



# Welcome Floodplain Management Seminar

SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

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# Agenda

9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions	<i>Edith Marvin, NCTCOG</i>
9:15 am	Floodplain Management Fundamentals <b><i>What is Floodplain Management?</i></b> <b><i>Regional Perspective on the Trinity</i></b> <b><i>COMMON VISION Program</i></b> <b><i>Twenty-five years of successful cooperation</i></b> <b><i>Where are we going from here?</i></b>	<i>Gabe Johnson, Celina</i> <i>Jack Tidwell, NCTCOG</i>  <i>Jerry Cotter, USACE</i> <i>Edith Marvin, NCTCOG</i>
10:00 am	Community Partnerships/Associations <b><i>Common challenges facing a Certified</i></b> <b><i>Floodplain Manager</i></b> <b><i>Regional &amp; State Partnerships</i></b>  <b><i>Training and Service</i></b>	<i>Garry Fennell, Irving</i>  <i>Ben Buchanan, Texas Water</i> <i>Development Board</i> <i>Jessica Baker, Texas Floodplain</i> <i>Management Association</i>
10:30 am	Community Programs <b><i>Section 404 Permitting Basics</i></b> <b><i>National Flood Insurance Program Map</i></b> <b><i>Basics</i></b> <b><i>Community Rating System</i></b> <b><i>Cooperating Technical Partnership</i></b>	<i>Chandler Peter, USACE</i> <i>Dale Hoff, FEMA</i>  <i>Mike McKay, Carrollton</i> <i>Bill Brown, Arlington</i>
11:00 am	Working Together <b><i>Wrap Up &amp; Thank You</i></b>	<i>Edith Marvin, NCTCOG</i>



# What is Floodplain Management?

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

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CITY OF CELINA

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

# What is Floodplain Management?

- ▶ Floodplain management is the operation of a community program of corrective and preventative measures for reducing flood damage. These measures take a variety of forms and generally include zoning, subdivision, or building requirements, and special-purpose floodplain ordinances.



# Facts About Texas

1. Central Texas has been identified as the most flash-flood prone area in the United States by the National Weather Service.
2. Texas leads the nation in flood-related deaths most every year – averaging twice the next nearest state: California.
3. Texas leads the nation in flood-related damages most every year – sharing this distinction with Florida and Louisiana.
4. Some 20 million of Texas' 171 million acres are flood-prone – more than in any other state.
5. Texas has approximately 8 million structures in floodplains. 3 million of these (~37%) have no flood insurance.
6. Texas is among the top four states with repeat flood losses to the same properties.
7. From 1986 to 2000, Texas experienced 4,722 flash flood events.



# History of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Prior to 1968:

- ▶ Flood control predominantly consisted of dams, waterway channeling and levees.
- ▶ Floodplain development was not regulated.
- ▶ As disasters continued to occur, it became apparent that the U.S. needed a more comprehensive method of floodplain management.
- ▶ Flood insurance availability was limited.



# National Flood Insurance Act of 1968

Congress established the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a nationwide effort to help communities protect against flooding.

NFIP goals are to:

- ▶ reduce loss of life and property caused by flooding;
- ▶ reduce flood disaster relief costs;
- ▶ make federally-backed flood insurance coverage available to property owners that live in participating communities (purchase was VOLUNTARY);
- ▶ begin comprehensive floodplain mapping.

# Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973

- ▶ Flood insurance is required as a condition of securing a federally backed loan on any structure located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).
- ▶ Required participation by communities in the NFIP as a condition to receive Federal Disaster Assistance.



# National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994

Implemented requirements to strengthen the program.

- ▶ Introduced monetary penalties for noncompliance for lenders.
- ▶ Required lenders to escrow for flood insurance.
- ▶ Responsibility of the lender to determine if a building is located in the SFHA and to notify the owner.
- ▶ Mandated provisions for lender placement of flood insurance.



# Texas Senate Bill 936

The 77th Texas Legislature amended the Water Code, effective September 1, 2001, to authorize all political subdivisions to:

- ▶ adopt more comprehensive floodplain management regulations which are necessary for planning and appropriate to protect public health and safety;
- ▶ participate in floodplain management and mitigation initiatives such as the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS);
- ▶ collect reasonable fees to cover administrative costs incurred by the administration of a local floodplain management program;
- ▶ provides for criminal and civil penalties and injunctive relief.



# Biggert-Waters Reform Act of 2012

- ▶ Removes subsidized rates (pre-FIRM rates) for a variety of property types, including non-primary residences and commercial properties.
- ▶ Changes other rate and penalty structures.
- ▶ Increases the limit of annual rate increases from 10% to 20%.
- ▶ Includes changes to mapping and mitigation programs.
- ▶ Establishes a Flood Protection Structure Accreditation Task Force.

# NFIP in a Nutshell

Participation in NFIP allows communities to:

- ▶ protect life and property through ordinances;
- ▶ identify areas at risk through mapping;
- ▶ prohibit or restrict new development through permitting;
- ▶ enable citizens to purchase flood insurance through the federal government.



# Partnerships

Floodplain Management has 3 key partners, each with their own responsibilities:

- ▶ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- ▶ State Coordinator's Office
- ▶ Local Administrators

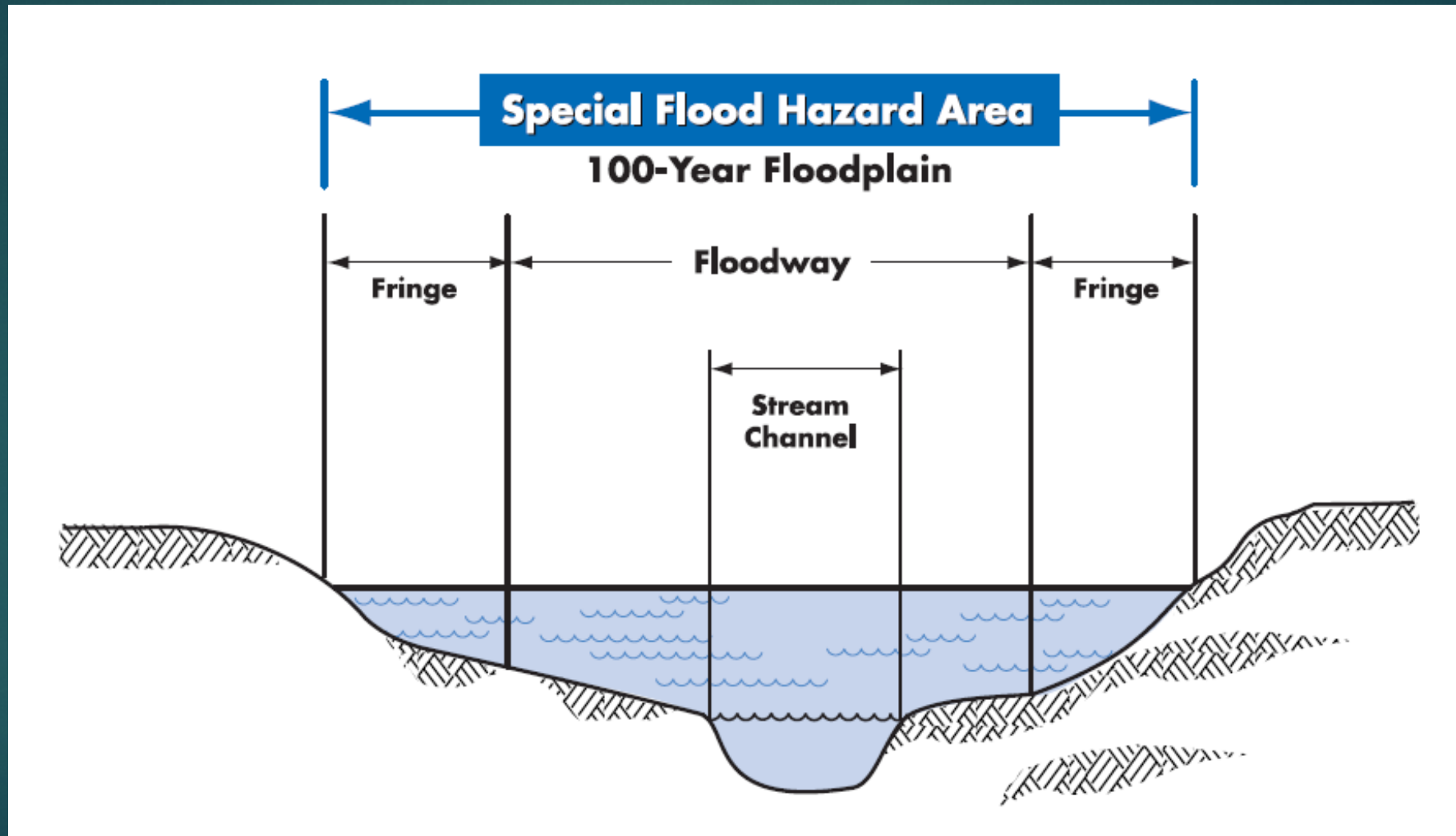


# Why Do We Regulate the Floodplain?

- ▶ Protect people and property;
- ▶ Make sure that federal flood insurance and disaster assistance is available;
- ▶ To save tax dollars;
- ▶ To avoid liability and law suits;
- ▶ To reduce future flood losses.

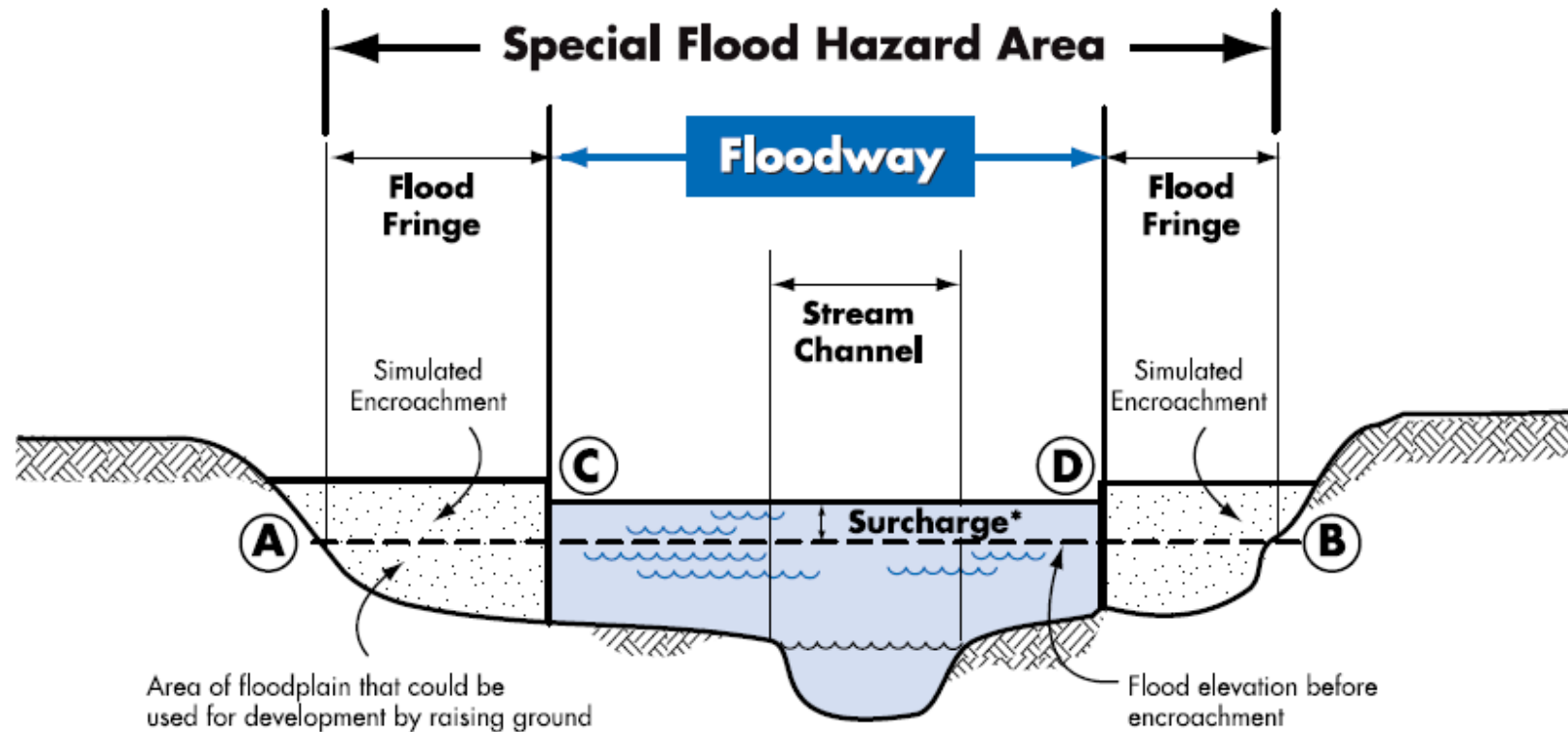


# Floodplain 101



# Floodplain 101

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Line **A** — **B** = Flood Elevation Before Encroachment

