



Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026
2:00 p.m.

The Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group (R3TRFPG) will hold a public meeting in-person pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.127. This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format.

In-person:

Trinity River Authority of Texas – General Office
5300 S Collins St
Arlington, TX 76018

Virtually:

Via WebEx videoconference at:

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Members of the public may attend, participate and/or address the RFPG in-person, or they may virtually access the meeting using the videoconference link or teleconference information provided above. Members of the public wishing to address the Trinity RFPG during the meeting are encouraged to follow the registration and comment procedures found below.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. * Approval of minutes from the previous meeting
4. Acknowledgement of written public comments received
5. Receive registered public comments on specific agenda items – limit 3 minutes per person
6. TWDB Update
7. Update from Region 3 Technical Consultant
 - a. Chapter 4 updates
 - i. Task 4C Performance of FMEs
 - b. Chapter 5 updates
 - i. Task 5A Recommended FMEs, FMPs and FMSs
 - *Consider approving approach to recommend FMXs from potentially feasible

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- ii. Task 5B List of FMEs for TWDB to Perform
 - c. Task 8 updates
 - d. Task 10 Outreach updates
 - i. *Consider approval of reopening FMX solicitation
 - e. Project schedule
8. Updates from liaisons for adjoining coastal regions
 - a. Region 5 Neches RFPG
 - b. Region 6 San Jacinto RFPG
9. Updates from Planning Group Sponsor
 - a. Bylaws review
10. Receive registered general public comments – limit 3 minutes per person
11. Announcements
12. Confirm meeting date for next meeting(s)
13. Adjourn

** Denotes Action Item*

ORAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

If you wish to provide oral public comments at the meeting, you are encouraged to register in advance by emailing info@trinityrfg.org no later than 1:00 p.m. on May 11, 2026, providing your name, phone number, email address and who are you representing, and indicating if you wish to comment on a specific agenda item or provide general comments. During the meeting, those who have registered to speak, either in-person or virtually, will be called upon by the Chair during the appropriate comment period. At the discretion of the Chair, unregistered attendees who wish to speak may also have the opportunity to provide oral comments during the public comment periods of the agenda.

- Those participating by videoconference will be asked to use the “raise hand” function, visible by hovering the cursor over the attendee’s name onscreen, to indicate their interest in speaking during the appropriate public comment period.
- Those participating by teleconference will be asked to enter *3 to indicate their interest in speaking and to be placed into the queue in order to be called upon during the appropriate public comment period.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

If you wish to provide written comments prior to or after the meeting, please email your comments to info@trinityrfg.org and include “Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group Meeting” in the subject line of the email.

Additional information may be obtained from:

Alexis Long at: (817) 467-4343 or by email at: longas@trinityra.org

Physical location: 5300 South Collins Street, Arlington, TX 76018



May 11, 2026





1. Call to order



2. Roll call



3. Approval of minutes

Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group Meeting
Thursday, February 26, 2026
10:00 a.m.

The Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group convened a public meeting, in person as well as virtual, on Thursday, February 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Glenn Clingenpeel opened the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Voting Members Present:

Melissa Bookhout
Glenn Clingenpeel
Scott Harris
Sean Howard
Andrew Isbell
Jordan Macha, arrived after roll call
Rachel Ickert
Galen Roberts
Matt Robinson
Lissa Shepard
Minhtam T Vu for Sarah Standifer

10 voting members were present at the time of roll call, constituting a quorum.

Ex Officio Members Present:

Susan Alvarez, absent
Steve Bednarz
John Blount, absent
Justin Bower, absent
Todd Burrer, absent
Humberto (Bert) Galvan, absent
Larry Voice for Diane Howe, absent
Lonnie Hunt, absent
Risa King, absent
Neely Kirkland, arrived after roll call
Manuel Martinez, absent
Katie Koslan
Andrea Sanders, absent
Bret Higginbotham, replaced Matthew Lepinski
Lisa McCracken, absent
Greg Waller, absent
Adam Whisenant
Amanda Young, absent

Approval of the Minutes for the December 9, 2025, Meeting

Motion: Lissa Shepard moved to approve the minutes as presented;
Second: Matt Robinson; Action: Minutes were unanimously approved.

Acknowledgement of written public comments received

Owen Ramsey, Cooksey Communications, reported that a written public comment had been received in December concerning Sand Branch, an unincorporated community in Dallas County. The comment addressed challenges faced by the community related to floodplain designations and associated regulatory constraints. He stated that the comment had been incorporated into the updated meeting materials packet and had also been made available on the Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group website. The item was acknowledged by the group without further discussion.

