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1 (Public comments prior to presentation.)
2 ROBERT CROWE: I'm Robert Crowe. I'm a
3 member of the Steerling Committee with the Neighborhood
4 Association of South Lake Worth and a member and
5 supporter of the South Lake Worth Alliance. As such, I
6 fully support the objectives of preserving, protecting
7 and enhancing Fort Worth's invaluable and irreplaceable
8 green space and natural habitat area for recreational

9 use and wildlife sanctuaries. The end. Amen.
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1 SANDRA AND GEORGE EVERETT
2 (Written statement wrote into record.)
3 Sandra and George Everett, 4218 Kenwood Court, Fort
4 Worth, 76103. In light of all the activity --
5 construction, injection well, et cetera -- related to
6 gas well drilling by Chesapeake on land adjacent to
7 Gateway Park at the intersection of Oakland Boulevard
8 and First Street, an environmental impact study of the
9 effects of runoff from this industrial/construction area
10 and interaction with the floodplain in Gateway Park and
11 surrounding area is essential prior to the decision to
12 go forward with the wonderful plans for improving the

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Effects of activities by others, including petroleum exploration in the geographic area have been considered in the cumulative impacts assessment of the SEIS and this site specific activity will be further evaluated for its potential impacts to the proposed project during the processing of the Final Supplemental EIS. Surface water is protected by state and federal laws and any pollution coming from offsite of any well is reported and will be required to be cleaned up.

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1 TOMMY SIMMONS
2 TOMMY SIMMONS: Tommy Simmons, 2020
3 Windsor, 76110. And connecting -- One of the most
4 important parts of this is connecting the trail -- the
5 Trinity Trail completely to Arlington. Okay. And then
6 one other thing. I think the -- I have already done a
7 bunch of stuff on this, but the Rowing Club have a
8 rowing dock isolated to itself instead of using the
9 trail. That's what they use to dock.
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1 (Beginning of presentation.)

2 COLONEL MARTIN: All right. We will get
3 this thing started. I'm Colonel Christopher Martin.
4 I'm the Commander of the Fort Worth Engineering District
5 of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and I
6 would like to welcome you-all tonight to this public
7 meeting.

8 This meeting obviously is regarding the
9 proposed modifications to the Central City Project and
10 the supplement to the final Environmental Impact
11 Statement that describes those changes.

12 If you have not signed in, please make
13 sure that you work your way over to the left there, sign
14 in and that will make sure you get on our mailing list
15 for any further changes. And that's also where you
16 register to make comments here tonight. If you're not
17 on one of those sheets, we won't be able to recognize
18 you unfortunately.

19 Here's what we hope to cover tonight.

20 And hopefully you've had a chance to review the displays
21 at the back of the room which describe the changes that
22 we'll address tonight and then discuss them with our
23 staff that's here. They will also be available
24 following the meeting if you have any further questions.

25 So what we're not going to do tonight is
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1 a question and answer session. We'll have the experts
2 in the back, and they will be able to address your
3 specific questions at the end of the meeting tonight.
4 They're a lot smarter than I am on this stuff, any way.

5 What I would like to do is introduce some
6 folks from partner agencies that are here tonight, and
7 they are our partners in this project. Starting off
8 first of with Mayor Mike Moncrief. Mayor, thank you,
9 sir, for being here. Eric With from Congressman Michael
10 Burgess's office. Barbara Ragland from Congresswoman
11 Kay Granger's office. Maureen Hagen, Representative
12 from -- hopefully I say this right, Mark Reecey's
13 office. Councilman Danny Scarth, City of Fort Worth
14 District Four.

15 Councilwoman Kathleen Hicks, City of Fort
16 Worth District Eight. Councilman Joel Burns, City of
17 Fort Worth District Nine. And Vic Henderson, President
18 of Tarrant Regional Water District Board. And Jack
19 Stevens, Tarrant Regional Water District Board Member.
20 Marty Leonard, Tarrant Regional Water District Board
21 Member. And Dale Fisseler, City of Fort Worth City
22 Manager.

23 So here's what we're going to cover
24 tonight. You see it on the agenda up here. We're going
25 to briefly describe the purpose of the meeting. You

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1 know, what do we hope to accomplish here in this meeting
2 tonight. We'll describe the project modifications from
3 the incorporation of the two projects and some other
4 things that changed. We'll talk a little bit about what
5 our schedule is for this project. Then the
6 opportunities for public comment, you know, why are we
7 here tonight? What are we going to do with the comments
8 that we get out of here? And then an opportunity for
9 you to make other verbal comments.

10 We are at day 20 in this public comment
11 period, so hopefully now you've had a chance to review
12 the draft supplement to the EIS. So what's the purpose
13 of our meeting then? Well, the National Environmental
14 Policy Act, or NEPA as we call it, requires a 45-day
15 public comment period on a draft Environmental Impact
16 Statement. So we're at day 20 of the 45-day period.

17 Public comment is required for the Corps
18 to make an informed decision on the project, and this is
19 an effective way for us to receive comments. And we
20 will have the court reporter over here who will be
21 recording our comments throughout the night, and we'll
22 have a transcript of the meeting that will be produced
23 following the meeting here.

24 For those of you who have had the
25 opportunity to look at this you know this already, we'll

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1 cover the project modifications. And there are three of
2 them.

3 First of all, it's the change of the
4 location of the primary hydraulic mitigation. Okay.
5 The guys that wrote this -- Let's make this so everybody
6 who are not engineers can understand that. That means
7 where is the floodwater going to be stored.

8 So we'll talk about that, the change of
9 location of the primary hydraulic mitigation, or where
10 the floodwater storage is going to be. We'll change the
11 location of Sammuels Avenue Dam and the pool level in
12 Marine Creek.

13 And then the third change is to
14 incorporate the Riverside Oxbow Project features into
15 the Central City Project. So these are the changes that
16 are subject to comment and review during this period.
17 And that's what we're going to focus on here tonight is
18 those changes.

19 Now, let's cover each of those
20 individually, just to make sure everyone is aware of
21 what we're talking about here. First one we're talking
22 about is the hydraulic mitigation change, relocating the
23 storage of floodwaters, above a one hundred year event
24 flood.

25 Now, what does that mean, a hundred year

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1 flood? Well, that means that on average you have a

2 one percent chance of having that kind of flood in any
3 given year. Not that it's going to happen every 100
4 years or only once in a hundred years, but on any given
5 year, you have a one percent chance of that type of
6 flood occurring.

7 So what we're doing now is the change
8 relocates the storage of floodwaters above a hundred
9 year event from the Riverbend area in West Fort Worth,
10 and that's what's shown on the map and the crosshatching
11 on the left side there, to the Gateway/Riverside area on
12 the east side of Fort Worth, which is shown in the
13 purple over here.

14 This change in location does not change
15 downstream flood volumes or water surface elevation, so
16 everybody understands that. No change in downstream
17 flood volumes. The amount of water that comes through
18 downstream is the same before or after these changes,
19 and the water surface elevation does not change either
20 as a result of these changes.

21 Next slide.

22 Now, let's talk about the Samuel's Avenue
23 Dam changes. The Samuel's Avenue Dam was moved from
24 downstream of the Marine Creek mouth to just upstream of
25 Marine Creek due to some geotechnical and environmental

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1 considerations. Our guys originally had it more up
2 here, and now moved it to where it's shown on the yellow
3 area because of some factors that they were able to --
4 you know, as we got to understand more about them,
5 recognized that it made better sense to move it further

6 south there.

7 A lock will allow recreational boat
8 passage between the Trinity River and Marine Creek and a
9 small low head dam on Marine Creek will result in a
10 lower pool elevation in Marine Creek, so we'll have a
11 small dam there. You know, a very low head being the
12 differential in water heights there, so it will be very
13 small there.

14 And then our third change is the
15 incorporation of the Gateway restoration features and
16 river flows reintroduced through the severed Oxbow and
17 Sycamore Creek so as to restore the river and the
18 Gateway/Riverside Oxbow area back to the way it was.
19 And incorporate planting of trees that will result in a
20 restored ecosystem for the area, so that brings in the
21 Gateway Park area there.

22 So this is the schedule that we're
23 looking at now. Following this meeting, you should
24 provide any additional comments by the end of the 45-day
25 comment period, which is February 19th. The target

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1 dates for the Final Supplement -- Again, this is just a
2 draft that you have out right now. So the Final
3 Supplement to the EIS should be published in late
4 March to early April. And then following that a
5 complete record of the decision around mid May or the
6 end of May sometime with construction scheduled to begin
7 of the fall of 2008.

8 So that's a pretty aggressive schedule.

9 These are target dates however, and if substantive
10 comments are presented during this period, the process
11 could be delayed. The project will seek a Record of
12 Decision; the formal document that presents and explains
13 our final decision on the project. Again, that's
14 scheduled for sometime around mid to end of May.

15 And then just to make sure that everyone
16 understands the way the Army Corps of Engineers
17 constructs projects or does projects is when they
18 receive an authorization from Congress to do so. In
19 other words, we don't just go out and pick the projects
20 that we want to do. We're specifically directed in a
21 law that says the Army Corps of Engineers will construct
22 this project.

23 We have that for the Central City Project
24 now, and then rely every year on funding in order for us
25 to make that project go. It's not that we receive a pot

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1 of discretionary money. It is an appropriations bill
2 from the Congress that specifically allocates money to a
3 given project and does not allow us to move money around
4 from project to project.

5 And I think that's important that
6 everyone understands that, because we are very dependent
7 on what the Congress tells us. You know, where they
8 would like us to serve the Nation's interests.

9 The opportunities for public comment are
10 as shown here. Verbal comments tonight will be recorded
11 and then the transcript prepared. That's why we have
12 the court reporter over to the right. And then you can

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13 provide written comments tonight on those forms that
14 have been provided over on the side tables there, or you
15 can send written comments by February 19th to the Corps
16 Project Manager whose address is on the handout over
17 there.

18 And you can e-mail comments, again, by
19 February 19th to the address also listed on the handout.
20 And we will incorporate those into the final EIS as we
21 go through and do our review. And then finally, the
22 draft supplement to the EIS is also available for
23 download on our Fort Worth District website, and we put
24 it up here, so I'll list it www.swf.usace.army.mil.
25 It's www.swf.usace.army.mil.

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1 You can also talk to some of our folks
2 back there and possibly get a CD, if we have some to
3 give out here tonight, that has our supplemental EIS on
4 it.

5 All right. So how are we going to
6 conduct this meeting tonight? We're going to follow
7 these rules of the road. Limit your comments to three
8 minutes, please. That way every one here will have the
9 opportunity -- everyone who wants to make comments will
10 have the opportunity to do so.

11 What I will do is I will get a stack of
12 the people who registered to make comments and I will
13 call out, you know, someone to come up, and then I'll
14 say who is on deck. And we use baseball terms -- that's
15 something I know, we use baseball terms, you're on deck.

16 And you will be ready to go when their time is up.

17 Please no questions, just because I'm not
18 going to be able to answer the questions tonight, I'm
19 not going to debate things with you. This is your
20 opportunity to give us your comments about the project,
21 so take advantage of that, if you would. But again, try
22 to keep your time to three minutes or less if you can.

23 And please, then at the end of the
24 meeting, though, feel free to go in the back and talk to
25 our staff about whatever specific questions you have.

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1 And I guarantee you they can answer a lot better than I
2 can any way.

3 We're going to ask that you don't yield
4 your time to others, if you're registered on the card,
5 you speak. If you're not registered on the card, you
6 don't speak. That's just to be fair, again, to
7 everyone. To give everyone their ample opportunity to
8 make their comments known tonight. So we'll have no
9 yielding of time to others.

10 And just be respectful of comments, as
11 individuals come forward to allow them to be heard. You
12 know, we're going to take each and every comment. We
13 have to address them, we're required to do that, and
14 address them. And they will be in the back of the final
15 EIS once it's published.

16 And with that, we're going start here
17 with the comments right about now. Again, three minutes
18 per person. We're going to start first with the Mayor.
19 Sir, if you would come up here, please. Mayor Mike

20 Moncrief, and you're on the clock. And, Danny Scarth,
21 sir, you're on deck.

22 MAYOR MONCRIEF: Colonel, thank you.

23 Thank you very much. And if you would, before you --
24 before you start the -- try again.

25 Thank you very much, Colonel. And before

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1 you start the timer, if I might just tell this audience
2 just a little bit about you and your presence here
3 tonight and your service to this country.

4 Graduate of West Point, the
5 101st Airborne, served us in Bosnia, he's an Army
6 Ranger, he also just completed a recent tour of Iraq.
7 Thank you, sir, for your service.

8 (Applause.)

9 MAYOR MONCRIEF: I wasn't just trying to
10 butter you up, Colonel. As you know in 2006, the City
11 asked the Corps to study the possibility of combining
12 two federally authorized projects, the Trinity River
13 Vision and the Riverside Oxbow Gateway Park restoration.
14 And we were delighted to hear the Corps agreed that such
15 a union was appropriate.

16 I'm here tonight to express Fort Worth's
17 continued support for combining these projects.
18 Currently the City lacks sufficient flood protection
19 along the Trinity River corridor, we all know that. The
20 flood control component of the TRV Project will allow us
21 to meet and possibly exceed regional standards for flood
22 protection.

23 What's more, the modified project also
24 will remove levees allowing our citizens to reconnect
25 with our most valuable natural asset, the Trinity River.

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1 Additionally, the project will provide ecosystem
2 restoration, it will increase recreational opportunities
3 and bring greatly needed economic development to a
4 blighted portion of our City.

5 Adding the Riverside Oxbow and Gateway
6 Park to the overall Trinity River Project will make a
7 great plan even better, and it just makes good sense
8 given the extensive need for park space within our City.
9 And I'm not sure if you're aware, but Fort Worth is
10 3,500 acres short of regional park land.

11 Adding this public property to the
12 Trinity River Vision Plan is a remarkable opportunity to
13 funnel millions of federal dollars into East Fort Worth
14 and reduce our park deficit by more than 500 acres.
15 Plus this plan will allow to us complete and exceed the
16 original Gateway Master Plan and continues, not for it,
17 the list of possibilities is amazing, including an
18 ecosystem restoration with more than 70,000 new trees.
19 Becky, 70,000.

20 Fifteen miles of trails, an amphitheater,
21 playgrounds, athletic fields and basketball courts, boat
22 launches, a skating park, equestrian trails. The list
23 goes on and on. And there is something for everyone,
24 young and old alike, so I applaud the Corps for taking
25 the time to host this meeting, listen to the needs,

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1 wants, and concerns of those who live here.

2 And I thank all of you who came out
3 tonight on this cold evening to make your voices heard.
4 Colonel Martin, I urge you and the Corps to take note of
5 what our citizens have to say. We look forward to our
6 continued partnership as we move forward with this
7 historic project. Thank you for the time. I'm
8 delighted to be here with my fellow colleagues. I'm
9 glad to be here with Becky, our former colleague, and to
10 represent this great community. Thank you all.

11 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you, Mayor.
12 Councilman Scrath, and then, Councilman Burns, you're on
13 deck.

14 COUNCILMAN SCRATH: Thank you, Colonel.
15 I appreciate you being here. You know, as -- as I drove
16 over here, we had -- I was plenty early, so I came up
17 East First Street, and as I drove past the old former
18 landfill, I looked over and I imagined soccer fields and
19 baseball fields, a trail along the river there and the
20 bridge. And I can just imagine walking my dog on a
21 trail that -- next to the river where I had never been
22 able to be. And I thought of all of the people that
23 would be able to enjoy that scenery today that they just
24 can't get to.

25 And I came a little bit farther, and I

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1 went by the fields that are there today, and then turned

2 the corner and came up Beach Street and imagined the
3 equestrian center and the -- the preservation and
4 restoration of what is just a scar today of what the
5 river was 50 years ago, and 70,000 new trees planted
6 there.

7 And then from this window, you can look
8 out and see where an amphitheater may be some day, and
9 you can just imagine what that will mean to Fort Worth.
10 And I was just grateful that the Army Corps of
11 Engineers, like Fort Worth, is not afraid to dream big,
12 to look at projects. And I realize that you guys are
13 the experts and the engineers, you have seen projects
14 far larger than ours, but -- but you're not afraid to --
15 to dream with us of what could be by combining these two
16 projects together.

17 And -- And certainly there are things we
18 could find as individuals that we might not like in the
19 project, and that part is easy. The difficult part is
20 to -- is to stay the course, to see what can be, and to
21 continue to work on this project, because it will have
22 stumbling blocks.

23 But we appreciate the work that you've
24 done. We hope that you take to heart the comments of
25 the people here tonight, and we -- we really do look

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1 forward to working together as partners with the -- the
2 Regional Water District, the County, the Corps of
3 Engineers, and the City of Fort Worth to make this a
4 possibility. Thank you for your time.

5 COLONEL MARTIN: Thanks, Councilman.
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6 Councilman Burns, and then, Barbara Ragland, you're on
7 deck, please.

8 COUNCILMAN BURNS: My name is Joel Burns,
9 and I represent City Council District Nine, and this
10 probably, I guess, is my first public forum to come talk
11 to anyone at. And it's nice to be here.

12 In addition to living in and representing
13 District Nine, I also at one point lived in Meadowbrook
14 for 12 years. Gateway Park is near and dear to me
15 because of my -- for many reasons, because of its impact
16 for the entire City, but I also became partial to it
17 during the time that -- that we lived here on the east
18 side of Fort Worth.

19 They're -- We're going to hear a lot of
20 things tonight about why it's important to -- to look at
21 combining these two important projects. It certainly
22 impacts downtown, which is in District Nine. It impacts
23 practically all of our City. One of those things that
24 I've look at critically, I read the Fort Worth
25 Star-Telegram articles, I've talked with the folks from

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1 the Trinity River Vision Authority, and it truly is a
2 situation where we have an opportunity to combine two
3 projects, the sum of which is greater than the
4 individual parts are. And I really want to look at it
5 from that framework.

6 I also want to remind everyone here about
7 the economic impact of potential -- the potential impact
8 of this project. We're talking about more than 10,000

9 residential units coming into the City of Fort Worth in
10 its urban core. We're talking about \$2.7 million square
11 feet of office, retail and commercial space. Think
12 about the economic impact that makes on our City, think
13 about the lifting of the property tax burden off the
14 shoulders of existing property taxpayers.

15 This is the engine by which we will lift
16 those burdens as we continue to have a billion-dollar
17 annual budget, continue to pay for employee salaries,
18 continue to pay for retiree benefits, things like that.
19 We have to bring in these new residences, these new
20 businesses, and this new economic generator in order to
21 continue to shoulder that burden.

22 The net new tax revenue over 40 years is
23 predicted to be over 1.15 billion dollars in real
24 property tax revenues just to the City of Fort Worth,
25 that doesn't include our other taxing jurisdictions, an

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1 estimated 600 construction workers jobs a year and more
2 than 16,000 permanent jobs to this project.

3 Please think about this in context of its
4 economic impact to this wonderful City, not just to East
5 Fort Worth, not just District Nine, but to our entire
6 City. Thank you very much for having me here tonight.

7 COLONEL MARTIN: Barbara Ragland, and Vic
8 Henderson is on deck, please.

9 BARBARA RAGLAND: Colonel Martin, I have
10 a letter from the Congresswoman that I would like read.

11 "I'm writing to offer my strong support
12 for the Central City Project, Gateway Park Improvement

13 Plan. I appreciate your holding the public meeting and
14 regret that I am not able to attend in person.

15 "I believe it's important for our
16 community to understand the benefits of this project,
17 and welcome the opportunity to express my strong
18 support. As the residents of Fort Worth know,
19 revitalization of Gateway Park on the east side is long
20 overdue. Although the park has some amenities, it also
21 has gravel pits, a landfill, an abandoned sewage
22 treatment center.

23 "This is certainly not what our citizens
24 want for Gateway and for the City. The Central City
25 Project, Gateway Park Improvement Plan allows

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1 construction to begin this year on improvements to the
2 park including building athletic fields, expanding the
3 trail system, planting thousands of trees, and many
4 other improvements.

5 "Beyond the esthetic and recreational
6 improvements the project will provide, there are other
7 equally important benefits that are important to note.
8 An estimated 80 percent of the levees in the project are
9 inadequate. The project improves flood protection by
10 replacing these levees. There are also strong ecosystem
11 restoration and environmental clean-up improvements
12 included in the plan.

13 "In addition, this revitalization will
14 result in an estimated 16,000 jobs and a billion dollar
15 increase in tax base for the schools, roads, and other

16 community projects. It is important to note that
17 federal tax dollars are being used only for public
18 infrastructure, such as the bypass channel and bridges.

19 "There has also been a significant
20 investment by private industry in this area. In fact,
21 over a billion dollars of private investment has already
22 broken ground, including Radio Shack, Pier One, Trinity
23 Bluffs, LaGrave Development and Tarrant County Community
24 College. It is clear that the project has already
25 spurred economic development in the surrounding area,

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1 and it's reasonable to expect that this is only the
2 beginning.