Line **C** — **D** = Flood Elevation After Encroachment

\*Surcharge not to exceed 1.0 foot [FEMA requirement]

 Simulated Encroachment



# Key Roles

- ▶ Reviewing development plans
- ▶ Reviewing channel alterations and setbacks
- ▶ Planning for long-term community-wide stormwater needs and updating stormwater regulations and ordinances
- ▶ Addressing erosion control and prioritizing projects
- ▶ Addressing existing street and other public facility flooding
- ▶ Protecting private structures from flooding
- ▶ Addressing lot-to-lot residential complaints between neighbors
- ▶ Providing determinations from flood maps



# Future Floodplain Management Demographics

- ▶ More People and More Development
  - ▶ The United States has the third largest population in the world, about 323 million. We can expect as many as 460 million U.S. residents by 2050, an increase of from 120 to 150 million people over the next several decades.
  - ▶ More people will mean more buildings of all kinds, and more infrastructure such as roads, bridges, parking lots, stormwater systems, and communications. The development will be extremely dense in some places, bringing more public health issues than in the past, and more safety and damage concerns when floods occur, along with concentrated pressures on water and related resources.



# Future Floodplain Management Demographics

- ▶ A Different Character
  - ▶ The income and wealth gap between the “haves” and the “have nots” is widening. The middle class is shrinking and the result is going to be more lower-income people. We can expect a larger proportion of households headed by one person instead of a couple and we are headed toward a nation in which there will be many more retirees and elderly people than today. These latter groups tend to be more vulnerable to flood and other disaster losses. Thus the overall vulnerability of the nation is bound to increase.



# Future Floodplain Management Demographics

- ▶ A Pattern of Movement and Urbanization
  - ▶ The increase in population will lead to the geographic concentration of people (urbanization) over wider areas than at present. Existing metropolitan areas will become even larger and we can expect moderately sized urban areas to graduate to true megapolitan status.
  - ▶ Pressure on the availability of land and the rising cost of housing may well lead to the concentration of socially vulnerable people in high-hazard areas.



# Future Floodplain Management

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- ▶ Make room for rivers, oceans, and adjacent lands
- ▶ Restore and enhance the natural, beneficial functions of riverine and coastal areas
- ▶ Identify risks and resources and communicate at public and individual levels
- ▶ Insurance
- ▶ Land Use
- ▶ Watershed Management
- ▶ Development & Building Standards
- ▶ Assume personal and public responsibility

# The Bottom Line...

- ▶ It's only a matter of time until flooding will occur in or near your community.
- ▶ When it does, a strong floodplain management program will lower the amount of property that will be damaged and lives that may be put at risk.



# Questions?


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## Sources:

- TFMA – 2008 Quick Guide
- TCEQ – Floodplain Management 101
- ASFPM – Floodplain Management 2050



# Regional Perspective on the Trinity River COMMON VISION Program

JACK TIDWELL, AICP, CFM

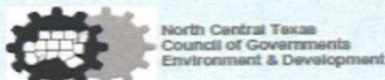
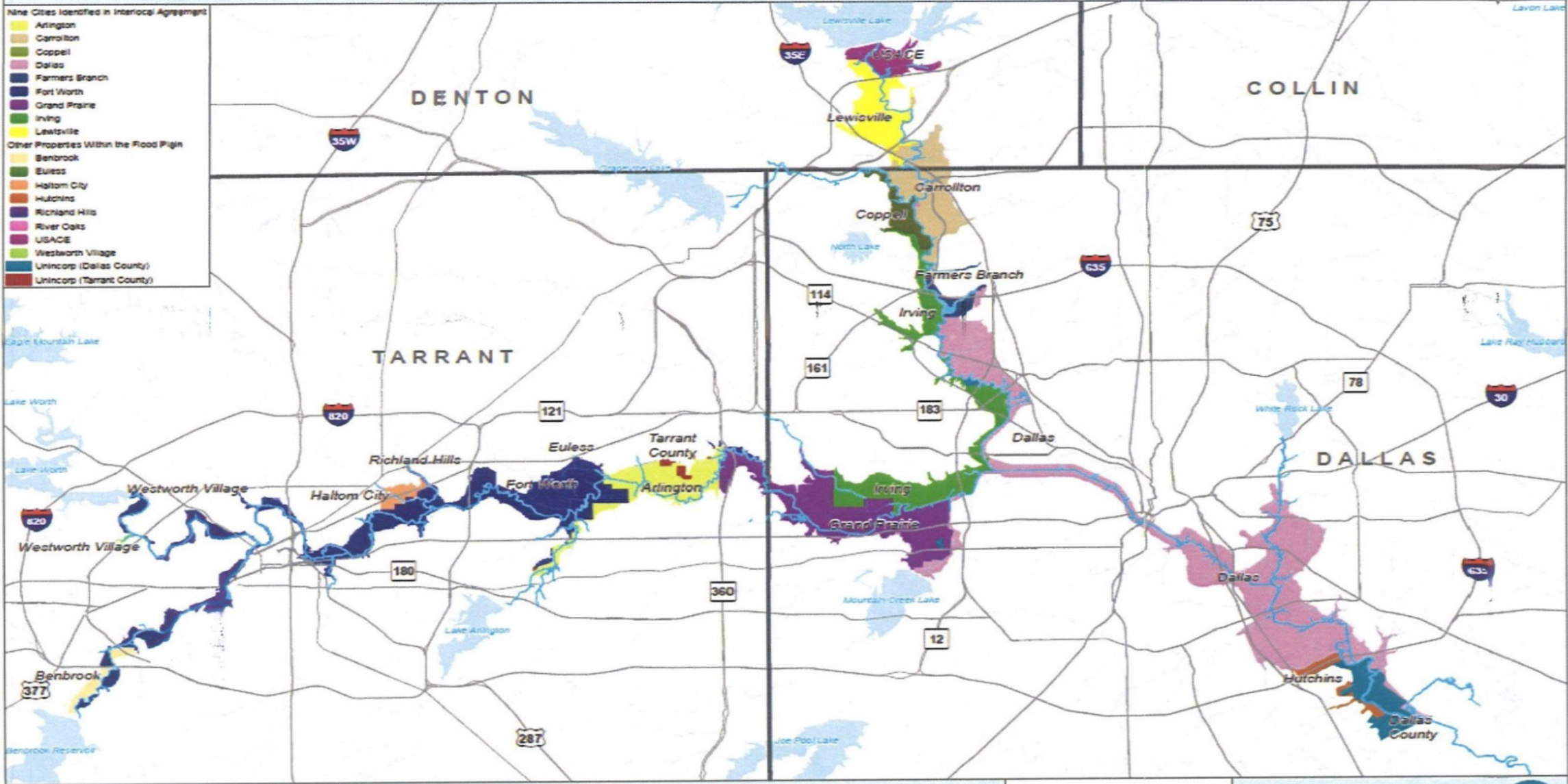
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# Trinity River Corridor

**Nine Cities Identified in Interlocal Agreement**

- Arlington
  - Carrollton
  - Coppell
  - Dallas
  - Farmers Branch
  - Fort Worth
  - Grand Prairie
  - Irving
  - Lewisville
- Other Properties Within the Flood Plain**
- Benbrook
  - Euless
  - Haltom City
  - Hutchins
  - Richland Hills
  - River Oaks
  - USACE
  - Westworth Village
  - Unincorp (Dallas County)
  - Unincorp (Tarrant County)



Trinity River Corridor

CDC Zone



0 0.5 1 2 Miles  
1 inch equals 1 miles



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# COMMON VISION Participants

## Founding Communities and Agencies

- ▶ Arlington
- ▶ Carrollton
- ▶ Coppell
- ▶ Dallas
- ▶ Farmers Branch
- ▶ Fort Worth
- ▶ Grand Prairie
- ▶ Irving
- ▶ Lewisville
- ▶ Dallas County
- ▶ Denton County
- ▶ Tarrant County
- ▶ Tarrant Regional Water District
- ▶ Trinity River Authority of Texas
- ▶ US Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District
- ▶ Federal Emergency Management Agency
- ▶ NCTCOG



# Goals of the Trinity River **COMMON VISION**

- ▶ A *SAFE* Trinity
- ▶ A *CLEAN* Trinity
- ▶ An *ENJOYABLE* Trinity
- ▶ A *NATURAL* Trinity
- ▶ A *DIVERSE* Trinity



# Background- Trinity River COMMON VISION

- ⦿ Late 80's - USACE documented "cumulative risk" and proposed revised Record of Decision
- ⦿ Trinity Locals sought out cooperative effort to demonstrate commitment to river and stabilization of flood risk
- ⦿ NCTCOG Trinity River Regional Policy Position 1988 – Started the "COMMON VISION"
- ⦿ Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study (and later Project Management Plans) begun in 1989
- ⦿ 1989 Cooperative effort to develop Corridor Development Certificate Process begins

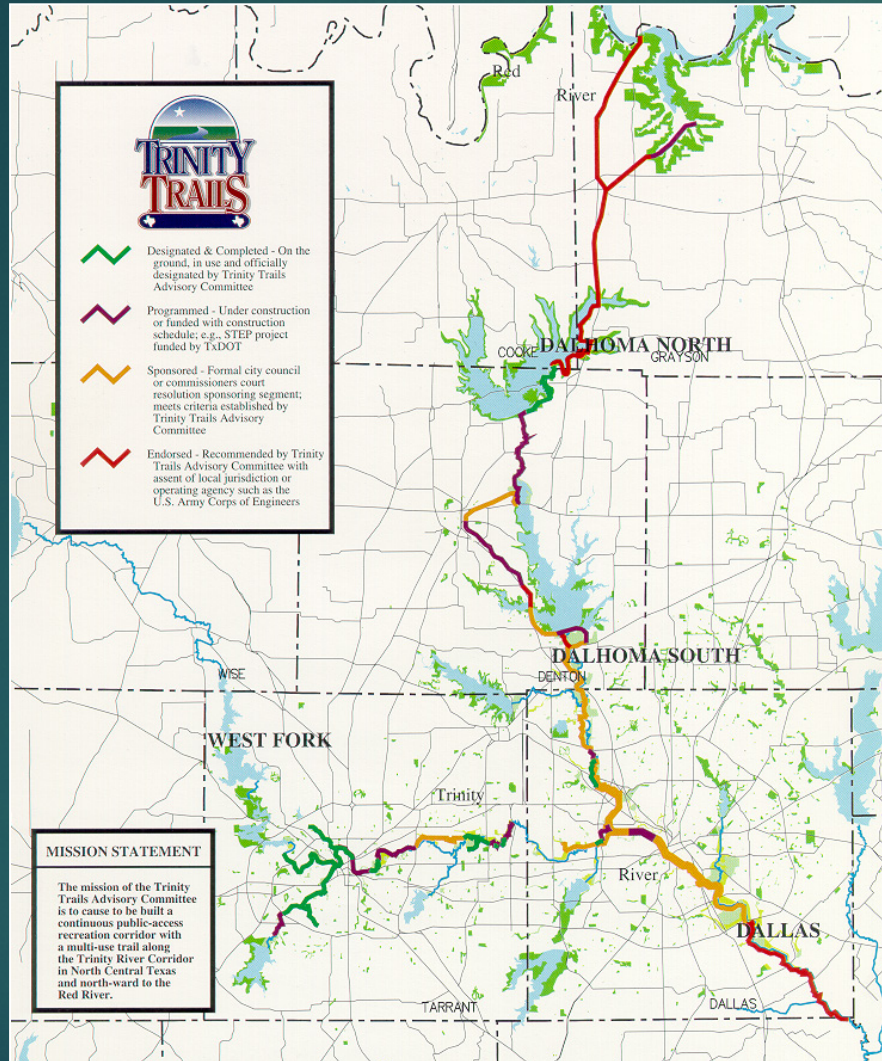


# Ongoing Opportunities of the COMMON VISION Program

- ▶ Build on the **Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study** partnership with USACE, TWDB and FEMA with our member local governments
- ▶ Continuation of **Corridor Development Certificate Program** and corridor/basin partnerships
- ▶ Look at interest utilizing integrated storm water management-type programs into critical watersheds to provide storm water **quality and quantity benefits throughout the basin**
- ▶ Cooperative look at **recreational/economic/quality of life** aspects of the river and its watersheds



