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Visualizing Hurricane Harvey's Impact on Houston's Neighborhoods.

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Harvey's aftermath puts an enormous hurdle in front of all homeowners and renters but will be a particular setback for low-income, minority families recovering from the 2008 housing bust. As policymakers consider the path to rebuilding, here are five facts to keep in mind about the storm's impact.

(The maps below show the extent of Hurricane's Harvey flooding in Houston, along with key housing variables. Although the flood maps indicate which areas were hardest hit, not all homes in flooded areas will suffer flood damage.)

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