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Shelby County Government Receives \$60 Million Dollar Grant Will Prevent Possible Flood Damage and Expand Greenways

Shelby County Government and the State of Tennessee are part of 13 states and communities to receive funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for disaster resilience.

“This is one of the largest grants ever awarded to Shelby County Government. It’s unique in that it will allow us to protect neighborhoods from future flood damage and give us new opportunities to expand the greenways and recreation areas along the Mississippi River and its tributaries,” said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

The Shelby County Public Works Division, assisted by the Memphis and Shelby County Office of Sustainability, Shelby County Housing Department, Shelby County Office of Preparedness and the City of Memphis Engineer’s Office worked jointly for months devising resiliency projects in some of the most vulnerable areas of Memphis and Shelby County prone to flooding.

The County is required to use the grant in four ways:

1. Big Creek Wetland and Recreation Area near Millington-a new flood plain will be created to reduce damage to nearby neighborhoods. The project will also create wetlands and nature wildlife areas.
2. Wolf River Restoration and Greenway-in Raleigh and Frayser near Rodney Baber and Kennedy Parks. They’ll be improved to guard against flood waters.
3. South Cypress Creek Watershed and Neighborhood Development in Southwest Memphis-the grant will pay for the relocation of homeowners near Weaver Park.
4. Resilience Research-Will identify the risks from floods, earthquakes and other catastrophes.

The projects are under design now and should be completed in three years.

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