# Trinity River COMMON VISION Opportunities



**THANK YOU!**



# Corridor Development Certificate (CDC) Program

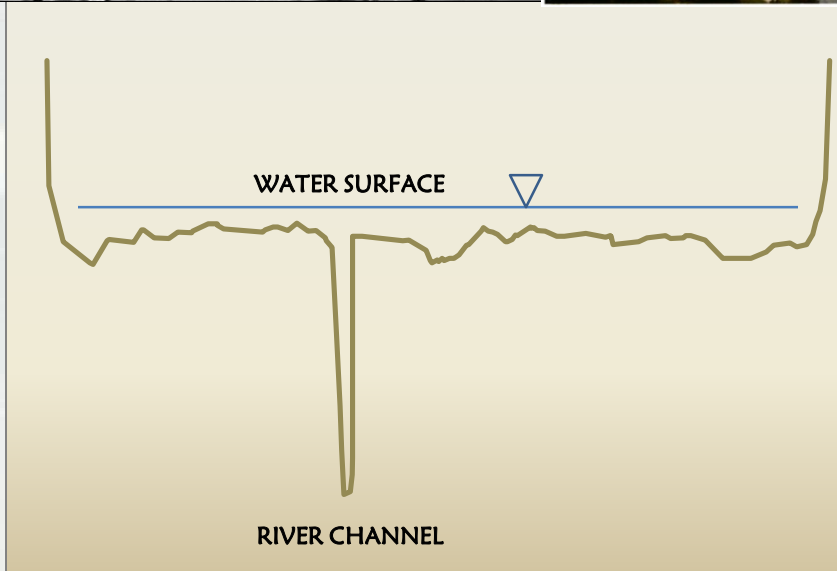








# Corridor Development Certificate Floodplain as a Reservoir



Full floodplain conveyance and storage

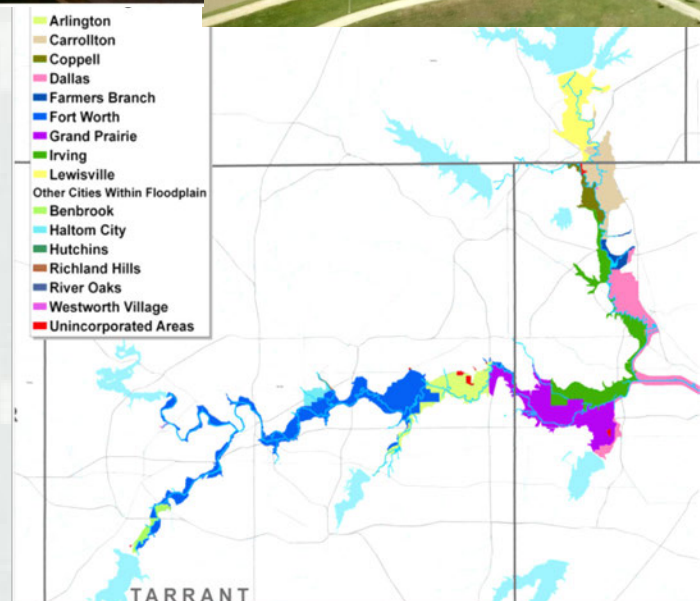
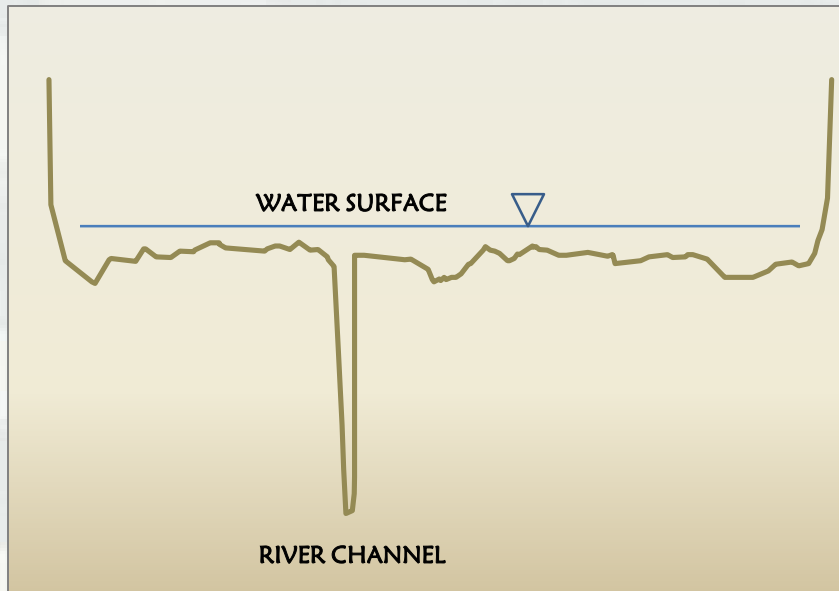


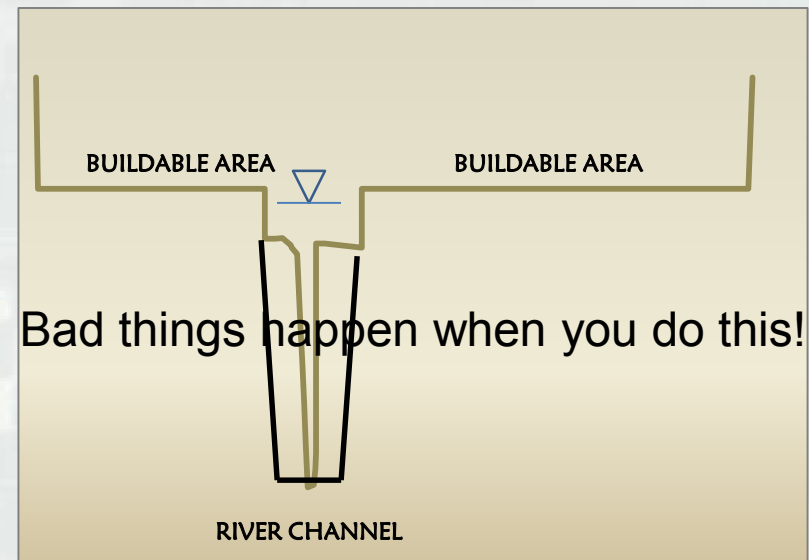
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# Corridor Development Certificate

## Floodplain as a Reservoir



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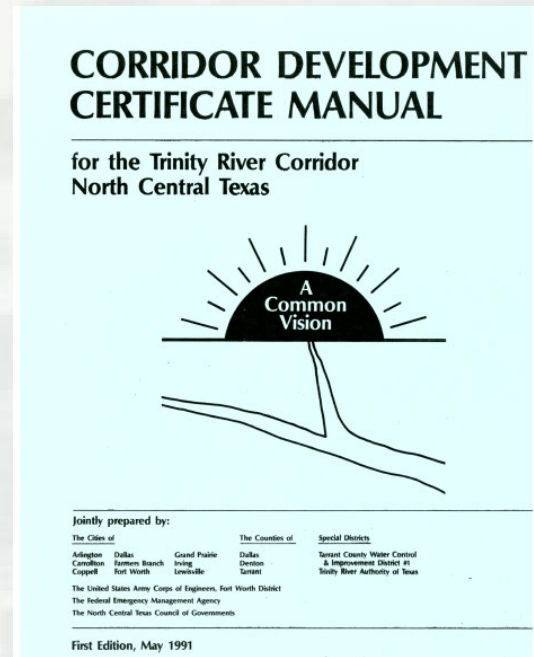
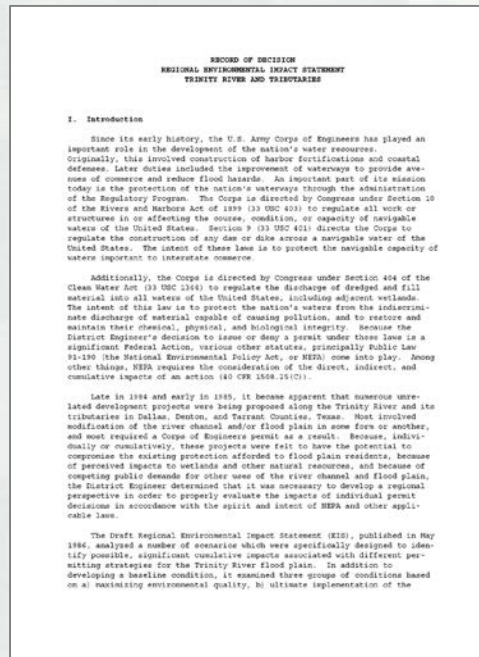
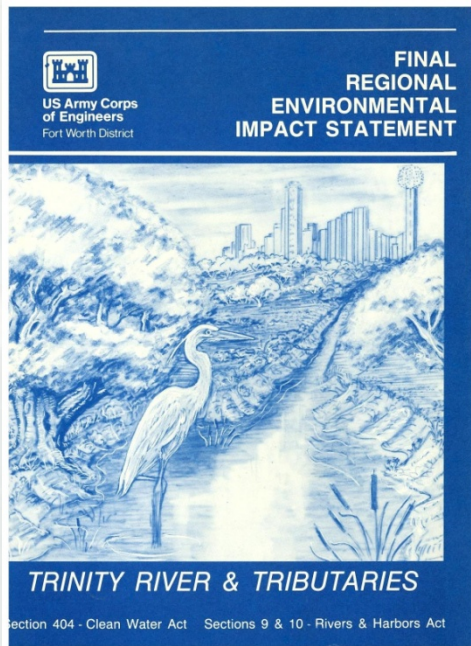


Reduced floodplain conveyance and storage

- Downstream flood risk increases
  - ▶ Higher flows
  - ▶ Higher water surface elevations



# Chronology of the Regulatory Program



TREIS 1987

ROD 1988

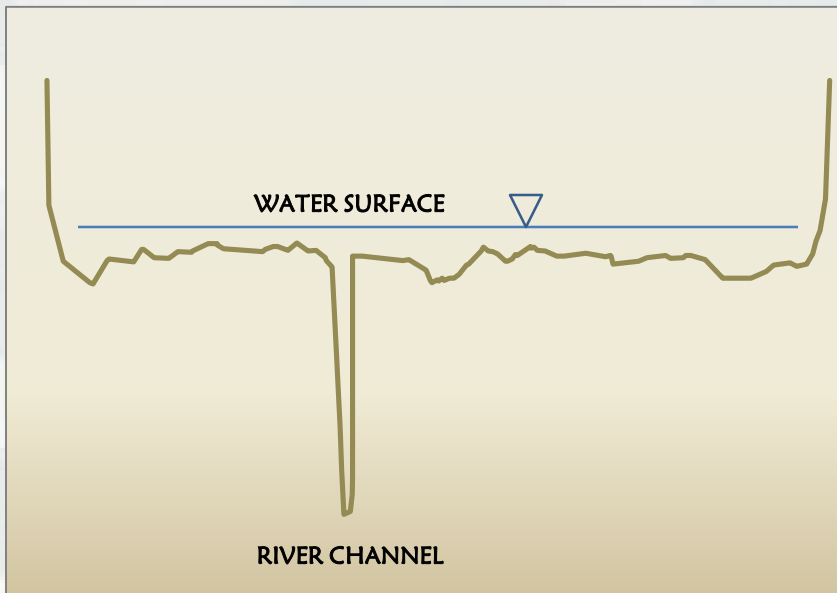
CDC 1991

## Benefits of the CDC Process

- Establishment of the CDC Process provides a number of benefits and innovations, including the stabilization of flood risk.
- Common regional criteria
- State-of-the-art floodplain mapping
- Hydrologic modeling based on year 2055 Upper Trinity River watershed development
- A current hydraulic model incorporating CDC permitted floodplain development
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers technical review
- Regional review and comment