Receive registered public comments on specific agenda items

No registered public comments were received.

TWDB Update – Katie Koslan, TWDB

Katie Koslan provided an update on behalf of TWDB. Ms. Kolson reported that the technical memorandum had been submitted to the Board on January 7, 2026, and the administrative completeness review had been completed. Notifications had been issued to the regional flood planning groups, and Task 5A had been initiated. Informal comments from TWDB staff were anticipated in summer 2026.

Ms. Koslan stated that a Frequently Asked Questions document for Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs) for small communities had been published on the second-cycle flood planning website, addressing background information, timelines, and general inquiries. The ordered list of FMEs for TWDB to perform under Task 5B was due by March 26, 2026. It was noted that regional flood planning groups were required to approve both the FME list and the metrics used to identify small and rural communities with limited resources. A reminder email outlining these requirements had been distributed on January 20, 2026. The scope of work and community affirmation forms for all FMEs to be conducted by TWDB were due on April 24, 2026.

Ms. Koslan reported that TWDB had partnered with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to develop a model for estimating agricultural flood losses. This effort had been completed, and the associated guidance document and analysis tool had been published on the [TWDB website](#).

Updates from Region 3 Technical Consultant – Stephanie Griffin, Halff

Stephanie Griffin, Halff, provided an overview of the progress on multiple chapters of the regional flood plan. She stated that draft Chapter 3 had been prepared and was ready for R3RFPG approval, with one outstanding item addressed by Shena Providence, FNI, during the presentation. Draft Chapters 4 and 5 were presented for discussion. It was clarified that the focus of the FME lists was on items proposed for elevation to FMPs rather than the comprehensive FME list. Chapter 8, containing a running list of administrative items and potential considerations for future planning, was briefly reviewed. Additionally, updates on outreach activities were provided by Dorothy Owens, Cooksey Communications.

a. Chapter 3 Updates – Shena Providence, FNI

i. Task 3A Floodplain Management Practices

Shena Providence, FNI, provided an update on Chapter 3, Task 3A, regarding Floodplain Management Practices. She reviewed the distinction between adopting practices as requirements versus retaining them as recommendations. After evaluating potential impacts on sponsors and participation, she recommended maintaining the six listed floodplain management practices as recommendations, consistent with the approach in the first planning cycle. This approach was intended to preserve broad participation, avoid unintended exclusions, and allow communities flexibility to achieve compliance prior to seeking funding. The R3RFPG discussed the recommendation, noting that participation in the NFIP or an equivalent standard would still be verified during funding considerations.

- *Consider approving Draft Chapter 3, Section 3A (Floodplain Management Practices)

Chairman Glenn Clingenpeel called for a motion to recommend the six floodplain management practices for inclusion in the 2028 Flood Plan

Motion: Rachel Ickert moved to approve the recommendation of the six floodplain management practices for inclusion in the 2028 Flood Plan;
Second: Andrew Isabell; Action: Motion was unanimously approved

b. Chapter 5 updates – Audrey Giesler – Klump, Halff

i. Definition of “small and rural”

Audrey Giesler-Klump, Halff, provided an update on Chapter 5, focusing on the definition of “small and rural” communities for the R3RFPG. She explained that the TWDB’s Flood Intended Use Plan defines a small city as having a population of fewer than 10,000 or being located entirely within a rural county, and a rural county as having no incorporated municipality with a population greater than 75,000. The Technical Subcommittee reviewed regional approaches and elected to adopt this definition, with cities evaluated independently from counties. This definition was recommended for approval to ensure clarity and consistency in identifying small and rural communities for planning purposes.

- *Consider approving RFPG definition of “small and rural”

Chairman Glenn Clingenpeel called for a motion to adopt the definition for small and rural as presented and as recommended by the R3RFPG Technical Subcommittee.

Motion: Scott Harris moved to adopt the definition for small and rural as presented and as recommended by the R3RFPG Technical Subcommittee;
Second: Rachel Ickert; Action: Motion was unanimously approved

ii. Task 5B List of FMEs for TWDB to Perform

Audrey Giesler-Klump, Halff, provided an update on Chapter 5, Task 5B, regarding the list of Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs) for the TWDB to perform. She presented the top ten ranked FMEs, noting that two FMEs tied for tenth place, resulting in eleven total. She clarified that the TWDB would perform the necessary components, such as hydraulic analyses, to elevate selected FMEs to Flood Management Plans (FMPs). The Technical Subcommittee discussed the prevalence of countywide drainage master plans on the list and recommended a compartmentalized approach to limit the scope to only those elements needed to produce FMPs, while remaining components could be included as FMEs. The Technical Subcommittee emphasized prioritizing projects that would produce FMPs within the Texas Water Development Board's schedule and budget constraints.

