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UTILITY DISTRICT CONSENT DRAINAGE PLAN REVIEW

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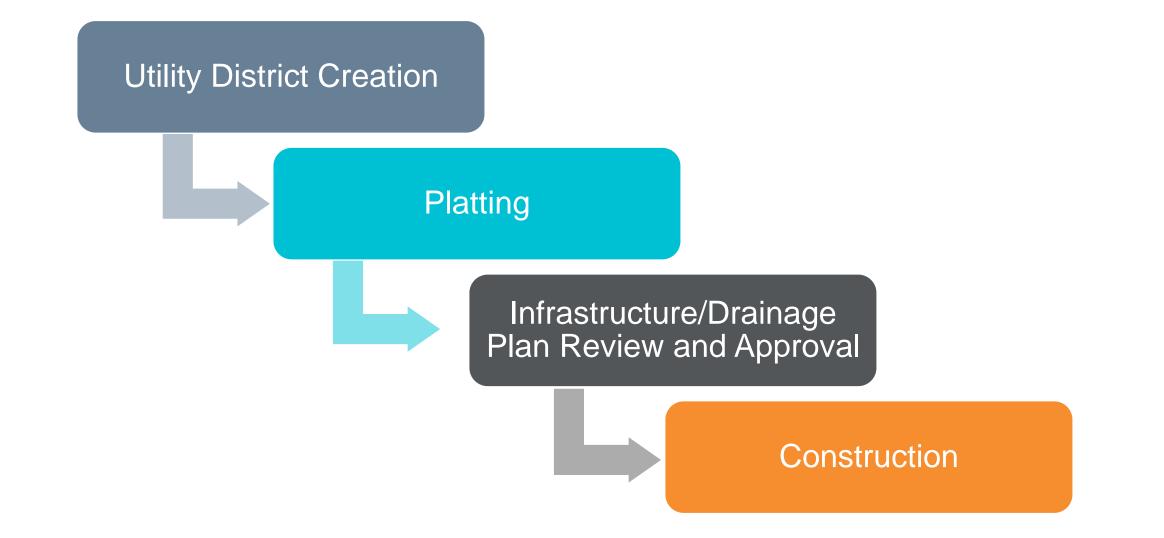


Update on the existing review process for Utility District consent requirements and make recommendations for process improvements.