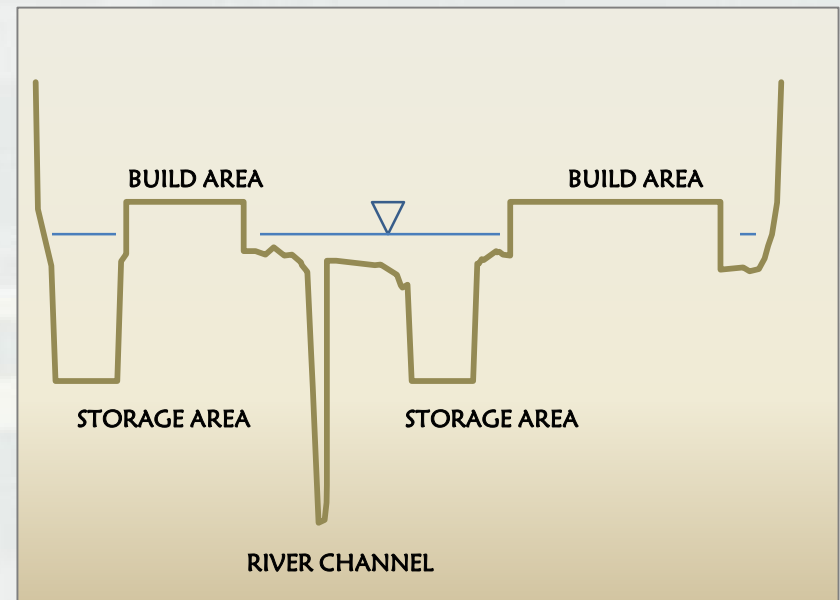


# Corridor Development Certificate Floodplain as a Reservoir



Full floodplain conveyance and storage

- Reduces, but does not eliminate, impacts on downstream flood potential (compromise)



Recovered conveyance and compensatory storage



# Corridor Development Certificate Cost Recovery Fees and Processing Times

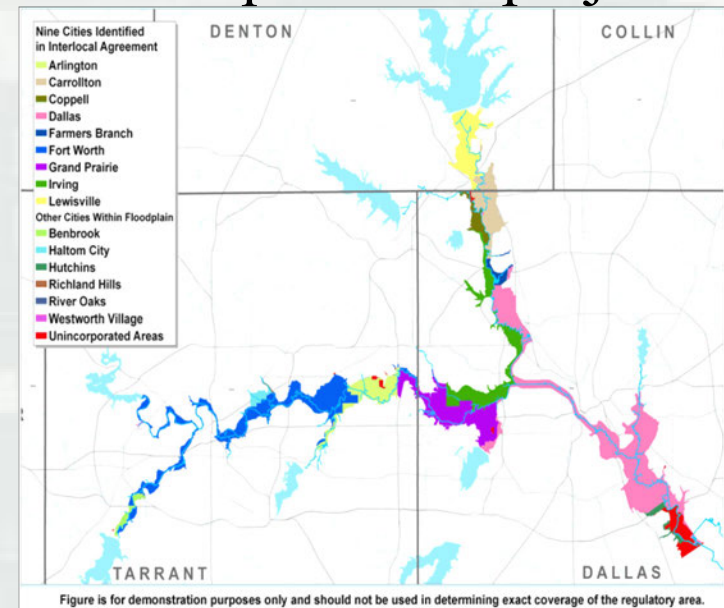


- \$5750
  - ▶ Projects with conveyance areas
- \$3250
  - ▶ Projects with storage area only
- 30 days processing time
- Additional time and money for complex projects



# Corridor Development Certificate 2014 Update

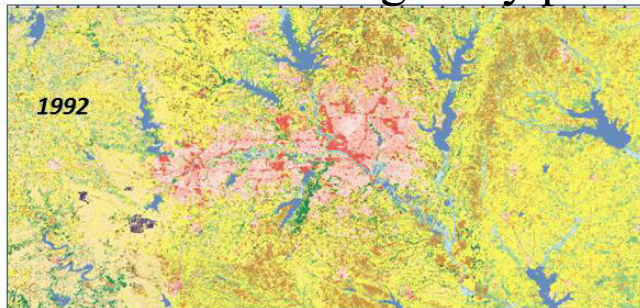
- Updated hydrology and river hydraulics with:
  - ▶ Updated land use
    - 2005 baseline
    - 2055 planning horizon
  - ▶ Incorporation of all (91) constructed and permitted projects
  - ▶ Updated topography
- Implementation of latest technologies



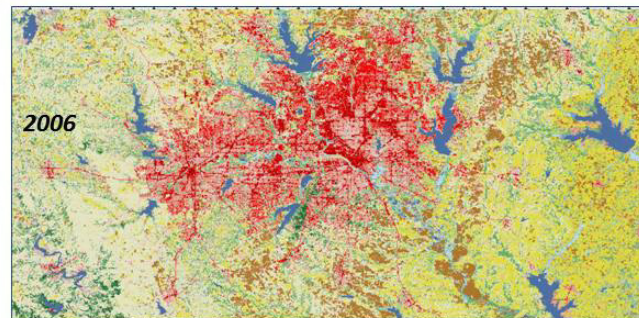


# Corridor Development Certificate Findings

- CDC program has been effective in limiting the loss of valley storage
- Flood risk within the Trinity River corridor would have increased without the program
- Population growth and watershed development have occurred more rapidly and in different areas than originally predicted



Comparison of  
Urbanization  
in DFW Metroplex  
1992-2006  
(Melinda Luna)



# Corridor Development Certificate Findings

- The CDC program does not limit the significant impact of loss of valley storage, as well as increased urbanization and impervious cover, in non-regulated portions of the watershed
  - ▶ Discharges and water surface elevations will increase as a result of development in upstream areas not regulated by the CDC program
  - ▶ Discharges will increase up to 30%
  - ▶ Water surface elevations will increase up to 3 ft





# Corridor Development Certificate

## Future Considerations

- Consistent regional storm water management goals, policies and practices could complement CDC valley storage preservation program and be an important strategy to manage increased peak discharge rates due to urbanization
- The CDC program is currently the only regional storm water management program for the metroplex



# WEB Sites

[www.usace.army.mil](http://www.usace.army.mil)

[www.swf.usace.army.mil](http://www.swf.usace.army.mil)

[www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil](http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil)

## Questions?



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**WHERE DO WE GO  
FROM HERE???**



# TRINITY RIVER CORRIDOR

Wise


Denton


Collin


Hunt


## CDC Cities


 Arlington


 Fort Worth


 Carrollton


 Grand Prairie

 Coppell

 Irving

 Dallas

 Lewisville

 Farmers Branch

Rockwall

Parker

Tarrant

Dallas

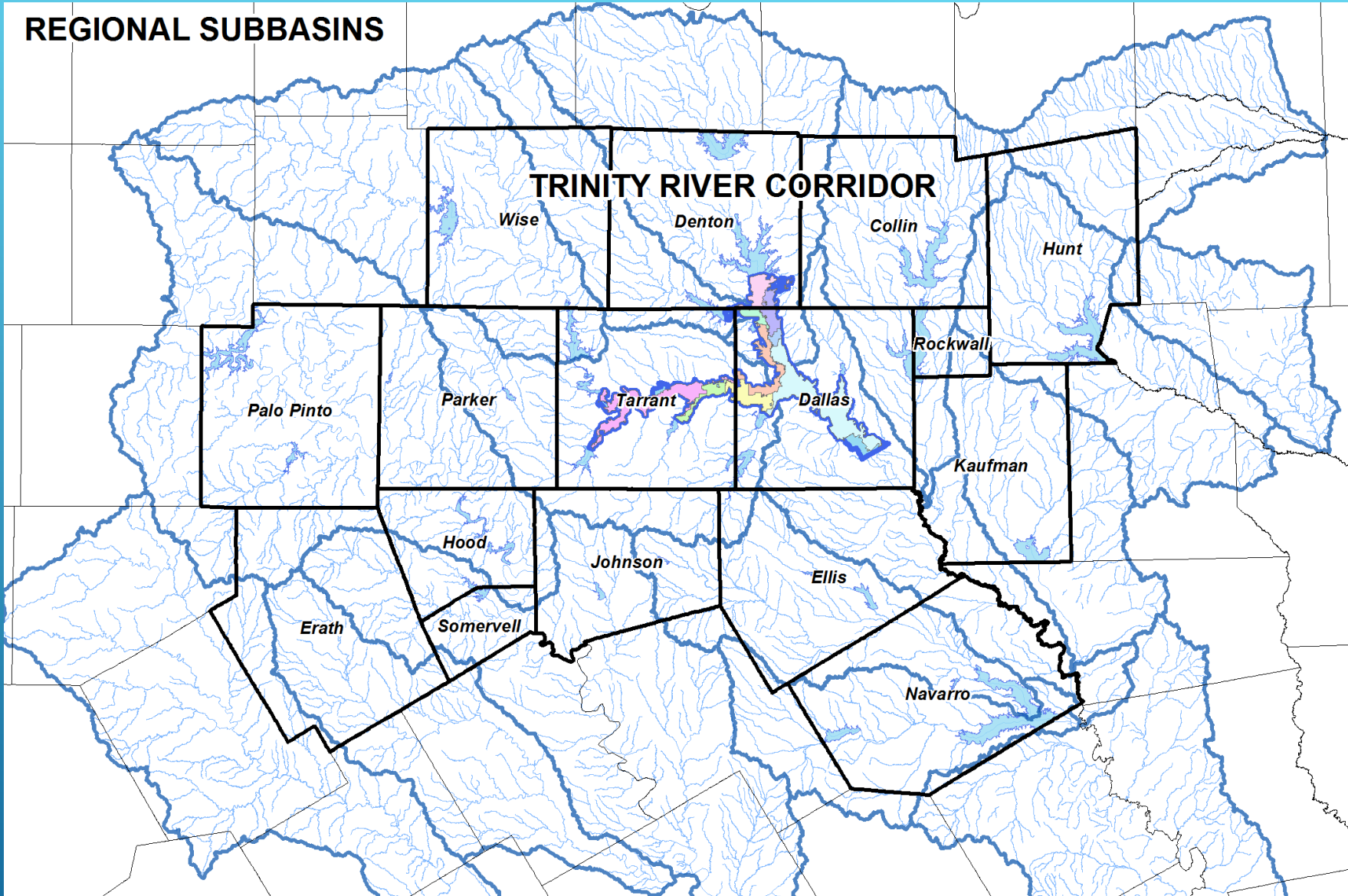
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Hood