3 "Again, thank you for holding this
4 important meeting. I look forward to continuing to work
5 with all stakeholders to advance this project that will
6 transform our City. Sincerely, Kay Granger, Member of
7 Congress." Thank you.

8 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Vic
9 Henderson is up, and on deck is Ben Loughry, Fort Worth
10 Chamber of Commerce.

11 VIC HENDERSON: Colonel Martin, and
12 interested members of the community. I want to thank
13 the United States Army Corps of Engineers for giving me
14 and the rest of the public a chance to comment on
15 combining the Trinity River Vision Plan with the
16 Riverside Oxbow Plan. I believe that the rapport that
17 you have produced creates a great opportunity not just
18 for the east side residents of Fort Worth, but residents
19 of all the surrounding communities.

20 Gateway Park has long been an
21 underutilized piece of land that has badly needed
22 serious environmental restoration. Your report gives us
23 the necessary tool to not only clean up this land but
24 also create an environmental habitat and recreational
25 facility that my grandkids and their kids will be able

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1 to enjoy.

2 As president of the Tarrant Regional
3 Water District Board, I want to commend the City of Fort
4 Worth for asking for this study. I believe that Randall
5 Harwood and his staff and the Mayor and City Council
6 have done an excellent job of looking past the bare
7 bones of what needs to be done and have decided to take
8 advantage of an opportunity that this City will never
9 have again.

10 I also want to say to Saji and his staff
11 at the Army Corps of Engineers, thank you for your hard
12 work. Saji, you did an excellent job. In closing, the
13 Tarrant Regional Water District is excited about this
14 project. We look forward to being a partner in moving
15 this project forward. Thank you.

16 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you, sir. Now,
17 Ben Loughry, and Devoyd Jennings is on deck, please,
18 sir.

19 BEN LOUGHRY: Colonel Martin, my name is
20 Ben Loughry, and I'm representing the Fort Worth Chamber
21 of Commerce. In the interest of time, I won't be
22 redundant on some of the points that have been brought

23 forward. But I would like to formally state that at the
24 Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce our support is unwavering
25 on the Trinity River Vision.

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1 Adding the Oxbow part of this just
2 incorporates another great area of the east side, and it
3 also gives us an opportunity to increase a connection
4 between the cultural district, the downtown, and east
5 side of Fort Worth. We realize there is going to be a
6 cost increase to it. We also realize it's a much needed
7 flood control project, but the key part of it, it
8 triggers an opportunity for economic revitalization of
9 some areas of this town historically that have been
10 underutilized, commercial and industrial areas.

11 Our estimates as far as economic impact
12 are -- are substantial. We anticipate that it will add
13 about 10,000 households to the City. We anticipate that
14 it will be close to three million square feet of
15 commercial, educational, office and civic space. The
16 impact over the 50-year period that this will occur from
17 the dollars are about 2.1 billion to the -- to the City.

18 Overall, it's a critical component to our
19 growth. If we do this, it will ensure our continued
20 recognition as being one of our nations most liveable
21 cities. We ask for your consideration in this, we
22 continue our support for it. And thank you for your
23 time tonight.

24 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Devoyd
25 Jennings, and Urbin McKeever is on deck.

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1 DEVOYD JENNINGS: Thank you, Colonel
2 Martin, for allowing us to be here this afternoon. I'm
3 going to make it real simple. You know Fort Worth -- As
4 the Mayor says, the Fort Worth way is to share in things
5 that make a real difference. Most of you would not go
6 to a book store and buy just one bookend, would you?
7 When you go to a book store, you're buying bookends, you
8 would want the set. Am I right?

9 It's just like having the Tarrant County
10 Convention Center without the Omni Hotel. The whole of
11 Fort Worth will enjoy what could happen here, so we want
12 two bookends. We want the west side of Fort Worth to
13 enjoy what it has, and we want the east side of Fort
14 Worth to enjoy what it can have. And that's one reason
15 the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber supports this
16 project, because it's a holistic approach.

17 The second thing I would like to say to
18 you is that this project as of to date has one of the
19 highest percentages for MWBE participation. Not only
20 will we -- will we be able to look at an opportunity to
21 be vendors, we will look at the opportunity to help
22 build this project.

23 To date 44 percent of what has gone out
24 has been part of the MWBE goal. That's very important
25 to us as chambers, especially minority chambers. So

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1 when you get a percentage like this where we could not

2 only employee people, but create other businesses, it
3 creates a holistic approach well -- well worth while.
4 So on behalf of the Chamber, we support this project and
5 we want two bookends. Thank you.

6 COLONEL MARTIN: Urbin McKeever, and
7 Elaine Petrus is on deck.

8 URBIN McKEEVER: Thank you, Colonel. My
9 name is Urbin McKeever, and I'm currently the Chairman
10 of the Board of Streams and Valleys. I'm here tonight
11 to deliver a message of support representing our board.

12 Our nonprofit organization has worked for
13 37 years to protect, promote and enhance the environment
14 along the Trinity River in Fort Worth. We would like to
15 thank our local governmental agencies, the City of Fort
16 Worth, the Trinity Regional Water District and Tarrant
17 County for being our partners with us to deliver the
18 facilities that are now enjoyed by all of our citizens.

19 We take very seriously our role as the
20 community liaison for the river helping to articulate
21 their concerns and endorsements of projects to our
22 government leaders. We also respect our lengthy history
23 of association with Gateway Park. Through the years, we
24 have helped provide local funds many times to improve
25 its recreational amenities.

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1 We strongly believe that this
2 modification to the Central City Project will provide
3 our community and region with recreational enhancements
4 that have been presented tonight in the forum, many of
5 which are focused on the Trinity River.

6 The Streams and Valleys unanimously
7 supports this draft and will provide community
8 assistance to further its progress. Thank you.

9 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Elaine
10 Petrus, followed by Connie Rensink. I hope I say your
11 names right. If I don't, please forgive me.

12 ELAINE PETRUS: Thank you for this
13 hearing. As a former Fort Worth Trinity Water Chair and
14 a member of the Streams and Valleys Committee, I'm very
15 supportive of the proposed plan for the much desired and
16 needed recreational amenities for Gateway Park for our
17 families and children in this community as well as the
18 positive environmental improvements.

19 As the tree lady, I love the 70,000 trees
20 that are going to be planted. But in addition to this,
21 my observation of Gateway Park over the last 10 or 15
22 years that I have observed it, is that it floods
23 significantly on a fairly regular basis about every five
24 to ten years. And when I say significantly, I mean that
25 we can't use the park.

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1 And as development continues to occur to
2 the west as it does today in Parker County and far west
3 Fort Worth, both in the Clear Fork and the West Fork, my
4 fear is that if nothing is done that flooding will
5 continue and it will be more frequent, and we won't be
6 able to use the park even as much as we do today.

7 And it's only with the improvements that
8 are outlined in this project with construction

9 improvements that Gateway will really be able to use its
10 full potential. I'm really excited about the plans for
11 Gateway Park, and I think it's going to be a wonderful
12 asset for this City for years to come. Thank you.

13 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Connie
14 Rensink, and Greg Ricks on deck.

15 CONNIE RENSINK: You did say that right.
16 Hello, I'm Connie Rensink, and I'm the president of the
17 River Trails Homeowner's Association, and our office is
18 in fact to the east of the park. To begin with, I would
19 like to say that Fort Wuff, which is the dog park that
20 is currently in Gateway Park, has caused many of the
21 residents of Fort Worth to venture to our side of town,
22 and sometimes that's not been so true.

23 We're very excited about the development
24 of the master plan that would benefit the entire City,
25 and it will make this park even more of a destination

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1 for everyone in our town. I have a lot of bicycling
2 enthusiasts in my neighborhood, and they are
3 particularly pleased with the improvement of the trails
4 and we hope for more connections to the Quantum Park
5 behind our neighborhood as well. Thank you.

6 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Greg Ricks,
7 I think. And then followed by Clyde Picht, P-i-c-h-t, I
8 think.

9 GREG RICKS: My name is Greg Ricks, I'm
10 the newly elected president of the Woodhaven
11 Neighborhood Association, we're also just east of the
12 park, and we're very excited. We've taken a vote and

13 we're all in favor of this project. And one of the
14 things that we were talking about is the fact that -- as
15 one of our members said, they went to a seminar one time
16 and somebody encouraged them to do something in your
17 life and with your life that will live beyond you.

18 And many of us are getting a little older
19 now and we're starting to think about those things. And
20 I know I want to do something that will live beyond me.
21 And this is a pretty small thing as one little
22 individual, but I get to be a part of something that's
23 great. I get to be a part of something that is life
24 changing. I get to be a part of something that will
25 define the City of Fort Worth like Central Park did for

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1 New York, like Forest Park has done for the West Side.

2 We have a real unique opportunity, folks,
3 to do something that will live beyond us. And the
4 Woodhaven Neighborhood Association and me personally are
5 very much in favor of this.

6 COLONEL MARTIN: And Clyde Picht.

7 CLYDE PICHT: Good evening, my name is
8 Clyde Picht and I --

9 COLONEL MARTIN: Hang on. Jeff Davis,
10 you're on deck. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

11 CLYDE PICHT: Actually, I wanted to tell
12 you that I am for the Trinity River Vision. I am
13 opposed to the Trinity Uptown portion of this. And I
14 think that this Environmental Impact Statement is
15 deficient in the fact that it does not adequately

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The intent of the Supplemental EIS is to address proposed modification to the location of the Valley Storage Mitigation, relocation of Samuels Avenue Dam, and to compare habitat development measures at the Gateway park/Riverside area to those identified in the original Central City EIS. The environmental clean up needs were addressed adequately in the original Central City EIS and methods to accomplish clean up is not proposed for modification by the Supplemental EIS. The local sponsor and project partners are prepared to clean up environmental issues but have chosen not to use the brown fields program. The Municipal Setting Designation is merely one tool that will be used to manage groundwater contaminantation. TCEQ has approved the City of Fort Worth's procedures for managing groundwater contaminants.

16 address the environmental clean-up of the 800 acres of
17 the Trinity Uptown area, that should be treated as a
18 brown field rather than a groundwater issue.

19 I am disappointed that eminent domain and
20 the threat of eminent domain of this project has already
21 forced the closure of one business. Yesterday Southwest
22 Brass announced they're closing their doors because they
23 have lost so much business because of the eminent threat
24 of this project that they could no longer survive.

25 I think that the -- the park issue --

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1 Well, let me say first. The cost -- The cost issues are
2 a lot of concern to me and a lot of other people. Based
3 on the cost increases of Trinity -- of Tarrant County
4 College, other construction projects in the area, we
5 know that the cost will escalate much greater than
6 the -- the \$80 million that linking Gateway Park to this
7 project will cost.

8 The Gateway Park issue, though, is very
9 troublesome, because there has been money to improve
10 Gateway Park for many years. The City could have
11 embarked on this a long time ago. And as I recall back
12 at the meeting at the East Side Library sponsored by the
13 Trinity Regional Water District last fall they said that
14 the Gateway Park would flood every five years because of
15 this project.

16 Well, the flooding issue is the fault of
17 Trinity Uptown and the bypass channel. If there were no
18 bypass channel, then we wouldn't have a flooding issue
19 downstream, and we could go ahead and improve Gateway

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The study underway and the Draft Supplemental EIS under review are being conducted to evaluate a solution to assure that the Central City project does not increase 100 year and SPF water surface elevations within the overall study area which for hydrologic purposes extends well downstream of the Gateway Park area.

20 Park without tying it to this project. Tying it to this
21 project simply means that as this project is delayed,
22 Gateway Park is delayed a lot longer.

23 So instead of having started five years
24 ago, we're going to be seeing it done maybe 10, 15 years
25 from now, if at all. I would prefer to see the Corps of

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1 Engineers and the City and the Water District put their
2 effort into saving the homes of people like Layla
3 Caraway whose home is  to slide into Fossil Creek,
4 and take care of the real flooding issues that we have
5 in this area instead of putting money into this Gateway
6 Park and the Uptown Project. Thank you.

7 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Jeff Davis,
8 and then George Vernon Chile is on deck.

9 JEFF DAVIS: My name is Jeff Davis, I
10 used to reside at 725 Putter Drive in Woodhaven, and was
11 proud to live there. It was a wonderful place. I'm
12 here personally, but I'm also representing the Board of
13 Directors of Downtown Fort Worth, Inc., who urges you to
14 consider the Gateway Project favorably as you continue
15 to evaluate the Trinity River Program.

16 Here is some background on Gateway Park.
17 Thirty years ago, for the first time since 1957, the
18 citizens of Fort Worth passed a bond election that
19 included parks. This was the first single member
20 district council and each council member reached out to
21 their constituency throughout the City to support this
22 bond. With state matching funds, a generous gift of

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As noted by Colonel Martin in the opening discussion, the Central City project has been Congressionally authorized for construction and funding has been provided to conduct detail engineering design. In essence the Corps has been directed to construct Central City pending a finding of environmental acceptability and it being technically feasible. To date the Corps of Engineers has only study authority for Big Fossil Creek and lacks authority to construct projects within the Big Fossil Creek area mentioned.

23 land from the Amon Carter Foundation and the
24 contribution by the City of the odori ferous sewage
25 treatment plant, the citizens and staff lead by the

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1 planner, the first planner of the City of Fort Worth,
2 the City Council understood that this fabulous corridor
3 had to be preserved as an important urban park.

4 (Break in meeting.)

5 JEFF DAVIS: I will continue. Now, we
6 have another moment in time, this plan, its scope,
7 utilitarianism, preservation aspects and economic
8 structure is nothing short of brilliant. I must
9 congratulate the Corps of Engineers. Thank you for
10 being good stewards.

11 And I have a rhetorical question. Can
12 you do roads as well?

13 Most cities will never have the
14 opportunity that we have here. My personal support of
15 the project is unqualified enthusiastic, and I have
16 great respect for those that talk about the costs, but
17 this project will serve all the citizens of Fort Worth
18 into the next century and beyond. And I have a letter
19 from the Board of Directors of Downtown Fort Worth, Inc.

20 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. George
21 Vernon Chiles, and then Richard Smith is on deck.

22 SAJI ALUMMUTTIL: They are checking on
23 that alarm. There is nothing going on that's an
24 emergency right now. I will keep guys posted.

25 COLONEL MARTIN: Saji is a magic worker.

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1 GEORGE VERNON CHILES: First, I would
2 like to thank the Corps of Engineers for the splendid
3 job they did -- the splendid job they did subsequent to
4 the flood of 1949, which has been brought up by
5 supporters of this project.

6 My interest in this is somewhat more
7 academic. At that time I was about five years old and
8 lived at 2614 Brook, which is the first -- where the
9 contour of lines start getting closer, they get real
10 close right here where we are, we could look down and
11 see the floodwater on Lancaster, but because we were on
12 the first part of the slope, they didn't reach us.

13 Now, the Corps of Engineers did such a
14 good job on this that it is uncontroverted that
15 \$10 million would take care of all of the flood control,
16 just adding to and repairing the levee the Corps of
17 Engineers patched. So I think that pretty well tells us
18 that what's going on out here is about something besides
19 flood control.

20 What I think it's about is seeing how
21 much of this 84 million can go right back downtown, and
22 I would like thank the council representative from
23 District Nine for bringing out the aspects of this so I
24 don't have to dwell on it. Money, money, money,
25 devel opment, devel opment, devel opment.

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1 Now, we hear about Central Park and how

2 this is going to be -- rival Central Park. Now, it's
3 difficult to believe that grownups talking to other
4 grownups could make the kind of statement I'm going
5 repeat, but when a lot of the same people that are for
6 all of this were for Cabela's moving here, it was
7 actually stated that Cabela's would be as big or bigger
8 a tourist attraction than the Alamo. Serious.

9 Okay. Cabela's had to give back some of
10 the tiff money they got, because none of their promises
11 worked out. What it amounted to was an interest --
12 excuse me, a low interest loan from the City of Fort
13 Worth.

14 Now, Cabela's is doing pretty good. If
15 you want visit some of this tiff money, you can go to
16 their new stores, according to their circular in today's
17 Star-Telegram, in Reno, Nevada; Lacy, Washington; Lost
18 Falls, Idaho. Now the citizens of that place will be in
19 charge of paying for more Cabela's stores. So when
20 people start talking about Central Park, let's just
21 remember what was said about Cabela's and how that
22 turned out.

23 I believe that as much of this that's
24 going to be run -- much of this 84 million isn't going
25 to be wrung out and taken downtown to Trinity Uptown

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1 like I believe a unicorn is going to come looping up to
2 the front doors of City Hall with a check for the whole
3 84 million stuck on its horns. This is what this
4 is about. It's money, it's development, that's what
5 this is about.

6 And I envision when the bourbon starts
7 flowing in the suites, I imagine -- the rhetorical
8 question that I'm going to say or one very close to it,
9 how much revenue is generated by bird watching the
10 tower, nudge, nudge, wink, wink. Thank you.

11 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Richard
12 Smith, and Libby Willis on deck, please.

13 RICHARD SMITH: Hi, I'm Richard Smith.
14 I'm an architect working with Race Street Properties.
15 Probably why I'm up here is Race Street Properties were
16 a little nervous about getting up here. And I just
17 wanted you to know that we support this project.

18 The Race Street Project began eight years
19 ago developing Race Street in what is now the Six Points
20 Urban Village. And eight years ago that was pretty big
21 to walk into that area and look at what was there and
22 try to have a vision of what it might be.

23 Obviously, one of the reasons we support
24 this is the economic benefit to Fort Worth and the whole
25 east side, and some of the efforts that we're trying

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1 to -- trying to achieve.

2 At the same time though, we also support
3 the rights of those who don't approve of this project,
4 there may be portions of the projects they may not agree
5 with. Because of that discourse and those other
6 opinions that will probably ultimately make this the
7 best project that you can have. Thank you very much.

8 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Libby

9 Willis, and Janice Crandall will follow her.

10 LIBBY WILLIS: My name is Libby Willis, I
11 am the president of the Oak Hurst Neighborhood
12 Association, and by virtue of that also a delegate to
13 the Riverside Alliance, it is our coalition of nine
14 neighborhood associations in Riverside.

15 I want to make it clear that I am not
16 representing either organization tonight, because
17 neither organization has really yet had time to study
18 the Corps draft EIS, and we will be doing that within
19 the next few weeks and hopefully make comments on that.

20 I'm also a student and teacher of
21 history, and I think it's important to just say -- and I
22 think it needs to be clear that we should not forget why
23 we are doing this and considering the questions that we
24 are tonight.

25 The original plan for the Trinity Uptown
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1 Project put flood storage on the west side, on private
2 property. When those properties owners objected and
3 they had environmental consultants study the impact on
4 their property, they threatened to sue, which could have
5 stopped or substantially slowed the project.

6 At that point, suddenly it was necessary
7 to figure out where else flood storage might occur.
8 That's when the whole issue to combine these projects,
9 the Gateway Park Master Plan, the Riverside Oxbow
10 Restoration with Trinity Uptown came about. The idea
11 came out of necessity about where in the world to put
12 the flood storage.

13 It did not come about just because
14 someone suddenly realized it would be great to combine
15 federal projects. If this was such a wonderful project
16 that is being presented to combine these projects, the
17 question remains why wasn't this the plan to begin with?

18 I think it's just important that we keep
19 those things in mind as we move forward. Specifically,
20 as I have begun to look at the draft EIS, we, I think,
21 in Riverside will have a lot of questions, and because
22 you said no questions, it will be rhetorical, but we
23 have questions, which I'm sure you will be providing the
24 answers to.

25 We have a wonderful neighborhood park,
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1 Riverside Park, it is scheduled for some flood storage
2 as a result of the reconfiguration of this project, so a
3 few of those rhetorical questions are: Why not excavate
4 other publicly owned land in the 100 year floodplain for
5 this project rather than parkland? Why interfere with
6 an amenity, our neighborhood park, when it is available
7 to the public on a daily basis?

8 It's also important to note that the City
9 has just spent thousands and thousands of dollars to
10 upgrade the lights and the ball fields in Riverside
11 Park. And the question is: How do we justify spending
12 the taxpayers' money to dig a hole in the park which has
13 just seen major improvements? We'll have to take those
14 out to dig a big hole and start over. The question is:
15 How we can justify that?

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Multiple sites have been evaluated for valley storage mitigation. The modified alternative as shown in the Supplemental EIS provides multipurpose benefits that cannot be accomplished in other areas. For example, the establishment of the dense riparian forest cannot be accomplished within the levee reaches of the river due to hydraulic constraints. The proposed construction at Riverside Park would require exclusion to the public for a short time, but redevelopment of the park will be completed promptly.

