

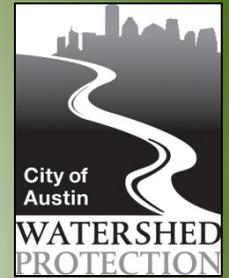
# Watershed Protection Department

FY15 Budget and Floodplain Buyouts Update

August 6, 2014

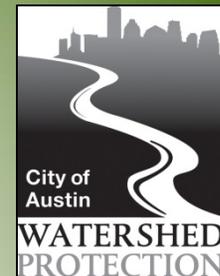
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# Topics for this presentation



- ❖ Buyout project history
- ❖ Areas targeted for buyouts
- ❖ Funding and budget impact
- ❖ Community outreach

# Lower Onion Creek Buyout Project History



- ❖ 1998 - Council approves resolution requesting U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) conduct flood mitigation study for portions of Onion and Williamson watersheds
  
- ❖ 2006 - USACE publishes study evaluating engineering solutions to flooding in Onion Creek watershed
  - Structural and non-structural flood control solutions evaluated
  - Recommended property buyouts in lower Onion Creek area
  
- ❖ 2013 - At the time of the Halloween Flood, the City had acquired 323 of the 483 properties identified for the USACE project:
  - ❖ 1999 - 2006: 109 properties acquired
  - ❖ 2007 - 2009: 114 properties acquired with help of FEMA HMGP funding
  - ❖ 2009 - 2013: 100 properties acquired



*October 2013 Flooding*



**Middle Williamson Creek  
(Heartwood/Radam/Meadow Creek)  
~72 properties at risk in 25yr floodplain  
Buyout funding request for FY15**

**Onion (Travis County)  
(Timber Creek)  
Ongoing buyouts**



**Lower Onion Creek  
(Onion Creek Forest, Yarrabee Bend)  
Corps Project: 483 properties  
Acquired ~417 to date  
~\$10.8M from Corps in FY15 for remaining 66 properties  
~140 properties at risk in 25yr floodplain, CO funded  
~240 properties at risk in 100yr floodplain, funding request for FY15**



**Upper Onion Creek  
(Pinehurst, Wild Dunes)  
Flood hazard mitigation study in FY15**

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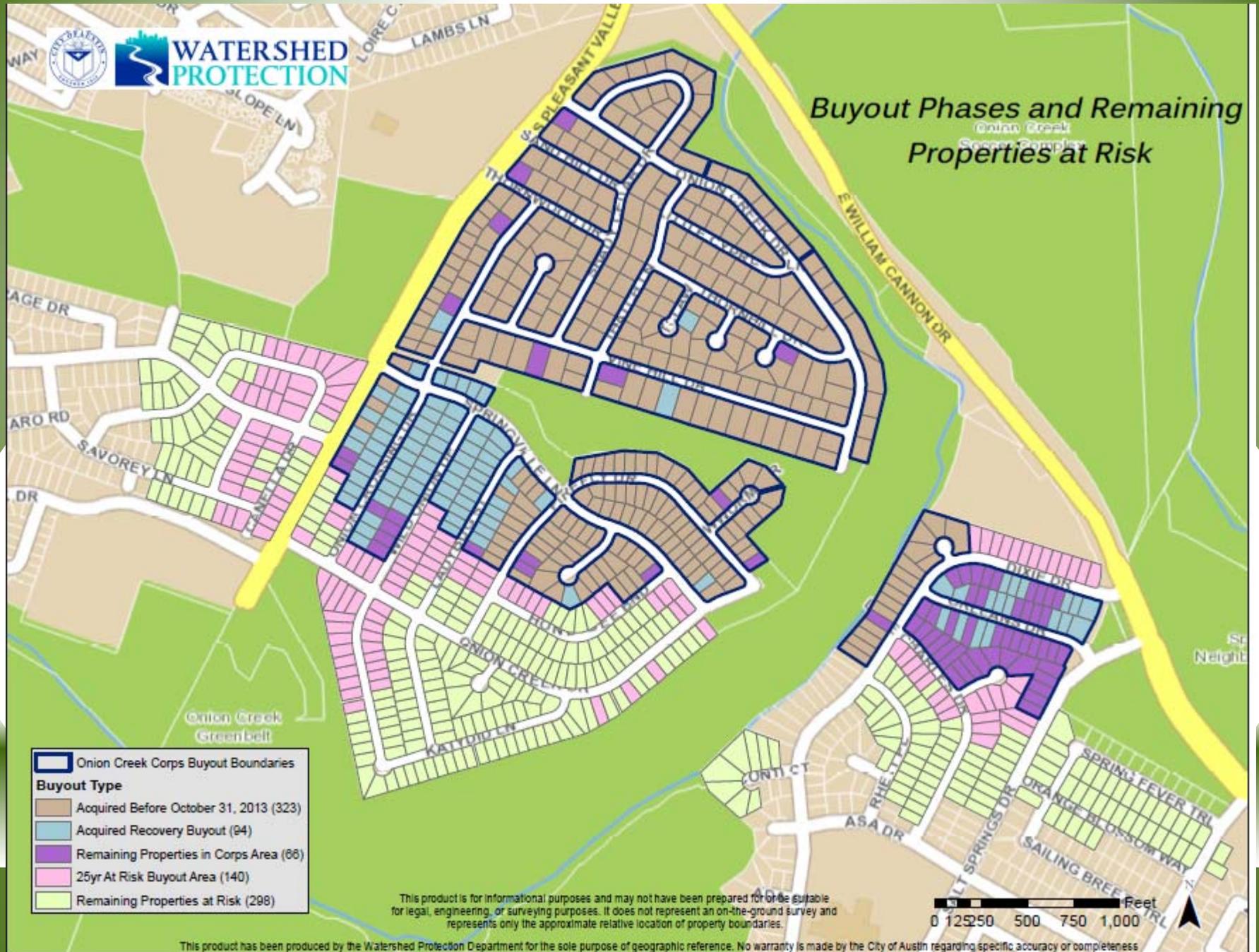
- ONION CREEK
- Onion Creek Corps Buyout Boundaries
- COA Fully Developed 100-Year Floodplain
- COA Fully Developed 25-Year Floodplain



