Several cities along the Trinity River proactively came together to do what they could to minimize the effects floods have on their residents. The Trinity River Common Vision program began, and the Corridor Development Certificate (CDC) process became an important part of the program beginning in the early 1990s. All developers that want to build in the Trinity River floodplain in our region must complete the application to prove that their development will not impact the storage capacity or water level of the river, encouraging responsible growth. Developers can still build along the Trinity, and communities retain complete control over the approval process.

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What has the **Common Vision** program accomplished?

The May-June 2015 floods reminded us of the dangers and devastation of flood events in a big way. The flood storage capacity of area reservoirs was completely exhausted during these floods. The **Trinity River** stores more water than any of the reservoirs in the region and without that ability the 2015 flood could have been much worse.

*Common Vision* also provides training through a 20 year partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for your local floodplain administrators. Besides classes and workshops, they also have the opportunity to earn their Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) professional certification, which was not available locally until the partnership began.

Approximately 700 people have taken the course through this partnership to date. With training, cities and counties are able to make better floodplain development decisions, and lessen the effects of flooding in this region.

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**What is the Trinity River **Common Vision**?**

**Trinity River Common Vision** (TCV) is the result of years of cooperation between cities on the Trinity River, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

- Heavy development in floodplains decreases the amount of water a river can safely store, creating larger flood events and bigger impacts on property and public safety.
- Floodplains begin to lose their ability to slow down water that flows through during a flood. Both of these can affect a community and their downstream neighbors.

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"The Common Vision Program helps ensure that the Trinity River will have the same ability to lessen flood impacts year after year."

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**Common Vision** cities and counties experience benefits to their city such as:

- Cooperative management among local governments,
- Expanded technical assistance by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
- Increased public safety through a reduction in flooding hazards and risk in the loss of lives and property,
- Reduced risk of increased insurance rates, economic devastation, and disruption to community infrastructure due to flooding.

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Decades ago, when the **Trinity River** became a hot spot for new economic development, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) thought much of the river was in danger of flooding, putting citizens at risk. When rivers come out of their banks, floodplains slow down the flow of water. They also store water that might flood homes and businesses. Levees hold back water and keep it inside the floodplain. Too much development reduces storage capacity. If a river loses enough storage capacity, water will eventually overtop, or spill over levees during heavy rain events, causing devastating flooding.

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