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I have been a reporter for the Houston Chronicle for 40 years before I retired to Kingwood. I covered the flooding along the river for many years. The way this watershed has been managed as a crime. Ripping out the vegetation that holds the settlement back, only provides Settlement that will fill up the river and cause flooding to rampage. We need the strictest requirements on sand mining. Lives depend on it. Property depends on it. In the Harvey flood, elderly people were floated out on boats, many public buildings and schools were damaged and hungrrdd of homes were destroyed. we cannot look forward to let the river fill up with sediment again. There needs to be consistent, dredging and preventative measures that prevent the sand from washing into the river. The strictest rules are needed such as the Kingwood organizations of advocated. It is a public duty to do this and an important safety precaution. I don't think this area could recover from another such flood.