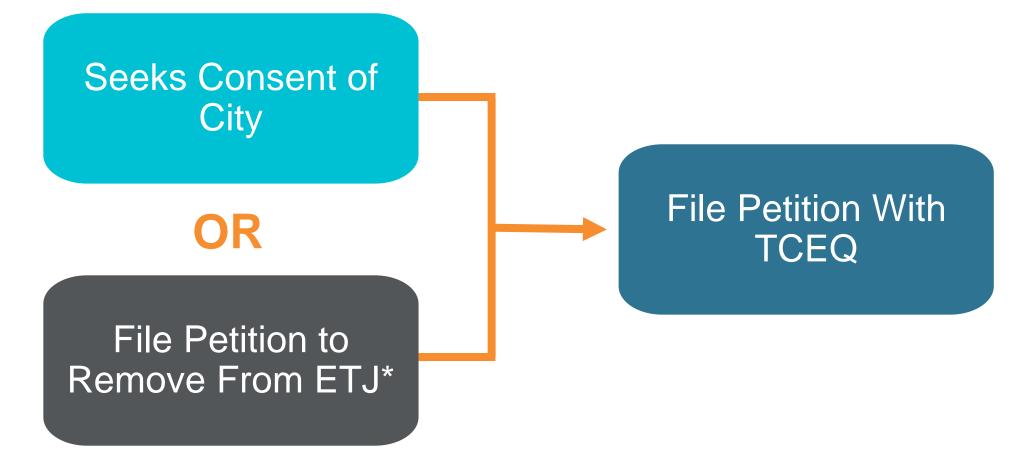








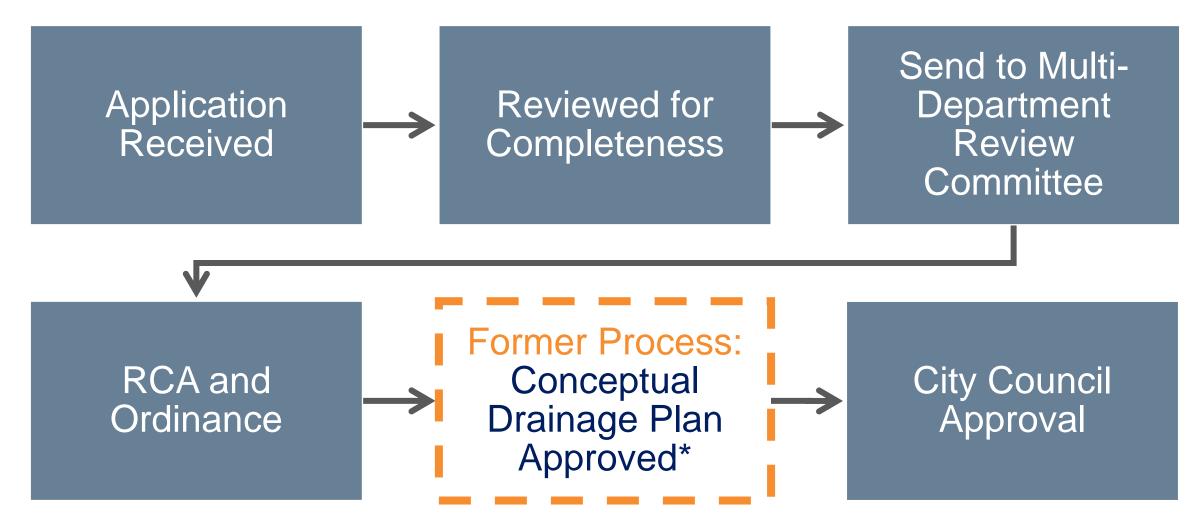
OVERVIEW: UTILITY DISTRICT CREATION PROCESS



*Extraterritorial Jurisdiction



PUBLIC WORKS CONSENT APPROVAL PROCESS



*This step ceased with the departure of recovery office staff.



DRAINAGE AND DETENTION PLANS

- The City's process was altered after Harvey to require conceptual drainage plans.
- Conceptual plans increase cost and time to the district consent process as the development is not yet platted nor designed.





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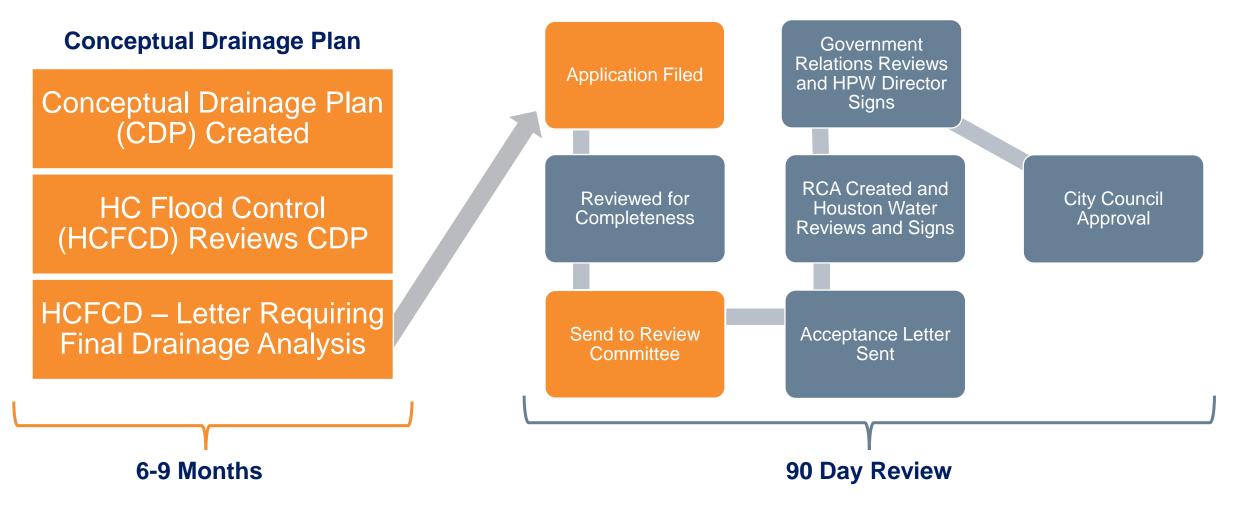
Conceptual plans are:

- Only required for the consent application.
- Preliminary and are typically changed.
- Cursory reviewed by Floodplain Management as more detailed plans are reviewed at a later stage of the permitting process.
- Replaced during the permitting stage with detailed plans that reflect the approved plat and are thoroughly reviewed.





UTILITY DISTRICT CONSENT PROCESS POST HARVEY





EXISTING REQUIREMENTS

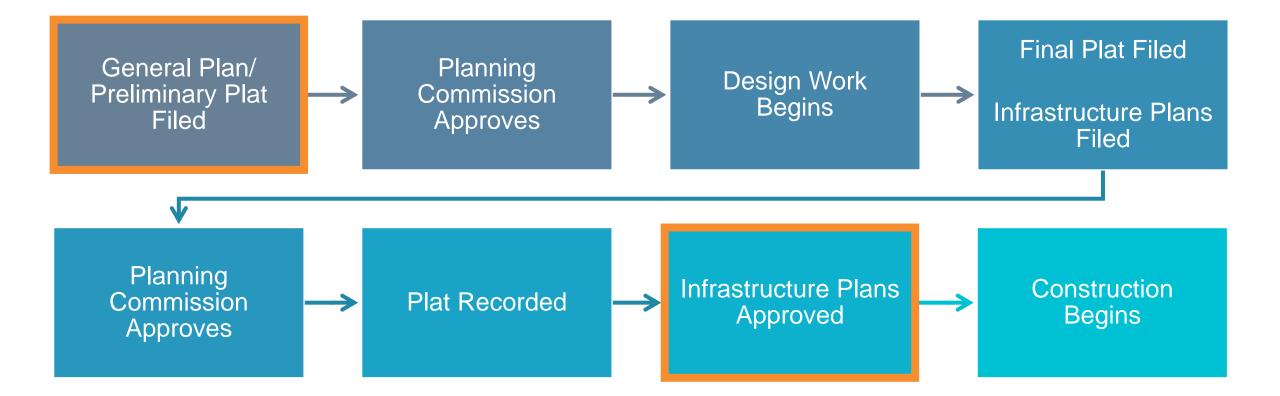
- 1. Standard Set of Consent Conditions Attached to All Applications
 - Requirements for City plan approval of facilities.
 - Must submit as-built plans to the City.
 - Must plat property before receiving district service.
- 2. Consent to Create Ordinance
 - Final drainage and detention plans must be submitted to the appropriate regulatory agency and approved before construction.
 - These plans must include solutions to manage and mitigate flooding.





EXISTING REQUIREMENTS

3. Platting Process





RECOMMENDATIONS

- Remove the requirement for conceptual drainage plans.
- Require a statement of how drainage and detention will be achieved if a tract is within the 100- or 500-year floodplain in the application.
- Commence with Utility Consents and work with legal to move language from the consent ordinance to the consent conditions.





RECOMMENDATIONS: POTENTIAL BENEFITS

As the City has in place detailed processes and safeguards during the permitting process to address drainage and detention plans, these recommendations could potentially provide the following benefits:

- Streamline the Utility District Consent Process
 - Reduces staff time to review plans.
 - Improves customer service.
 - Simplifies requirements.
- Reduces Costs to and Time Expended by Applicant
- Encourages Development to Remain in the ETJ





Thank you!

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