- *Consider approving ranked list of FMEs for TWDB to perform

Chairman Glenn Clingenpeel called for a motion to approve the list of FMEs for TWDB to perform for inclusion in the 2028 Flood Plan.

Motion: Lissa Shepard moved to approve the list of FMEs for TWDB to perform for inclusion in the 2028 Flood Plan;

Second: Melissa Bookhout; Action: Motion was unanimously approved

- c. Chapter 4 updates – Audrey Geisler-Klump, Halff
 - i. Task 4C Performance of FMEs

Audrey Giesler-Klump, Halff, provided an update on Chapter 4, Task 4C, regarding the performance of FMEs by the R3RFPG. She explained that the top-ranked FMEs had been identified for the R3RFPG to perform, excluding projects already assigned to the TWDB or with dedicated local funding, such as the City of Irving Drainage Master Plan. The Technical Subcommittee recommended a process in which FMEs submitted to the TWDB were marked with asterisks, and if the Board declined to perform any, those FMEs would be returned to the R3RFPG ranking for potential execution. The R3RFPG maintained flexibility to skip projects that exceeded schedule or budget constraints, similar to the TWDB's approach.

- *Consider approving ranked list of FMEs for R3RFPG to perform

Chairman Glenn Clingenpeel called for a motion to approve the ranked list of FMEs for performance with the following conditions:

- FMEs that had been submitted to the TWDB for performance were to be marked with asterisks in the ranked column, with a footnote explaining their status.
- Should the TWDB decline to perform any of the asterisked FMEs, those FMEs would be returned to the R3FPG list and reinserted in their original physical order within the ranking.
- For FMEs at the top of the list that proved too large or complex to produce FMPs within the R3FPG's authorized schedule or budget, the R3FPG would skip those projects and proceed to the next FMEs in rank order.

Motion: Scott Harris moved to approve the ranked list of FMEs for performance with the stated conditions;
Second: Andrew Isbell; Action: Motion was unanimously approved

d. Task 8 updates – Stephanie Griffin, Halff

Stephanie Griffin, Halff, provided an update on Task 8, Chapter 8, which served as a “parking lot” for potential recommendations to be considered in the 2028 regional flood plan. She explained that the chapter included items and topics identified by the TWDB and the R3RFPG for potential inclusion, such as re-review of budget allocations, provision of Exhibits C and D with scopes of work, clarification of “all or nothing” scenarios, and acknowledgment of FMEs accomplished outside the regional flood plan or Flood Infrastructure Fund. Andrew Isbell noted that maintaining this list was critical to demonstrate the overall benefit of the group’s work, even for unfunded solutions. Audrey Giesler – Klump, Halff, also mentioned a potential legislative recommendation being developed recognizing county authority in managing stormwater and development projects. It was clarified that the chapter was not a mechanism for direct legislative action. Additional considerations included explicitly identifying floodplain managers across jurisdictions to clarify responsibilities and management authority.

e. Task 10 Outreach updates – Dorothy White, Cooksey Communications

Dorothy White, Cooksey Communications, provided an update on Task 10, stakeholder and public outreach. She reported that the stakeholder contact list was being continuously maintained and updated, with notifications sent via email for the posting of agendas and meeting materials for January 20, 2026 and February 4, 2026 Technical Subcommittee meetings, as well as the current R3RFPG meeting. Media outreach efforts included maintaining a regional media list of over 100 contacts, coordinating a media interview and photograph for *Rambler Texas*, and drafting and distributing a media advisory ahead of the meeting. Public outreach efforts encompassed maintaining information on the R3RFPG website and social media platforms, including LinkedIn and X. White also assisted in drafting a response to the Sand Branch inquiry, acknowledging the inquiry, providing guidance on points of contact, and offering further engagement; no direct reply had been received, though the inquiry had been forwarded to a historical organization with the R3RFPG copied on that communication. The outreach activities were presented as part of ongoing efforts to ensure stakeholder engagement and public awareness.

