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As a resident of Kingwood adjacent to the Eastend Park it is my concern that Texas is the only State in the Union that allows sand mining immediately adjacent to rivers and streams. It appears that the State of Texas is unconcerned that the Houston area has a poor reputation nation wide as a flood zone. This is not the type of reputation the 4th largest city in the USA should have. What businesses or individuals would want to move here knowing that their property is at risk for an annual flood event. I had 3 feet of water in my house with Harvey resulting in \$196,000 in damage, but it appears that the TCEQ is only concerned with accommodating the sandmine owners when the sandmine owners have contributed to massive destruction of property along the west and east fork of the San Jacinto River. Please enact responsible ordinances for sandmine owners that mirror the other 49 states in the USA. In addition, please increase the number of flood gates on Lake Houston to mirror the capacity of the lake Conroe dam.