	Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is greater than 50 years <i>OR</i> There is limited O&M budget relative to the amount of infrastructure managed by the asset owner <i>OR</i> Institutional knowledge of deficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is less than 50 years <i>AND</i> No institutional knowledge of deficiency

*Note: Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

Table 2-9: Storm Drain Systems, Inlets, Channels, Tunnels & Ponds Functionality Classification Guidance

	FUNCTIONAL	NON-FUNCTIONAL
HIGH	Documented as functional in a report or study performed since 2018 (NOAA Atlas 14 publication date)	Documented as non-functional in a report or study performed since 2018 (NOAA Atlas 14 publication date)
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction year (known or estimated) was after the applicable DCM or Atlas 14 adoption date <i>AND</i> No institutional knowledge of capacity concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional knowledge of capacity concerns <i>OR</i> Construction year (known or estimated) was before the applicable DCM or Atlas 14 adoption date

*Note: Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the functionality classification.

2.6 REVETMENTS AND COASTAL CONSTRUCTED (SEA BARRIERS, SEA WALLS, AND TIDAL GATES)

Revetments and **coastal constructed** components of flood protection infrastructure in Texas are strategically incorporated along riverbanks and coastal areas prone to flooding. They are designed to reduce flood risk by preventing erosion and stabilizing the water's edge.

Table 2-10 and **Table 2-11** summarize the condition and functionality classification guidance for revetments and coastal constructed flood infrastructure by data confidence rating. Documentation of the condition and functionality is considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as age and institutional knowledge can be used to assign a classification with *low*

confidence. If none of the information summarized in **Table 2-10** and **Table 2-11** is available, then the classification is *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*.

Table 2-10: Revetments and Coastal Constructed Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	Documented as deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years	Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is greater than 50 years <i>OR</i> Institutional knowledge of structural deficiency <i>OR</i> There is limited O&M budget relative to the amount of infrastructure managed by the asset owner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is less than 50 years <i>AND</i> No institutional knowledge of deficiency

*Note: Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

Table 2-11: Revetments and Coastal Constructed Functionality Classification Guidance

	FUNCTIONAL	NON-FUNCTIONAL
HIGH	Documented as functional in a report or study performed since 2018 (NOAA Atlas 14 publication date)	Documented as not functional in a report or study performed since 2018 (NOAA Atlas 14 publication date)
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction year (known or estimated) was after the applicable DCM or Atlas 14 adoption date <i>AND</i> No institutional knowledge of capacity concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional knowledge of capacity concerns <i>OR</i> Construction year (known or estimated) was before the applicable DCM or Atlas 14 adoption date or sea level considerations

*Note: Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the functionality classification.

2.7 FLOOD EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS (FEWS)

Flood Early Warning Systems (FEWS) are constructed monitoring and communication systems that provide real-time or near real-time flood-related data (such as rainfall, streamflow, and water levels) to support emergency management, public safety, and flood response decision-making. These systems typically consist of a network of gauges, telemetry, data processing platforms, and alert dissemination mechanisms designed to increase community resilience by enabling proactive response before and during flood events. **Table 2-12** and **Table 2-13** summarize the condition and functionality classification guidance for constructed Flood Early Warning System infrastructure by data confidence rating. Documentation of the condition and functionality is considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as age and institutional knowledge can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. If none of the information summarized in **Table 2-12** and **Table 2-13** is available, then the classification is *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*.

Table 2-12: Flood Early Warning System Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	Documented degradation of critical components in a report or study performed in the last 10 years OR institutional knowledge of partial/full system-wide failure	Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years AND documented compliance with maintenance schedules
LOW*	Institutional knowledge of structural deficiency OR there is limited O&M budget relative to the amount of infrastructure managed by the asset owner	No institutional knowledge of deficiency through documented maintenance or O&M records

*Note: Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

Table 2-13: Flood Early Warning System Functionality Classification Guidance

	FUNCTIONAL	NON-FUNCTIONAL
HIGH	Documented as functional in a report or study performed in past year – verifying accuracy and data continuity/uptime adequate for intended use (emergency operations)	Documented as non-functional in a report or study performed in the last 10 years OR documentation of communication failures, missing calibrations, or latency causing unreliable alert delivery
LOW*	Construction year or replacement of components (known or estimated) was after the applicable DCM AND no institutional knowledge of functionality concerns	Institutional knowledge of functional concerns, OR construction year OR replacement of components (known or estimated) was before applicable DCM

*Note: Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the functionality classification.

3 NATURAL FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE GUIDANCE

Natural flood infrastructure features do not have a designed level of service, so no guidance is provided to classify the functionality. These fields should be reported as *unknown* and description as "N/A". Assessing the condition of the natural asset relies heavily on institutional knowledge of deficiencies and engineering judgment based on the classification methodology and criteria provided. Guidance for determining deficiencies and the data confidence rating related to the condition of the natural flood infrastructure was developed as described further in the sections below.

3.1 RIVERS AND TRIBUTARIES

Rivers are naturally occurring waterways that convey rainfall runoff from a definable area to the ocean. **Tributaries** are rivers or streams that flow into a larger river or lake. **Table 3-1** summarizes the condition classification guidance for rivers and tributaries by data confidence rating. Documentation of condition is considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as institutional knowledge, location (urban or rural), bank slope, and engineering judgment can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. If none of the information summarized in **Table 3-1** is available, then the condition should be classified as *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*. River and tributary reaches can be considered urban if the reach is within a city-limit jurisdictional boundary or rural otherwise. The visual indicators for condition (bank erosion or undercutting, felled trees, exposed tree roots) naturally occur in a river or tributary, reestablishing geomorphological equilibrium. Therefore, if these indicators are observed along a rural reach, it should be classified as *non-deficient*.

