

Clear Fork/West Fork Project Management Plan, *a status report*

Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study

The Trinity River Master Plan, also known as the Clear Fork/West Fork Project, is a prime example of local leadership building on a cooperative, regional opportunity. The plan is made possible through the Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study, where the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) represents the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), along with 14 local governments, in a partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

TRWD, in association with the Fort Worth Streams and Valleys (S&V) Committee, and USACE started a comprehensive Trinity River Master Planning process in 2001.

Fort Worth is fortunate that the Trinity River and its major tributaries traverse through all quadrants of the city, including the historic confluence area that defines downtown. Recognizing

the river's importance, the recently adopted Fort Worth Comprehensive Plan speaks to the need to expand and implement the Trinity River Master Plan. Among the Comprehensive Plans many objectives is "Celebrating the Trinity River," which includes the Trinity River Master Plan as a one part of that aim.

The vision is to preserve and enhance the river corridors so that they remain as essential greenways for open space, trails, neighborhood focal points, wildlife, and special recreation areas. These riparian corridors will be critical elements in preserving environmental quality and a high quality of life that attracts people to locate and stay in Fort Worth. A sustainable future for economic development and environmental quality can best be assured by maximizing the benefits of these greenways.

The Plan

The master planning process is being closely coordinated with the City of Fort Worth, adjoining cities, and other local governments. Over 70 miles of greenways are included in this planning process.

The purpose of the Master Plan is to help assure that the river greenways fulfill the vision. As development, redevelopment, and capital projects proceed, it is imperative that the Master Plan be implemented. These open spaces,



The river passing through downtown Fort Worth.

Trinity River

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COMMON VISION

The Trinity River COMMON VISION program is a nationally recognized cooperative initiative to provide a safe, clean, enjoyable, natural, and diverse Trinity River to benefit all North Central Texas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and North Central Texas Council of Governments, acting on behalf of local governments, initiated the Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study in 1990 to provide cost-share funding support for the COMMON VISION projects and programs.

recreation, and conservation areas will support a growing population and economy.

When implemented, the Master Plan will:

- help assure the greater Fort Worth area has open space and recreation and conservation areas to support a growing population, while continuing to provide essential flood protection;
- provide trails and greenways that link major recreation areas, park areas, neighborhoods, and districts of the city;
- provide and preserve the open space and vegetation that is needed to attain air quality, water quality, wildlife habitat, and temperature moderation that will all help assure we can sustain environmental health over the long term; and

- provide these quality of life elements and environmental integrity, while assuring that the watercourses can manage storm water runoff, water conservation, and flood control in a manner that protects public safety and property.



The Trinity River near Fort Worth.

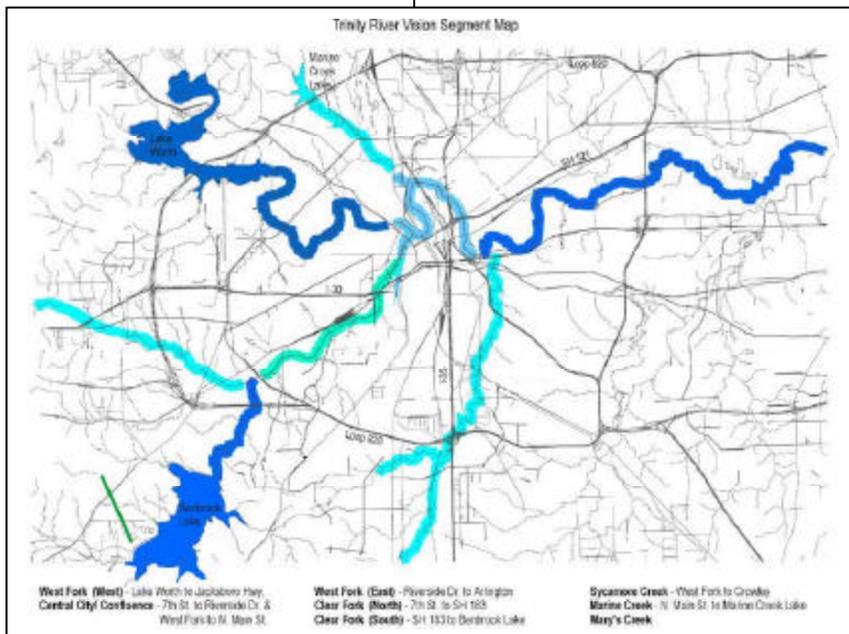
The Master Plan will encompass approximately 88 miles of river and major tributary corridors in Tarrant County, including the Clear Fork Trinity River, West Fork Trinity River, Mary's Creek, Marine Creek, and Sycamore Creek.

The scope of the study includes considerations about environmental quality, conservation, recreation facilities, trail developments, reforestation,

beautification, linkage to neighborhoods, downtown, and other special districts. The plan will also address how adjoining land uses, transportation facilities, and other adjoining and crossing facilities can best complement and benefit from the greenways.

The Trinity River Vision Consultant Team from GideonToal Architectural Firm in conjunction with Tarrant Regional Water District, Streams and Valleys, and the U.S. Corps of Engineers have developed concepts for each of the river segments based on the input received from the public meetings in 2001. A workshop was held in October 2001 with expert consultants in waterfront development. A second round of public meetings were held in January 2002 where the conceptual plans were presented.

A recent announcement by Pier 1 Imports and RadioShack Corporation to build their new headquarters in downtown Fort Worth may also impact the Trinity River. This development includes a study of possible river realignment.



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