16 Now, the big hole may be a nice hole for
17 excavation, but it's still a hole. And the question
18 remains: How can you justify compromising the Trinity
19 River Greenbelt with this big hole? Proposed
20 improvements, which could come with the big hole could
21 make our neighborhood park a regional park, that may or
22 may not fit with our vision, the neighbors, the property
23 owners, the residential investors, in the area.

24 And so I think that we need to also
25 consider that as well as the impact of the project on

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1 our beloved Oak Hurst scenic drive and various impacts
2 about how that will affect our whole area. I'm
3 concerned about the lack of public input that has been
4 sought from the residents of Riverside on this, and I
5 think a lot of us want to participate in plans for our
6 neighborhood park, Riverside Park.

7 And so I hope that these concerns and
8 others that we will bring forward with the flood storage
9 that is proposed and the impact on our neighborhood will
10 be seriously considered and we will find ways to
11 mitigate these.

12 I want to also note that I did note -- I
13 began reading today online the 102 page draft EIS. I
14 have made a copy of it on disk, and tomorrow I'm going
15 to take it Kinko's and have a copy made -- a hard copy,
16 and I'm going to keep reading until I can read the whole
17 document.

18 But I do think that it will be important
19 that all of us working together to find answers and

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Riverside Park is a Community park and even with the proposed changes it will remain accessible to the community. The proposed changes would replace the existing facilities with better newer facilities. The greenbelt is not compromised by excavation. The green belt would still remain intact. The proposed grading scheme would make the river more accessible to a diverse range of potential recreational uses originating from Riverside Park. Since the project has not been fully designed or master planned by the City of Fort Worth there are a range of potential opportunities to enhance the park.

20 solutions in mitigation to these very important
21 questions as this federal project affects us locally,
22 where we live, which in our case is Riverside. Thank
23 you very much.

24 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Janice
25 Crandall, and Lee D. Smith is on deck. Okay. And then

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1 Mr. Lee D. Smith, please, followed by Mark Presswood.
2 Or if you've written comments on the back of these,
3 these will go into the record also, so some folks did
4 leave comments on the back of them. Okay. Go ahead.

5 LEE D. SMITH: Thank you, Colonel. I'm
6 Lee Smith, I'm with the Fort Worth Rowing Club. And
7 we're here to speak in favor of combining these
8 projects. With the Fort Worth Rowing Club, we row on
9 the water right out the window, if it was daylight you
10 could see us rowing. We live here, this is our home,
11 and we are really talking about where we live.

12 Last year we had 1,480 passenger seats in
13 our boats on the river, so we are a user of the river.
14 I'm in favor of this program because it increases the
15 conservation in the Oxbow. I'm in favor of this
16 combination because it increases the use of the river
17 and its shores. But most important, I'm in favor
18 because it is a great idea. Thank you.

19 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Mark
20 Presswood, and then Layla Caraway is on deck, please.

21 MARK PRESSWOOD: Colonel, first I've got
22 to tell you that I'm very appreciative of your use of

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23 baseball terms. My name is Mark Presswood and I'm
24 representing the Fort Worth Cats Baseball Team. I'm
25 here today on behalf of the principal owner, Carl Bell.

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1 The effort to clean up the Trinity began
2 30 years. The river twists and turns from the west
3 central direct, the Riverside Oxbow to our neighbors in
4 the east. We support any and all developments that will
5 enhance the Trinity and make access easier for
6 recreation and enjoyment.

7 We trust the Corps of Engineers to bring
8 value to this project and make the vision a reality.
9 The Fort Worth Cats have always opened our gates to the
10 river and access to LaGrave Field where people can come
11 enjoy our outdoor venue and the bike and hike trails
12 behind the field.

13 We're proud to be a pioneer in this
14 effort in the Central District and fully support the
15 funding efforts to the Riverside Oxbow and the
16 enhancements to bringing the Trinity back to the people
17 of Fort Worth. Thank you, sir.

18 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Layla
19 Caraway, and on deck is Thad Brundrett. Hopefully I
20 said that right. Layla, please.

21 LAYLA CARAWAY: Yes. I just wanted to
22 address everyone. I find it somewhat embarrassing that
23 our elected officials would pass this project on a bill
24 that was called Foreign Operations Export --

25 COLONEL MARTIN: Can you pull your mike

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1 in so that -- I'm having a hard time hearing you.

2 LAYLA CARAWAY: That it was passed on a
3 bill called Foreign Operations Export Financing and
4 Related Projects. It was also -- Funding was approved
5 prior to an Impact Study being done, which from what I
6 understand is a requirement. It's also appalling that
7 this is taking precedent in a county where there has
8 been major flooding this year where there are many left
9 homeless, parks left standing empty because they are not
10 able to be used. They were flooded during the tornado,
11 which was April 13, and a child actually lost her life.

12 So I'm having a hard time understanding
13 why the Corps studied our area for seven plus years and
14 nothing has been done. You were handed this addition to
15 add to this in June, '06, and we're going to be ready to
16 go by fall. So I'm getting conflicting messages on that
17 as well as on what I hear on flood control, but I hear
18 economic development, one of the councilman adding that
19 10,000 housing units will be -- will be coming in with
20 this project.

21 And that makes the question: How many
22 will be taken by eminent domain from the people that are
23 already here and probably don't have the resources to
24 stop it? And as all of you know, when you do building
25 upstream that affects people downstream. The building

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1 and the development is what has partly affected us

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For clarification, the Big Fossil Creek Study was initiated February 2001 and the studies leading to the construction authorization of Central City began in July 2002. As a point of further clarification as indicated in Colonel Martin's opening address, the Corps of Engineers was directed by Congress to construct the Central City Project in December 2004. The proposed modifications are being addressed at this time for technical feasibility and environmental acceptability. As fellow citizens we share the concern for health and safety and will respond as directed by Congress.

2 downstream, it's partly what affected the trailer park
3 in Haltom City downstream.

4 And again, over a hundred people are
5 still homeless seven months later, that family lost
6 their little girl. And all of it could have been
7 prevented with proper flood control measures. So I
8 think instead of spending \$519,205,000 on projects, we
9 should spend the money on the -- in the county where
10 it's needed. Thank you.

11 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Thad
12 Brundrett, and Mark Bielamowicz, I hope I said that
13 right, on deck.

14 THAD BRUNDRETT: Thank you for allowing
15 me to speak tonight. My name is Thad Brundrett, and I'm
16 a resident of the City of Fort Worth and city executive
17 for Carter Burgess, but I'm here speaking as a board
18 member of the Greater Fort Worth Real Estate Council.

19 The Greater Fort Worth Real Estate
20 Council represents the commercial real estate
21 profession which comprised to develop within the legal,
22 financial title of engineering, architecture and
23 construction partners. Over 225 local companies and
24 organizations comprise the council membership.

25 Your favorable consideration of the

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1 Gateway Park Improvement Plan is respectfully requested.
2 We need your favorable consideration so our Oxbow
3 restoration project can be funded again. This project
4 is very important to our City, the east side of our
5 community and Gateway Park.

6 Our City has long sought improvements to
7 this area and in Gateway Park. Now unlike any time in
8 the past, we really have an opportunity to implement and
9 fund a plan, so we need your partnership.

10 We need to replace the gravel pits and
11 the old sewage treatment center with new athletic
12 fields, outdoor entertainment and the planned 15-mile
13 trail system. We can accomplish this and much more
14 through our partnership with you.

15 From our successful partnership, we can
16 expect responsible development on the east side of town.
17 In fact, the east side will experience the renaissance
18 that will benefit the citizens without encroaching on
19 the citizens.

20 There is strong community support, there
21 is will power in the initial proofs of our project,
22 which will benefit so many. It is time to move forward.
23 We all stand ready to make our partnership the envy of
24 communities throughout the country. But more
25 importantly, our partnership will serve our citizens,

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1 especially those here in East Fort Worth.

2 On behalf of the Greater Fort Worth Real
3 Estate Council, we encourage you to join us in the
4 productive partnership. Thank you very much for the
5 opportunity to speak.

6 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Mark
7 Bielamowicz, and looks like James. That's all it says.

8 MARK BI ELAMOWI CZ: I'm Mark Bielamowicz,

9 I reside in Cedar Hill, Texas. I was the mayor at one
10 time when my counterpart was Cliff Overcash here in Fort
11 Worth, that was 34 years ago. I own property on East
12 Vickery, and I hear -- I find it amazing that everyone
13 thinks that we need to do something to beautify what's
14 already beautiful.

15 I have, like I said, property on East
16 Vickery Street, and my intent is to revitalize three
17 warehouses that -- that I bought and to move my own
18 business in there. The thing that I find real wrong
19 about this project is that our national debt -- each one
20 of you, Colonel, also, and every one of you in here owe
21 \$33,000 on the national debt.

22 And we talk about young people enjoying
23 the river, but I don't know -- somewhere, somehow we're
24 going have to start addressing the cost of government.
25 And we are not funneling dollars, federal dollars, into

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1 our neighborhood, we're funneling federal debt into our
2 neighborhoods.

3 Sometimes I wonder why I am so tired, and
4 it's because of working to scratch out and to get past
5 all this debt and government regulation. Now I really
6 understand why Amon Carter used to carry a sack lunch to
7 Fort Worth -- I mean, from Fort Worth to Dallas when he
8 visited Dallas, because this City has so much more
9 character than any place, I think in North Texas, South
10 Texas.

11 And I have seen wildlife -- I purposely
12 drive through Gateway Park in that area, even when we

13 had all these torrential rains, I used to park my truck
14 beyond the -- the bridge and watch the water flow under
15 the bridge, you know, just watch the river run.

16 I think that it's the -- it's a beautiful
17 setting. I didn't know it was in such disgrace or
18 needing special treatment. What -- What is there right
19 now is just magnificently beautiful, and I don't
20 think -- I think the citizens of Fort Worth if they want
21 to do this, they need to vote on it themselves, and
22 myself. If it's voted on, I would have to pay that
23 portion, too.

24 But to go to the federal government and
25 get 400 million dollars when we already, each citizen,

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1 owes \$33,000 plus all the other debt we have created,
2 consumer debt.

3 And then even when the drug dealers in
4 Italy want to take Euros, and some of the Middle Eastern
5 countries want to take Euros instead of dollars for
6 their money -- I mean, for the oil, we have got to
7 really start questioning how much government we need.

8 And I hope you-all can think of this and
9 consider that. Thank you.

10 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. James, and
11 on deck is Jason Smith. Okay. Jason Smith. James is
12 not here. Jason Smith are you here?

13 JAMES COLE: I think that's me.

14 COLONEL MARTIN: You're James?

15 JAMES COLE: Yes.

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COLONEL MARTIN: Okay. Thanks.

17 JAMES COLE: I'm James Cole, 341 Nursery
18 Lane. I live and work in Fort Worth. I submitted my
19 comments to the record, but I am going to read the final
20 paragraph to clear some things up. Some cynics have
21 said it may be too costly. Well, the opposite is
22 actually true.

23 The combined project as now envisioned
24 will assure a long term, high quality of life,
25 environmental quality and a sustainable economy for the

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1 Central City. The project will more than pay for
2 itself. Thank you.

3 COLONEL MARTIN: Thank you. Jason Smith
4 I believe is gone, right? Not here. And Ross Stephens.

5 ROSS STEPHENS: I am Ross Stephens with
6 Link our Trail city to city, north, south, east, west,
7 the shortest distances. I would just like everybody
8 here to know that we would like to work together with
9 everyone on linking our trails, trying to link up
10 Arlington, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Richard Hills, North
11 Richland Hills and Grand Prairie.

12 We're looking at the sidewalks, we're
13 looking at the bicycle routes, we're looking at the
14 off-street trails and utility lines, as well as the
15 river trails. Basically, we want to go north, south,
16 east and west of the lands central section, which is the
17 central section for 16 counties or more and that being
18 hundreds if not thousands of people will be bicycling
19 here.

20 The north, south cross is Handley
21 Ederville, Bridgewood Drive and Randol Mill Road. The
22 distance in Fort Worth is one to two miles to link up to
23 the other cities. Each city has about a similar or
24 shorter distance to link up, so literally we will have
25 over a hundred miles of trails to hike and bike on.

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1 Which means people can commute to and
2 from work, recreate, and have a great improvement in
3 their life and in the quality of life in Fort Worth.
4 Also, in some of the other cities they have activities
5 that go on once a month, sometimes once a year,
6 sometimes four cities get together to have activities
7 and events. We would also like to see that take place
8 as well.

9 Council of Governments, North Central
10 Texas Council of Governments also supports the idea of
11 this effort because it means we can cut down on the
12 number of traffic accidents, number of vehicles out
13 there, clean up our air, which helps us live, divying up
14 our federal money for highways and what have you. It's
15 also the cheapest thing we can do to improve the quality
16 of life throughout the region.

17 And from my side of town, what we also
18 say that they would really like to be able to have
19 access to Gateway Park. They have been waiting decades
20 for that access. And that's part of the reason I got
21 back into this. Any way, we would just like to work
22 with you in linking up our trails. We are very, very

23 positive in wanting to have them linked up.

24 Also, we have a volunteer effort where we
25 also build trails. Whatever we can do to get people out

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1 safely as soon as possible, we'll need people from
2 home -- you can get outdoors and use these areas seven
3 days a week. And that is very exciting to a lot of
4 people.

5 And I have talked to many thousands, over
6 6,000, so I will give you an idea. That's basically it.
7 Thank you-all.

8 COLONEL MARTIN: That was our last
9 comment registration form. Does anyone have a form that
10 for some reason we did not get to? If you would like to
11 bring it up here now and make your comment. If not,
12 we'll wrap it up. Any other comments out there? All
13 right.

14 Well, thank you for coming here.
15 Remember this is day 20 of the 45-day period ending
16 February 19th. Get your comments in by then so we can
17 address them. Thank you for showing up tonight.

18 (Public meeting concluded at 8:03 p.m.)

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1 COUNTY OF TARRANT)

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January 24, 2008

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Fort Worth Central City Project

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Name: George Vernon Chiles

Representing: _____

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E-mail Address: NONE

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Name: MARK BIE JAMOWICZ

Representing: MYSELF

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Daytime Telephone: 972 978 7480

E-mail Address: _____

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Name: Kayla Caraway
Representing: _____

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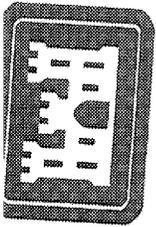
Fort Worth Central City Project
January 24, 2008

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Although the personal information requested below is optional, we will need it if you wish a response. Thank you!

Project/Subject:

Comments:

I fully support the Trinity Uptown Project and proposed expansion to include the Snow/Gateway Park area as a property owner.

(Optional)

Name: Lewis Wall

Address: 301 Commerce

Phone and/or E-mail Address:

Organization:

Suite 1500, Ft Worth TX 76102
Wall@bwwllaw.com

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Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

Name: Eric Fox _____

Representing: myself _____

Mailing Address: 3513 Overton Park Drive East, Fort Worth, Texas 76109 _____

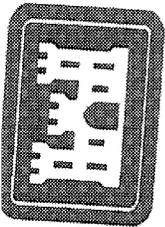
Daytime Telephone: 817-319-0132 _____

E-mail Address: eric.v.fox@lmco.com _____

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Project/Subject:

Gateway Park/Trinity Upstream Project

Comments:

As it appears I am in support of the project.

(Optional)

Name:

Tim LaPoint

Address:

1109 Samuels Ave

Phone and/or E-mail Address:

tim.lapoint@tccd.edu

Organization:

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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Connie Rensink
River Trails HOA

We are excited to see the further development of this park. We are particularly interested in trails to connect Gateway to Quannah park.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

Name: Sandra + George Everett

Representing: ourselves - residents

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Daytime Telephone: 817-535-2699

E-mail Address: georgeeverett@sbcglobal.net

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Conditional

*See comment/
question on
reverse.*

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Sandra and George Everett
Residents

In light of all the activity - construction, injection well, etc. - related to gas well drilling by Chesapeake on land adjacent to Gateway Park  1 at the intersection of Oakland Blvd and First St, an environmental impact study of the effects of runoff from this industrial/construction area and interaction with the flood plain in Gateway Park ^{surrounding} is ^{and} essential prior to the decision to go forward with the wonderful plans for improving the park.

Sequence number: 1

Author: USACE

Subject: Note

Date: 2/25/2008 10:55:43 AM -06'00'



This site is downstream of Gateway Park and is not expected to detrimentally impact project features located in Gateway Park. The cumulative impacts of oil and gas exploration have been included within the Draft Supplemental EIS and this site specific information will be considered during the preparation of the Final Supplement.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

Name: Debbie L. Sheffield

Representing: _____

Mailing Address: 16628 Brookshire TR NRH TX 76181

Daytime Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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How and why would you, the Corp, even consider re-routing a river when Big Fossil Creek has had to be "studied" for more than a decade

Sequence number: 1

Author: M2PLRBKC

Subject: Sticky Note

Date: 2/25/2008 10:59:21 AM -06'00'



The Corps of Engineers has been directed by Congressional authorization to implement the Trinity River Vision master plan which includes the bypass channel provided it is technically sound and environmentally acceptable.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

Name: Patricia Kuehn

Representing: White Lake Hills neighborhood

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E-mail Address: patkuehn@hotmail.com

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Has any thought been given to incorporating White Lake, on the east side of Oakland between I-30 and 1st St, into the Gateway Park project or into the FW Park system? It would seem to be in an ideal location to continue the park system trails and amenities.

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/29/2008 2:48:23 PM -06'00'

 The current City of Fort Worth Gateway Park Master plan does not include White Lake. The current plans do not include expanding Gateway Park beyond the current master plan boundaries.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

Name: JACK RUEHN

Representing: SELF

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CAN WHITE LAKE BE INCLUDED IN THE OVERALL PLAN?
IF NOT, WHY?

THANKS

[Handwritten signature]

Sequence number: 1

Author: M2PLRBKC

Subject: Sticky Note

Date: 2/29/2008 2:49:19 PM -06'00'



White Lake was not considered for incorporation into the project plan due to its physical separation from the Gateway Park area. Habitat development and recreational opportunities of the Gateway Park area had been demonstrated in prior evaluations.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project
January 24, 2008

Name: Janice Crendall
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I row on the Trinity River and support this project. I believe the proposed changes will be good for the environment, economy & city of Fort Worth.

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/5/2008 4:57:15 PM -06'00'



Thank you for your comment on the benefits of the project proposal.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

Name: Jill Gurtatowski

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We (Hot Water Bowling Club) support the Central City Project ^{and} ^{Ballways Park}
look forward to be an active partner in this endeavour.

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
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Your support for the recreational features of the project is noted.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

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E-mail Address: _____

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Good project - implementation a bit iffy -
Good luck

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This project has the potential to change
GATEWAY PARK into A "FORT WORTH GEM"

I am excited about our
ability to leverage our dollars.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

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January 24, 2008

Name: MARK HILL

Representing: _____

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As our community enjoys the benefits of the Barnett Shale as well as deal with challenges to our infrastructure the production of this resource presents, it is imperative that this generation continue to execute on projects beneficial to our cultural and natural environment. The Gateway Park Improvement Plan, while creating new and expanded recreational opportunities for our long neglected east side, positively impacts and restores an ecosystem long in need for address. Generations to come, if here today, would unequivocally speak loudly in favor of the Plan. As stewards for those yet unborn, we should do likewise.

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/5/2008 5:04:08 PM -06'00'



Your comment on the benefits of the proposed project to the Gateway Park area are noted.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project
January 24, 2008

Name: Alan Ray
Representing: Fort Worth Rowing Club
Mailing Address: 3004 Handley Dr
Daytime Telephone: 817 496 4752
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I support the Central City - Gateway Park Improvement Plan. It is a truly visionary plan and I look forward to assisting in any way + bettering this wonderful park system.

Sequence number: 1

Author: M2PLRBKC

Subject: Sticky Note

Date: 2/5/2008 5:04:39 PM -06'00'



Your support for the project is noted.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

Name: ROBERT CROW
Representing: NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ON SOUTH LAKE WORTH
Mailing Address: 8916 BLUE HERON COURT, FT WORTH 76128
Daytime Telephone: 817-367-6595
E-mail Address: _____

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- I AM ROBERT CROW, A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ON SOUTH LAKE WORTH AND A MEMBER AND SUPPORT OF THE LAKE WORTH ALLIANCE.
- AS SUCH I FULLY SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVES OF PRESERVING, PROTECTING AND ENHANCING FORT WORTH'S INVALUABLE AND IRREPLACEABLE GREENSPACE AND NATURAL HABITAT AREAS FOR RECREATIONAL USE AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES

Robert Crow

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/5/2008 5:05:35 PM -06'00'



Thank your for your comment supporting the project objectives.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

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I think improvements to Gateway Park
will help our area!