Table 3-1: Rivers and Tributaries Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	Documented as deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years	Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban reaches only: Institutional knowledge of severe bank erosion, including trees falling into the waterway due to bank undercutting, exposed tree roots, or other visible deficiencies OR A reach with unstable slopes (steeper than 2:1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any reach located in a rural area OR An urban reach with no institutional knowledge of deficiency OR An urban reach with stable slopes (flatter than 2:1)

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

3.2 WETLANDS AND ESTUARIES

Wetlands and **estuaries** are natural systems found near lakes, rivers, and oceans that are often inundated by water, either permanently or seasonally during rainy seasons.

Table 3-2 summarizes the condition classification guidance for wetlands and estuaries by data confidence rating. Documentation of condition is considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as institutional knowledge, presence of vegetation, trails or pathways, change in the area of time, and engineering judgment can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. NOAA Wetland Impact and Migration data, historical aerial imagery and LIDAR data to determine the wetland/estuary area is changing over time. If none of the information summarized in **Table 3-2** is available, then the condition should be classified as *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*.

Table 3-1: Wetlands and Estuaries Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	Documented as deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years	Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional knowledge <i>OR</i> Evidence of lack of vegetation, vegetation loss, modification or damage caused by humans or livestock, flow obstruction, or other deficiencies <i>OR</i> Evidence of recession based on NOAA Wetland Impact and Migration or historical aerial imagery review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional knowledge <i>OR</i> No evidence of lack of vegetation, vegetation loss, modification or damage caused by humans or livestock, flow obstruction, or other deficiencies <i>OR</i> No evidence of recession based on NOAA Wetland Impact and Migration or historical aerial imagery review

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

3.3 PLAYAS

Playas are naturally occurring shallow, clay-lined depressions in otherwise flat landscapes that temporarily store rainwater before it is evaporated or drained into the groundwater aquifer.

Table 3-3 summarizes the condition classification guidance for playas by data confidence rating. Documentation of condition is considered *high* confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as institutional knowledge, presence of sediment accumulation, presence of drainage ditches or pipes, health rating from the [Playa Lakes Joint Venture](#) dataset, and engineering judgment can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. If none of the information

summarized in **Table 3-3** is available, then the condition should be classified as *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*.

Table 3-2: Playas Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	Documented as deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years	Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional knowledge of deficiency <i>OR</i> • Presence of sediment accumulation, sediment plumes, drainage ditches or pipes, or other deficiencies <i>OR</i> • Considered not healthy in the Playa Lakes Joint Venture dataset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No institutional knowledge of deficiency <i>OR</i> • No evidence of sediment accumulation, sediment plumes, drainage ditches or pipes, or other deficiencies <i>OR</i> • Considered healthy in the Playa Lakes Joint Venture dataset

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

3.4 DUNES

Dunes are naturally occurring mounds of sand and vegetation along the coastline absorb the impact of storm surges and prevent beach erosion. **Table 3-4** summarizes the condition classification guidance for wetlands and estuaries by data confidence rating. Documentation of condition is considered high confidence and should be utilized if available. Otherwise, proxy indicators such as institutional knowledge, presence of vegetation, trails or pathways across the dune, washover channels, and engineering judgment can be used to assign a classification with *low* confidence. If none of the information summarized in **Table 3-4** is available, then the condition should be classified as *unknown* with a confidence rating of *none*.

Table 3-3: Dunes Condition Classification Guidance

	DEFICIENT	NON-DEFICIENT
HIGH	Documented as deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years	Documented as non-deficient in a report or study performed in the last 10 years
LOW*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional knowledge <i>OR</i> • Lack of vegetation, vegetation loss over time, presence of trails or pathways across the dune, presence of washover channels, or other deficiencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional knowledge <i>OR</i> • Presence of vegetation, no vegetation loss over time, no trails or pathways across the dune, no washover channels

*Use engineering judgment to assess whether the following characteristics can inform, with a low confidence level, the condition classification.

4 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Publicly available resources are outlined below, grouped together by asset classification type.

4.1 DAMS, RESERVOIRS, AND WEIRS

- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): [National Inventory of Dams \(NID\)](#)
- Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ): [Dam Safety Program](#)
- TCEQ: [Guidelines for Operation and Maintenance of Dams in Texas](#)
- Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB): [10-Year Flood Plan](#)

4.2 FEWS (FLOOD EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS)

- State-Wide Links & Resources: [FEWS Resources](#)
- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB): [Flood Early Warning System \(FEWS\) Guidance](#)
- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB): [Low-Cost Flood Sensor Guidance Manual](#)

4.3 LEVEES

- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): [National Levee Database](#)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): [National Levee Safety Program](#)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): [Levee Safety Action Classification \(LSC\)](#)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): [Levee Safety Program](#)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): [Risk Management Center](#)

4.4 LOW WATER CROSSINGS, ROADWAY STREAM CROSSINGS, AND BRIDGES

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), [Safety Improvements at Low Water Crossings](#)
- Texas Geographic Information Office (TxGIO): [Low Water Crossings](#)
- United States Geological Survey (USGS): [USGS WaterWatch -- Streamflow conditions](#)
- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): [Hydraulic Design Manual](#)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): [Bridge Inspector's Manual](#)
- Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS): [TxGIO DataHub \(tnris.org\)](#)

4.5 STORM DRAIN SYSTEMS, INLETS, CHANNELS, TUNNELS, AND PONDS

- Texas Department of Transportation TxDOT: [Storm Drain Manual](#) & [Hydraulic Design Manual](#)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): [Culvert and Storm Drain System Inspection Manual](#)
- National Association of Sewer Service Companies (NASSCO): [Certification Program](#)
- FHWA: [Tunnel Operations, Maintenance, Inspection, and Evaluation \(TOMIE\) Manual](#)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA): [Pond & Wetland Mgmt Guidebook](#)
- USEPA: [Stormwater Best Management Practice – Dry Detention Ponds](#)

4.6 REVETMENTS AND COASTAL CONSTRUCTED (SEA BARRIERS, SEA WALLS, AND TIDAL GATES)

- Protection, Inspection, and Maintenance of Marine Structures by [Pile Buck, Inc.](#), 1990
- Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO): [Dam Safety Inspection Checklist](#)