f. Project schedule

Stephanie Griffin, Halff, provided an update on the project schedule. She indicated that March 26, 2026 was a critical deadline for submitting documentation related to the list of FMEs approved for the TWDB to perform, including community consent and associated materials. Ms. Griffin recommended that the R3RFPG meet quarterly for the near term, given the time required to advance Task 4C and Task 5A FMEs, determine which potentially feasible FMEs would meet recommended status, and coordinate with communities on funding considerations. She outlined plans to provide updates on Chapters 4 and 5, and to introduce Tasks 6, 7, and 9, with Task 9 focusing on funding. The planned meeting schedule was set for May, August, and November, primarily to provide

progress updates on ongoing tasks and deliverables

TWDB Presentation on Nature-Based Solutions – Justin Kozak (TNC) and Shena Providence (FNI)

Justin Kozak, The Nature Conservancy, and Shena Providence, FNI, provided a presentation on nature-based solutions (NBS) for flood resilience as part of the TWDB project. Mr. Kozak explained that the guidance manual was developed to support flood risk reduction in Texas by providing a Texas-specific framework for implementing NBS. The manual incorporated research and input from technical experts, communities, and municipalities to identify barriers and challenges and to promote effective strategies for integrating NBS into flood mitigation planning.

Key takeaways highlighted that NBS deliver multiple benefits, are most effective when integrated early in the planning process, and can increase competitiveness for diverse funding sources.

Scott Harris provided feedback on the nature-based solutions presentation, commending the development of the guidance manual as a necessary and valuable resource. He noted that larger NBS projects often require additional land acquisition and suggested that the manual identify which funding sources could support land acquisition, particularly for large-scale projects, either within Chapters 1 through 3 or 4 through 5.

Discussion among the R3RFPG clarified that providing formal comments was not required under the work plan, though individual members were encouraged to review the manual and provide input if desired.

Updates from liaisons for adjoining coastal regions

- a. Region 5 Neches RFPG: No update was provided
- b. Region 6 San Jacinto RFPG: No update was provided

Update from Planning Group Sponsor – Chairman Glenn Clingenpeel, TRA

It was noted that the agenda for the next meeting would need to include the vote to reinstate officers, which would occur at a separate time from the general membership meeting. Posting requirements associated with the vote were acknowledged, and assistance was offered to ensure proper inclusion on the agenda.

Receive registered public comments – limit 3 minutes per person

There were no registered public comments.

Announcements

There were no general announcements from planning group members.

Confirm meeting date for next meeting

In May, the R3RPG will meet in Arlington.

Adjourn

11:38 AM adjourned

THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING ARE CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REGION 3 TRINITY FLOOD PLANNING GROUP HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2026.

SCOTT HARRIS, Secretary
REGION 3 TRINITY FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Date

GLENN CLINGENPEEL, Chair
REGION 3 TRINITY FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Date



4. Acknowledgement of written comments received

From: [Trinity RFPG](#)
To: ["Mikel Aaron"](#)
Cc: [Owen Ramsey](#); [Audrey Giesler Klump](#); [Stephanie Griffin](#)
Subject: RE: Abandoned boat on Lake Lewisville
Date: Monday, March 16, 2026 9:06:00 AM

Mr. Aaron,

While the Trinity Regional Flood Planning group does not have authority over this issue, we will ensure your comment is shared with the group. It does appear that the Denton County Sheriff's Office has at least some jurisdiction related to Lake Lewisville, in case you would like to reach out to them as well.

From: Mikel Aaron <mikelkaaron@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 9:03 AM
To: Trinity RFPG <info@trinityrfpg.org>
Subject: Fwd: Abandoned boat on Lake Lewisville

My name is Mike Aaron and I have lived around Lake Lewisville for over 70 years . There has been an abandoned boat on the lake for several months which I believe is an environmental and safety concern . I've contacted both the North Texas Game Wardens and the Fort Worth District of the Corp of Engineers with no avail . Both agency's told me it was the others responsibility to remove . The Corp informed me they know who the boat belongs to and they are giving them an opportunity to remove from the lake . How long do we wait ? Do we wait until boat sinks or starts leaking hazardous fluids into our drinking water ? Do we wait till the cost of removal compounds drastically and spend our tax dollars waistfully? It seems no one cares ? I addressed possible fish kill with the Texas Game Wardens because of toxic fluids on board ? No response ? I thought possibly if some local news did a story and brought this to light maybe some agency will respond! I can be reached at 214-697-5468 to discuss .





Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mark Northcut](#)
To: [Linder, Mike E.](#); [Denton County SWCD](#); carolann.corado@usda.gov
Cc: clingenpeelg@trinityra.org; [Trinity RFPG](#)
Subject: RE: Funding Opportunity - Breach Analysis & Emergency Action Plan development
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026 4:30:57 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[image008.png](#)
[Denton County_SCS Site 17a Dam breach analysis.xlsx](#)

Thank you Mike for keeping up in the loop. If you find out additional information or have other questions, please feel free to reach out.

Mark J Northcut
Dam Safety Specialist
TSSWCB | Watershed

From: Linder, Mike E. <Mike.Linder@cityofdenton.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 4:19 PM
To: clingenpeelg@trinityra.org
Cc: clingenpeelg@trinityra.org; info@trinityrfg.org; Mark Northcut <mnorthcut@tsswcb.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Funding Opportunity - Breach Analysis & Emergency Action Plan development

Good afternoon Glenn,

I would like to formally express interest in having this project considered for funding in the current planning cycle. Please see the attached excel document with the requested project information. Please let me know if you need anything else from me for this project to be considered.

Thank you,

Mike Linder, PE, CFM
Interim City Engineer/Floodplain Administrator
Department of Development Services
Office: (940) 349-8942
[401 N Elm Street, Denton, Texas 76201](#)
www.cityofdenton.com



From: Rosendahl, Charlie <Charlie.Rosendahl@cityofdenton.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 10:27 AM
To: Linder, Mike E. <Mike.Linder@cityofdenton.com>
Subject: Fw: Funding Opportunity - Breach Analysis & Emergency Action Plan development

Hey Mike,

I know you just completed EAP for the dams, but please look into this and see if it's something that we maybe should apply for.

Thank you,
Charlie Rosendahl
Interim Director of Development Services
Development Services
401 N. Elm St.
Denton, Texas 76201
Office: (940) 349-8452
www.cityofdenton.com



 [Book time to meet with me](#)

From: Hensley, Sara <Sara.Hensley@cityofdenton.com>

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 4:20 PM

To: Rosendahl, Charlie <Charlie.Rosendahl@cityofdenton.com>; Ogden, Cassey <Cassey.Ogden@cityofdenton.com>

Subject: Fw: Funding Opportunity - Breach Analysis & Emergency Action Plan development

Thank you,

Sara Hensley

City Manager, ICMA-CM

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From: Steve Bednarz <sbednarz@tsswcb.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 4:11 PM

To: Sponsors@lists.tsswcb.texas.gov <Sponsors@lists.tsswcb.texas.gov>

Subject: Funding Opportunity - Breach Analysis & Emergency Action Plan development

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To All Watershed and Flood Control Sponsors:

Please see the attached Flyer and other important information below concerning a funding opportunity through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and the Regional Flood Planning Groups (RFPG) for development of dam breach analysis and emergency action plans for NRCS Watershed Program dams.

The 2019 Texas Legislature and Governor Abbott greatly expanded the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) role in flood planning. The regional and state flood planning process is on a recurring five-year cycle. The second planning cycle is currently underway, with RFPGs developing their regional flood plans to be completed on January 10, 2028. The RFPG's can be contacted for consideration of a request from watershed sponsors for funding request in order to complete Dam Breach Analysis and Emergency Action Plan development under the RFPG Flood Management Evaluations (FME). This request is a two-step process with the first step, simply an email from watershed sponsors to their respective RFPG points of contacts. At this time, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or the RFPG do not have a formal application for sponsors interested in submitting FMEs for consideration. Attached is excel file with example information that will need to be included in the email to appropriate RFPG. Later in the process (step two), if the RFPGs select a project, the sponsors will have to complete a formal application. Further assistance by TSSWCB-Flood Control staff will be available.

During this initial phase, the watershed sponsor must contact their respective RFPG to formally express interest in having their project considered for funding in the current planning cycle. The table below includes email contacts for each region. We recommend sending the email to the Group Chair with courtesy copies (Cc's) to the Group Sponsor and Technical Consultant if available to make sure the information reaches the appropriate individuals. Please also include Mark Northcut at (mnorthcut@tsswcb.texas.gov) in the email to help track sponsor request.

