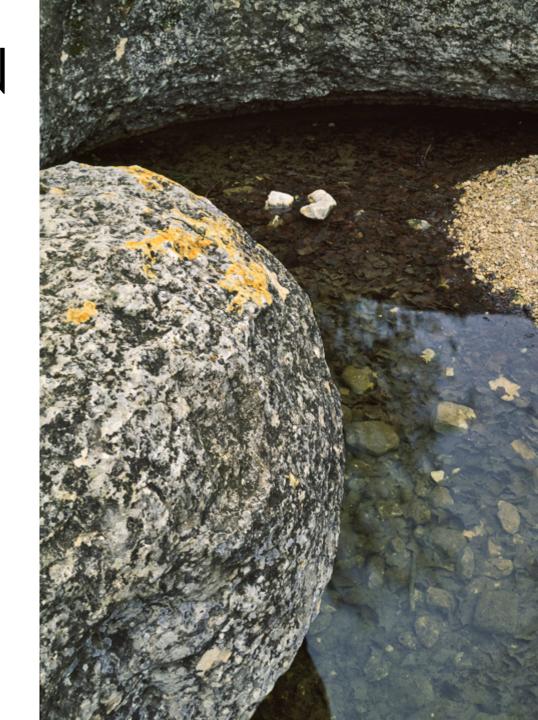
THE STATE FLOOD PLAN INVESTING IN GREEN SOLUTIONS

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FLOOD-RELATED BILLS FROM THE 86TH LEGISLATURE:

- SB 7 (Sen. Creighton): Creates the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) and the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund (TIRF)
- SB 8 (Sen. Perry): Creates a new state and regional flood planning process
- HJR 4 (Rep. Phelan): Flood Infrastructure Fund creation outside the treasury
- SB 500: Appropriates funding for bills, including: Expansion of TexMesonet, Lidar acquisition, Development of a dashboard/datahub, and Updates to reservoir flood pool measurements

SB 7: FLOOD FUNDING

- Creates \$793-million Flood Infrastructure Fund
 - Loans and grants for drainage, flood mitigation or flood control projects
 - Structural and non-structural projects eligible for funding
 - Nature based projects are eligible for funding
 - Must be approved via constitutional amendment (Nov. 2019)

SB 8: FLOOD PLANNING

- Develop a State Flood Plan by 2024
- Regional Flood Planning Groups must:
 - Hold public meetings
 - Publish and take comments on plan
- Regional Flood Plans must:
 - Rely on science and updated flood maps
 - Assess status of flood control infrastructure
 - Identify flood-prone areas in the region

WHY PLAN FOR GREEN SOLUTIONS?

- Green Infrastructure = Multiple Benefits
 - Reduced peak stormwater flows & runoff volumes
 - Improved water quality
 - Open space creation & protection
 - Groundwater recharge
- ► It's Cost-Effective
 - Green infrastructure often costs much less to construct and is less costly to maintain over time (EPA)
 - Can help avert severe storm damage

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