GROWTH IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES
Texas A&M program to enable Gulf Coast communities to turn risks into resilience

Are coastal communities in Texas factoring storms into their plans for growth?

How can governmental officials and citizens make better decisions about growth?

What new state and federal regulations affect local policies on development?

To help local officials and citizens make sense of the challenges and opportunities involved in growth planning, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded a $750,000 grant for the Texas Coastal Watershed Program and Texas Sea Grant to develop:

Resiliency Program
To help communities determine how to grow while reducing flood risks to neighborhoods and businesses, to identify flood-planning options, and to align state and federal resources with local needs

Citizen Planner Program
To help local officials understand the legal and regulatory issues pertaining to municipal planning, and identify policies to reduce risks from specific physical hazards such as floods

CHARM Planning Application
To help communities use cutting-edge visualization tools to see how various choices for development and growth could affect flood risks

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