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Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

Name: NINA PETTY

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This project is extremely important to our entire community and particularly East Fort Worth. It will provide important downstream storage and in addition will provide park facilities and recreational areas for our city.

My company, Innovative Developers Inc. and I personally, support the expansion of Gateway Park. I am very supportive of the Trinity River Vision and the Gateway Park plan is an important component of this program.

Nina B. Petty

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/5/2008 5:06:45 PM -06'00'



Thank you for supporting the multipurpose objectives of the project.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

Name: Aimee Casey
Representing: Neighborhood Home Owner
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Daytime Telephone: 817.296.4592
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Great for improvement of the
community and the living
conditions in the neighborhood.

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
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Your support for the project features and benefits are noted.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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How can this project not be a win/win situation, where we have  a plan that provides both a green space with beauty and recreation facilities with a wide variety of activities and a fabulous attraction for our city.

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Your support for the project is noted.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project
January 24, 2008

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Representing: _____

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Let's get moving!

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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The Central City Project is further enhanced with the addition of the Gateway Improvement Plan. It's a great project for the entire City of Fort Worth.

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Thank you for your comment on the aspects of linking Gateway Park to the Central City project.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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We feel that ~~this~~ this project will be a great investment to our families and communities, something  that can be enjoyed by everyone. It would also be beneficial for beautiful historic Fort Worth to have a Trinity River project that mirrors Dallas & San Antonio.

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Thank you for your comment on the benefits of the proposed project to the community.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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This is a great opportunity to advance
outdoor water & land activities for
Tarrant City.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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Representing: _____

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Daytime Telephone: 817-455-6672

E-mail Address: crawfishsbc@gmail.com

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Valley Storage

1. Hydraulically, the project as presented in the new draft EIS lowers water surface elevations from existing conditions, thus reducing valley storage volume available (if no valley storage mitigation is provided)
2. The study presents multiple sites that will be used to maintain (or increase) valley storage after the project is constructed, with contingency sites available, too.
3. The draft EIS states that Microstation InRoads was used to calculate valley storage in the Gateway Park area. The rest of the project uses HEC-RAS to calculate valley storage.

4. My questions:

- Does the project team feel that HEC-RAS is  the most accurate way to determine valley storage ~~area~~ for existing and post-project conditions or would a CAD or GIS analysis be more accurate?
- ^{Does}  the valley storage analysis and comparison ~~for~~ both 100-year and 500-year conditions represent "site-specific" locations or the entire width of the floodplain along the project limits?

- Stephen Crawford

... .. submitting this as a citizen on

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 *The project team feels that the use of HEC-RAS for the computation of valley storage is an acceptable method for the determination and comparison of valley storage within the floodway for existing and post project conditions. The majority of the study analysis is within the Fort Worth Floodway, which is an engineered, uniform system with consistent geometry represented in the detailed HEC-RAS model and thereby be used to confidently compute valley storage. Areas outside floodway were determined using CAD and felt to be the most accurate method for calculating storage for areas not represented within the floodway model.*

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 *Determination of valley storage impacts of the proposed project is based on impacts to the 100-year and SPF valley storage within the entire study area, using the full width of the foodplain.*

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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I support the Gateway Park/Oakrow
Restoration project to be added to the
Central City Project.  1

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
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Thank you for your support for the Central City project proposed modification.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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o We are very supportive of this plan. The eastern segment of the river in Fort Worth really needs the attention. The community and land owners in this area have suffered the problems of an uncontrolled drainage problem from the days of the ~~18~~ settlers. Finally a plan has emerged that can solve these problems and also provide an amenity that can benefit the future area.

The plan is inclusionary in that it benefits a wide spectrum of the community and including less fortunate areas of this city that have heretofore felt ignored in a lot of ways.

This expansion of TRV should be a must

Tom Strick 1/24/08

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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This is a project that should be funded immediately -
to preserve and protect the future of our children and families

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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Representing: my self

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Daytime Telephone: 817-875-2636

E-mail Address: jerrybarton@jerrybarton.com

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Seldom does a city
have such an
opportunity as the
Trinity River Vision to
enhance the city.

Jerry L. Barton

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project
January 24, 2008

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I am in support of this preliminary plan. Absolute guarantees on "irreversible" biological preservation, repair, and improvement are essential components of this project. In this preliminary plan they appear. I am absolutely thrilled to observe these components now and look forward to the presentation of their final draft.



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Author: M2PLRBKC

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Execution of the proposed project incorporates monitoring and adaptive management to provide the habitat development described.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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DURING MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT OF AIA FORT WORTH,
I WAS ABLE TO DRAMATICALLY INCREASE MY
UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE
NORTH TEXAS. THIS PROJECT IS ABLE TO HAVE
A NUMBER OF POSITIVE IMPACTS ON THOSE
CHALLENGES WITH VIRTUALLY NO NEGATIVES.
AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARCHITECTURE
COMMUNITY, I CAN WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORT
GATE WAY PARK.

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
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Thank you for your comment on the benefits of the proposed project modifications.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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The Central City Park Project
is the single most important project
for now and the years to come,

Robert E. Cron

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/5/2008 5:51:13 PM -06'00'



Your comment on the proposed project modification benefits is noted.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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This project is a win-win for
the City of Ft. Worth, Tarrant
County and The Coop. 📄

We create thru Gateway Regulatory
and it will be great to see
it expanded and enlarged
allowing great public useage at
all levels.

In growing community we must provide
PARKS for future generation and
healthy living!

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
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Thank you for your comment.

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January 24, 2008

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As an avid runner, I am very supportive of this project because the new trails (both hard  soft surface) will add a new environment/destination. The added miles of trail will be a unique experience with wooded, shady paths and closer proximity to creeks and the river.

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
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Thank you for your comment.

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Fort Worth Central City Project
January 24, 2008

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I am very supportive of the Gateway Park Improvement Plan. I have attended sessions where the plan has been presented and experienced in detail. Perhaps the biggest impact - long term - for our city is the environmental clean up segment of the plan.

The recreational facilities that will become available to the public will be a welcomed addition to our community, especially the Southeast sector of the City where recreational facilities are at a minimum. The environmental clean up is icing on the cake. *Tom Fitzgerald*

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/25/2008 11:32:09 AM -06'00'



Thank you for your comment.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

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January 24, 2008

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I strongly support the Gateway Park Improvement Plan - it will make a better Fort Worth!

-Crystal R. Manra

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/25/2008 11:32:17 AM -06'00'

 Thank you for your comment.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

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I am supportive of the entire project and its long term enhancement and benefit for the City of Fort Worth and the area. I am especially interested



the expansion and development of the trail system and the link up with the ~~existing~~ existing Trinity Trails System.

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/25/2008 11:32:43 AM -06'00'



Thank you for your comment.

COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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The organizations involved in the planning of the Gateway Park Improvement Plan have done an excellent job in identifying the need for this project. The City of Fort Worth needs to support this plan as it will benefit tremendously in the expansion + improvement of our greenbelt.

Alummuttil, Saji J SWF

Subject: FW:

From: Nancy/Geoff Sipple [mailto:gsipple@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, January 01, 2007 8:51 AM

To: Alummuttil, Saji J SWF

Subject:



I support the inclusion of the Riverside Oxbow in the Trinity Uptown project.

Geoffrey Sipple

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/25/2008 11:32:56 AM -06'00'



Thank you for your comment.

Alummuttil, Saji J SWF

Subject: FW: Comment on draft supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Trinity River, Central City Project, Fort Worth, Texas.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jason [mailto:supergirl_1@charter.net]

Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 11:16 AM

To: Alummuttil, Saji J SWF

Subject: Re: Comment on draft supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Trinity River, Central City Project, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Alummuttil,



I have previously forwarded an e-mail expressing my concerns about gas drilling in Gateway Park as part of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. I still have those concerns. I also have objections about how the funds of the Trinity River Vision are being spent, especially for a multi million dollar PR contract that was awarded to a political consultant.

I like the expansion of Fort Woof Dog Park. I also like that the proposed increase in flooding/water storage does not appear to impact the current and future sites off the dog park. When implementing this plan, you should be careful to design the dog park and horse trails in a way that is compatible with these two different kinds of animals.

Thanks,

Jason C.N. Smith
2257 College Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76110

Sequence number: 1
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/29/2008 2:51:55 PM -06'00'

 There are existing well pads located in the Riverside Oxbow area but they are outside of current park boundaries. The Gateway Master Plan takes into consideration the existing well sites. Sufficient buffering is to occur between park and neighborhood land uses and a proposed drill site. The City of Fort Worth Ordinance number 16986-06-2006 provides the guidelines for minimum distance requirements from public parks.

Sequence number: 2
Author: M2PLRBKC
Subject: Sticky Note
Date: 2/25/2008 11:37:50 AM -06'00'

 These considerations will be addressed during detail design of the Gateway Park..

Alummuttil, Saji J SWF

Subject: FW: Comment on draft supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Trinity River, Central City Project, Fort Worth, Texas.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jason [mailto:jasons@artbrender.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2008 10:18 AM

To: Alummuttil, Saji J SWF

Subject: Re: Comment on draft supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Trinity River, Central City Project, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Alummuttil,



I would just like to hear from the Corp about what its study says about the impact on Fort Woof Dog Ppark in Gateway Park. Do you think I could meet with someone from the Corp for 10-15 minutes to discuss this issue.

Thanks,

Jason Smith

Alummuttil, Saji J SWF wrote:

>Mr. Smith

>

>Thank you for your email.

>

>The Corps of Engineers has not worked with the City of Fort Worth on planning
>and implementing the Woof Dog Park. I have copied Randle Harwood to this
>message. He would be manager that can best answer your questions
>regarding this park.

>

>Thank you

>

>Saji

>

>-----Original Message-----

>From: Jason [mailto:jasons@artbrender.com]

>Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2008 1:30 PM

>To: Alummuttil, Saji J SWF; Jasona and Jessica

>Subject: Re: Comment on draft supplement to the Final Environmental
>Impact Statement for the Upper Trinity River, Central City Project,
>Fort Worth, Texas.

>

>Mr. Alummuttil,

>

>Do you have time to meet with me in the next 10 days for 15 minutes. I
>would like you to explain to me the impact of te proposed plan on Fort
>Woof Dog Park located in Gateway Park.

>

>Please call me to schedule a meeting at 817-721-6056.

>

>Thanks,

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>Jason C.N. Smith

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 The considerations about Fort Woof will be further defined during detailed design of the Gateway Park. The local sponsors have proposed to increase the size of this park during detailed design.

>Alummuttil, Saji J SWF wrote:

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>>Mr. Jason Smith
>>Thank you for your comment regarding the Supplement Environmental
>>Impact Statement. This email is to confirm that we are receipt of your
>>comment and will it will be considered as we complete our final
>>version of the supplement.

>>Saji Alummuttil

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>>*From:* Jasona and Jessica [mailto:supergirl_1@charter.net]
>>*Sent:* Sunday, January 06, 2008 1:48 PM
>>*To:* Alummuttil, Saji J SWF
>>*Cc:* 'Jason Smith'; 'Jasona and Jessica'
>>*Subject:* RE: Comment on draft supplement to the Final Environmental
>>Impact Statement for the Upper Trinity River, Central City Project,
>>Fort Worth, Texas.

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>>**Mr. Saji Alummuttil**
>>CESWF-EC-D
>>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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>>P.O. Box 17300-0300
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>>Phone: 817-886-1764

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>>Dear Mr. Alummuttil,

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>>Please let this serve as my comment on the draft supplement to the
>>Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Trinity River,
>>Central City Project, Fort Worth, Texas. I have serious concerns about
>>the impact of existing and planned gas well operations in and around
>>the Oxbow and Gateway Park that threaten the safe use of recreational
>>facilities by Fort Worth families. This is especially worrisome
>>because, according to media accounts, the Tarrant Water Board proposes
>>to help pay for these changes with revenues from its gas well leases.

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>>Natural gas well operations have greatly increased due to the
>>exploration of the Barnett Shale. While revenues from gas well
>>operations are helpful to the local economy, such gas well operations
>>pose safety risks to families near such operations. In 2007, a gas
>>well worker was killed by an explosion at a gas well in Forest Hill.
>>There are many other instances in which gas wells have injured or
>>killed others and disrupted major activities.

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>>The Tarrant Water Board recently granted a waiver for a high impact
>>gas well near a park in owns with the City of Fort Worth, the Trinity
>>Trail System, near where University South crosses the Trinity River.
>>Apparently the Tarrant Water Board does not see dangers and nuisances
>>posed by gas well operations only 200 feet from a park area used by
>>tens of thousands of Fort Worth residents. I fear that the Tarrant
>>Water Board will fail to protect park users in this area just as they
>>failed to protect park users on the Trinity Trails, especially because
>>it hopes to realize more gas revenue to help pay for the Trinity River
>>Vision.

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>>There are gas well operations that appear to be in the Ox Bow or at
>>least very close to it. Check out
>><http://thecaravanofdreams.blogspot.com/2007/12/what-was-that-fire-in-s>

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 There are existing well pads located in the Riverside Oxbow area but they are outside of current park boundaries. The Gateway Master Plan takes into consideration the existing well sites. Sufficient buffering is to occur between park and neighborhood land uses and a proposed drill site.

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 City rules (Ordinance 16986-06-2006) preclude it from occurring within current public parks and that sufficient buffering occurs between park and neighborhood land uses and a proposed drill site.

>>ky.html I fear that the Tarrant Water Board's effort to bring
>>recreational improvements to the Ox Bow and Gateway will be threatened
>>by the dangers to families posed by near by gas well operations.

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>>Such gas well operations also could pose a threat to the wet lands and
>>water areas proposed around the Ox Bow. I fear that such operations
>>will adversely affect the drinking water in Fort Worth.

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>>No gas well operations should be allowed within a half a mile of the
>>Oxbow and Gateway Park in order to protect the users of any
>>recreational facilities, hopefully in industrial areas or other areas
>>like airports.

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>>Thank you for taking the time to read this and hopefully you will take
>>action to protect Fort Worth families from the nuisances and dangers
>>posed by gas drilling activities in and near the Ox Bow.

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>>Sincerely,
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>>Jason C.N. Smith
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 Effects of activities by others, including petroleum exploration in the geographic area have been considered in the cumulative impacts assessment of the SEIS and this site specific activity will be further evaluated for its potential impacts to the proposed project during the processing of the Final Supplemental EIS. Surface water is protected by state and federal laws and any pollution coming from offsite of any well is reported and will be required to be cleaned up.

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 Comment is acknowledged but is outside of the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers. The City of Fort Worth gas drilling ordinance (Ordinance 16986-06-2006) covers these activities related to gas extraction.

Alummuttil, Saji J SWF

Subject: FW: Comments for 1/24/08 public forum

Attachments: Comment Registration Form.doc

From: Daniel.C.Villegas@wellsfargo.com [mailto:Daniel.C.Villegas@wellsfargo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2008 2:14 PM

To: Alummuttil, Saji J SWF

Cc: rosa.navejar@fwhcc.org; JDGranger@trinityrivervision.org

Subject: Re: Comments for 1/24/08 public forum

Saji,

I have attached my comments **in support** of the Gateway Park Improvement Plan. I hope they will be included in the public forum being held tomorrow evening. If you have any questions for me, please call me at 817-937-9535.

Sincerely,

Dan Villegas

Past Chairman, Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

<<Comment Registration Form.doc>>

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COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Fort Worth Central City Project

January 24, 2008

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Daytime Telephone: 817-937-9535

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- I **support** the Central City Project – Gateway Park Improvement Plan
 - I wish to present oral comments during the public forum (limit: 2 minutes)
 - My written comments are on the back of this form
- I **oppose** the Central City Project – Gateway Park Improvement Plan
 - I wish to present oral comments during the public forum (limit: 2 minutes)
 - My written comments are on the back of this form

Please note that all comments are given equal consideration, whether in person or in writing.
Written comments may also be submitted as follows:

Mail: Saji Alummuttil, CESWF-EC-D, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102
E-mail: Saji.Alummuttil@usace.army.mil

Comments:

My name is Dan Villegas, and I am the Immediate Past Chairman of the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. I am writing to you today in support of the Gateway Park Improvement Plan which will compliment the Trinity Uptown project. The planned improvements to Gateway Park will really add to the natural landscape of our city and will be yet another enhancement to the quality of life that we enjoy here in Fort Worth, TX. Gateway Park is an underutilized resource in our community and these plans will give it new life and will provide additional flood control to protect our citizens.

As a Chamber of Commerce, we support projects that stimulate economic development and provide business opportunities for our membership. The Hispanic business community in Fort Worth is ready to work on this project We will continue working with the Trinity River Vision Authority to see that local companies are given the first opportunity to participate in this project.

I support Gateway Park Improvement Plan as  it not only enhances the quality of life in Fort Worth, but it also provides business opportunities for the membership of the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The Gateway Park Improvement Plan is another “win-win” proposition for Fort Worth. I thank the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for holding this forum and for their work on this project thus far. I also encourage them to continue moving this project forward as we are ready to make it happen.

Cc: Rosa Navejar (Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce)
J. D. Granger (Trinity River Vision Authority)

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 Thank you for your comment.

Alummuttil, Saji J SWF

Subject: FW: Comments to the draft supplement to the EIS

Attachments: Lehrer-Brey, Catrine.vcf; January 24 Uptown Statement.doc

From: Lehrer-Brey, Catrine [mailto:CLehrer-Brey@gideontoal.com]

Sent: Friday, January 25, 2008 11:44 AM

To: Alummuttil, Saji J SWF

Cc: SCate@trinityrivervision.org

Subject: Comments to the draft supplement to the EIS

Hello Saji,

Attached are written comments for the draft supplement to the EIS. These are submitted on behalf of James Toal as presented at the public meeting last night.

Thanks!

Catrine Lehrer-Brey



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January 24, 2008

Statement from James Toal

Extending the Central City Project to Include Gateway Park

I commend the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Tarrant Regional Water District, City of Fort Worth, the Streams and Valleys Committee, and the other partners for their comprehensive approach to flood control, environmental restoration, recreation, and economic development of our central city. Shifting much of the ecosystem restoration and recreation improvements to the Gateway Park area is the final element that assures that all residents of our City will greatly benefit from the Trinity River Vision.

I've been working in the profession of open space and recreation planning, city planning, and urban redevelopment for over 30 years. I know of no other project in North America that combines these things in such a positive way for the benefit of so many people.



Some cynics have said it may be too costly. Well, the opposite is actually true. The combined project, as now envisioned, will assure a long term high quality of life, environmental quality, and a sustainable economy for the central city. This means the project will more than pay for itself in a short time.

We cannot afford not to do this project. And, we have to do it now.

Thank you,

James Toal

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Fort Worth, Texas

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 Thank you for your comments on the multipurpose benefits of the proposed project modifications to the community.



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January 24, 2008

Saji Alummuttil
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Dear Mr. Alummuttil,

The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce wishes to confirm unwavering support of the Trinity River Vision. We fully endorse enhancing the boundaries of Trinity Uptown. This would include incorporating approximately 1,000 acres that are currently designated as the Riverside Oxbow restoration project and/or the Gateway Park expansion. We realize that an increase in cost is associated with the proposed expansion. The Chamber feels that this unique enhancement is critical to the economic development of the area.

The Trinity Uptown plan is a much needed flood control project which would trigger the revitalization of an aging commercial and industrial area adjacent to downtown. It is designed to be a critical neighborhood link between downtown, the Cultural District, the Stockyards, and now a vital recreation area, Gateway Park.

This project has the potential to attract over 10,000 households and an additional 3,000,000 sq. ft. of commercial, educational, office, and civic space. Moreover, it will add in excess of \$2.1 billion dollars to the city of Fort Worth's local property tax base over the estimated 50 year build-out period.

The Trinity River Vision, with the Gateway Park component, is critical to Fort Worth's future. It will insure our continued recognition as being one of our nation's most livable cities.

Your consideration of the Fort Worth Chamber's position on this important matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Brian Barnard
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Ben Loughry
Vice Chairman

Bill Thornton
President & CEO

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 Thank you for your comment.



January 24, 2008

Saji Alummutil
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Dear Mr. Alummutil:

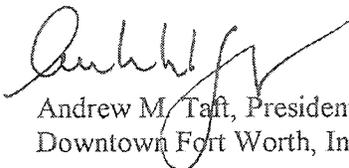
At today's Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. board meeting, unanimous support was given to the Gateway Park expansion of the Fort Worth Central City project. This project is not only an important and ecologically sound downstream valley storage solution; it represents an opportunity for citizens of the entire region to accelerate enjoyment of Gateway Park.

Recreational and park facilities are needed in this part of the city, and we fully endorse this project as a means of fulfilling those needs, as well as the technical requirements of the Trinity River Vision.

