

Lower Rio Grande Valley Resiliency Workshop



FLOODING TYPES AND DESCRIPTIONS:



Overbank Flooding: Water that overflows from waterways (bayous, creeks, rivers) during rain events, including all riverine flooding. Includes shallow areal flooding of fields and other flat, undeveloped areas. This is in addition to areas that are already in the 100 or 500 year flood plain.



Backflow Flooding: Stormwater inlets that backflow from downstream overflows, this flooding type includes sanitary sewer overflow events.



Street Flooding: Roads that routinely flood due to drainage systems (street or ditch) being blocked or not having the capacity to handle a large rain events.



Elevation Low Points: Areas where flood waters pool due to area having a lower elevation than the surrounding area, such as street or railroad underpasses.