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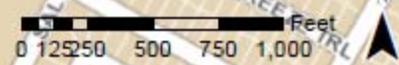


# Buyout Phases and Remaining Properties at Risk

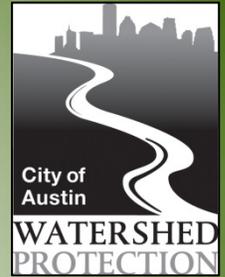


	Onion Creek Corps Buyout Boundaries
<b>Buyout Type</b>	
	Acquired Before October 31, 2013 (323)
	Acquired Recovery Buyout (94)
	Remaining Properties in Corps Area (66)
	25yr At Risk Buyout Area (140)
	Remaining Properties at Risk (298)

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# Buyouts Funding Since Halloween Flood

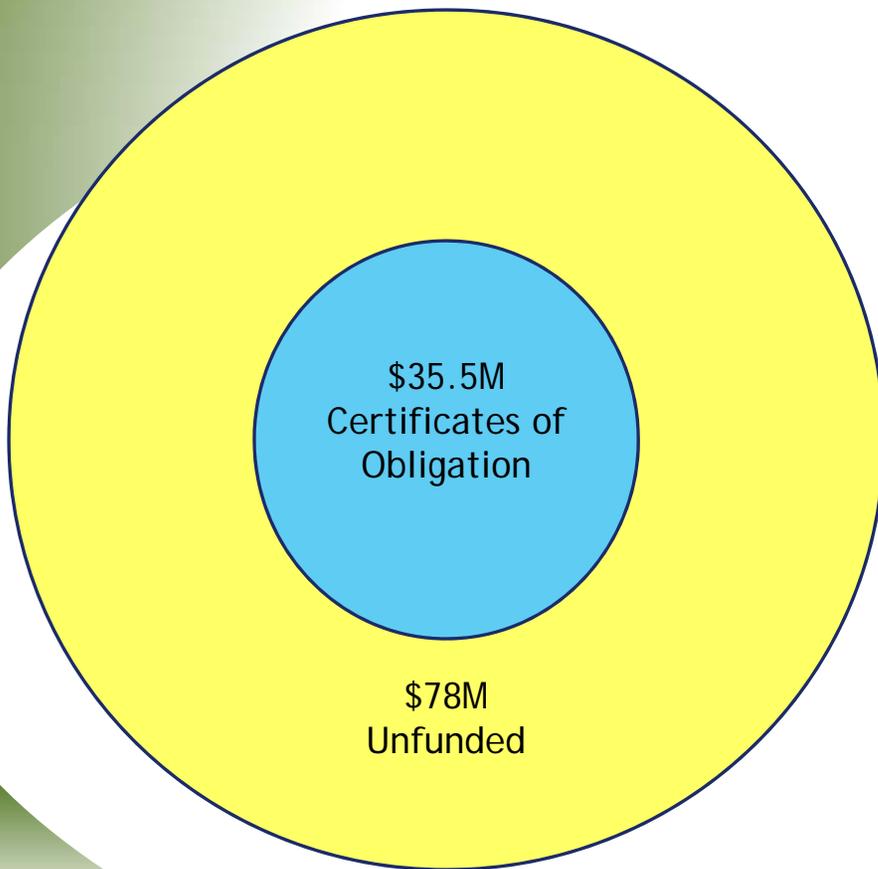
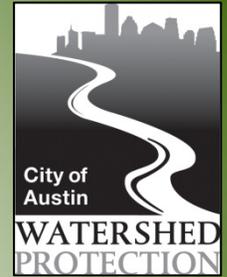


- ❖ \$23M from DUF, bonds, and RSMP for buyout of 116 properties substantially damaged by Halloween flood
- ❖ \$35.5M certificates of obligation (debt) for buyout of 140 properties in 25 year floodplain
- ❖ \$78M needed
  - ❖ 240 Lower Onion Creek properties still at risk
  - ❖ 72 Williamson properties in 25 year floodplain

## Funding options:

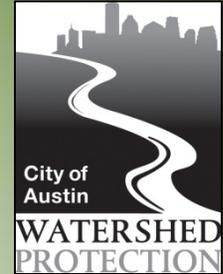
- ❖ General obligation bonds
- ❖ Certificates of obligation
- ❖ Divert cash from Capital Improvement Program projects

# On-going Buyouts Funding



140 Onion Creek properties in 25 yr floodplain

240 Lower Onion Creek properties still at-risk  
72 Williamson properties in 25 yr floodplain



# Community Outreach

- ❖ Staffed the Flood Assistance Center (FAC) until December 19<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Floodplain hotline number distributed through FAC
- ❖ Letters to xx substantially damaged properties with floodplain regulation information
- ❖ Met with neighborhood leaders February 25<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ October Flood Recovery Open Houses (Onion and Williamson Creek): July 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Reports to Council Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and July 24<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Presentations/discussion at stakeholder meetings
  - ❖ Dove Springs Neighborhood Association, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - ❖ Travis Austin Recovery Group, March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - ❖ Community Development Commission, April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - ❖ Onion Creek Homeowners Association, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>
  - ❖ Hispanic Quality of Life Commission, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Questions?