# Celebrate this! – 25 Years

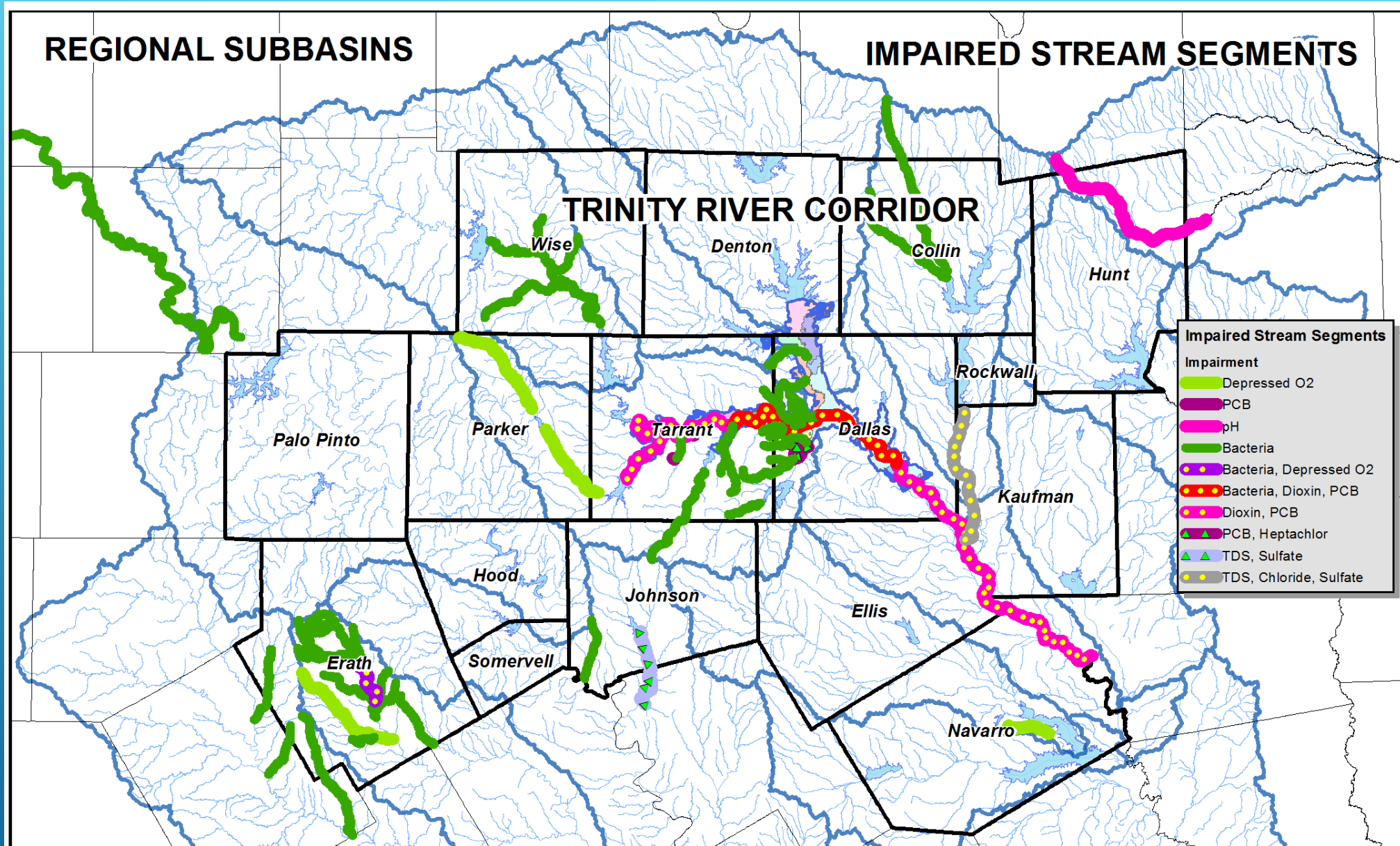


**REGIONAL SUBBASINS**



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x 2**

**Think forward about growth!**



**Don't forget about quality!**



# Consider options like:

- **iSWM (higher stds)**
- **CRS**
- **CTP participation**
- **NFIP training**
- **TFMA membership**
- **Reverse Litter**



**Avoid urbanized flooding!**

# TWDB Update

## NCTCOG Floodplain Management Seminar

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September 26 | Ben Buchanan, CFM  
CTP Program Manger





# NFIP Services Outline Today

- Introduction
- State NFIP Overview
- Program Areas
- Floodplain Mapping
- Cooperating Partners
- FEMA Highlights
- What Local Officials Need to Know

# NFIP Program Services Overview

## Flood Mitigation Planning Staff

- **Michael Segner**, 512-463-3509  
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## National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

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Program Specialist

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Team Leader, State Flood Protection Planning Program
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FEMA Severe Repetitive Loss Program
- **Jeff Pollock**, 512-463-3311  
Contract Specialist

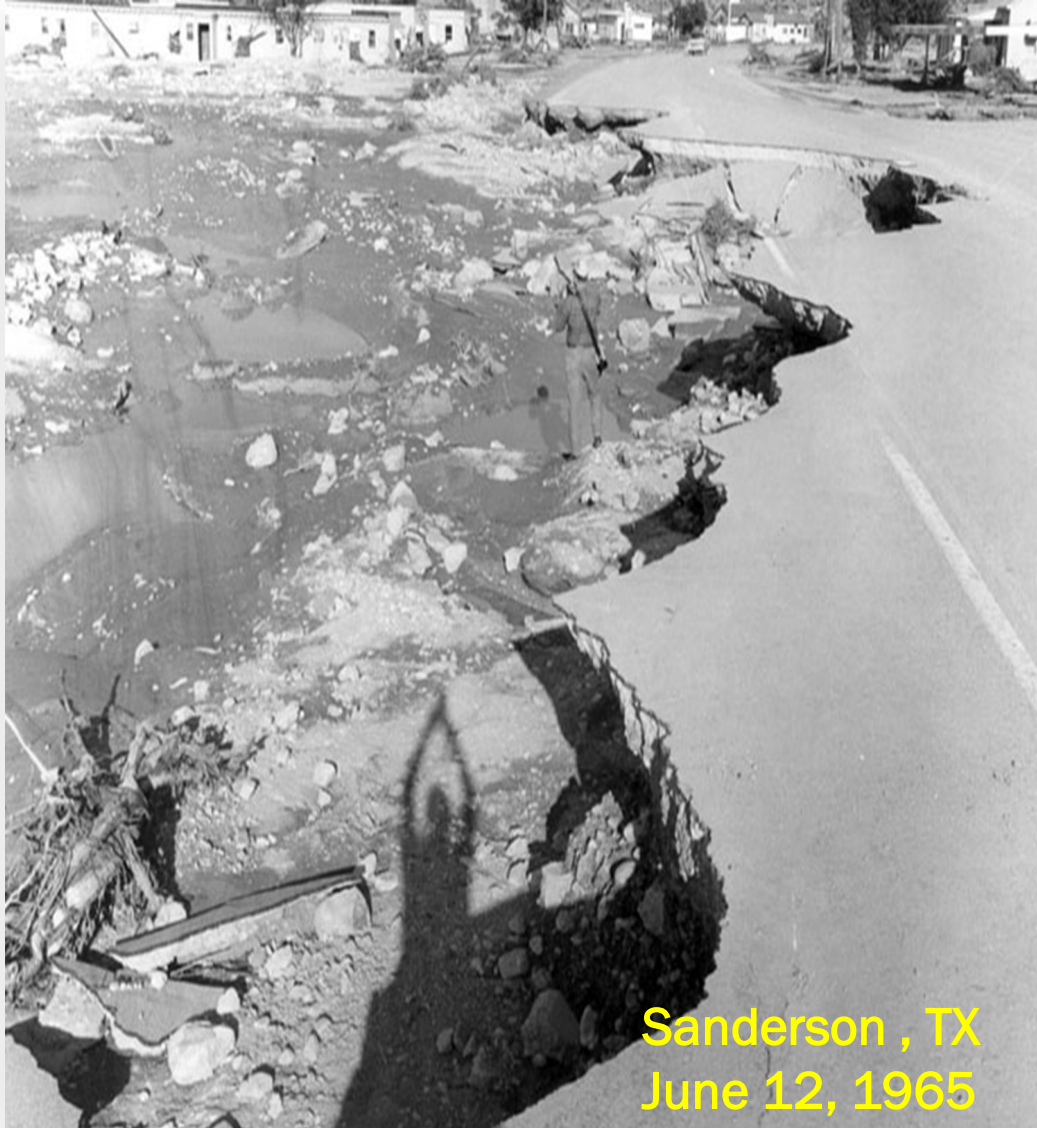


# NFIP Program Service Areas

- NFIP Program
- Flood Protection Grants
- Workshops and Training
- Community Resources
- CTP Mapping Services



# NFIP Flood Mapping Services



Sanderson , TX  
June 12, 1965

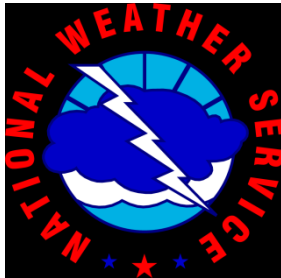
- Build greater understanding of floodplain management needs in Texas for decision makers and the public through outreach
- Implement statewide databases for local mapping status and flood projects
- Show historical floodplain changes
- Work together to maximize funds



# Federal Cooperating Partners



**FEMA**



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers.**

- Mitigation
- Forecasting
- Grants
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development

# FEMA Flood Risk Coordination

- Mitigation Planning & Grants
- Technical Assistance
- Community Visits
- Floodplain Mapping Changes
- Regulatory Guidance
- Buyouts
- Risk MAP Program



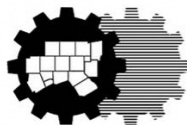
**FEMA**



# State Cooperating Partners



City of Dallas



North Central Texas  
Council of Governments



SAN ANTONIO  
RIVER AUTHORITY  
Water Brings Us Together



- Watershed Studies
- Technical Assistance & Visits
- Education Through Workshops
- Websites

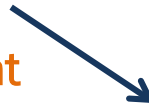
# State Cooperating Partners Continued



Beaches  
& Shores



Rural  
Community  
Development  
Block Grants



Mitigation  
Plans





# Local Cooperating Partners

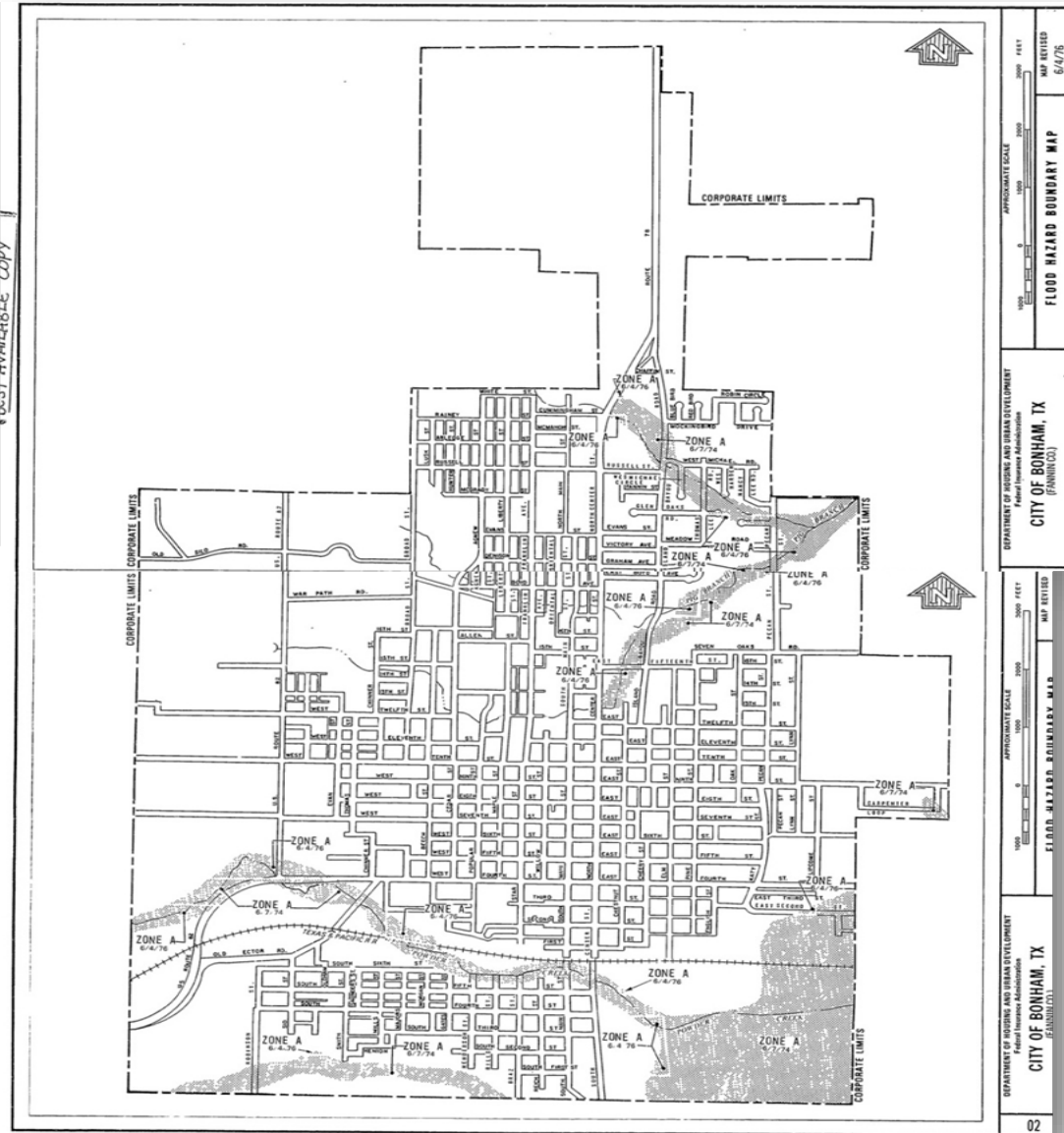


Linz am Rhein,  
Germany, June 2014

- Emergency Operations Center
- Fire Department
- Law Enforcement
- Engineering Services
- Environmental
- Planning & Zoning
- Grants Administration