As you know, Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. is on record as supporting the Trinity River Vision. We believe it is a model for how the Corps of Engineers and cities can address flood control while at the same time leveraging natural assets, restoring ecologically sensitive wetlands and creating an economic base for funding these objectives. The Gateway Park component is another example of how important community priorities that have been talked about for decades can be addressed through cooperation and visionary leadership.

We urge you to consider the Gateway project favorably as you continue to evaluate the Trinity River program.

Sincerely,


Andrew M. Taft, President
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Randy Gideon, Chairman
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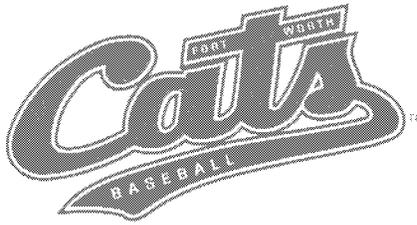


Thank you for your comments on the benefits of the proposed project modification to the community.

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Thank you for your comments on the benefits to the community of providing valley storage in a manner conducive to providing additional multipurpose benefits.



Corp of Engineering
Public Hearing
January 24, 2008
Re: Riverside Oxbow

To Whom It May Concern:

The effort to cleanup the Trinity began 30 years ago. The river twists and turns from the west through the Central District, the Riverside Oxbow, and to our eastern neighbor.

We support any and all developments that will enhance the Trinity and make access easier for recreation and enjoyment. We trust the Corp of Engineers to bring value to this project and make the vision a reality.

The Fort Worth Cats have always opened our gates to the river and access from LaGrave Field where people can come enjoy our outdoor venue and the bike and hike trails behind the field.



We are proud to be a pioneer in this effort in the Central District and fully support the funding efforts for the Riverside Oxbow and any enhancements to bring the Trinity back to the people of Fort Worth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Bell". Below the signature, the name "Carl Bell" is written in a smaller, cursive font.

Carl Bell
President Fort Worth Cats Baseball Club
BLG Development, LLC

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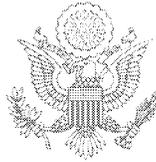
Thank you for your comments noting the benefits of the proposed project modification to the community.

KAY GRANGER
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January 23, 2008

Mr. Saji Alummuttil
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Dear Mr. Alummuttil:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the Central City Project – Gateway Park Improvement Plan. I appreciate your holding the Public Meeting, and regret that I will not be able to attend in person. I believe it is important for our community to understand the benefits of this project, and I welcome the opportunity to express my strong support.

As the residents of Fort Worth know, revitalization of Gateway Park on the East Side is long overdue. Although the park has some amenities, it also has gravel pits, a landfill, and an abandoned sewage treatment center. This is certainly not what our citizens want for a “gateway” for the city. The Central City Project – Gateway Park Improvement Plan allows construction to begin this year on improvements to the park, including building athletic fields, expanding the trail system, planting thousands of trees, and many other improvements.

Beyond the aesthetic and recreational improvements the Project will provide, there are other equally important benefits that are important to note. An estimated 80 percent of levees in the project area are inadequate. The Project improves flood protection by replacing those levees. There are also strong ecosystem restoration and environmental cleanup improvements included in the plan. In addition, this revitalization will result in an estimated 16,000 jobs, and a \$1 billion increase in tax base for schools, roads, and other community priorities.

It is important to note that federal tax dollars are being used only for public infrastructure, such as the bypass channel and bridges. There has also been a significant investment by private industries in the area; in fact, over a billion dollars of private investment has already broken ground, including Radio Shack, Pier 1, Trinity Bluffs, LaGrave Development, and Tarrant Community College (TCC). It is clear that the Project has already spurred economic development in the surrounding area, and it is reasonable to expect that this is only the beginning.

Again, thank you for holding this important meeting. I look forward to continuing to work with all of the stakeholders to advance this project that will transform our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Granger".

Kay Granger
Member of Congress

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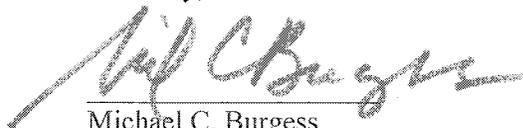
Dear Mr. Alummuttil:

I write in support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Draft Supplement for the Central City Project, Upper Trinity River, Texas. As you know, I represent East and Southeast Fort Worth in the U.S. House of Representatives. In the past, residents in this community have expressed their concerns that the original plan to contain occasional flooding in the Riverside Oxbow area of the Trinity River on the west edge of Gateway Park could put homes and lives at risk during periodic flooding and discourage future economic growth. After numerous conversations with the Army Corps of Engineers and local residents, I believe that the amended plan will address many of the concerns previously expressed about the Central City Project. However, I believe that the Army Corps of Engineers must continue to demonstrate through ongoing hydrologic studies that the changes proposed in this amended in the plan will indeed ensure the protection of life and property.

By joining the Uptown project with ecosystem restoration in the Oxbow area, as well as developing the recreational facilities in Gateway Park, the flood risk north of the Oxbow I understand will be mitigated. Representing the largest planned urban park improvement in the country, I believe this project, while spurring development on the North side of Fort Worth, will equally benefit economically depressed East and Southeast Fort Worth.

Because the original plan would have taken at least 40 years to complete and did not adequately address basic safety issues, I am pleased the amended plan takes this into account and would also bring these improvements to a conclusion within 10 years. The added recreational and ecosystem improvements will be a source of pride for the neighborhoods in this area and truly become a community asset. I commend the Army Corps of Engineers for their exhaustive study of this project and I am confident that the Corps will maintain a dialogue with the communities affected throughout all phases of this project. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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January 31, 2008

Mr. Saji Alummuttill
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Dear Mr. Alummittill,

On behalf of the board of Streams and Valleys, Inc. We applaud the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for considering the Riverside Oxbow as a valley storage site for the Central City Project. The positive impact of the resulting parkland is immeasurable in terms of improved quality of life for both the citizens of Fort Worth and the entire North Texas region. It is accompanied by a funding strategy that lessens the burden locally and expedites the construction of improvements by decades.

Upon reviewing the Draft Supplemental No. 1 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS), I submit the following comments for your review and consideration:

- **Chapter 1-2; Purpose and Need** – The Trinity River Vision (TRV) Master Plan covers 88 miles of stream corridor including the West and Clear Forks of the Trinity River in addition to three tributaries: Marine Creek, Mary's Creek and Sycamore Creek. The text states "8 miles" and does not refer to the tributaries.
- **Chapter 2-4; Wildlife** – It is our privilege to note that Easter Bluebirds are now regularly spotted along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. This species was not noted.
- **Chapter 3-15; Marine Creek Low Water Dam** – As stated in the TRV Master Plan, improving navigability of the river corridor for non-motorized boats (kayaks, canoes, rafts, etc.) is a key objective. The lock system for the Samuels Avenue Dam will provide this however, the description of the Marine Creek Dam requires no such accommodation. We ask that this dam's design incorporate a chute as well

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 Thank you for providing information on recently identified bird species utilizing the Upper Trinity River Basin.

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Author: M2PLRBKC
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 Comment is acknowledged and will be reviewed in detailed design of the Marine Creek Low Water Dam. Portage around this low water dam will be provided if the north bank of Marine Creek can be designed to accommodate this feature and will allow safe use. In addition, the opportunity for including a chute in this dam will be reviewed and incorporated if the hydraulic and structural design will allow and can be accommodated in a safe manner.

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 The relationship between the Central City study and the TRV Master plan will be clarified in the Final SEIS.



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portage capabilities around this dam along one bank for a connection to the West Fork during low flow periods.

- **Chapter 4-15; Recreation** – In listing Gateway Park's current recreational facilities, the Fort Worth Rowing Club headquarters was omitted. As an amenity of the park since 2003, the Rowing Club has added an athletic and elegant presence to our river corridor. Each fall the club participates in the Trinity Trash Bash in preparation for the Steerhead Regatta which involves 75 participants from across the metroplex. Additionally, the club provides monthly introductory lessons to interested individuals. Established on the Trinity River in the mid-80's, with a club membership nearing 100 and nearly \$50,000 invested in clubhouse improvements, it is of critical importance that FSEIS note its presence. It is of even greater importance that participating sponsors provide for replacement of the improvements to ensure future operations despite impacts from excavation of fill activities.

In closing, please contact me or our Executive Director, Adelaide Leavens at 817-926-0006 or adelaide@streamsandalley.org with any questions. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Urbain McKeever
Chairman
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 The Fort Worth Rowing Club headquarters was recognized in the assessment of the facilities but was not specifically identified in the DSEIS. The FSEIS will be revised to identify it as an existing structure within Gateway Park.

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Author: M2PLRBKC
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 It was determined that this structure would be replaced or accommodated during detailed design of the Valley Storage excavation in the vicinity of the existing structure. The cost identified in the SEIS for implementation of the Modified Central City Project includes the replacement of this structure as well as dock facilities on the Trinity River.

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February 12, 2008

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Dear Mr. Alummuttil,

The following are the comments of the Executive Committee of the Oakhurst Neighborhood Association on behalf of the organization on the "Draft Supplement No. 1 to the Final Environment Impact Statement for the Central City Project, Upper Trinity River, Texas."

Our organization declines to endorse the flood storage plan as proposed in the Modified Central City alternative which includes flood storage in Riverside Park because we do not have enough information about the project. We endorse the proposal to exclude flood storage in Riverside Park and put flood storage proposed for Riverside Park on publicly owned land other than park land.

The following are specific comments and questions on the draft supplement:

1. Our organization was never notified that our neighborhood was within the boundaries of the study area of the draft supplement. The draft says 2,000 letters were mailed by the Corps of Engineers in June 2007 notifying interested parties of the intent to complete the study. We did not receive such a letter and were therefore unaware of any proposals to include Riverside Park in the proposed flood storage plan until after the draft supplement was released in January 2008.
2. The draft supplement does not take into account the aesthetic, historic, and cultural significance of Oakhurst Scenic Drive, part of which is immediately adjacent to Riverside Park and the proposed flood storage area. Oakhurst Scenic Drive, from Belknap on the south to Watauga Road on the north, was constructed as a park by the Works Progress Administration Project with Tarrant County in 1936. It was designed by S. Herbert Hare, a partner in the nationally known Kansas City landscape architecture firm Hare and Hare.

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 Oakhurst Scenic Drive will be added to the Area of Potential Effect and discussion effects to this road will be included in the FSEIS.

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 We apologize that you were not aware of proposed modifications to the Central City project prior to receiving the notice of availability. Although we strive to provide a Notice of Intent through the U.S. Postal Service to all known interested parties, we occasionally omit some like yourself with interest in the project. However, the notice of intent to prepare this Supplemental EIS was published in the Federal Register in February 2007 on the Corps of Engineers web page and there was a news release announcing the study was underway and requested interested citizen scoping input. The release of the Draft Supplemental EIS was conducted in the same manner of the NOI and we are pleased that you have received the information regarding the proposal to allow you to provide your concerns through written comment .

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 Comment is noted. Many options for flood storage were evaluated during the planning process for the original EIS and during development of this Supplemental EIS. This site was favored because of its low impact to existing environmental resources, publicly owned land, and economic cost.

Oakhurst Scenic Drive has been listed as a scenic corridor by the City of Fort Worth for more than 15 years. It is an important historic, cultural, recreational, and aesthetic resource to the citizens of Oakhurst and all citizens of Riverside and Fort Worth.

The draft supplement does not take into account the impact of flood storage in Riverside Park – either preparing for it or maintaining it – on Oakhurst Scenic Drive. We find this to be a deficiency of the document.

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6. The draft supplement does not take into account the impact of proposed flood storage for Riverside Park on the nearby East Belknap Street Bridge, a historic resource identified in the Historic Resources Survey for Tarrant County, Texas. It also eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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- How deep is the proposed excavation cut in Riverside Park?
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-  a. Proposed excavation depths are shown in Appendix C- Volume II and indicate a maximum cut of approximately 20-25 ft from the existing ground surface, see Appendix C- Volume II, Sheet CG-10 and CG-11.
- b. Flooding frequency varies widely across the park. The existing park has a 10-yr to 25-yr reoccurrence interval. Under the proposed project, portions of the park would be lowered to allow flood storage on a 2-yr to 5-yr reoccurrence interval, flooding frequencies would not change in other areas within the park . To clarify a 2-yr reoccurrence interval would mean that the excavated areas on average would be inundated once every 2years. As an example, this could mean these areas would be inundated twice in one year and not again for another four years.
- c. The duration in which portions of the park would be unavailable during flooding is highly variable and impossible to predict with certainty in the future. A USGS stream gauge does not exist within the Riverside Park river reach. Some general conclusions however can be drawn based on historical flows at USGS gauging stations at Nutt Dam and Beach Street. A historical examination of a 30 year period of record (1977-2007) found the 2-yr reoccurrence interval was exceeded 11 times under mean flow for a total of 48 days or on average 1.6 days per year. It is important to note that in the case of Riverside Park portions of the park would still be available to citizens under these 2-yr reoccurrence events.
- d. The relocation of storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and power lines will necessitate some temporary street closures. These closures would be minor with the most significant impact during relocation of the sanitary sewer. The exact sequencing of work will be determined in detailed design and that information will be communicated to the neighborhood associations that have expressed a desire to be kept up to date on design and engineering changes. Efforts will be made during subsequent design efforts to minimize traffic impacts.

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-  The size and location of Riverside Park preclude it from being a neighborhood park by classification. The City currently classifies the park as a Community Park. Community Parks are close to home parks designed to service the recreation needs of 18,000-36,000 or approximately 6 neighborhoods. Riverside Park also serves as a trailhead on the Trinity River Trail system which will not be altered by the proposed plan. The proposed plan does not preclude the further development or alternative development of the park as a pedestrian destination linked to the adjacent neighborhoods and neighborhood commercial areas. As presently planned the proposed project includes the relocation of existing parking facilities and connection to the recreational trail to be adjacent to Race Street thereby providing a better linkage to the Six Points Urban Village and Riverside neighborhoods. The City has committed to a Master Plan process to determine the recreational facilities within the park. The neighborhoods that are served by the park are not all opposed to the proposed plan. The Scenic Bluff Neighborhood, the neighborhood adjacent to Riverside Park, has endorsed the plan.

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-  The bridge is a historic resource that spans an active floodway and the floodway width is not affected near the bridge. Therefore, there is no physical or visual effect on the bridge by the proposed undertaking as the bridge continues to serve its historic purpose of spanning a floodway. No adverse effects due to the haul routes are anticipated to the resource. Reference Appendix C- Volume II, Sheet CG-10 for proposed grading work.

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-  The proposed flood storage improvements in Riverside Park are not adjacent to I-35 and will not be impacted by TxDOT plans for the I-35 corridor; see Appendix C- Volume II, Sheet CG-10. The contingency sites if required would be coordinated with TxDOT and

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 The use of Riverside Park as Valley Storage requires relocation of impacted infrastructure and temporary disturbance of existing recreational amenities. Excavation work as proposed avoids areas of existing woodlands within the park and along Oakhurst Scenic Drive. The City of Fort Worth is responsible for the current maintenance of the park and will continue in this role under the proposed project. As the overall footprint of the park will not be altered increased maintenance costs on an annual basis will not be greatly affected. As is the case with other City parks and Riverside Park, which are within the floodway, maintenance costs as a result of flood events will be handled from contingency funds as required as they are not an annual event. Oakhurst Scenic Drive would be repaired as necessary to a standard consistent with the needs and desires of the community.

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 At this time a surface drill site has not been identified but City rules preclude it from occurring on the park site and that sufficient buffering occur between park and neighborhood land uses and a proposed drill site.



Modified Central City Alternative. It seems possible that detailed design will yield changes to the plan for Riverside Park flood storage just as more detailed studies revealed that the proposed Samuels Avenue dam needed modifications. How are we to know what the import could be of potential design changes in flood storage for Riverside Park?

9. The Modified Central City Alternative was formulated with the specific goal of assembling flood storage area not on private land and that is the justification for identifying public land for the flood storage plan.

-- However, why is it not just as feasible to excavate other publicly owned land in the 100 year flood plain for this project rather than use park land, particularly Riverside Park?

- Why interfere with an amenity – Riverside’s neighborhood park – which is available to the public on a daily basis?
- The City of Fort Worth has recently spent many thousands of dollars to upgrade the lights and the ball field in Riverside Park. Other dollars have gone into creating the trail near the park. The proposal for Riverside Park flood storage proposes that the [redacted] features be removed and then put back. How can we justify spending taxpayer money for such major expenditures when we have just spent money on these items?
- How can we justify compromising the Trinity River green belt with major excavation in Riverside Park?
- The Modified Central City Alternative would create 187 acre-feet of flood storage in Riverside Park. This represents 3.4% of the total amount of needed flood storage for the whole plan. Land for this relatively small amount of flood storage relative to the whole plan could surely be found on public land outside the park rather than compromise the park land.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft supplement to the FEIS on the Central City Project, Upper Trinity River, Texas. We look forward to receiving your response to our comments.

Sincerely,

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 The justification for considering options that would require initial damage to and replacement of these facilities is that it would assist in the integration of substantial multipurpose project benefits including flood damage reduction, ecosystem improvements overall recreational opportunities and it enables the economic revitalization of the Trinity Uptown Area and Gateway Park. Some estimates of economic benefits to the community – 1.6 Billion (2005 dollars) are estimated for the entire City. Increases in taxable value of a now slow growth area will change from 129 Million to 1.3 Billion over the build out period. Furthermore as detailed design is advanced efforts can be made to reuse/ recycle existing park features to reduce overall project expenditures.

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 Many options for valley storage have been evaluated during the planning process for the original EIS and during development of this Supplemental EIS. Through this process the most advantageous sites in terms of availability, environmental impact, constructibility, cost, storage benefit, and land ownership were determined. This site was favored because of its low impact to existing environmental resources, public ownership, availability, cost, and storage benefit.

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 Over 40 valley storage sites were evaluated, as shown on Figure 6 in the supplement, as part of the planning process for the original EIS and during development of this Supplemental EIS. Through this process the most advantageous sites in terms of availability, environmental impact, constructibility, cost, storage benefit, and land ownership were determined. This site was favored because of its low impact to existing environmental resources, public ownership, availability, cost, and storage benefit.

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Regardless of the expensive marketing efforts and political spin put forth to justify changing the boundaries of the Trinity Uptown Project yet again, the truth is still evident. This truth is that placing the mitigation area below and outside the Trinity Uptown area proves that the by-pass channel proposal is inadequate to serve its flood control function. Why is valley storage volume needed below the project location? The use of Gateway Park seems to be nothing more than a stop-gap measure meant to prevent flood water from inundating downstream cities that you are not allowed by law to flood. Your Project is suppose to handle its own water flow problems AND not raise the down stream flows or velocities. It seems that your project can do neither and needs a downstream park to provide relief.

It is obvious that since the Gateway Park area was not in the original study area, that it IS an afterthought and nothing more than a late hand-aid for a project that has created hydraulic problems with its design. Problems that were big enough that you needed to enlarge the project area to the west to try and solve the hydraulic problems in the Riverbend area. When Riverbend proved too expensive to solve your problems, you selected another location, again outside the project area, to accommodate the flood waters that could not be handled by the original project design of shortening of the river channel and its capacity to carry a standard project flood.

The CEO's written statement in the December 21, 2007 notification letter of a Draft Supplement No. 1 to the Final DSEIS for Central City project on the Upper Trinity River in Fort Worth stated, "Alternatives considered include the No Action Plan, which assumes that each project would proceed separately as currently approved, and a modified Central City Project alternative." How can this be a true statement when it has been reported that the current Central City Project - Trinity Uptown needs mitigation and a replacement area for its lost of valley storage. Without Riverbend - without Gateway Park, how could the COE allow the Central City Project to "proceed separately" without mitigation some where? Without a designated valley storage replacement area, there would seem to be no Central City project.

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 The by-pass channel provides necessary level of flood protection within the Trinity Uptown area however hydraulic mitigation can occur upstream or downstream of by-pass channel to meet the criteria contained in the 1988 Record of Decision on the Trinity Regional Environmental Impact Statement . The Supplemental EIS compares utilizing the Riverbend area to the Gateway Park as the primary location to provide the necessary mitigation.

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 During plan formulation for the original Central City project, the Gateway Park area had been studied for ecosystem restoration and a report submitted and approved by the Secretary of Army for recommendation for authorization. That project authorization has not occurred and the concept that the Gateway Park and Riverside Oxbow area could be incorporated into the project to provide a similar or larger level of environmental benefits, and required hydraulic mitigation on a reasonable time scale evolved from additional study and review. The Supplemental EIS was conducted to evaluate that potential.

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 The no action plan included the authorized Central City and Assistant Secretary of Army, Civil Works approved Riverside Oxbow projects. The Central City and Riverside Oxbow projects could proceed separately with their respective identified mitigation areas. Riverside Oxbow could proceed subsequent to Congressional authorization.

