



Wharton, TX

2017 Hurricane

Physical Address:

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Directions:

Follow directions to Wharton, TX. Because the Restoration City campus is so large, please call the project director's phone number listed above when you arrive in Wharton. The PD will then plan to meet you in the parking lot at Restoration City and guide you to the correct building where you will be staying.

Location

Wharton is just southwest of Houston, Texas. The city is full of history and culture, from the Southern Pacific Railroad Depot (restored from the original built in 1912) to the grazing Brahman cattle ranches. Wharton typically experiences hot, humid summers and mild to cool winters.

Disaster

Hurricane Harvey reached tropical storm status on August 17, 2017 and continued to develop and intensify, becoming a category 3 hurricane that finally dissipated on September 3, 2017. It was the costliest natural disaster ever on record in the U.S. and the first major hurricane to make landfall on U.S. soil since 2005. There were 91 confirmed deaths and more than 300,000 people were left without electricity. Many people were displaced and thousands of homes were destroyed or sustained major damage.

MDS

Mennonite Disaster Service is grateful to be sharing space at the Restoration City. There will be 4 buildings that we will use for housing and dining, with all meals provided by the campus. MDS is planning to focus on the new construction of 4 homes in the Wharton area. There will likely be few if any repair jobs.

Transportation Options

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project in Wharton. If you choose to fly in or take a bus, you will need to be sure to arrange for transportation from the station to the project, as MDS is not able to pick up weekly volunteers. If you have questions about this, please call the Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111.

- The William P Hobby (Houston/HOU) Airport is the closest airport, about 60 miles away and about 11 miles southeast of downtown Houston. There are several major rental cars agencies available, including Avis (713-641-9300) and Enterprise (800-736-8222).
- The Victoria County Regional Airport is also close by and about 60 miles away. The flight and rental car options are more limited but the prices could be cheaper.
- There is a Greyhound Bus station in Wharton on N Richmond Rd.
- The closest Amtrak station is in Houston, about 50 miles away.