Region	Technical Consultant	Planning Group Sponsor	Planning Group Chair
1	Bethany.Fleitman@freese.com	aguerrero@theprpc.org	kyle.schniederjan@amarillo.gov
2	Not Available	mrudel@atcog.org	rhayter@srbatx.org
3	info@trinityrfgp.org	clingenpeelg@trinityra.org	clingenpeelg@trinityra.org
4	comments@sabine-rfpg.org	mhoward@sratx.org	twilliams@sratx.org
5	Rolando.Ayala@freese.com	scott.hall@lnva.dst.tx.us	steve.moon@motiva.com
6	SJRFPg.TechCon@freese.com	SanJacFldPG@eng.hctx.net	tbuscha@idseg.com
7	Claire.Barber@freese.com	Kdavila@spag.org	mkeenum@mylubbock.us
8	LBFlood@brazos.org	pamela.hannemann@Brazos.org	alysha.girard@ubcdams.org
9	mio.matsumura@hdrinc.com	shane.kelton@cosatx.us	astrube@crmwd.org
10	LowerColoradoLavacaFlood@lcra.org	lauren.graber@lcra.org	judge.spenrath@co.wharton.tx.us
11	swarren@gbra.org	mnewman@gbra.org	johnston@vctx.org
12	Region12ContactUs@sariverauthority.org	bmast@sariverauthority.org	dboese@sariverauthority.org
13	Not Available	tpruski@nueces-ra.org	bcanales1@mac.com
14	Not Available	annetteg@riocog.org	MartinezOL@elpasotexas.gov
15	kleal@halff.com	jaime.salazar@hcdd1.org	Dagarza@co.cameron.tx.us

Each Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) maintains its own website, and relevant information is organized differently across those sites. For your convenience, included are the website links for each RFPG below should you wish to explore them further. Also, attached is map of the state-wide boundary of these 15 RFPG.

- [Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red](#)
- [Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress](#)
- [Region 3 Trinity](#)
- [Region 4 Sabine](#)
- [Region 5 Neches](#)
- [Region 6 San Jacinto](#)

- [Region 7 Upper Brazos](#)
- [Region 8 Lower Brazos](#)
- [Region 9 Upper Colorado](#)
- [Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca](#)
- [Region 11 Guadalupe](#)
- [Region 12 San Antonio](#)
- [Region 13 Nueces](#)
- [Region 14 Upper Rio Grande](#)
- [Region 15 Lower Rio Grande](#)

For additional information or assistance with any of the above, please contact

Mark J Northcut
Dam Safety Specialist
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
1497 Country View Lane
Temple, TX 76504
(254) 773-2250 x248 [Q](#)
(254) 541-9370 [M](#)

This message is going to the contact list that we have for all sponsors, which we are required to maintain. If the recipient of this email is no longer associated with the sponsor, or you wish to have a different recipient, please send an email to me with the updated contact information.

Steven Bednarz, P.E.
Program Administrator/Engineer
Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board
1497 Country View Lane, Temple, TX 76504
Phone: 254 773 2250 ex. 246



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Rex Isom, Executive Director

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tanner Helweg](#)
To: [Trinity RFGP](#); clingenpeelg@trinityra.org; [Stephanie Griffin](#); agiesler@halff.com
Cc: [David Rivera](#); [Bethany Fleitman](#); [Reem Zoun](#); [Melissa Hislop](#); [Tressa Olsen](#)
Subject: TWDB FME Program Introduction
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 3:45:22 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Trinity RFGP,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Freese & Nichols team working with TWDB on the Flood Management Evaluations Program, which was recently kicked off. This effort is proceeding from the current Region's work on Task 5B. I am helping David Rivera lead Region 3 for the team, and we have begun reviewing the scope of works and accompanying files for the first two FMEs, listed below.

03-51-0000000467 Floodplain Evaluation of Kings Branch and Farmers Branch

03-51-0000000516 Kaufman County Countywide Drainage Study - Phase 2

We are also reaching out to the communities to clarify scope ahead of a formal kickoff meeting. We plan to send you all an invite for the formal kickoff in May if you all are interested in joining. Please let me know if you have any questions as we begin the Program and I will keep everyone updated throughout the process.

Thank you,

Tanner Helweg, PE, CFM | Stormwater Project Engineer | Freese and Nichols, Inc. | O: 936-755-3426 C: 830-305-1226 | Tanner.Helweg@Freese.com | www.freese.com



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From: Erika Bridges
 To: clingenpeel@trinityra.org
 Cc: Trinity RFPG: mnorthcut@tsswcb.texas.gov; sbednarz@tsswcb.texas.gov
 Subject: Rockwall County Request for Dam Breach Analysis & Emergency Action Plan Development
 Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 6:01:17 PM
 Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[Dam_Inventory_Map.pdf](#)
[Rockwall County Dams.xlsx](#)