4.7 RIVERS AND TRIBUTARIES

- Statewide floodplain quilt data: [Texas Floodplain Quilt](#)
- Bank Erosion Hazard Index (BEHI) Assessment Methodology: [BEHI Methodology](#)
- U.S Dept of Agriculture Forest Service: [General Tech Report RM-245 Stream Channel Ref Sites](#)
- State of Indiana Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan: [Fluvial Erosion Hazard Mitigation Manual](#)
- TNRIS: [TNRIS DataHub](#)

4.8 WETLANDS AND ESTUARIES

- U.S. EPA: [National Wetland Condition Assessment](#)
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: [National Wetlands Inventory \(usgs.gov\)](#)

4.9 PLAYA

- Playa Lakes Joint Venture: [Playa Maps and Tools | Playa Lakes Joint Venture \(pljv.org\)](#)
- Texas Playa Conservation Initiative: [Restoring & Maintaining Healthy Playas](#)
- TWDB: [Playa Lakes | Texas Water Development Board](#)

4.10 DUNE

- Texas General Land Office (GLO): [Dune Protection and Improvement Manual](#)
- Texas A&M Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Act (CEPRA) Program: [CEPRA](#)

4.11 GENERAL RESOURCES

- Interactive State Flood Plan Viewer: [Texas Flood \(texasstatefloodplan.org\)](https://texasstatefloodplan.org)
- TWDB 2024 State Flood Plan: [State Flood Planning | Texas Water Development Board](#)
- TWDB 2023 Amended Regional Flood Plans: [Amended Regional Flood Plans](#)
- Find your RWPG: [Regional Water Planning Groups | Texas Water Development Board](#)
- State-Wide RFPG Map: [State-Wide RFPG Map](#)
- RWPG Map: [Regional Water Planning Group Locator \(arcgis.com\)](#)
- GIS Data Resources: [GIS Data HUB](#)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | US EPA](#)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Admin (NHSTA): [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#)
- National Park Service (NPS): [NPS.gov Homepage \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
- National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS): [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)
- Texas Floodplain Mgmt Association: [TFMA Regions Map](#)
- Texas General Land Office (GLO): [Home | Texas Geographic Information Office](#)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS): [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service \(fws.gov\)](#)
- USGS Stream Stats: [StreamStats \(usgs.gov\)](#) | [USGS WaterWatch -- Streamflow conditions](#)

5 REFERENCES

1. TWDB 2024 State Flood Plan: [State Flood Planning | Texas Water Development Board](#)
2. United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): [National Inventory of Dams \(NID\)](#)
3. United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): [National Levee Database](#)
4. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): [Safety Improvements at Low Water Crossings](#)
5. Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM): [Association of State Floodplain Managers](#)

6 DEFINITIONS

Dams are man-made structures constructed across a waterway to impound water for flood control, water supply, power generation, or recreation.

Dunes are naturally occurring mounds of sand and vegetation along the coastline absorb the impact of storm surges and prevent beach erosion.

Flood Early Warning Systems (FEWS) are constructed monitoring and communication systems that provide real-time or near real-time flood-related data (such as rainfall, streamflow, and water levels) to support emergency management, public safety, and flood response decision-making. These systems typically consist of a network of gauges, telemetry, data processing platforms, and alert dissemination mechanisms designed to increase community resilience by enabling proactive response before and during flood events.

Levees are man-made structures constructed parallel to a waterway for flood control.

Low water crossings are roadway creek crossings that are subject to frequent inundation during storm events during a 50 percent (2-year) annual chance storm event. They are designed to allow vehicles and pedestrians to cross creek beds during periods of low water flow.

Playas are naturally occurring shallow, clay-lined depressions in otherwise flat landscape that temporarily store rainwater before it is evaporated or drained into the groundwater aquifer.

Revetments and **coastal constructed** components of flood protection infrastructure in Texas are strategically incorporated along riverbanks and coastal areas prone to flooding. They are designed to reduce flood risk by preventing erosion and stabilizing the water's edge.

Rivers are naturally occurring waterways that convey rainfall runoff from a definable area to the ocean.

Tributaries are rivers or streams that flow into a larger river or lake.

Reservoirs are man-made lakes often created by installing dams across rivers or tributaries to capture and store water for a variety of purposes, including water supply.

Weirs are low-lying barriers built across waterways that gauge the volume of water flowing through a canal and can serve as flood management infrastructure by capturing water upstream and slowing its downstream flow during times of peak discharge.

Wetlands and **estuaries** are natural systems found near lakes, rivers, and oceans that are often inundated by water, either permanently or seasonally during rainy seasons.

APPENDIX B

TOOLKIT USER GUIDE

USER GUIDE

Flood Infrastructure Assessment Toolkit

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1 TOOLKIT OVERVIEW

The Flood Infrastructure Assessment Toolkit (Toolkit) is a spreadsheet-based tool that provides a solution to assess and classify flood infrastructure in communities lacking a GIS-based inventory. Once populated, the Toolkit can be used by Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) Consultants and incorporated into the regional flood planning process. This document summarizes a step-by-step process for using the Toolkit, including the methodology for classification and prioritization of inventory by flood asset type, the Toolkit functionality, and additional data resources. The primary functions of the Toolkit are to:

- Further develop the Texas flood infrastructure inventory
- Classify the flood infrastructure functionality (capacity) and condition
- Provide guidance for the assessment of flood infrastructure classification

The Toolkit allows users to create a detailed inventory of individual assets and an aggregated summary by infrastructure type. This will allow communities to submit an inventory based on available data and improve overtime as more data is collected. The Toolkit uses simplified logic based on user-provided information to automatically assign classification. RFPG Consultants will utilize information provided by communities and leverage the more comprehensive classification guidance to make a final determination regarding infrastructure classification. Within the Toolkit flood infrastructure is classified by:

CONDITION

- Deficient: The infrastructure or natural feature is in **poor** structural or non-structural condition and needs replacement, restoration or rehabilitation.
- Non-Deficient: The infrastructure or natural feature is in **good** structural or non-structural condition and does not require replacement, restoration, or rehabilitation.
- Unknown: The condition or deficiency of infrastructure or natural feature is unknown.