# For Local Officials

- Know Your Grants!
- Unite Planning with Engineering with Emergency Management
- Mitigate, Mitigate, and Mitigate Again
- Environmental Spaces and Places
- Who do you Serve?
- Know Your Risk!





# Thank You

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# Texas Floodplain Management Association

Floodplain Management Seminar for Policy Makers  
North Central Texas Council of Governments

September 26, 2014

*Jessica Baker – TFMA Vice President*





# What is TFMA?

- Organization of professionals with a wide range of experience and expertise in:
  - Floodplain Management
  - Stormwater Management
  - Flood Hazard Mitigation
  - FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
  - Flood Preparedness
  - Flood Warning
  - Flood Awareness/Outreach



# What is TFMA?

- Non-profit organization
- Established in 1988
- State Chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM)
- Largest association/chapter in the nation (outside of ASFPM)
- Current Membership - 2,000 members
- Just celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary



# About Our Members



## Employers:

- Public Sector (50%)
  - Local
  - State
  - Federal
- Private Sector (50%)
  - Consultants
  - Mortgage
  - Insurance
  - Vendors/suppliers
- Retirees

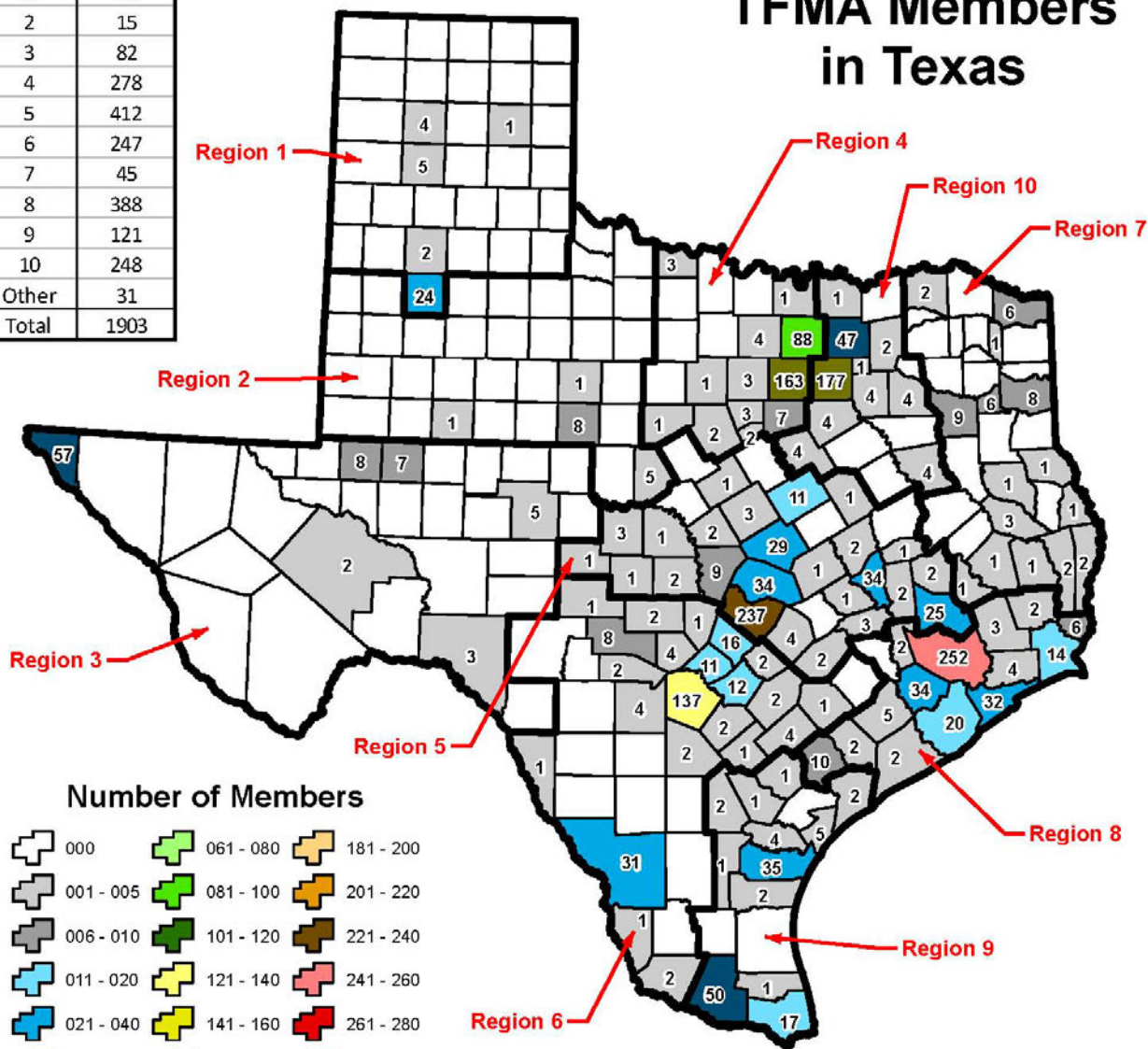
## Type of Work:

- Engineering
- Permitting
- Hydraulic Forecasting
- Water Resources
- Flood Zone Determination
- Insurance and Research
- Emergency Response
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Other



# TFMA Members in Texas

Region	MEMs
1	36
2	15
3	82
4	278
5	412
6	247
7	45
8	388
9	121
10	248
Other	31
Total	1903



Date: 07/17/2014





# TFMA Purpose

- Promote **public awareness** of proper floodplain management
- Promote **professional status** of floodplain management
- Enhance **cooperation** and exchange information among individuals, private organizations and public agencies
- Promote floodplain management **education**
- Inform members of **floodplain management legislation**

# Certified Floodplain Manager



- CFM Program is Nationally Accredited certification – Started in 1996
- Over 6,000 CFMs in US
- Over 1,750 in Texas (90% of members)
- TFMA administers program for CFMs in Texas
- Exam offered throughout the year
- 8 Continuing Education Credits (CECs) required annually to maintain certification







# Training Offered in Texas

- 20+ Courses offered in Texas in 2014
- ½ Day to 4 Day Courses
- 1800+ Attendees
- Remaining 2014 Training:
  - October 1 – Floodplain Management 101 in Richardson
  - October 7 – Floodplain Management Refresher in Denton
  - December 1 to 5 – 4 Day NFIP Course + CFM Exam at NCTCOG
  - December 12<sup>th</sup> – NFIP Refresher Course in Fort Worth





# TFMA Conferences



- 2014 TFMA Annual Spring Conference
  - May 27 – 30, 2014
  - Irving
- 2014 TFMA Fall Technical Seminar
  - September 2 – 5, 2014
  - San Antonio
- 2015 TFMA Annual Spring Conference
  - April 14 – 17, 2015
  - Dallas: Westin Park Central





# TFMA Outreach



- 3D Flood Model
- Demonstrates Impact of Development in the Floodplain for Audiences of All Ages
- Denton County Public Works at North Texas State Fair and Rodeo in August 2014

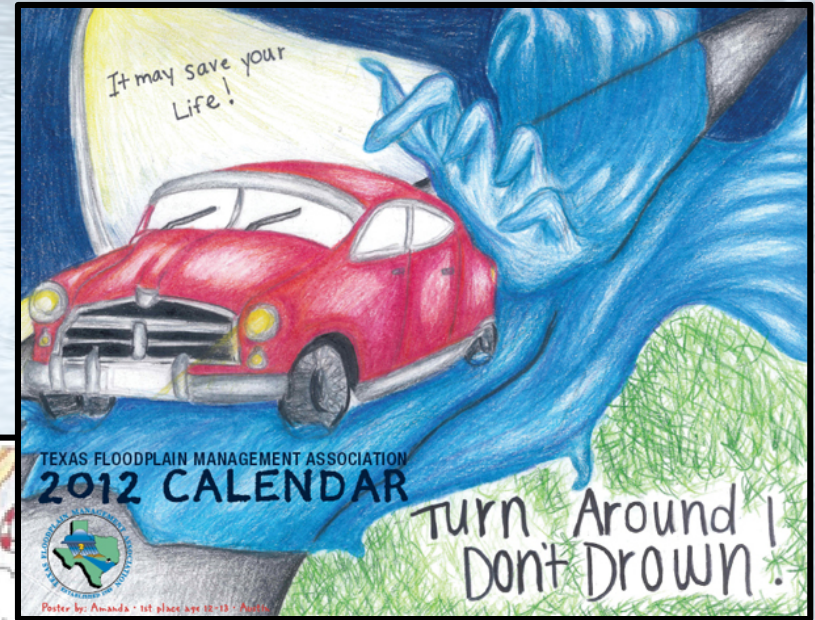




# Turn Around Don't Drown! Calendars



- Austin Elementary Students
- Calendars Distributed:
  - 5,000 (2010)
  - 7,500 (2011)
  - 10,000 (2012)
  - 10,000 (2013)
  - 15,000 (2014)
  - 15,500 (2015)







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# USACE Regulatory Program

No. Central Texas Council of Governments  
Floodplain Management Seminar  
Arlington, TX  
September 26, 2014