Good afternoon,

On behalf of the Rockwall County Commissioner's Court, I would like to respectfully request funding consideration to develop Dam Breach Analysis and Emergency Action Plans for county dams under the RFPG Flood Management Evaluations (FME) category. Within the County, there are currently 33 dams, with 28 of them being classified as high- or significant-hazard dams. In working with our Office of Emergency Management, we have confirmed that all of the dams are in need of Emergency Action Plans (or updated plans) and Dam Breach Analysis. Here is the requested general information:

Project / Study Name	Clear, descriptive title referencing study limits or watershed if applicable.	Rockwall County Dam Breach Analysis and Emergency Action Plans
Project Sponsor	Primary point of contact for the project (entity + person + title + contact).	Rockwall County Erika Bridges, P.E., CFM – County Engineer ebridges@rockwallcounty.texas.com (972) 204-7601
Supporting Sponsors (if any)	List partner jurisdictions, drainage districts, utility districts, etc.	None at this time
Scope Description	Provide a concise summary of the purpose of the study or strategy, the area addressed, and the key issues being evaluated. Include enough detail to differentiate from similar projects, or local identifier if available.	Emergency Action Plans or updates and Dam Breach Analysis/Inundation Studies for all high- and significant-hazard dams located in Rockwall County. See attached Rockwall County Dams spreadsheet for additional information about each dam.
Shapefile (Study Area or Project Area)	Include the geographic extent of the evaluation or strategy. Should encompass all areas that will be studied or affected. Include drainage area, watershed, or facility identifiers if known.	Please see attached Dam Inventory Map.
Estimated Study Cost (Non-Construction)	Provide the planning-level estimate for activities such as modeling, field surveys, and analysis. Total cost should exclude construction costs.	\$532,000 (28 dams @ \$19,000/dam)
Year When Cost Was Estimated	Helps the Technical Team apply appropriate inflation adjustments for consistency across projects.	2026
Tentative year FME is to be performed	What year is the FME tentatively expected to be performed in?	2028

Please don't hesitate to let me know if any additional information is needed. We look forward to your working with the TWDB on this and future grant opportunities.

Best regards,

Erika Bridges, P.E., CFM
 County Engineer



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 Rockwall, TX 75087
 O: 972-204-7601

From: Steve Bednarz <sbednarz@tsswcb.texas.gov>
 Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 4:12 PM
 To: Sponsors@lists.tsswcb.texas.gov
 Subject: Funding Opportunity - Breach Analysis & Emergency Action Plan development

To All Watershed and Flood Control Sponsors:

Please see the attached Flyer and other important information below concerning a funding opportunity through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and the Regional Flood Planning Groups (RFPG) for development of dam breach analysis and emergency action plans for NRCS Watershed Program dams.

The 2019 Texas Legislature and Governor Abbott greatly expanded the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) role in flood planning. The regional and state flood planning process is on a recurring five-year cycle. The second planning cycle is currently underway, with RFPGs developing their regional flood plans to be completed on January 10, 2028. The RFPG's can be contacted for consideration of a request form watershed sponsors for funding request in order to complete Dam Breach Analysis and Emergency Action Plan development under the RFPG Flood Management Evaluations (FME). This request is a two-step process with the first step, simply an email from watershed sponsors to their respective RFPG points of contacts. At this time, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or the RFPG do not have a formal application for sponsors interested in submitting FMEs for consideration. Attached is excel file with example information that will need to be included in the email to appropriate RFPG. Later in the process (step two), if the RFPGs select a project, the sponsors will have to complete a formal application. Further assistance by TSSWCB-Flood Control staff will be available.

During this initial phase, the watershed sponsor must contact their respective RFPG to formally express interest in having their project considered for funding in the current planning cycle. The table below includes email contacts for each region. We recommend sending the email to the Group Chair with courtesy copies (Cc's) to the Group Sponsor and Technical Consultant if available to make sure the information reaches the appropriate individuals. Please also include Mark Northcut at (mnorthcut@tsswcb.texas.gov) in the email to help track sponsor request.