FUNCTIONALITY

- Functional: The infrastructure **is** serving its intended design level of service.
- Non-Functional: The infrastructure **does not** provide its intended design level of service.
- Unknown: The functionality or capacity for infrastructure is unknown.

**Note: Level of Service will vary depending on local criteria and flood infrastructure type.*

CONFIDENCE

- High: Data used for classification came from the entity through findings of a study or analysis
- Low: Data used for classification is based on asset attributes and assumptions
- None: No data is available to determine data confidence classification

The approach utilizes empirical and approximate data sources, in addition to institutional knowledge, as the basis for the classification guidance. As part of the methodology, a three-tiered data confidence rating system (*high* confidence, *low* confidence, or *none*) was developed. This allows the data confidence level of each condition and capacity designation to be documented based on the data source utilized.

2 TOOLKIT USER GUIDE

This section provides an overview of the data required for the statewide flood asset inventory, including relevant asset inventory categories, a prioritization methodology, data collection considerations, an overview of the spreadsheet tabs, and guidance on entering an asset record into the detailed data entry form.

2.1 DATA COLLECTION AND PRIORITIZATION

The first step in developing a flood infrastructure inventory is to identify data sources that provide information such as installation date, constructed material, and dimensions of individual infrastructure assets. Potential data sources include hard-copy maps, engineering reports, design drawings, and staff institutional knowledge. An interactive web map of the flood infrastructure collected as part of the previous cycle of the state flood plan can be found on the TWDB website [Texas Flood \(texasstatefloodplan.org\)](http://texasstatefloodplan.org). A flood infrastructure assessment prioritization ranking was developed to assist in focusing these activities, as shown in **Table 2-1**. The prioritization may vary based on the infrastructure most impactful to each community.

Table 2-1: Flood Inventory Prioritization

Priority Group A	Priority Group B	Priority Group C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge • Dam • Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) • Levee • River • Sea Wall • Sea Barrier • Low Water Crossing • Roadway Stream Crossing • Coastal-Constructed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culvert • Inlet • Storm Drain System • Stormwater Channel • Stormwater Tunnel • Weir • Reservoir • Revetment • Tributary • Pond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidal Barrier • Tidal Gate • Wetland • Dune • Sinkhole • Other-Natural • Other-Constructed • Coastal-Natural*

*Note: Inventory for Estuary, Fan, Playa, Park, Beach, and Nature Preserve or Reserve Collect to be prioritized along with Group C.

Each type of flood infrastructure was assigned a priority group based on the potential risk to a community, with assets of similar consequence of failure grouped together. Assets within Priority Group A have the highest consequence of failure and should be prioritized for assessment, followed by Priority Group B and then Priority Group C. Flood asset inventory should be progressively developed based on the priority group and in the order listed. If the community does not own or is not responsible for a type of flood infrastructure, then it does not have to be included in the inventory. This will reduce duplication of records and increase the data quality statewide.

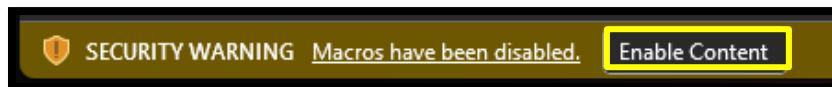
2.2 FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE SPREADSHEET

STEP 1: RENAME THE TOOLKIT FILE AND ENABLE MACROS

Open the provided [*TXFloodInfrastructureAssessmentToolkit.xlsxm*](#) spreadsheet and save a copy of the file.

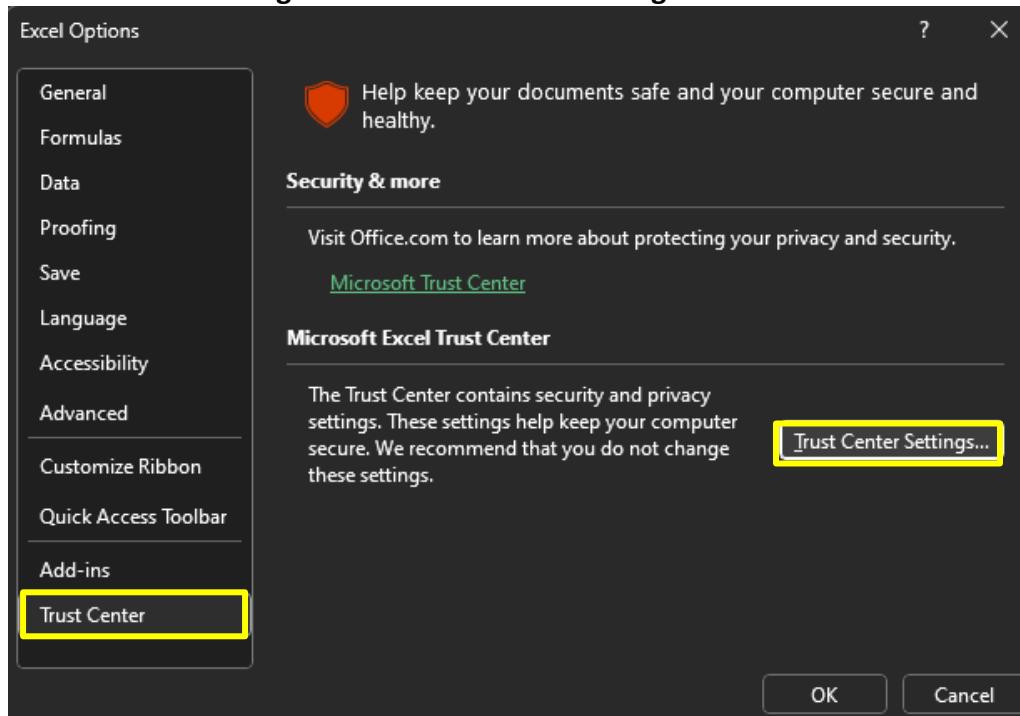
Rename the new file by adding the current year and community name to the end of the file name. For example, the City of Alvin would name the new flood asset inventory file [*TXFloodInfrastructureToolkit_2024_Alvin.xlsxm*](#). If available, save the file to a regularly backed-up computer or use a cloud storage service to reduce the risk of losing the inventory data. The Toolkit utilizes macros to automate certain inventory functions. If macros are not enabled in Excel, the security warning message shown in **Figure 2-1** will appear when the file is opened. If the security warning message does appear, click **Enable Content**, as shown in **Figure 2-1**.