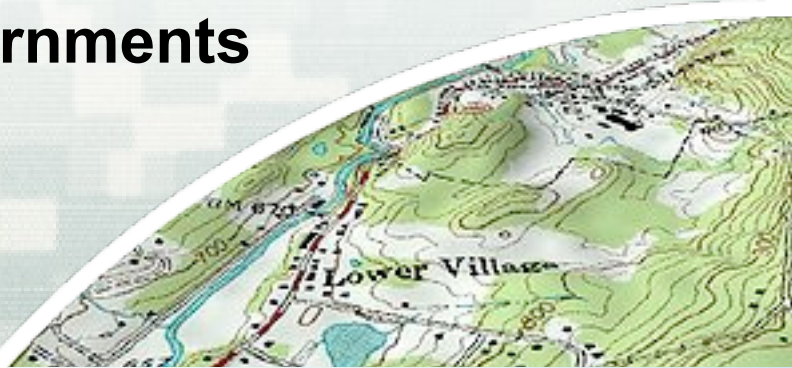
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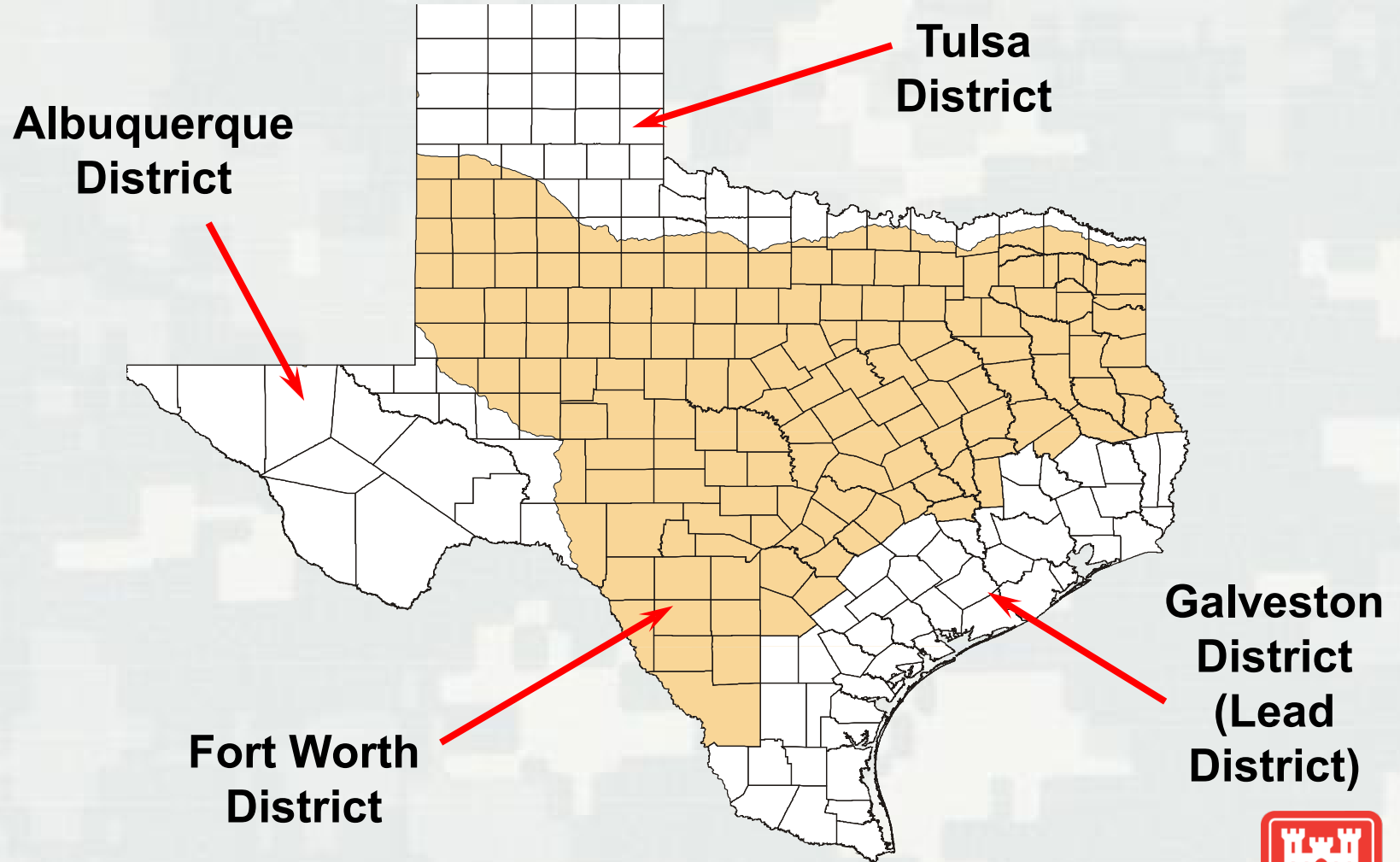
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# USACE Districts in Texas - Regulatory



# Program Authorities

- **Construction and dredging**
- **Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899**



- **Discharge of dredged and fill material**
- **Section 404 Clean Water Act**



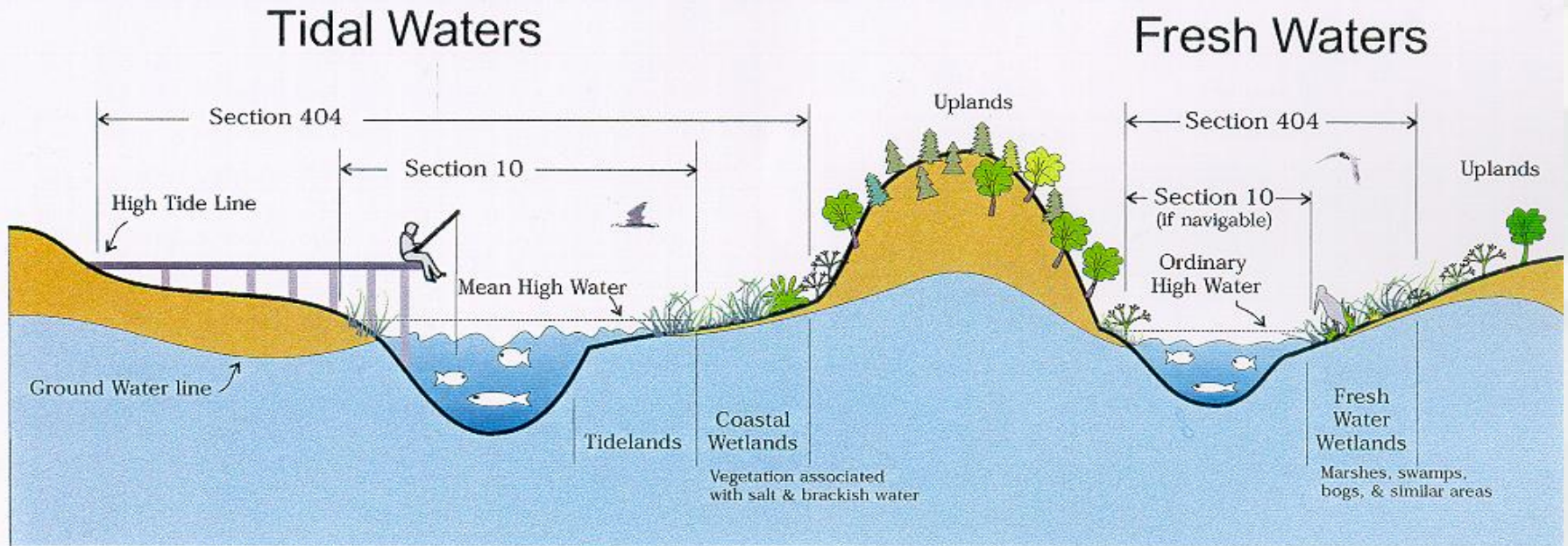
- **Transport and discharge of**
- **Dredged material**
- **Section 103 Ocean Dumping Act**





# Jurisdictional Limits

## CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY JURISDICTION



Typical examples  
of regulated activities

**Section 103**  
Ocean Discharge  
of Dredged Material

Ocean discharges of  
dredged material

**Section 404**  
Disposal of Dredged or Fill Material  
(all waters of the U.S.)

All filling activities, utility lines, outfall structures,  
road crossings, beach nourishment, riprap,  
jetties, some excavation activities, etc.

**Section 10**  
All Structures and Work

Dredging, marinas, piers, wharves,  
floats, intake / outtake pipes,  
pilings, bulkheads, ramps, fills,  
overhead transmission lines, etc.

# Types of Permits

- Review large variety of proposed activities
- Three levels of permit reviews
- USACE utilizes least burdensome level
- Fort Worth has established “templates” for efficient submittal of most common permit applications

<http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/regulatory>





# General Permits

- 3 categories
  - ▶ Nationwide
  - ▶ Regional
  - ▶ Programmatic
- For minimal impact activities
- Limited paperwork
- Most decisions within 45 days



# Common General Permit Activities

- Maintenance
- Utility Line Installation
- Bank Stabilization
- Linear Transportation Crossings
- Residential Developments
- Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering
- Commercial & Institutional Developments
- Recreational Facilities
- Storm water Management Facilities





# Individual Permits

- 2 categories
  - ▶ Letters of Permission
  - ▶ Standard Individual Permits
- More substantive processes
  - ▶ Public notice/agency coordination
  - ▶ Project need assessment
  - ▶ Alternatives analysis
  - ▶ More robust impact analysis
- Most decisions within 120 days



# Floodplains & USACE Permitting

- Regulatory does not regulate floodplains
  - ▶ Jurisdictional resources USACE does regulate typically occur in floodplains
  - ▶ Floodplain functions/management are considerations in permit reviews & decision process
    - Normally not a primary driver in permit decisions
    - Will utilize floodplain studies/permits for local requirements to assist in permit review





# Floodplains & USACE Permitting

- Three key sets of regulations to satisfy
  - ▶ National Environmental Policy Act
  - ▶ Public Interest Review
  - ▶ 404(b)(1) Guidelines
- E.O. 11988 - floodplain management
- NWPs require activities must comply w/ applicable FEMA-approved state or local floodplain management requirements
  - ▶ Coordination with local floodplain management officials occurs regularly



# Corps Regulatory Program Information

- *National Regulatory Program Home Page:*  
<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits.aspx>
- *Fort Worth District Regulatory Home Page:*  
<http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/regulatory>
- Fort Worth District (817) 886-1731
- Chandler Peter (817) 886-1736 [chandler.j.peter@usace.army.mil](mailto:chandler.j.peter@usace.army.mil)
  
- *If this program assisted you, please help us improve our services by completing the survey on the following website:* <http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>





# Questions?



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# BASIC FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

**"Compliance"**

**Dale Hoff, CFM  
Instructor**





# **Basic Floodplain Management**

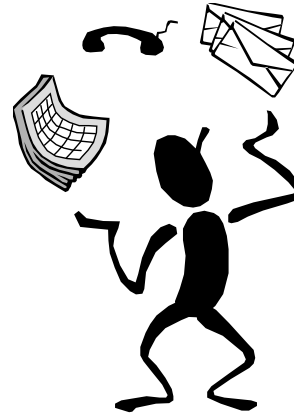
## **NFIP established in 1968**

### **Established a 3 Part System**

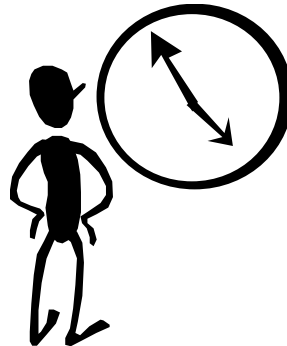
- **Floodplain Management: Local Laws**
  - **Compliance**
  - **Regulatory**
- **Risk Identification: Flood Maps**
- **Flood Insurance**

# RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Federal - FEMA**



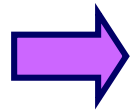
- **State**



- **Community**

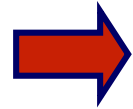






# **Floodplain Management Federal (DHS/FEMA) Responsibilities**

- **Risk Identification (Flood Maps)**
- **Establish development/building standards**
- **Provide affordable flood insurance coverage**
- **Provide technical assistance & evaluate floodplain management activities**



# **Floodplain Management**

## **State Coordinator Responsibilities**

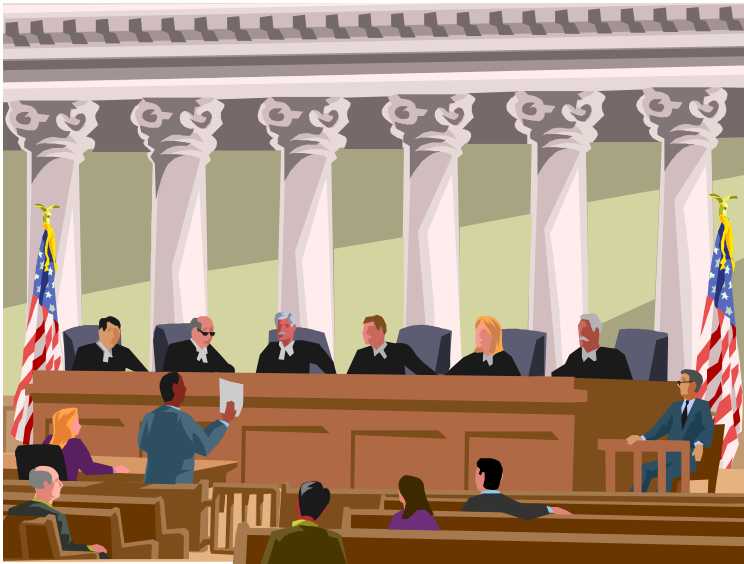
### **Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)**