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 The complete project accomplishes this objective.

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Gateway Park has had several Master Plans but failed to secure the political will to implement them until now when Downtown Ft. Worth now needs this land in order to try to solve the hydraulic work. Gateway Park should be improved on its own as it was promised and not have to spend its funds to shore up Trinity's hydraulic problems.

Why is the COE resisting accepting the failure of the current Trinity Uptown design? Isn't it time to take another look at improving the existing levees and solving the uptown development proposals with more creative design that incorporates the existing levees and avoid creating new hydraulic problems? A group of citizens made a suggestion for such an approach, what is the harm in considering a workable hydraulic solution within the project area as you are suppose to do?

It is unfortunate that politics seems to get in the way currently of sound engineering practices and scientific, intellectual thinking. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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The Corps of Engineers has been authorized to construct the Central City project contingent upon finding the project as developed by the local sponsors to be environmentally acceptable and technically feasible. The engineering studies conducted to date have been for that purpose. The original Central City and Modified Central City projects are required to meet the Corridor Development Certificate (CDC) and 1988 Record of Decision which established a set of common permit criteria and procedures for development within the Upper Trinity River Corridor. The previous Central City project and Modified Central City project as defined in the Supplement to the FEIS meet the CDC requirements. Hence, if the modified project is not carried forward the original project can be implemented as previously authorized and approved by the 2006 ROD received for the Central City project.

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Dear Sir,

This letter is to provide the comments of Bowen Properties on the Draft Supplement No. 1 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement Upper Trinity River Central City Fort Worth Texas ("DSEIS") dated December 21, 2007.

Bowen Properties consists of ten common law trusts and five LLC's, which own land as tenants in common inherited from the estate of the late R.C. Bowen.

Included in the sites owned by Bowen Properties are a number of tracts of vacant land east of Downtown Fort Worth. In particular Bowen Properties is the owner of sites numbered 10, 16a, 16b and 18b in Figure 9 of the DSEIS.

We have reviewed the DSEIS and find it to be lacking in two major respects: First, the environmental, social and economic impacts of moving the valley flood water storage required by the Fort Worth Trinity River project from the West side of Downtown Fort Worth to the East side of Downtown have not been identified and evaluated adequately or completely. Second, alternatives to the recommended revised plan have not adequately been identified and evaluated adequately or completely.

Bowen Properties has a long history of ownership on the Eastside. During the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's Bowen Properties tracts along Beach Street (including sites 16a and 16b) were operated as gravel pits. Shortly after the death of Ramah Bowen, R.C. Bowen's widow, in 1970, the City of Fort Worth approached Bowen Properties to request the end of gravel mining along Beach Street and the adoption of reclamation plan. We worked with the City and the US Army Corps of Engineers to develop a reclamation plan; and a plan was approved and implemented voluntarily pursuant to a Section 404 permit issued by the Corps (City fill permitting requirements came much later).



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We disagree with this conclusion. Direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the project including environmental, social and economic impacts have been considered. Two alternatives were identified in the Supplemental EIS and were addressed.

Under the Section 404 permit, Bowen properties brought in between 700,000 and 800,000 yards of clean fill to reclaim the frontage area along both sides of Beach Street by filling to a level above what was then the 100 year flood plane elevation. In accordance with the 404 permit and reclamation plan, we created wetland areas and small lakes both east and west of Beach Street. Starting in the mid 1970's, this reclamation took about twenty-five years to complete. The Corps was active in supervision for the whole time with participation from the City Parks Department in later years after a significant portion of Bowen Properties acreage was incorporated into Gateway Park.

During the whole time of the reclamation project Bowen Properties paid taxes on the land and was diligent in creating what was contemplated by all parties to be (1) a large reclaimed area above the flood plain which would provide the City and it's citizens with tax base and commercial development location together with (2) wetlands and lakes to mitigate the filling of the old gravel pits and to provide buffer between the development areas and Gateway Park. George Frost, the youngest grandchild of R.C. Bowen, managed Bowen Properties and was primarily responsible for this reclamation and wildlife habitat project until his untimely death in April 2003.

As things stand now, the wetlands and the lakes created by Bowen Properties provide exceptional habitat teeming with a wide variety of plant and wild life. We believe that these lakes are these only place between Fort Worth and Dallas where Sand Hill Cranes winter-over. The Supplemental proposal to move vauity storage from West to East will overturn and undo Bowen Properties generation long reclamation effort and potentially eliminate both the public and private benefits which were and worked for and paid for by Bowen Properties for such a long period of time in reliance on the Section 404 Permit and reclamation plan.

With this history of Bowen Properties on the Fort Worth East Side in mind, we now turn to some, but not all, of the details of the failures of the DSEIS described more generally above:

A. Failure of the DSEIS to Evaluate Impacts

1. There is no adequate analysis or description of the adequacy of the flood protection and floodwater storage provided in the DSEIS. Doesn't moving the floodwater storage downstream leave upstream areas unprotected? How much floodwater storage is required? Where? How have these requirements been derived?
2. The analysis of the impact of the DSEIS in specific areas is inadequate in a number of respects. Apparently the plan will require massive excavation and removal of soil in the Oxbow and East of Beach Street areas. There is no analysis of the costs or impacts of this excavation in terms of noise, dust, truck traffic, dollars and disruption of wetlands and habitat.

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 Technical studies for air, General Conformity Analysis, Fort Worth Central City, Riverside Oxbow/ Gateway Park Site (10/4/2007) and noise, Noise Impacts Review for the Modified Fort Worth Central City, Riverside/ Gateway Area (10/8/2007) were prepared by Trinity Consultants, are available. These studies investigated noise, dust, air quality parameters, traffic routing and effects of excavation on existing and proposed future environmental conditions. No significant effects to air quality would occur and noise and traffic levels would be minimized due to the distance from housing and other receptors. Detailed analysis of impacts on wetlands and other habitats was given priority and were thoroughly documented in the SEIS. The Riverside Oxbow Gateway Park area, as you have noted contains existing valuable resources and a Feasibility Report completed in 2005 has shown that these values could be substantially improved through careful management. Results indicate that riparian woodlands and wetlands would be improved through implementation of the Modified Alternative.

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 The Supplemental EIS indicates the valley storage needed and how the primary and contingent sites were identified and evaluated. Subsequent modeling has shown that the storage identified is adequate and that upstream areas are not adversely impacted by the project. Adequacy and analysis of the flood protection and floodwater storage are provided in Technical Appendix A - Hydrology and Hydraulics of the DSEIS. The project is required to meet the requirements of the Corridor Development Certificate (CDC) process.

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 The Corps of Engineers along with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the US Fish and Wildlife Service has conducted studies over several years within the Riverside Oxbow and Gateway Park areas to determine existing and future without a project habitat conditions. The same three agencies also developed early in the planning process site specific information that was utilized to avoid significant environmental resources like the higher quality resources you have identified. Subsequently the plans for valley storage and environmental improvements were combined to provide higher quality fish and wildlife habitat than would occur without the project or even with the project proposed in the Secretary of the Army approved plan for Riverside Oxbow Restoration. This plan as indicated takes advantage of the efforts previously done by Bowen Properties and provides additional future habitat benefits that would be maintained by public resources.

3. There is no identification of soil disposal excavations or analysis of the impact of the soil dumping on such locations. 
4. There is no evaluation of the specific adverse impacts of the excavation and construction program on the wetlands and lakes created by Bowen Properties pursuant to the reclamation plan and Section 404 Permit described above. 
5. There is no discussion or evaluation of loss of commercial locations and tax base along Beach Street to the local community and the City. 
6. Environmental justice issues are not considered adequately. As distinct from the West Side, residents on the East side near the planned excavation and storage sites are to a significant extent African American, Hispanic and Asian in ethnicity. The modified plan contemplates replacing valley storage on the West with upscale development. On the East side the residents will lose commercial development (jobs and possibly shopping) along Beach Street in parcels 16a and 16b, and a potential site for a local community organic garden in parcel 18b. In exchange they will get an Equestrian trail and wooded habitat. Clearly there are environmental justice issues yet to be considered. 
7. There is a hazardous waste site in the study area yet to be evaluated. Site 18a covers the location of what used to be a water filled gravel pit known as the Frying Pan Lake. During the 1970's and early 1980's when Bowen Properties was reclaiming its tracts with clean fill pursuant to a supervised 404 Permit, Frying Pan Lake was filled to a level above the flood plain as an uncontrolled, unregulated and unpermitted industrial waste disposal site. Closure pursuant to RCRA closure regulations is required, but has not been done. Frying Pan Lake is a large site with a significant potential for releasing hazardous substances into the environment during a flood. No consideration has been given in the DSEIS to the existence of this waste site in the study much less compliance with RCRA. 

B. Failure to Consider Alternatives:

1. The DSEIS lacks any overall evaluation of the original plan, which locates most of the valley storage on the West side in comparison to the modified plan which moves valley storage to the East. The basic rationale for the change, as stated in the DSEIS, is that the owner of the Riverbend Ecosystem Storage Site on the West has development plans (and implicitly has the political and economical clout to push the valley storage downstream). Nowhere in the DSEIS is there a coherent and factual comparison of the two alternatives from an environmental, flood control, and social and economic cost/benefit point of view. 
2. It is not at all clear from the DSEIS that all potential alternative storage sites have been considered. Thus, there may be no basis for asserting a valid

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 Disposal sites are identified and their impacts discussed within Appendix F of the Draft Supplemental EIS and the impacts on land vegetation and habitat are included within impact analysis within Chapter 4- Environmental Consequences. Figure 10 of the SEIS also indicates the areas where fill will be placed (Valley Storage Site-Fill and Valley Storage Site-Potential Fill Site).

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 Within the bounds of the project authorization, practical valley storage sites were identified and assessed in chapter 3 of the draft SEIS. Tables 3-1 through 3-4 present the process that was followed in determining the sites that were ultimately recommended in the Modified Alternative as primary or contingency sites.

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 The original plan is a component of the no action alternative and is sufficiently evaluated. All these factors other than cost/benefit were addressed in Chapter 4 and presented in table 2 of the SEIS. The Central City project was authorized without a requirement for a federal economic cost/benefit ratio but provides strict limitations on the total federal involvement in the project.

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 The intent of the Supplemental EIS was to develop and evaluate an additional alternative to provide valley storage mitigation other than what was approved by the 2006 Record of Decision for the original Central City Project and to re-evaluate the approved location of the Samuels Avenue Dam. During development of the supplement, multiple valley storage sites and differing relocations for the dam were screened. The Modified Central City Alternative compared the aspects of the the proposal that differed from the original EIS and compared the impacts and benefits not only of that project but to the aspects of the Riverside Oxbow Restoration project.

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 Additional discussion and clarification of project impacts on environmental justice issues has been provided in the SEIS and appendix D.

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 Contaminant conditions within Valley Storage Site 18a have not been investigated to date. Three geotechnical borings were drilled approximately 400 feet west of this site. No environmental sampling was done in Site 18a because prior to the public meeting as confirmed by the subsequent receipt of this letter, we were unaware that an illegal industrial disposal may exist at this site. Prior to excavation of the site we will conduct environmental investigations to validate the concerns raised in your letter. If contamination is identified the Corps will insure that this site is appropriately addressed under applicable federal and state law.

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 The Corps of Engineers has coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to document and evaluate impacts to the wetlands noted. Our evaluation indicates that the project would provide positive benefits to the wetlands within the study reach identified as Gateway Beach in the SDEIS and is disclosed within Chapter 4 and within Appendix E.

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3. There is no identification of soil disposal locations or analysis of the impact of the soil dumping on such locations. 
4. There is no evaluation of the specific adverse impacts of the excavation and construction program on the wetlands and lakes created by Bowen Properties pursuant to the reclamation plan and Sect  404 Permit described above. 
5. There is no discussion or evaluation of the loss of commercial locations and tax base along Beach Street to the local  community and the City. 
6. Environmental justice issues are not considered adequately. As distinct from the West Side, residents on the East side near the planned excavation and storage sites are to a significant extent African American, Hispanic and Asian in ethnicity. The modified plan contemplates replacing valley storage on the West with upscale development. On the East side the residents will lose commercial development (jobs and possibly shopping) along Beach Street in parcels 16a and 16b, and a potential site for a local community organic garden in parcel 18b. In exchange they will get an Equestrian trail and wooded habitat. Clearly there are environmental justice issues yet to be considered. 
7. There is a hazardous waste site in the stud  area yet to be evaluated. Site 18a covers the location of what used to be a water filled gravel pit known as the Frying Pan Lake. During the 1970's and early 1980's when Bowen Properties was reclaiming it's tracts with clean fill pursuant to a supervised 404 Permit, Frying Pan Lake was filled to a level above the flood plain as an uncontrolled, unregulated and unpermitted industrial waste disposal site. Closure pursuant to RCRA closure regulations is required, but has not been done. Frying Pan Lake is a large site with a significant potential for releasing hazardous substances into the environment during a flood. No consideration has been given in the DSEIS to the existence of this waste site in the study much less compliance with RCRA. 

B. Failure to Consider Alternatives:

1. The DSEIS lacks any overall evaluation of the original plan, which locates most of the valley storage on the West side in comparison to the modified plan which moves valley storage to the East. The basic rationale for the change, as stated in the DSEIS, is that the owner of the Riverbend Ecosystem Storage Site on the West has development p  (and implicitly has the political and economical clout to push the valley storage downstream). Nowhere in the DSEIS is there a coherent and factual comparison of the two alternatives from an environmental, flood control, cost, and social and economic cost/benefit point of view. 
2. It is not at all clear from the DSEIS that all potential alternative storage sites have been considered. Thus, there may be no basis for asserting a valid 

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 As early as 2004, City of Fort Worth identified in its Gateway Park Master Plan the proposal to incorporate these sites into the existing park. As such the economic changes along Beach Street would have occurred with or without the Modified Central City alternative.

public purpose in taking private property such as sites 16a and 16b for valley storage of floodwater.

3. There has been no consideration in the DSEIS of alternatives which would preserve the city tax base represented in parcels like 16a and 16b together with uses of these tracts which would be of more benefit to the local community.

In conclusion, the DSEIS needs to be reworked so that it provides a workable basis for evaluating the merits, fairness, and advisability of moving valley storage from the upper-class West side neighborhood to the diverse East side neighborhood in order to facilitate development by a private owner on the West side.

Sincerely yours,



Edmund B. Frost, Trustee
For Bowen Properties

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The Central City project provides the stimulus to preserve and to increase the city tax base. Parcels within sites 16a and 16b are a part of the Gateway Park Master Plan and have been intended by the City of Fort Worth to become a part of the park. As such no change to the City tax base than was previously planned by the City master plan will result from the alternative presented in the DSEIS.

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Affected Jurisdiction: Upper Trinity Basin, Trinity River, Texas

Re: Response to the Final EIS for Central City Project

The Trinity Uptown project has been expanded. Gateway Park now has to solve the flood control and problems that has been created by the New Flood Control Project - Trinity Uptown. I thought part of the criteria of a project design would have been to solve any problems within the project area and not create new ones outside the area.

These major design problems seem to be multiplying as the project area is expanded. The concerns for flooding in Gateway Park seem to be coming from the NEW By-Pass Flood Control Project. Doesn't this seem strange?

The Gateway Park should be able to be improved without having to take on the hydraulic problems of Trinity Uptown. It seems that Gateway Park is having to be redesigned in order for it to bear the burden of Trinity Uptown's inadequate valley storage problem and still may be flooded.

I had heard that the COE is waiting on results of flood design studies that have not been concluded to date. The COE said that the project area may change again - once the results from various studies have been finished. I have also heard that the project (Trinity Uptown) is on track and going forward. But, I have not heard when these problems under study will or will not be completed. Why would the COE approve a request from the City of Fort Worth to expand the project to Gateway Park when studies had not been completed? Why does the Riverside Oxbow Restoration Project have to be delayed and expanded just to preserve the Trinity Uptown design for economic development while inadequately addressing flood control in it's area?

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 From a Federal and local sponsor perspective, the Modified Central City alternative will accelerate features and additional restoration values of the original Riverside Oxbow Restoration project. Both the with or without project condition alternatives adequately address flood control requirements established in the 1988 Record of Decision and Corridor Development Certificate criteria.

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 The Corps of Engineers has completed adequate flood design studies to determine environmental acceptability and technical sufficiency of the Modified Central City project alternative. The original Central City and Modified Central City projects are required to meet the Corridor Development Certificate (CDC) and 1988 Record of Decision which established a set of common permit criteria and procedures for development within the Upper Trinity River Corridor. The previous Central City project and Modified Central City project as defined in the Supplement to the FEIS meet the CDC requirements. Hence, if the modified project is not carried forward the original project can be implemented as previously authorized and approved by the 2006 ROD received for the Central City project. As part of on-going design efforts as part of the authorized Central City project additional engineering studies will be conducted to complete the detailed design.

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 The Gateway Park area was only considered after the City of Fort Worth formally requested the Corps of Engineers to explore the concept of combining the original Fort Worth Central City project with the previously authorized Riverside Oxbow Ecosystem Restoration project is contained within the Upper Trinity River Study Area.

It is illegal to flood to your neighbor. Why should downtown Fort Worth flood Gateway Park to avoid flooding Arlington? Why should downtown Fort Worth's economic development (Trinity Uptown) be allowed to compromise the full use and enjoyment of Gateway Park's improvements? It may not be as illegal as flooding your neighbor (Arlington), but it does not make it right.

I don't understand spending money to make a flood - I don't understand why people would not be respectful of other areas of Fort Worth. Evidently, a few want to spend OUR Federal, State and City Tax dollars (which are in the MILLIONS) to build a poorly design project which will flood another area downstream rather than revisiting the design of Trinity Uptown in order to solve its problems within the project area.

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February 8, 2008

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Dear Mr. Alummuttil,

On February 7, 2008 the delegates to the Riverside Alliance voted to convey to our position on the proposed flood storage in Riverside Park as proposed in the "Draft Supplement No. 1 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Central City Project, Upper Trinity River, Texas."

The Alliance position is as follows on proposed flood storage in Riverside Park:

Our organization declines to endorse the flood storage plan as proposed in the Modified Central City Alternative which includes flood storage in Riverside Park because we do not currently have enough information about the project. We support using City of Fort Worth gas lease bonus monies for Riverside Park to fund a Riverside Park Master Plan.

The following are specific comments and questions on the draft supplement:

1. The draft supplement does not take into account the aesthetic, historic, and cultural significance of Oakhurst Scenic Drive, part of which is immediately adjacent to Riverside Park and the proposed flood storage area. Oakhurst Scenic Drive, from Belknap on the south to Watauga Road on the north, was constructed as a park by the Works Progress Administration Project with Tarrant County in 1936. It was designed by S. Herbert Hare, a partner in the nationally known Kansas City landscape architecture firm Hare and Hare.

Oakhurst Scenic Drive has been listed as a scenic corridor by the City of Fort Worth for more than 15 years. It is an important historic, cultural, recreational, and aesthetic resource to the citizens of Oakhurst and all citizens of Riverside and Fort Worth.

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 Comment is noted. Many options for flood storage were evaluated during the planning process for the original EIS and during development of this Supplemental EIS. This site was favored because of its low impact to existing environmental resources, publicly owned land, and economic cost.

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 Oakhurst Scenic Drive will be added to the Area of Potential Effect and discussion effects to this road will be included in the FSEIS.

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 City of Fort Worth is a sponsor of the Central City project and has endorsed use of Riverside Park as a Valley Storage Site. According to the City the proposed plan of reconstruction of the site will provide amenities that equal or exceed recreational and environmental features of the existing park area including facilitating use of the Trinity River.



The draft supplement does not take into account the impact of flood storage in Riverside Park – either preparing for it or maintaining it  Oakhurst Scenic Drive. We find this to be a deficiency of the document.

2. The proposal for flood storage in Riverside Park does not take into account the desire of residential property owners in Riverside to have a Riverside Park master plan produced which would take into consideration opportunities to make the park a neighborhood rather than a regional park serving several neighborhoods. The proposed flood storage plan also does not take into account new opportunities to develop the park as a pedestrian destination  closely linked to the new Six Points Urban Village and to other Riverside neighborhoods .
3. We are aware of the Texas Department of Transportation's plans to double the existing capacity on Interstate 35, immediately adjacent to Riverside Park and the Scenic Bluff and Oakhurst neighborhoods. What impact would flood storage in Riverside Park (and other nearby contingency flood storage sites) have on I-35 expansion? The draft supplement does not take into account the impact of its proposal for Riverside Park flood storage of  XDOT's plans.
4. There may be now or may in the future be gas drilling under Riverside Park. The draft supplement does not take into account the impact of the proposal for Riverside Park flood storage on current or future  drilling in or near the park or vice versa.
5. The draft supplement does not take into account the impact of proposed flood storage for Riverside Park on the nearby East Belknap Street Bridge, a historic resource identified in the Historic Resources Survey for Tarrant County, Texas and also eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft supplement to the FEIS on the Central City Project, Upper Trinity River, Texas. We look forward to receiving your response to our comments.

