

**STORM DRAINAGE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

The City's storm drainage improvement program assists in controlling neighborhood drainage and flooding. The Harris County Flood Control District has responsibility for major drainage projects in the City.

The severe flooding, which occurred during the summer of 2001 resulted in a reassessment of storm sewer issues, and a reprioritization of City resources to emphasize storm sewer CIP projects. Also, the Comprehensive Drainage Plan, completed in 1999, is being updated as a result of the events during the summer of 2001. This strategic plan is used to develop the Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) which guides the implementation of specific projects.

The FY2004-2008 CIP includes a total of \$95.2 million for drainage projects, including \$37.3 million in FEMA funding and \$5 million in private funds for storm projects in the Texas Medical Center area. This represents a decrease in the Adopted FY2004-2008 Storm Drainage Program over the FY2003-2007 Storm Program.

Several storm drainage projects are now found in the new Storm Water Utility Program found in Volume 2 of the Capital Improvement Plan.

The FY2004-2008 CIP includes funding to:

- Complete the second phase of the Kirby Relief Storm Sewer Project.
- Initiate significant drainage improvements to the Texas Medical Center area.
- Build the Wilchester West storm sewer system.
- Upgrade storm sewers in Braes Height in conjunction with Neighborhood Street Reconstruction work.
- Continue implementation and updating of the Comprehensive Drainage Plan; including the addition of areas previously not included in the 1999 document.
- Initiate the first phase of the Kirby Drive Storm Improvements, from Holcombe to Brays Bayou.