- **Establish development/building standards**
- **Provide technical assistance to local communities/agencies**
- **Evaluate and document community /agency floodplain management activities**



# A Community Must

- **Adopt an ordinance reflecting the minimum provisions of 44 CFR 60.3**
- **Enforce its ordinance**



# **Floodplain Management Community's Responsibility**

- ❑ **Adopt a local flood damage protection ordinance**
- ❑ **Enforce the provisions of the local ordinance**
- ❑ **Maintain records**
- ❑ **Coordinate development**
- ❑ **Permit development**
- ❑ **Inspect development**
- ❑ **Lead efforts for flood mitigation**





**Be Prepared –  
We can not eliminate  
Disasters – but you  
can be prepared –  
And you can reduce the  
Loss of life and property.**



**Don't wait for a flood to plan.  
It's too late for planning, your  
community will be reacting.**





# **Sanctions for Non-Participation**

**A community that does not join NFIP; has withdrawn, or is suspended, faces the following sanctions:**

- **NFIP flood insurance not available**
- **No renewals**
- **No Federal grants**
- **Limited Federal disaster assistance**
- **No Federally backed loans**
- **FLOODPLAINS NOT REGULATED**

# Remedy a Violation

## **FEMA Remedies (on the community):**

**Probation**

**Suspension**

**Subrogation**

## **COMMUNITY Remedies (on the owner):**

**Court**

**Fines**

**1316**



**Flood insurance can be denied by FEMA or the community**



# **COMMUNITY FLOODPLAIN REGUATIONS**

- **Legally enforceable**
- **Applied uniformly**
- **Takes precedence over any less restrictive conflicting laws, ordinances, and**
- **Must meet or exceed the minimum standards of 44 CFR Section 60.3**

## 44 CFR 60.1(d)

- Any community may exceed the minimum criteria by adopting more comprehensive floodplain management regulations.
- Any floodplain management regulations adopted by State or a community which are more restrictive than the minimum standards are encouraged and take precedence.

# **Why do we Need the NFIP?**

- Protection from the damaging effects of floods
- Methods of recovery from flooding
- Mitigate against future damages

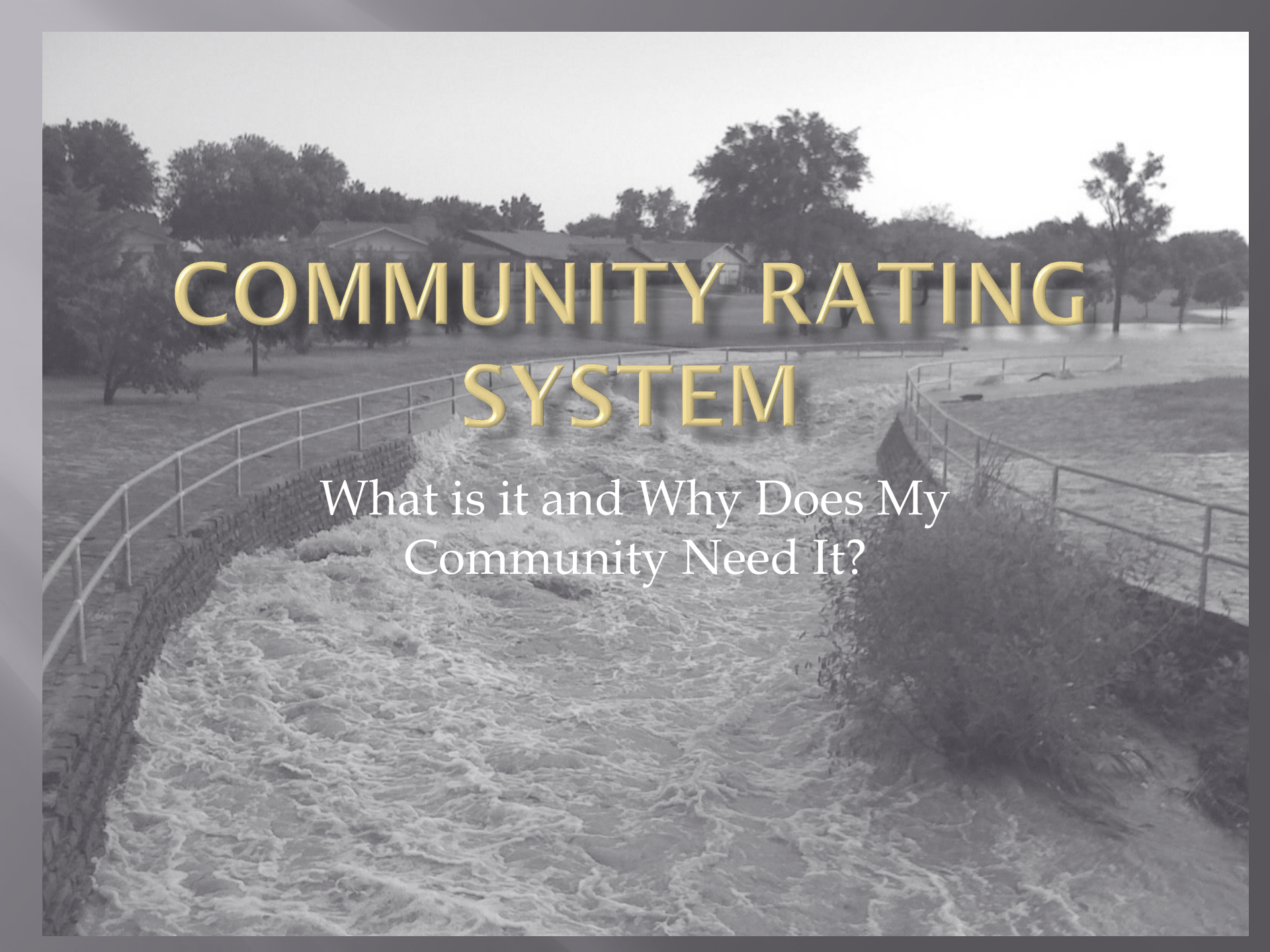


# Texas Communities Participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Includes Cities and Counties, etc:

Participating:	1,239
Non-Participating:	147

Questions?



# COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

What is it and Why Does My  
Community Need It?



# What is It?

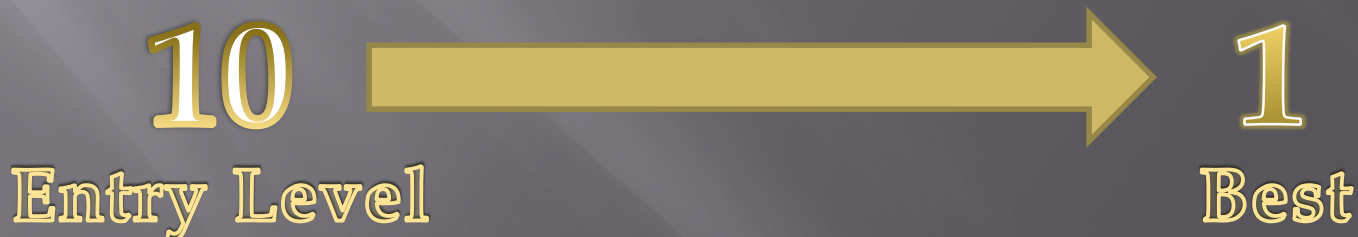
- ▣ Voluntary Program
- ▣ Encourages Communities to Exceed NFIP Standards
- ▣ Offers Reductions to Homeowner's Insurance Premiums
- ▣ Rewards Good Management Practices

# Typical Activities

- ▣ Channel Maintenance
- ▣ Mapping of Facilities
- ▣ Public Outreach on Flooding Issues
- ▣ Higher Regulatory Standards – Freeboard
- ▣ Maintain / Provide Open Space

# Process

- ▣ Apply to CRS (NFIP Participant)
- ▣ Send Supporting Documentation
- ▣ Based on Points, Entity secures a rating between 1 and 10
- ▣ For Entities with ratings over 5, document activities at an audit every 5 years. Less than 5, every 3 years.





# Benefits

- ▣ Reduces Potential Flood Damage
- ▣ Citizens Save on Flood Insurance

Points	Rating	Reduction in SFHA	Reduction in non-SFHA
4,500+	1	45%	10%
4,000 – 4,499	2	40%	10%
3,500 – 3,999	3	35%	10%
3,000 – 3,499	4	30%	10%
2,500 – 2,999	5	25%	10%
2,000 – 2,499	6	20%	10%
1,500 – 1,999	7	15%	5%
1,000 – 1,499	8	10%	5%
500 – 999	9	5%	5%
0 – 499	10	0	0



# Challenges

- ▣ Managing Records can be daunting
- ▣ Multi Departmental Effort
  - Engineering
  - Building Inspection
  - Public Works
- ▣ Determining a Reasonable Rating Goal

# CRS Program Highlights

- ▣ Tools to improve Floodplain Management
- ▣ Relative Measure of Floodplain Management Efforts
- ▣ While no direct financial benefit to City –
  - Citizens receive reduced insurance rates
  - Potential for severe flood damage is reduced
  - Numerous 'side benefits'



# Questions / Comments?

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# FEMA's Cooperating Technical Partners Program



# What is the CTP Program?



The CTP Program was created in 1999 to help FEMA stretch limited mapping dollars and increase local involvement in the creation for the FIRMs and DFIRMs.



# Program Objectives?

- ▶ Maintain consistent national standards while interjecting a tailored, local focus
- ▶ Provide training and technical assistance
- ▶ Use data from local permitting, planning and other efforts to facilitate floodplain management
- ▶ Extend limited public funds
- ▶ Utilize local experience and knowledge
- ▶ Facilitate mentoring of partners that are willing to develop ability to maintain flood hazard information

# Who can be a CTP?

- ▶ Communities, State or regional agencies, universities or Tribal nations
- ▶ Must have the interest and capability to become active partners in the FEMA flood hazard mapping program



# Benefits



- ▶ Customized Maps
- ▶ Increased Recognition
- ▶ Integral Part of the Process
- ▶ Training
- ▶ CRS Credit



# Selection criteria



- ▶ Have existing systems in place to support data collection and flood hazard mapping
- ▶ Have demonstrated capability to perform implement or contract given activity
- ▶ Be a participating community or serve participating communities that are in good standing in the NFIP
- ▶ Be able to perform required financial management activities (if funding is provided by FEMA)
- ▶ Have in-house staff able to monitor the performance and approve completed products for contracted work

# Types of CTP Agreements

- ▶ Partnership Agreement
  - ▶ Required for program participation
- ▶ Mapping Activity Statement
  - ▶ Required for undertaking activities
- ▶ Cooperative Agreement
  - ▶ Required when FEMA provides funding



# Partnership Agreement



- ▶ Formalizes partnership with FEMA
- ▶ Emphasizes
  - ▶ Flood Hazard Identification
  - ▶ Flood Insurance
  - ▶ Floodplain Management
- ▶ Indicates that a partner and FEMA will collaborate on activities
- ▶ Does not obligate any party to any work or funding
- ▶ Must be completed with close coordination with the FEMA Regional CTP Coordinator



# Mapping Activity Statement

- ▶ Documents all project activities
- ▶ Ensures that the project team members understand all their roles and responsibilities
- ▶ Confirms role of each project team member
- ▶ Is maintained by the entire project team as changes occur
- ▶ Is developed in close coordination with the entire project team

# Cooperative Agreement



- ▶ Is the method through which Federal funding is provided
- ▶ Locally funded activities can be initiated at any time without a Cooperative Agreement



# Fundable Tasks

- ▶ Program Management
- ▶ Base Map Acquisition
- ▶ Scoping (up to 10%)
- ▶ Outreach (up to 10%)
- ▶ Riverine Floodplain Analyses and Floodplain Mapping



**Thank you!**