Figure 2-1: Excel Macro Warning Message



If the security warning does not show, open the **Options** in Excel, select **Trust Center** at the bottom of the list on the left of the menu, then click **Trust Center Settings**, as outlined in yellow in **Figure 2-2**.

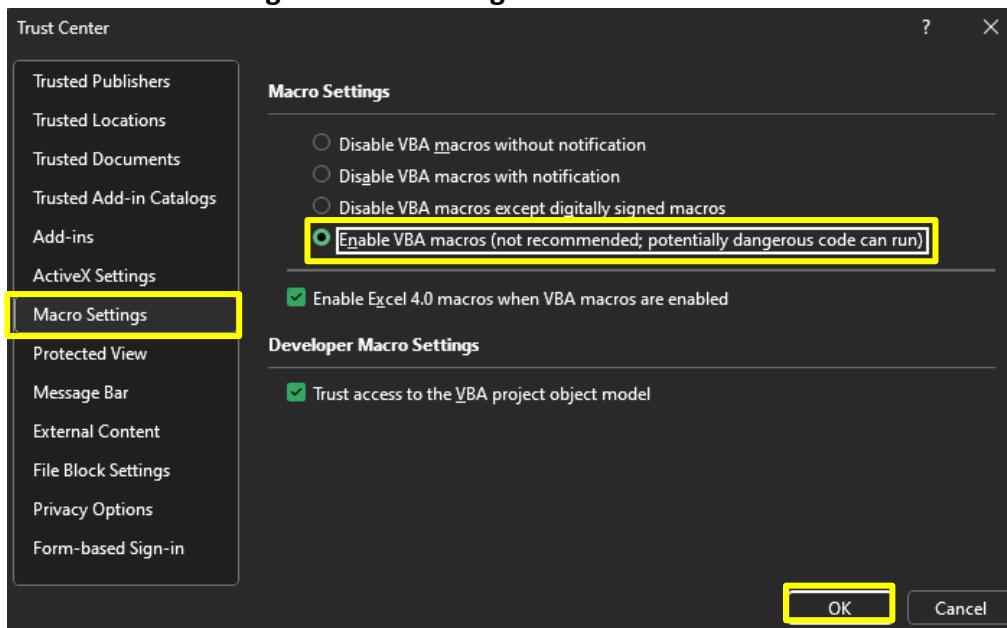
Figure 2-2: Trust Center Settings in Excel



In the **Trust Center** pop-up menu, navigate to the list on the left and select **Macro Settings**. Then, choose the **Enable VBA Macros** option below Macro Settings, as outlined in yellow in **Figure 2-3**. Click **OK** at the bottom of the menu to save the setting and return to the Toolkit.

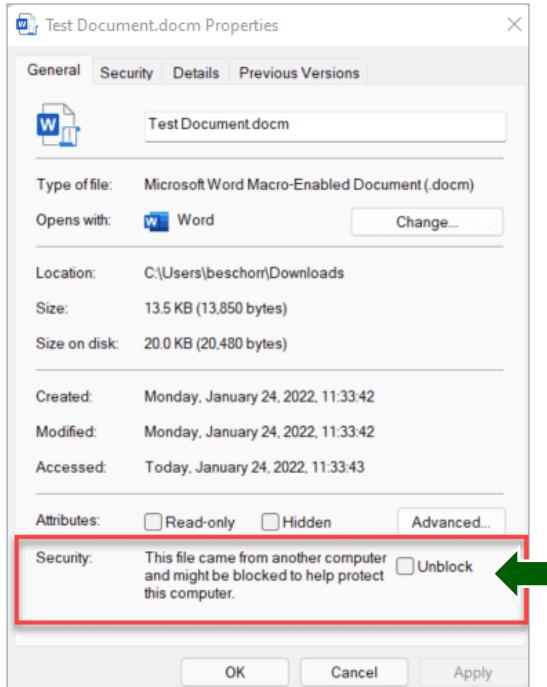
Note: After enabling macros in the **Trust Center**, save and close the file and reopen to apply the new settings.

Figure 2-3: Enabling VBA Macros in Excel



To enable macros for a single file – navigate to the file in Windows File Explorer, right-click on the file and select **Properties**. At the bottom of the General tab, select the **Unblock** checkbox and click **OK**, as shown in Figure 2-4.

Figure 2-4: Enabling Macros for Single File⁶



⁶ Microsoft Macro Support: [A potentially dangerous macro has been blocked - Microsoft Support](#)

STEP 2: REVIEW TOOLKIT LAYOUT

The Toolkit is organized into four worksheets within a single Excel file, as summarized in **Table 2-2**:

Table 2-2: Overview of Spreadsheet Tabs

Worksheet No.	Worksheet Name	Description
1	Instructions	Provides instructions for using the Toolkit, including the worksheet cell color coding system.
2	Detailed Inventory Entry	The primary worksheet used to enter and maintain a detailed flood infrastructure inventory if asset information is available.
3	Aggregated Inventory	An alternative worksheet used to enter and maintain a flood infrastructure summary if asset information is unavailable.
4	REFERENCES	Provides additional resources and reference links.

