

**This article provides information about the wastewater plant that is currently near the lot at 0 Main Street being replaced by a new wastewater plant elsewhere.**

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Seabrook, TX - The City of Seabrook proudly announces its newly relocated and retrofitted wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), marking a significant milestone in the city's infrastructure enhancement efforts. The new facility is expected to begin operation in late Spring 2024.

“In the wake of Hurricane Ike's devastating 12-foot storm surge in 2008, Seabrook's Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Old Seabrook District suffered significant damage, leaving thousands displaced and unable to return home,” said Kevin Padgett, Director of Public Works. “And while Seabrook’s Wastewater Treatment Plant was eventually fully repaired, Hurricane Ike became the storm that set in motion the City of Seabrook’s quest to move these essential systems out of harm’s way.”

The existing plant on Main Street has been servicing the city since the incorporation of the city in 1961 and rests in one of the lowest elevated areas of the city. The new plant is situated 15 feet above sea level and strategically positioned outside the floodplain. The new facility also mitigates the risk of damage from natural disasters such as hurricanes, ensuring uninterrupted service to the community. This relocation addresses the vulnerabilities of the previous WWTP, which was susceptible to flooding due to its low elevation and proximity to Galveston Bay.

“Residents in the city will benefit greatly from this sizable federal investment in our community to mitigate against many of the threats that the aged infrastructure was not designed to. We have worked hard to obtain all the support and approvals for both phases of this project and it is a great accomplishment for this city for generations,” stated Mayor Thom Kolupski.

With a total project cost exceeding \$37 million, this is the largest infrastructure project the City of Seabrook has ever done. Leveraging funding from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and SB7 grants dedicated to flood planning and infrastructure, the city's financial responsibility for the project amounts to just under \$1.9 million.

The relocation of the WWTP is consistent with the city's long-term vision for sustainable development and emergency preparedness.