Sincerely,



Sarah Walker
Moderator

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 The use of Riverside Park as Valley Storage requires relocation of impacted infrastructure and temporary disturbance of existing recreational amenities. Excavation work as proposed avoids areas of existing woodlands within the park and along Oakhurst Scenic Drive. The City of Fort Worth is responsible for the current maintenance of the park and will continue in this role under the proposed project. As the overall footprint of the park will not be altered increased maintenance costs on an annual basis will not be greatly affected. As is the case with other City parks and Riverside Park, which are within the floodway, maintenance costs as a result of flood events will be handled from contingency funds as required as they are not an annual event. Oakhurst Scenic Drive would be repaired as necessary to a standard consistent with the needs and desires of the community.

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 The bridge is a historic resource that spans an active floodway and the floodway width is not affected near the bridge. Therefore, there is no physical or visual effect on the bridge by the proposed undertaking as the bridge continues to serve its historic purpose of spanning a floodway. No adverse effects due to the haul routes are anticipated to the resource. Reference Appendix C- Volume II, Sheet CG-10 for proposed grading work.

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 At this time a surface drill site has not been identified but City rules preclude it from occurring on the park site and that sufficient buffering occur between park and neighborhood land uses and a proposed drill site.

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 The proposed flood storage improvements in Riverside Park are not adjacent to I-35 and will not be impacted by TxDOT plans for the I-35 corridor; see Appendix C- Volume II, Sheet CG-10. The contingency sites if required would be coordinated with TxDOT and configured in a manner that will not impact I-35 expansion.

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 The size and location of Riverside Park preclude it from being a neighborhood park by classification. The City currently classifies the park as a Community Park. Community Parks are close to home parks designed to service the recreation needs of 18,000-36,000 or approximately 6 neighborhoods. Riverside Park also serves as a trailhead on the Trinity River Trail system which will not be altered by the proposed plan. The proposed plan does not preclude the further development or alternative development of the park as a pedestrian destination linked to the adjacent neighborhoods and neighborhood commercial areas. As presently planned the proposed project includes the relocation of existing parking facilities and connection to the recreational trail to be adjacent to Race Street thereby providing a better linkage to the Six Points Urban Village and Riverside neighborhoods. The City has committed to a Master Plan process to determine the recreational facilities within the park. The neighborhoods that are served by the park are not all opposed to the proposed plan. The Scenic Bluff Neighborhood, adjacent to Riverside Park, has endorsed the plan.



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RE: Draft Supplement No. 1 to Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Trinity River Central City Project (Tarrant County)

Dear Mr. Alummuttil:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has conducted a Draft Supplement No. 1 to the previously approved Final Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the Upper Trinity River Central City Project. The DSEIS has been provided to address a proposed alternative that would integrate the Central City Project with the Riverside Oxbow Ecosystem Restoration Project, two separate projects along the West Fork Trinity River in Tarrant County. The integrated project would be called the Modified Central City Alternative and would involve 1) providing valley storage, as required to mitigate for hydraulic impacts of the Central City Project, within the downstream Riverside Oxbow area rather than at the originally proposed upstream Riverbend site, 2) relocating the approved Samuels Avenue dam on the West Fork Trinity River from its original location downstream of Marine and Lebow Creeks to a location upstream of both creeks, 3) constructing a low water dam in the southern portions of Marine Creek, and 4) creating a boat channel and lock structure between the Trinity River impoundment and Marine Creek to allow for boat access between the two systems.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) offers the following comments and recommendations regarding the Modified Central City Alternative:

Valley Storage Sites

Figure 7 shows Essential Restoration Lands bounded along the old river oxbow and Figures 8 and 9 indicate potential valley storage sites, specifically Site ID 10 and 14a, within the Riverside Oxbow area that would avoid the Essential Restoration Lands. Figure 10, on the other hand, indicates Recommended Valley



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Storage – Cut locations for Site ID 10 and 14a that are not of similar size as those identified in Figures 8 and 9 and thus encroach on the Essential Restoration Lands. The Central City Habitat Development Plan for the Riverside Oxbow Area, Figure 12, shows a reduced amount of restored buffer along the Oxbow than was originally proposed in the Approved Riverside Oxbow Ecosystem Restoration Project, Figure 2. The new plan has “turf grass” planting proposed in the Essential Restoration Land area along oxbow.



Comment. The proposed “turf grass” plantings that encroach on the Essential Restoration Lands should be changed to native tallgrass plantings or riparian woodlands.



Comment. The proposed native grassland habitats of the Essential Restoration Lands should include tallgrass species that are not continually mowed. A mowing plan should be established that reduces mowing to every 3 years or when woody encroachment is evident. Some woody species within the native prairies may need individual plant applications of herbicide because mowing some woody species only creates multiple stem re-sprouting.

Over time, valley storage basins can accumulate sediment that settle out when flood waters enter the basins. Chapter 4 page 14 provided a short paragraph on the potential for approximately 3.5 inches of sediment to occur over a 30 year period. The DSEIS indicated that this amount of sediment would not have a detrimental effect on the proposed habitat developments within the excavated areas.

The DSEIS did not clearly indicate if the amount of sediment accumulation would affect the volume of valley storage that is needed, and whether any potential sediment dredging would be needed to account for valley storage losses. If dredging ever becomes necessary, those basins planted with riparian woodland vegetation would be impacted. The riparian areas would then need to be replanted. In order to prevent having to clear riparian vegetation for dredging, the USACE should consider planting early succession vegetation communities in those basins rather than later succession woodland communities. Incorporating an emergent wetland community within the basins would make reclamation following dredging more feasible.



Comment. The potential need for sediment removal to meet valley storage requirements and associated habitat mitigation impacts should be addressed in the DSEIS.

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 Sedimentation transport studies conducted indicate that sedimentation within the valley storage areas will not be a significant impact to valley storage and therefore will not need to be removed. The threat to the perpetuation of riparian forests within these areas during the 50-yr study period was evaluated. The Corps and local sponsor acknowledged that there was some risk and consequently estimated future riparian values than if done on non-excavated areas. In addition, a long term monitoring and adaptive management program will be utilized to adapt to conditions that may affect future benefits.

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 Turf grass plantings have been proposed in areas of forecasted high pedestrian use or other factors that preclude the use of native tallgrasses. During subsequent detailed design, each site will be further evaluated and if turf grasses areas can be replaced or reduced with native tallgrass, that action will be implemented.

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 An Operations and Maintenance Manual for all ecosystem improvements will be developed during detailed plans and specifications prior to completion of construction. The sponsor will be responsible for O&M. This information will be useful in consideration of species to use and development of that plan.

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 The original Riverside Oxbow project report findings were utilized along with recent field investigations and review of existing imagery to determine environmentally sensitive areas for establishing boundaries on the figure to promote a planning objective of minimizing impacts to existing high quality resources and those high quality resources that would be established should Riverside Oxbow Project ever be authorized for construction (essential restoration lands). As you have noted all impacts could not be avoided, however through planning discussions between hydraulic, civil and environmental planners, the impacts were minimized to the extent possible within the accuracy of information available.

Habitat Development Plan at Riverside Oxbow Area

The native grasses proposed within the Savannah habitats for the Central City Habitat Development Plan were not clearly described in the DSEIS.

Recommendation. The herbaceous vegetation planted for the Savannah habitats should consist of native grasses and forbs species that create a diverse community. As described above, these areas should be protected from continual mowing.

There has been a dramatic increase in water demand across North Texas, thus water conservation is essential to this area. Native vegetation is adapted to the soil and climate of the area and usually requires less maintenance and watering than introduced species. The disease tolerance of native vegetation provides longevity to the landscape without high cost. Native landscapes provide an enjoyable outdoor space for the public while also benefiting wildlife such as birds and butterflies.

Recommendation. To enhance the value of the proposed "turf grass" planting areas to both wildlife and the public and to reduce irrigation use, the native turf grass, buffalograss (*Buchloe dactyloides*) should be planted.

Thank you for consideration of these recommendations. Please contact me at (903) 675-4447 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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 The intent is to establish the savannahs utilizing species that would provide the results recommended. Fish and Wildlife Service has provided some recommendations and further coordination with state, local and federal resources agencies and groups will be conducted to determine the appropriate species mix on a site by site basis during detailed plans and specifications development.

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 To the extent possible buffalograss will be utilized for the reasons mentioned.



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February 14, 2008

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Subject: Review of the Draft Supplement No. 1 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS), for Upper Trinity River Central City, Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Alummutil:

The U.S. Department of the Interior has reviewed the subject DSEIS and has the following comments. Since 2001, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been evaluating various alternatives for flood damage reduction, mitigation, and reestablishment of fish and wildlife habitats, recreational opportunities, and other allied projects along the West and Clear Forks of the Upper Trinity River and its tributaries in Tarrant County, Texas. These studies are being conducted at the request of the non-federal sponsor, Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), and under the Corps' June 2000 Upper Trinity River Basin Study authority.

The Riverside Oxbow Ecosystem Restoration and the Central City Multi-Purpose projects were the first two studies being conducted as part of the comprehensive Clear Fork and West Fork of the Trinity River Interim Feasibility Study. The Corps' Riverside Oxbow Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment were completed in April 2003 and some aspects of the plan have already been implemented. In December 2004, the United States Congress authorized the Corps to undertake the Central City project as generally described in the April 2003 Trinity River Vision Master Plan, a cooperative initiative between the TRWD, Streams and Valleys (a local non-profit parks organization), and the City of Fort Worth (City). The Upper Trinity River Central City plan and Environmental Impact Statement were completed in January 2006.

The Central City Project Plan, as described in the January 2006 EIS, includes a flood bypass channel and floodgates to divert flood flow around a segment of the existing Trinity River adjacent to downtown Fort Worth. In addition, project plans consist of a dam located downstream of Samuels Avenue to create a small lake extending up the river to approximately Rockwood Park, ecological restoration areas, and 5,250 acre-feet of valley storage mitigation sites. Much of the proposed valley storage was to be located in the Riverbend Park area to compensate for the loss of valley storage associated with the construction of the proposed dam and bypass channel on the Trinity River. Habitat improvement, restoration, and enhancement were also planned for the Riverbend Park area to compensate for project impacts.

The April 2003 Riverside Oxbow Interim Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment contains plans for the Riverside Oxbow ecosystem restoration project located just east of the downtown area on the West Fork of the Trinity River downstream of Riverside Drive. It consists of habitat restoration on 512.2 acres of floodplain lands, approximately 2 miles of oxbow river channel, 56.5 acres of wetlands, 112 acres of riparian habitat and upland native grassland, and 25,700 feet of compatible mixed surface linear recreational trails.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assisted the Corps in assessing both projects. That involved attending team meetings, conducting site visits, completing baseline habitat assessments, and evaluating alternative plans.

On June 22, 2006, the City requested that the Corps conduct an evaluation and analysis to consider the potential benefits of merging the Central City and the Riverside Oxbow project areas. Significant changes in land use and development activities within the project areas have occurred since the National Environmental Policy Act documents were completed, such as the recent gas well drilling near the Riverside Oxbow.

The current study proposal contains two alternatives. The "No Action" Alternative would be the separate implementation of both the Central City and the Riverside Oxbow Ecosystem Restoration projects as they are currently approved and the Modified Central City Alternative would combine both projects. The modified project proposes the major attributes contained in the original plan, such as the bypass channel, isolation gates, the Samuels Avenue Dam, valley storage mitigation, and wildlife habitat mitigation. The Samuels Avenue Dam location is proposed to be relocated upstream of Marine Creek. The modified plan would minimize acquisition of private lands by locating the valley storage sites on public lands and concentrating wildlife habitat mitigation in the Riverside Oxbow project area. Aquatic habitat mitigation for impacts to Marine Creek resulting from construction of the dam, the proposed lock and channel located west of the dam, and the Marine Creek low water dam are still proposed for Ham Branch, but now includes restoration of Sycamore Creek within the Riverside Oxbow area. The modified project proposes to exclude Riverbend Park from the project for habitat mitigation but includes it as a contingency valley storage site if additional storage is necessary. The modified plan would require compensation for loss of about 18.3 acres of riparian woodlands, 59 acres of upland woodlands, 2.3 acres of aquatic habitat, and less than an acre of emergent wetlands. However, it includes establishing 58 acres of wetlands, restoration of 10.9 acres of stream and oxbow habitat, developing of 137.6 acres of riparian woodland, enhancement of 263.6 acres of existing riparian woodland, development of 87 acres of native grassland/savannah, and enhancement of 53.3 acres of native grasslands.

The FWS's Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) reports  for the Central City and the Riverside Oxbow Ecosystem Restoration projects contain our assessment of the existing environmental conditions of the project area and habitat restoration recommendations for the "No Action" alternative. The information contained in these reports and most of our recommendations have been incorporated into the Modified Central City alternative.

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US Fish and Wildlife Service provided valuable and much appreciated technical assistance during the formulation of the Central City and Riverside Oxbow Projects and Modified Central City Alternative.

General Comments

Samuels Avenue Dam and Marine Creek Low Water Dam

The fisheries survey conducted by the FWS in 2005 on Marine Creek demonstrated that the shallow riffle-pool sequences currently support an exceptional and high valued fish community. The FWS has designated the aquatic habitats within Marine Creek as Resource Category 3. Category 3 habitat is of high to medium value for the evaluation species and is relatively abundant on a national basis. The mitigation goal for this category is no net loss of habitat value while minimizing loss of in-kind values. Impacts to these aquatic resources should be avoided, minimized, and/or compensated.

The FWS expressed concerns in our October 5, 2005, Central City FWCA report that the aquatic habitat in these reaches would be totally lost due to inundation caused by the proposed Samuels Avenue Dam included in the proposed Community Based Alternative in the 2006 Central City Multi-Purpose project. The Modified Central City Alternative proposes to relocate the Samuels Avenue Dam to approximately 1,750 feet downstream of Northside Drive on the main stem of the Trinity River, immediately upstream from the confluence of Marine Creek. This new location would eliminate impacts to Lebow Creek. During normal dry weather, the dam will maintain the normal water-pool level elevation of 524.3 National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD). The pool level of 516.5 NGVD within proposed channel and lock structure that would connect the Trinity River with Marine Creek and the fixed low water dam proposed on Marine Creek, approximately 300 feet upstream of the confluence with the main stem of the river, is much lower than the original project pool level. This lower level would reduce the backwater impacts to Marine Creek, but would still result in the inundation of shallow riffle and run fishery habitat. Therefore, mitigation would be required.

Aquatic Mitigation Plan

The FWS supports the proposed Modified Central City Alternative aquatics mitigation plan that proposes developing additional stream mitigation features in Sycamore Creek and Ham Branch. This mitigation would include construction of a series of riffle pool sequences with a stable streambed supported by stable banks and a riparian corridor in both streams. The streams should have a sufficient longitudinal profile (slope) to maintain adequate flow regimes. Substrate composition should be similar to the habitat in Marine Creek. These mitigation measures would fully compensate for the adverse impacts to the aquatic habitat in Marine Creek caused by the construction of Samuels Avenue dam and the low water dam.

We support restoring the old remnant of Sycamore Creek between Riverside Oxbow and the river. Providing a reliable water source and restoring the aquatic function of this segment of Sycamore Creek would benefit aquatic species and contribute to the mitigation requirement for the impacts associated with inundating Marine Creek. Habitat restoration benefits would not be fully realized for several years, but the newly planted aquatic vegetation proposed in the mitigation plan would probably be well established within 1 year. Habitat values for ducks, wading birds, and fish would still be low until woody debris and overhangs required for good wood duck, green heron, and raccoon habitat are established and the invertebrate numbers increase. Food availability would be greatly improved by the 10th year, but the woody debris and overhangs for perching and shelter would still be lacking. By the 50th year, it is assumed that

woody debris and overhangs would be available along the edge of the wetland, yielding optimum habitat for all the wetland indicator species.

The proposed valley storage site located in Harmon Field  contains the proposed Ham Branch restoration project area. Ham Branch is also being proposed for aquatic habitat restoration to mitigate for impacts to the aquatic environments associated with inundation of Marine Creek due to the proposed Samuels Avenue dam. The FWS supports the proposed aquatic and riparian habitat restoration of Ham Branch.

Specific Comments

Valley Storage Sites

Site 1: This site is located within Riverbend Park that receives a significant level of seasonal public use. Our October 5, 2005, report contained information regarding the high quality of habitat located within this area. The park contains a diversity of habitats; grasslands, riparian woodlands, upland woodlands, and wetlands. The upland woodlands contain the highest overall wildlife habitat values that were measured in the project area. We recommend that this area not be considered for excavation for valley storage, but as possible habitat mitigation if additional habitat mitigation is necessary. 

Site 5a: Appendix E, page 6, states, "Negative impacts to Lebow Creek would be totally eliminated..." Figure CG-06 in Appendix C, Volume II indicates that the lower east bank of Lebow Creek would be excavated as part of the proposed valley storage Site 5a. The DSEIS does not address this impact. We recommend that excavation of Lebow Creek be avoided and the boundary of the proposed valley storage Site 5a be located further east as to not cause adverse impacts to the creek.

Site 8: This site located within Riverside Park contains grasslands, riparian woodlands, and upland woodlands. The project area receives a significant level of seasonal public use. All the habitats in this project area have great potential for improvement; however, this area currently has a high habitat value per acre. The existing small stream at the south end with its narrow riparian woodland corridor on each bank and a stand of mature pecans are important to local mast producers. With a change in the management of the ground cover, this site could become high quality riparian habitat. We recommend moving Site 8 further south. 

Site 9: This site is the location of the proposed Ham Branch restoration project, which was selected for environmental mitigation to compensate for impacts to the aquatic environments associated with inundation of Marine Creek. The FWS looks forward to assisting the Corps in the habitat restoration planning of Ham Branch. 

Sites 12 and 14a: Proposed valley storage sites 12 and 14b appear to encroach into the bottomland hardwood riparian corridor along the Riverside Oxbow, removing mature trees and shrubs. The purpose of the approved Riverside Oxbow habitat restoration project is to restore the riparian forest within the Riverside Oxbow area and Gateway Park. Figure 7 depicts the "essential restoration lands" that were recommended by FWS, Corps, and state biologists that are known to contain quality riparian bottomland hardwood habitat. Bottomland hardwood habitat is becoming more scarce within Texas, especially within urban areas. The narrow bottomland hardwood habitat corridor within the Riverside Oxbow area is predominately composed of

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 The portion of overall Site 8 (figure 10) that would be used as a contingency site is on private lands adjacent to IH-35. It was formerly used as a farmland and has mixed vegetation regrowth, mostly formland and early successional grassland and shrubs. Moving site 8 further south would put it into the forested area or into a primary valley storage site (Site 21). Site 21 avoids impacts to the stream and forested areas of Riverside Park.

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 The scale of the referenced drawing results in the appearance that excavation would occur down into Lebow Creek. Lebow Creek is deeply incised at the confluence and the excavation depth would not extend into the channel. Only the upper most part of the bank which is currently vegetated by seasonal growth of non-native forbs, would be disturbed. Appropriate controls will be utilized during construction to manage storm water runoff from the disturbed soils.

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 The Corps will continue its coordination with the FWS as plans and specifications continue on Ham Branch.

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 The area of proposed for valley storage if utilized as a contingency site would impact upland savannah primarily. No priorities have been established for use of contingency sites, however, should one or more of the sites be needed the design will be modified to the extent possible to minimize impacts to any high quality resources. While the Modified Central City Alternative as proposed would provide adequate mitigation should this site need to be ultimately impacted, revegetation of the impacted area would be necessary and to the extent possible, tree plantings and native grasslands would be utilized.

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 Support for the aquatic mitigation and restoration at Ham Branch and Sycamore Creek and Riverside Oxbow is appreciated.

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 The original Riverside Oxbow project report findings were utilized along with recent field investigations and review of existing imagery to determine environmentally sensitive areas for establishing boundaries on Figure 7 to promote a planning objective of minimizing impacts to existing high quality resources and those high quality resources that would have been established should Riverside Oxbow Restoration Project be authorized for construction (essential restoration lands). As you have noted all impacts could not be avoided, however through planning discussions between hydraulic, civil and environmental planners, the impacts were minimized to the extent possible within the accuracy of information available.

mature pecan, oaks, and elms. It provides food, cover, nesting habitat, and living space for forest dependent species. Large trees are important as nesting habitat for the fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger*) and red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) and important escape cover for raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) and migratory birds. Brush piles and snags provide necessary food, cover, and shelter for small mammals and birds. Riparian forest habitats are essential in maintaining biodiversity and providing important wildlife travel corridors.