If flood infrastructure data exists to populate an inventory for individual features, the *Detailed Inventory Entry* worksheet can be used to create a flood infrastructure inventory. Otherwise, the *Aggregated Inventory* sheet can be used to create a flood infrastructure summary. As additional infrastructure information is collected, the asset should be entered into the detailed inventory and removed from the aggregated table. The following steps provide additional guidance for each worksheet.

STEP 3: REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS

The first worksheet tab is *Instructions*, as shown in **Figure 2-5: Spreadsheet Toolkit Instructions Tab**. This provides general instructions for using the Toolkit and the cell color coding system utilized in the *Detailed Inventory Entry* worksheet.

Figure 2-5: Spreadsheet Toolkit Instructions Tab

Toolkit Instructions											
ASSET INVENTORY WORKBOOK	TXFloodInfrastructureAssessmentToolkit.xlsm										
Overview:											
This workbook was developed by Freese and Nichols for municipalities and rural communities in Texas to facilitate the creation of an asset management plan for stormwater infrastructure.											
How to use this Workbook:											
The Asset Inventory Worksheet uses color schemes to denote which fields require user input and which are used for calculations, see below for a full explanation.											
<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Required Input</td> <td>FIELDS with this color scheme require user input, either manually typing a value or selecting one from a dropdown menu.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Optional Input</td> <td>FIELDS with this color scheme will contain an optional field, if additional information is entered it may change color to a required field.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calculation</td> <td>FIELDS with this color scheme contain formulas that calculate values, these fields should not be edited by the user.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Invalid Value</td> <td>If a cell has diagonal lines with red strikethrough text, it means to leave it empty. The red strikethrough text indicates the value entered is invalid based on what is currently entered. Delete the text within this cell and leave it empty unless it changes to the 'Required Input' orange shade. For additional detail, refer to the user-guide and specific instructions related to each field below.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dropdown Menus</td> <td>This workbook relies heavily on dropdown menus, and lookup tables that are stored on the Data Categories worksheet. Based on values chosen from the dropdown menus additional information is automatically populated for other fields. For ex: based on values entered for Asset Type and Material, the workbook can look up the Estimated Effective Life (where applicable). When the dropdown menus are not used and a value is manually entered, the workbook may not recognize it and be unable to use that information to reference any additional information.</td> </tr> </table>		Required Input	FIELDS with this color scheme require user input, either manually typing a value or selecting one from a dropdown menu.	Optional Input	FIELDS with this color scheme will contain an optional field, if additional information is entered it may change color to a required field.	Calculation	FIELDS with this color scheme contain formulas that calculate values, these fields should not be edited by the user.	Invalid Value	If a cell has diagonal lines with red strikethrough text, it means to leave it empty. The red strikethrough text indicates the value entered is invalid based on what is currently entered. Delete the text within this cell and leave it empty unless it changes to the 'Required Input' orange shade. For additional detail, refer to the user-guide and specific instructions related to each field below.	Dropdown Menus	This workbook relies heavily on dropdown menus, and lookup tables that are stored on the Data Categories worksheet. Based on values chosen from the dropdown menus additional information is automatically populated for other fields. For ex: based on values entered for Asset Type and Material, the workbook can look up the Estimated Effective Life (where applicable). When the dropdown menus are not used and a value is manually entered, the workbook may not recognize it and be unable to use that information to reference any additional information.
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Table 2-3 summarizes the cell color coding system used to denote required, optional, calculated, invalid, and dropdown menus:

Table 2-3: Cell Color Coding System Summary

Worksheet Name	Description
Required Input	Requires input – either manually typing a value or selecting from a dropdown menu.
Optional Input	Optional input – typically manual entry. If additional information is entered, this may change color to a required field
Calculation	Calculated value – do not edit fields that are dark blue with bold orange text.
Invalid Value	Invalid value – if a cell has diagonal lines, it means the entry is invalid. Delete the contents from the cell and leave it blank.

STEP 4: OVERVIEW OF DETAILED ASSET ENTRY WORKSHEET

An overview of the *Detailed Inventory Entry* tab is illustrated below in **Figure 2-6**.

Figure 2-6: Overview of Detailed Inventory Entry Tab

ASSET RECORD ENTRY FORM		DETAILED ASSET INFO										CONDITION AND FUNCTIONALITY ASSESSMENT															
SUBMIT RECORD TO TABLE	CLEAR ENTRY FORM	UNIT OF MEASURE	ID	ASSET CATEGORY	ASSET TYPE	SUBCATEGORY (If applicable)	NAME	DESCRIPTION	COUNTY	NOTES	Starting Address or (X,Y) Coordinate	Ending Address or (X,Y) Coordinate	YEAR CONSTRUCTED	MATERIAL	Diameter (in)	Length (in)	Width (in)	Height (in)	Official Study or Report on Availability?	Report/Study Functionality, or Both?	Year of Report or Study?	Report/Study Condition Rating	Report/Study Functionality Rating	Guidance Condition Rating	Guidance Functionality Rating	Condition Description	Functionality Description
DETAILED ASSET INFO																											
Asset Type: DAM																											
Asset Category: CONSTRUCTED																											
Asset Subcategory: DAM																											
Asset Description: Archer City Lake Dam																											
County: ARCHER																											
Starting Address or (X,Y) Coordinate: 603 WEST AVE																											
Ending Address or (X,Y) Coordinate: 1911																											
Year Constructed: EARTH																											
Material: EARTH																											
Length (in): 1000																											
Width (in): 1115																											
Height (in): 20																											
CONDITION AND FUNCTIONALITY ASSESSMENT																											
Study or Report available? Yes																											
Is Report for Functionality, or Both																											
Year Report/Study was Conducted: 2019																											
Report/Study Condition Rating: Non-Deficient																											
Report/Study Functionality Rating: Non-Functional																											
Guidance Condition Rating: Non-Deficient																											
Guidance Functionality Rating: Non-Functional																											
Condition Description: Fair condition																											
Functionality Description: Natural potential is High																											

The detailed asset entry from the left side of **Figure 2-6** is shown in greater detail on **Figure 2-7**. Enter data working from the top of the form to the bottom. As you click on each cell, a reference pop-up note will appear on the screen with additional guidance, as shown on **Figure 2-7**. Click on the orange drop-down box next to Asset Category to view the asset entry guidance note and select *Natural* or *Constructed*.

Figure 2-7: Detailed Asset Entry Form

ASSET RECORD ENTRY FORM	
SUBMIT RECORD TO TABLE	CLEAR ENTRY FORM
DETAILED ASSET INFO	
Unit of Measure:	
ID:	
Asset Category:	
Asset Type:	
Subcategory:	
Asset Name:	
Asset Description:	
County:	
Notes:	
Starting Address or (X,Y) Coordinate:	
Ending Address or (X,Y) Coordinate:	
Year Constructed:	
Material:	
Diameter (ft):	
Length (ft):	
Width (ft):	
Height (ft):	
CONDITION AND FUNCTIONALITY ASSESSMENT	
Study or Report available?	
Is Report for Condition, Functionality, or Both?	
Year Report/Study was Conducted:	
Report/Study Condition Rating:	
Report/Study Functionality Rating:	
Guidance Condition Rating:	
Guidance Functionality Rating:	
Condition Description:	
Functionality Description:	

Asset Category
Is the asset Constructed or Natural?
Constructed Ex: Dam
Natural Ex: River

STEP 5: SUBMIT DETAILED ENTRY TO DETAILED ASSET TABLE

Continue working through the asset record entry form, entering data from the top to bottom. After all flood asset details have been captured, click **SUBMIT RECORD TO TABLE** button as shown in **Figure 2-8**:

Figure 2-8: Submit Record from Entry Form to Detailed Inventory Table

ASSET RECORD ENTRY FORM

SUBMIT RECORD TO TABLE **CLEAR ENTRY FORM**

DETAILED ASSET INFO

Unit of Measure:	
ID:	
Asset Category:	CONSTRUCTED
Asset Type:	DAM
Subcategory:	
Asset Name:	Archer City Lake Dam
Asset Description:	Water Supply
County:	ARCHER
Notes:	
Starting Address or (X,Y) Coordinate:	603 WEST AVE
Ending Address or (X,Y) Coordinate:	
Year Constructed:	1911
Material:	EARTH
Diameter (ft):	
Length (ft):	1000
Width (ft):	1115
Height (ft):	24

CONDITION AND FUNCTIONALITY ASSESSMENT

Study or Report available?	Yes
Is Report for Condition, Functionality, or Both?	Both
Year Report/Study was Conducted?	2019
Report/Study Condition Rating:	Non-Deficient
Report/Study Functionality Rating:	Non-Functional
Guidance Condition Rating:	
Guidance Functionality Rating:	
Condition Description:	Fair condition
Functionality Description:	Hazard potential is High

DETAILED ASSET INFO SHOWN ON FIGURE 2-9

CONDITION AND FUNCTIONALITY ASSESSMENT INPUT SHOWN ON FIGURE 2-10

The data from above is now in the detailed inventory table shown in **Figure 2-9** and aggregated in the PivotTable illustrated on **Figure 2-13** (click **refresh** button). Data can be adjusted after submitting the detailed asset entry to the table shown in **Figure 2-9** and **Figure 2-10** by selecting drop-down menus or revising text.

Figure 2-9: Detailed Asset Info Table

Values entered from the Detailed Asset Entry Form related to the asset characteristics are reflected on

Figure 2-9. Data related to condition and functionality assessment of the asset are shown in **Figure 2-10.**

The condition, functionality, and confidence ratings are determined based on the entered flood asset information. To refresh the aggregated PivotTable, navigate to the next tab (*Aggregated Inventory*) and click the **Refresh Table** button.

Figure 2-10: Asset Condition and Functionality Assessment Table

STEP 6: OVERVIEW OF AGGREGATED INVENTORY WORKSHEET

An overview of the *Aggregated Inventory* tab is illustrated below in **Figure 2-11**, which includes two tables. Communities can manually summarize the flood infrastructure inventory in the *Aggregated Asset Inventory* table. Alternatively, if a detailed inventory was created in the previous worksheet, the *Aggregated from Detailed Entry Table* can be used to automatically generate a summary, click the **Refresh Table** button to add records from the detailed entry into the PivotTable.

Figure 2-11: Aggregated Asset Entry Tab

In lieu of utilizing the detailed asset inventory sheet, the user can classify flood inventory by asset type through institutional knowledge if the asset type and quantity is known. The classification of the condition and capacity is estimated based on guidance provided in Appendix A, specific to the asset type. The user has the option to enter all detailed asset information, as mentioned in previous steps and allow the spreadsheet to aggregate the count into a PivotTable (shown on right side of **Figure 2-11**), or can enter data manually on the *Aggregated Inventory* tab, as illustrated below in **Figure 2-12**.

Figure 2-12: Aggregated Asset Entry Form

AGGREGATED ASSET INVENTORY

Purpose: Provide a guide for communities to assist with summarizing estimated capacity & condition of stormwater assets, ultimately for aggregation and submission to the Regional Flood Planning Team.