The proposed plan includes planting trees and shrubs to establish more riparian woodlands in this area, but it would take years for the trees to mature and the habitat to become quality bottomland-hardwood habitat. We recommend that trees within the riparian corridor be preserved as much as possible and that they be protected from excavation, construction, and erosion damage. Excavation for the proposed valley storage sites 12 and 14b should be relocated outside the designated "environmental sensitive area."

The project plans indicate that excavation would occur around the existing mature pecan trees along the Sycamore Creek remnant. Excavating around a tree to preserve it will not assure its survival if the roots are damaged or the moisture in the soil is changed due to such activities. Excavation around the trees along the Sycamore Creek remnant should not be closer to the tree trunks than the distance between the trunk and drip line plus 25 percent of the same distance to maintain their health. Any exposed roots should be reburied.

Site 16a and 18a: The wetlands located between valley storage sites 16a and 18a were included in the environmentally sensitive areas designated by the interagency biologist team. The FWS is concerned that the excavation of proposed valley storage sites 16a and 18a may adversely alter the hydrology of these wetlands. Drainage from the surrounding land contributes to the water level in these wetlands. We recommend that the Final Supplemental to the Final EIS include an analysis of how the proposed excavation sites will affect the emergent wetlands within the project area and how these wetlands will be maintained.

The proposed project (Figures 13 and 14) includes 7,600 feet of wood mulch equestrian trail of which portions appear to be located along the banks of the wetlands in Gateway Park. Trampling by horses generally causes compaction of leaf litter and soil much greater than by hikers. Nutrient enrichment from horse manure and urine is also a likely factor that could favor invasion of weedy species along horse trails. Horse manure may contain viable seeds of exotic species. We recommend that the equestrian trail be located at least 30 feet from the shoreline of wetlands and other water bodies. We recommend that monitoring for and removal of horse manure and exotic plants continue as standard park maintenance.

Chapter 3, Marine Creek Low Water Dam, Paragraph 15, second paragraph - The DSEIS states that bank stabilization would be accomplished through the use of compacted concrete with rip-rap at the turnaround basin just upstream of 23rd Street. Hard bank protection could reflect wave energy against other unprotected soft banks. We recommend using more natural, soft engineering for bank stabilization.

Chapter 4, page 20, Habitat Outputs - The DSEIS states that grassland types included in the plans are turf grasses, managed (mowed) grasses for stabilization on channel and levee slopes, and planted, managed, and improved native grasslands. We recommend planting native Buffalo grass, *Buchloe dactyloides*, in the parks and on the levees, instead of Bermuda grass.

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 Subsequent detailed plans and specifications will include evaluations to reduce the amount of encroachment into the environmentally sensitive areas identified per the Department's recommendation.

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 Existing design provides for bulkheads and other structures outside of the drip line of these valuable mature trees to provide protection against soil erosion and groundwater losses. As these trees provide valuable support to the entire Sycamore Creek aquatic habitat development, precautions recommended will be utilized to the extent practicable.

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 Wetlands within this site will be modified slightly by the project, however the intent is to provide an increase in size of the wetlands by contouring non-forested areas to provide a more gradual slope, placement of some fill in deeper waters, and proactively plant the wetland with native wetland plants to maximize habitat value gain and reduce invasion by non-native or less desirable native wetland plants. The excavations on either side will not shunt water away from the wetland areas and should not negatively impact the existing or proposed improved wetlands values.

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 We also prefer soft treatments where practicable, however Marine Creek carries significant flood flows at times from a large drainage area of North Fort Worth. In addition as small recreational/commercial water taxi type boat traffic will be accommodated in the future, some hard bank may be needed. This recommendation for utilizing softer banks where possible will be carried forward for further consideration during detail plans and specifications development.

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 We concur and agree that riparian forest habitat is essential to maintaining important wildlife habitat. Valley storage sites within the proposed Modified Central City Alternative in the Riverside Oxbow area allow for greater development of riparian forest within this area.

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 Concur, this recommendation will be carried further into plans and specifications. The trails will be located a sufficient distance from sensitive areas to minimize disturbance to wildlife utilizing the areas. The other reasons mentioned are also valid with regard to maintaining a sufficient distance between visitors and the wildlife habitat.

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 Buffalo grass will be utilized where site and use conditions are conducive.

Table 4-1, page 4-13 - The figures do not reflect the figures in the first table in Attachment 1 to Appendix E titled, "Without Project Versus With Project Conditions Modified Central City Project."

First Table in Attachment 1 to Appendix E, Without Project Versus With Project Conditions Modified Central City Project - The figures in the table under the Upland Forest column are incorrect. They appear to be off one line down.

Appendix E, page 10 - These habitat development and improvement acres do not match the ones given on page 4-18.

Summary

After reviewing information provided in the DSEIS, we have determined that the Corps' recommended plan, if the recommendations discussed above are included, would sufficiently mitigate the adverse impacts resulting from implementation of the modified project alternative. The mitigation plan would provide for habitat diversity, quality, and quantity, benefiting a variety of resident and migratory wildlife species. It would not adversely affect any threatened and endangered species. Reforestation and improvement of the riparian corridor would substantially increase the amount of vital reproductive and neotropical bird habitat, thus, furthering the goals and objectives of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the Partners in Flight program. For these reasons, we support implementation of the proposed Modified Central City Alternative.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on the DSEIS. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Carol Hale, FWS Ecological Services Field Office, Arlington, Texas, at 817-277-1100.

Sincerely,



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Regional Environmental Officer

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 Concur, an error in formatting occurred during preparation of the draft report for printing to CD, however the correct version with non-shifted lines was used during writing of the technical appendix and Draft SEIS. This error has been corrected.

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 The acreages shown on page 4-18 are composite numbers from the entire Central City project, whereas the acreages identified on Appendix E, page 10 are limited to those areas preserved, improved, or developed solely with the Riverside Oxbow-Gateway Park study reaches.

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 To the extent practicable the Services recommendations have been adopted and future efforts will be coordinated with the Service and other resource agencies to minimize adverse impacts to key resources. The proposed habitat development plans will provide substantially more wetlands, riparian woodlands and stream habitat than unavoidably impacted by the project.

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 The numbers in Attachment 1 do not reflect additional residual impacts caused by Central City project implementation that are included in Table 4-1. Some impacts attributable to the project occur in areas outside of the areas that we analyzed in attachment 1, but were added to Table 4-1 from the original Central City EIS data.



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Re: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Joint Public Notice
 Upper Trinity River Central City Project

Dear Mr. Alummuttil:

This is in response to the December 21, 2007 letter from William Fickel, Jr. concerning the referenced project. Our findings indicate that as a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the City of Fort Worth has review responsibility and approval authority for projects within the City. Since a change in the water surface elevation is anticipated, a Letter of Map Revision may be needed.

Please note that as of September 1, 2007, the Texas Water Development Board became the State Coordinating Agency for the National Flood Insurance Program. Please send all future correspondence to:

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Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at (512) 463-4350.

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Corps and local sponsor will coordinate with the City of Fort Worth in developing and submitting a Letter of Map Revision as the design and implementation of the modifications progresses.



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Dear Mr. Fickel:

We have reviewed the Draft Supplemental **b. 1** to the Final Environmental Statement, for the Upper Trinity River Central City, Fort Worth, Texas. EPA reviewed the Final EIS on February 21, 2006, and had no further comments or objections to the proposed action. EPA has no additional comments to offer on the supplemental document.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully yours,

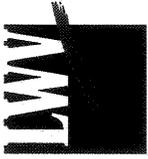
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Thank you for reviewing and commenting on the project modification proposal.



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Subject: Comments and Questions concerning the Draft Supplement No. 1 to Final EIS for the Central City Project, Upper Trinity River, Texas

- According to the EIS, the Trinity Uptown Project was funded by Section 106 of Public Law 108-447. The Federal share was capped at \$110 million. It is our understanding that the funds were authorized, but only \$10 million has been appropriated. Since the project was not included in the 2008 fiscal year Water Resources Development Act, what is the process for appropriating the remaining \$100 million that has been authorized?
- The Old Water treatment plant off Beach will be used for storing excavation material. What types of materials are expected to be stored? How will the area be screened from surrounding land uses? What measures will be taken to ensure that pollutants from the excavation materials do not flow into the Trinity River.
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 Materials that will be excavated include clays, sands, gravels and silts. At this point in time we do not expect any excavated materials to be contaminated. If any are found during subsequent investigations, the materials will be managed in accordance with State and federal requirements. During construction erosion control measures will be implemented to prevent migration of excavated materials offsite. After construction, the site surface will be stabilized against erosion with turf or other hard surfaces.

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 Depending on the planned land use the proposed landscaping will incorporate native plantings which require less water to maintain. Riparian woodlands would be sufficiently established so that long term irrigation will not be required. The use of ground water is not envisioned.

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 Water quality changes (mostly associated with dissolved oxygen and sedimentation) are not anticipated to significantly affect aquatic flora and fauna composition. Water quality impacts are discussed in Chapter 4-11 and 4-12.

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 The plans to mitigate upland forest include first minimization of impacts, and compensation for unavoidable impacts. Upland resources have been identified as a resource category by the USFWS that may be mitigated in kind or out of kind. As this project deals with floodplains, a decision has been made to compensate for upland losses primarily through development of riparian forest. The plan has been coordinated with the USFWS and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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 When the Central City original EIS was being prepared, the Riverside Oxbow Ecosystem Restoration Project had been approved and was awaiting authorization for implementation. The City of Fort Worth asked that the area be considered with expectations that it could result in expediting the restoration and provide the valley storage at the same location. After evaluation of the Modified Central City alternative it was determined to be technical sound and environmentally acceptable.

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 The modified project as proposed does not significantly increase the water surface area in the Riverside Oxbow/ Gateway Park area.

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 Recommendation noted. Applicable energy saving devices will be incorporated into water quality enhancement features.

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 Money is appropriated for civil works projects by the Congress through future appropriation bills.

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 Flow velocities were reviewed during development of the project alternative to ensure that velocities were maintained within an acceptable range. Hydraulic modeling has shown no significant increase in velocities.

During detailed design erosion concerns will be controlled similar to existing conditions through harden channel bottom surfaces and in-channel energy dissipation structures.

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 Waterfront Drive was discussed and analyzed in the original Central City EIS and is not within the scope of the Supplemental EIS.



- The plan should mention the existing and planned gas wells in the area and any associated land uses.
- Water Storage needs – 5,250 acres (p 42-53) Water storage will require at least seasonal flooding in parts of Rockwood Park, Harman Park, Riverside Park, Oxbow area, and Gateway Park. In Gateway Park the critical features will be above only the two year flood level. Recreational uses in Gateway Park will be flood compatible (p. 66). The Oxbow area will be reduced in elevation by about 10-14 feet. Other storage areas may also be needed. How many park usage days per year will be lost in each park as a result of the new flooding caused by the subject project. Other water storage issues are as follows:
 - Chapter 3-6 addresses Valley Storage sites. The Riverside Oxbow in the table potentially includes seven separate storage areas and the Riverside Gateway North potentially includes four sites. This is vague and really needs to be discussed as an example of the Table 3-1 intent.
 - Chapter 3-7 last paragraph states in the last sentence that: “the Water District plans to acquire all properties which may not be included in the potential valley storage sites, but which are essential to the purpose of the approved Riverside Oxbow project.” Is this an eminent domain solution or is it a negotiated solution for acquiring the particular property.
 - In Chapter 3-9 it appears that the identified sites would “marginally” meet the 5,250 acre-foot valley storage requirement. Problem almost solved, it seems. The it states that storage values could not be achieved without significant modification of the sites. How severe is the disturbance and what is the proposed solution?
 - Last paragraph of 3-9 presents a Recommended Valley Storage Plan. It sounds good.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this plan.

Sincerely,

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 Chapter 3 page 9 is a continuation of the discussion on plan formulation which led to the development of the recommended plan as later discussed and presented in Table 3-4 and Figure 10. The proposed solution was to reconfigure several of the previously presented sites, add several additional sites 5c, 13, and 18b and provide additional contingency sites in the event additional storage was required during detailed design.

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 The statement on Chapter 3 page 7 was not intended as the method of acquiring property but rather that the local sponsor (TRWD) supported the implementation of the full context of the original Riverside Oxbow Ecosystem Restoration Plan and not solely the portions that were going to be required for valley storage proposes.

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 The effects of existing and future gas wells and distribution system were considered, primarily in the habitat appendix and within the cumulative impact assessment.

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 Chapter 3 page 6 is supported by Figure 6 and table 3-1 is intended to describe the process in which the team formulated the recommended plan as presented on Figure 10 and Table 3-4. The text adequately describes the early formulation process.

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 The duration in which portions of the mentioned parks would be unavailable during flooding is highly variable and impossible to predict with certainty in the future. Some general conclusions however can be drawn based on historical flows at USGS gauging stations at Nutt Dam and Beach Street. A historical examination of a 30 year period of record (1977-2007) found the 2-yr reoccurrence interval was exceeded 11 times under mean flow for a total of 48 days or on average 1.6 days per year.

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 Thank you for supporting the Recommended plan.



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Attention: Saji Alummuttil

Re: Review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
Upper Trinity River, Central City, Fort Worth, Texas
Draft Supplement No.1 to the Final Environmental impact Statement
(COE-FWD)

Dear Mr. Fickel:

Thank you for allowing us to review the draft supplement referenced above. This letter serves as comment on the document from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The review staff, led by Bill Martin, has completed its review. We believe that this supplement requires reworking. Please note that the only mention of cultural resources occurs on page 2-8. There is no discussion of the potential for adverse effects on cultural resources under any or the alternatives discussed in Chapter 4. Please add a discussion of cultural resources for each alternative.

Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If we may be of further assistance, please contact Bill Martin at 512/463-5867.**

Sincerely,

for
F. Lawrence Oaks, State Historic Preservation Officer

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 The document has been modified to include the discussion of potential impacts to resources for each alternative and other information requested.

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Re: Central City Project, Upper Trinity River-SEIS

Dear Mr. Fickel:

As described in your letter dated December 21, 2007 the proposed draft Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) includes modifications to the Central City Project. The Central City project was finalized in January 2006 and a Record of Decision was signed on April 7, 2006. The project included construction of a flood bypass channel and flood gates to divert flood flows around a segment of the Trinity River channel adjacent to downtown Fort Worth; Samuels Avenue Dam to create an interior water feature; with the hydraulic and habitat mitigation and habitat improvement areas principally located within the Riverbend area adjacent to the West Fork of the Trinity River in west Fort Worth. In the Final EIS, Samuels Avenue Dam would be located downstream of Samuels Avenue on the West Fork and would raise the normal water surface elevation of the West Fork and Marine Creek to 524.5 feet mean sea level. This would create a lake extending up the West Fork to approximately Rockwood Park and up Marine Creek to the Stockyard area. The project initially required creation of about 5,250 acre-feet of valley storage to compensate for the loss of valley storage caused by the bypass channel's increased hydraulic capacity during flood events. Stream habitat mitigation was provided by modification of stream flows and provision of additional stream habitat within Lebow Creek and by development of riparian vegetation and riffle pool sequences within Ham Branch.

By letter dated June 22, 2006, the City of Fort Worth requested that the Corps conduct an evaluation of the potential benefits of modifying the Central City Project to incorporate the Riverside Oxbow Restoration Project (RORP) area to accommodate valley storage requirements. The Riverside Oxbow Restoration Project is located just east of downtown Fort Worth on the West Fork of the Trinity River. The RORP consists of reconnecting the old river channel of the West Fork; replacement of the Beach Street bridge; creation of emergent wetlands, open water, and vegetative fringe habitat; habitat improvement on existing forest tracts including establishment of a riparian m

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buffer along the West Fork from Riverside Drive to East 1st Street; and various other ecosystem restoration and recreation features. An Interim Feasibility Report with Integrated Environmental Assessment (and Finding of No Significant Impact) with Addendum dated April 2005 were previously approved by the Corps.

The SEIS proposes two alternatives. The No Action Plan, which assumes that each project would proceed separately as currently approved, and a modified Central City Project alternative. The Central City alternative would integrate features of the RORP and include areas within the project area for valley storage mitigation in lieu of the Riverbend valley storage site which would have required substantial mitigation.

These modifications include the relocation of the Samuels Avenue dam upstream of the Marine Creek confluence, a low water dam on lower Marine Creek and lock system to connect the Trinity River to Marine Creek, the original proposed upstream diversion channel in the vicinity of the Clear Fork confluence area, addition of excavation areas for valley storage in upstream and downstream areas, new fill placement areas, and removal of proposed work in the vicinity of the Lebow Creek confluence area.

In addition to the information contained in the SEIS, the following information is needed for review of the proposed project. Responses to this letter may raise other questions that will need to be addressed before a water quality certification determination can be made.

1. Please have the applicant provide additional details including diagrams of the design, and monitoring and success criteria regarding the Ham Branch mitigation site. Please have the applicant explain in detail the effects of the levee modifications on the Ham Branch mitigation site and whether, if any, changes to hydroperiod or hydrology will affect the mitigation.
2. Please have the applicant describe the mechanism of ingress and egress of fish into Ham Branch and Marine Creek with the respective barriers of a weir and low water dam. While the proposed project is designed to directly impact Marine Creek, the TCEQ encourages the applicant to further evaluate designs of the low water dam to facilitate the movement of aquatic life between Marine Creek and the Trinity River, and therefore minimize the direct impact from the dam.
3. In Chapter 3 of the SEIS: Alternatives, there is a discussion in the determination of the relocation of the Samuel Avenue Dam. In one paragraph, there is an expressed concern that moving the dam immediately upstream of the confluence with Marine Creek may cause scouring at the Samuel Avenue bridge. Is scouring still a concern regarding the ultimate location of the dam or is there some other data that indicated it would not be a problem? If scouring will be an issue, how will it be addressed?

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 Additional detailed information developed since May 2006 will be provided to TCEQ including success criteria developed with assistance from USFWS and our ERDC. ERDC submitted a report in August 2006 that included additional diagrams.

The levee modifications adjacent to Ham Branch would result in infrequent minor alterations to the Ham Branch floodplain. This area currently serves as a interior drainage area for the Fort Worth levee system and floods much more frequently that would occur from use of the area as valley storage. The Corps does not believe that the hydroperiod or hydrology changes will negatively impact the proposed mitigation.

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 The issue was considered during initial plans to utilize the Ham Branch floodplain for developing valley storage. For the valley storage to be effective, the area must receive floodwaters from the West Fork but at a rate that doesn't cause scouring or induce damages to existing transportation elements nearby. As design continues, additional investigation of providing a less restrictive fisheries passage through the existing levee and flood gate will be evaluated.

While relocation of the dam removed the impact to aquatic movement on Lebow Creek it is acknowledged that movement is restricted on Marine Creek. Further evaluations to facilitate aquatic life movement between Marine Creek and West Fork Trinity will be conducted.

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 A physical model study of the Samuels Avenue Dam and Marine Creek Low Water Dam have been recommended as part of the final design to fully evaluate scour concerns (see Appendix C- pg. 1-28, 2nd para). Scour is a concern but the placement and orientation of the dam was specifically set in manner to lessen this concern. Precast concrete slope protection has been shown on the conceptual plans to protect the banks from scour. Should a scour concern be determined beneath the existing bridge a similar application would be proposed. All effort will be made to minimize hardening of the embankments.

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4. Please have the applicant provide additional  details on the design of the riffle/pool complexes using rock weirs and how their placement will be determined regarding the Sycamore Creek and Riverside Oxbow mitigation sites.

5. The TCEQ recommends the use of the TCEQ's  biological methods including the Index of Biological Integrity (available at: http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm_exec/forms_pubs/pubs/rg/rg-416/index.html) as the success criteria endpoint for all stream mitigation efforts.

If you require additional information or further assistance, please contact Ms. Lili Lytle, Water Quality Assessment Section, Water Quality Division (MC-150), at (512) 239-4596.

Sincerely,



for L'Oreal W. Stepney, P.E., Director
Water Quality Division

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 Placement and final design will be accomplished as studies progress. Sufficient control will need to be established to alleviate adverse effects to elevation of the mainstem impoundment caused by the Beach Street Dam. It is currently estimated that about 10 cubic feet per second will be diverted through the re-established Sycamore Creek and the initial riffle design has been made to provide a minimum one foot depth flow of water over a minimal 10 foot - wide cross section. Final length and substrate components of the riffles/rock weirs will be accomplished along with placement based upon final H&H investigations, refined survey data and locations and design of other project features. Removal of the Beach Street crossing culvert and relocation of the primary park entrance will also influence final riffle design.

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 Thank you for this information. We intend to use known habitat requirements of several fish species to design riffle-pool sequences and will utilize Index of Biological Integrity to assess effectiveness of the system. We have proposed to utilize a ten year monitoring and adaptive management program to provide an effective means to respond to habitat development requirements.