Instructions:

1. Select Asset Type from drop down menu
2. Enter an estimate of the quantity of that asset which falls within each of the four Capacity/Condition classifications
3. Enter the Unit Quantity used (Count, linear feet, miles, etc). The Total Quantity will automatically be calculated
4. Enter a brief description of the location (watershed, city limits, bounding street names, etc.) of the assets

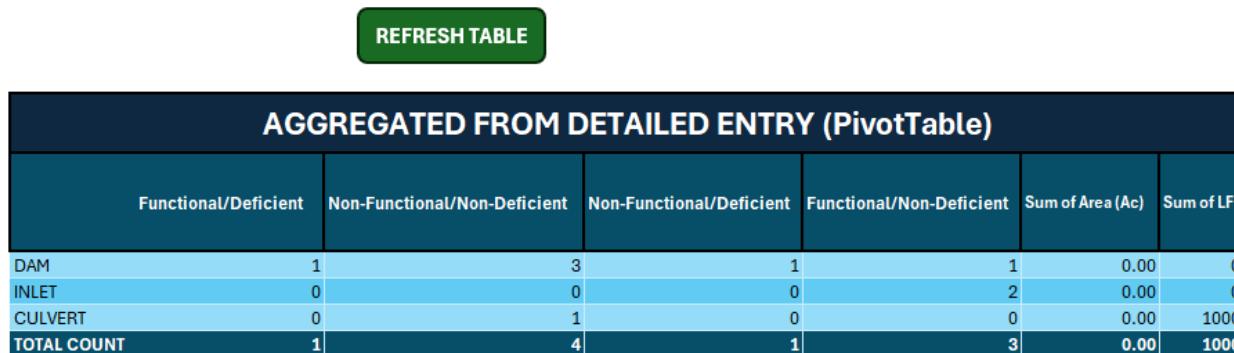
Notes: If the Capacity/Condition classification of an asset type can be grouped by location, create multiple entries for that asset type with the classifications that apply to a single unique location

Unit of Measure	Asset Type	Sufficient Capacity and Good Condition	Sufficient Capacity and Poor Condition	Insufficient Capacity and Good Condition	Insufficient Capacity and Poor Condition	TOTAL Quantity (Count)	Location(s)	Comments
Count	DAM	3	2	4	1	10		
Count	LEVEE	1	4	2	1	8		
						0		
						0		
						0		

If there is specific information related to the asset, the preferred methodology is to utilize the detailed asset inventory entry. Otherwise, use the aggregated inventory entry table as a starting point to document the flood infrastructure. As additional information is acquired, the asset should be documented in the detailed entry table and removed from the aggregated entry table (to accurately assess flood infrastructure quantities without duplication). After the asset is entered into the detailed inventory sheet, refresh the PivotTable and the new entry will be included in the Aggregated Inventory PivotTable as shown on **Figure 2-13**.

Note: It is important to remove data from the aggregated inventory shown on **Figure 2-12** if it is entered into the detailed inventory, as the PivotTable automatically aggregates assets from the detailed inventory sheet.

Figure 2-13: Aggregated PivotTable from Detailed Inventory

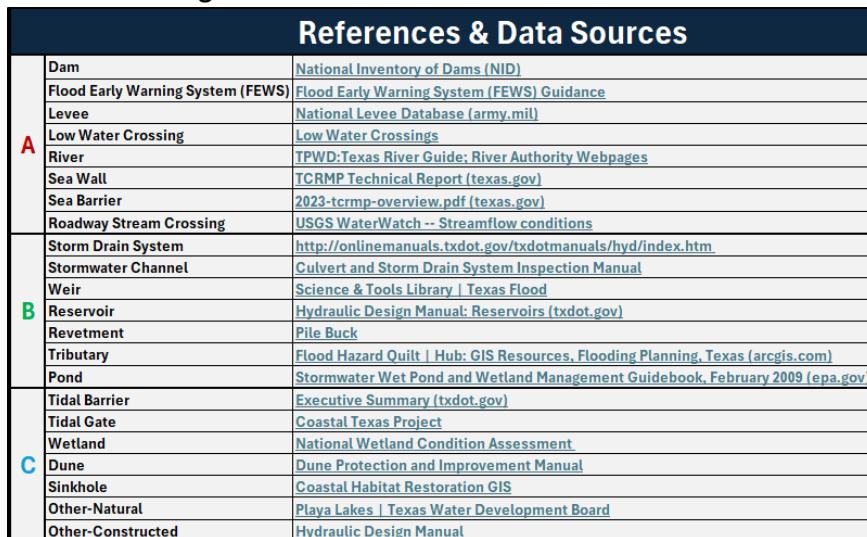


AGGREGATED FROM DETAILED ENTRY (PivotTable)					
Functional/Deficient	Non-Functional/Non-Deficient	Non-Functional/Deficient	Functional/Non-Deficient	Sum of Area (Ac)	Sum of LF
DAM	1	3	1	1	0.00
INLET	0	0	0	2	0.00
CULVERT	0	1	0	0	0.00
TOTAL COUNT	1	4	1	3	1000

STEP 7: REVIEW REFERENCES TAB

Review additional resources and links available in the *REFERENCES* tab for more information and guidance.

Figure 2-14: References & Data Sources Tab



References & Data Sources	
A	Dam National Inventory of Dams (NID)
	Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) Guidance
	Levee National Levee Database (army.mil)
	Low Water Crossing Low Water Crossings
	River TPWD: Texas River Guide; River Authority Webpages
	Sea Wall TCRMP Technical Report (texas.gov)
	Sea Barrier 2023-tcrmp-overview.pdf (texas.gov)
	Roadway Stream Crossing USGS WaterWatch -- Streamflow conditions
B	Storm Drain System http://onlinemanuals.txdot.gov/txdotmanuals/hyd/index.htm
	Stormwater Channel Culvert and Storm Drain System Inspection Manual
	Weir Science & Tools Library Texas Flood
	Reservoir Hydraulic Design Manual: Reservoirs (txdot.gov)
	Revetment Pile Buck
	Tributary Flood Hazard Quilt Hub: GIS Resources, Flooding Planning, Texas (arcgis.com)
	Pond Stormwater Wet Pond and Wetland Management Guidebook, February 2009 (epa.gov)
C	Tidal Barrier Executive Summary (txdot.gov)
	Tidal Gate Coastal Texas Project
	Wetland National Wetland Condition Assessment
	Dune Dune Protection and Improvement Manual
	Sinkhole Coastal Habitat Restoration GIS
	Other-Natural Playa Lakes Texas Water Development Board
	Other-Constructed Hydraulic Design Manual