Region	Technical Consultant	Planning Group Sponsor	Planning Group Chair
1	Bethany.Fleitman@freese.com	aguerrero@theprpc.org	kyle.schniederjan@amarillo.gov
2	Not Available	mrudel@atcog.org	rhayter@srbatx.org
3	info@trinityrfgp.org	clingenpeelg@trinityra.org	clingenpeelg@trinityra.org
4	comments@sabine-rfpg.org	mhoward@sratx.org	twilliams@sratx.org
5	Rolando.Ayala@freese.com	scott.hall@lnva.dst.tx.us	steve.moon@motiva.com
6	SJRFPG.TechCon@freese.com	SanJacFldPG@eng.hctx.net	tbuscha@idseg.com
7	Claire.Barber@freese.com	Kdavia@spag.org	mkeenun@mylubbock.us
8	LBFFlood@brazos.org	pamela.hannemann@Brazos.org	alysha.girard@ubcdams.org
9	mio.matsumura@hdrinc.com	shane.kelton@cosatx.us	astrube@crwd.com
10	LowerColoradoLavacaFlood@lcra.org	lauren.graber@lcra.org	judge.spenrath@co.wharton.tx.us
11	swarren@gbra.org	mnewman@gbra.org	johnston@vcxb.org
12	Region12ContactUs@sariverauthority.org	bmast@sariverauthority.org	dboese@sariverauthority.org

13	Not Available	tpruski@nueces-ra.org	bcanales1@mac.com
14	Not Available	annetteg@riocog.org	MartinezOL@elpasotexas.gov
15	kleal@halff.com	jaime.salazar@hcdd1.org	Dagarza@co.cameron.tx.us

Each Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) maintains its own website, and relevant information is organized differently across those sites. For your convenience, included are the website links for each RFPG below should you wish to explore them further. Also, attached is map of the state-wide boundary of these 15 RFPG.

- [Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red](#)
- [Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress](#)
- [Region 3 Trinity](#)
- [Region 4 Sabine](#)
- [Region 5 Neches](#)
- [Region 6 San Jacinto](#)
- [Region 7 Upper Brazos](#)
- [Region 8 Lower Brazos](#)
- [Region 9 Upper Colorado](#)
- [Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca](#)
- [Region 11 Guadalupe](#)
- [Region 12 San Antonio](#)
- [Region 13 Nueces](#)
- [Region 14 Upper Rio Grande](#)
- [Region 15 Lower Rio Grande](#)

For additional information or assistance with any of the above, please contact

Mark J Northcut
 Dam Safety Specialist
 Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
 1497 Country View Lane
 Temple, TX 76504
 (254) 773-2250 x248 Q
 (254) 541-9370 M

This message is going to the contact list that we have for all sponsors, which we are required to maintain. If the recipient of this email is no longer associated with the sponsor, or you wish to have a different recipient, please send an email to me with the updated contact information.

Steven Bednarz, P.E.
 Program Administrator/Engineer
 Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board
 1497 Country View Lane, Temple, TX 76504
 Phone: 254 773 2250 ex. 246




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 Joe Freeman, Member
 David Basinger, Member
 Barry Mahler, Member
 Tina Y. Buford, Governor Appointee
 James Clement, III, Governor Appointee
 Rex Isom, Executive Director

From: [Samuel J. Stewart](#)
To: [Trinity RFPG](#)
Cc: ["Mark Northcut"; jsims@huntcounty.net; clingenpeelg@trinityra.org](#)
Subject: Funding Consideration For Dam Breach Analysis & Emergency Action Plans
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026 11:49:40 AM
Attachments: [EAPInformationHuntCountyTrinityRegion.xlsx](#)
[Hunt_County_Boundary_Shapefile.zip](#)

Director
Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group
5300 S Collins Street
Arlington, TX 76018

This is a message from the Upper Sabine Soil and Water Conservation District #530 to formally request interest in development and funding of Dam Breach Analysis and Emergency Action Plans for NRCS Watershed Program dams in the Trinity Region portion of Hunt County. We are grateful for this opportunity for you to consider our request during the current funding cycle.

Samuel J. Stewart
District Technician
Upper Sabine SWCD #530
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Greenville, TX 75401
hurryupsam@geusnet.com
903-456-9974



5. Public comments on agenda items



6. TWDB update



7. Consultant update



Agenda

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CONSULTANT UPDATE

- Chapter 4 Update
 - Update of Task 4C – FMEs that RFPG is performing
- Chapter 5 Update
 - Update of Task 5A – Recommended FMXs
 - Consider approach to recommend FMXs*
 - Update of Task 5B – FMEs for TWDB to perform
- Chapter 8 Update
- Public outreach updates
 - Consider reopening FMX solicitation*
- Project schedule

* Denotes Action Item



Chapter 4

Task 4C FME to FMP Conversions

FME Progression Update



Phase #2 of Stormwater Master Plan

City of Denton

Development Status: **Alternative Modeling**

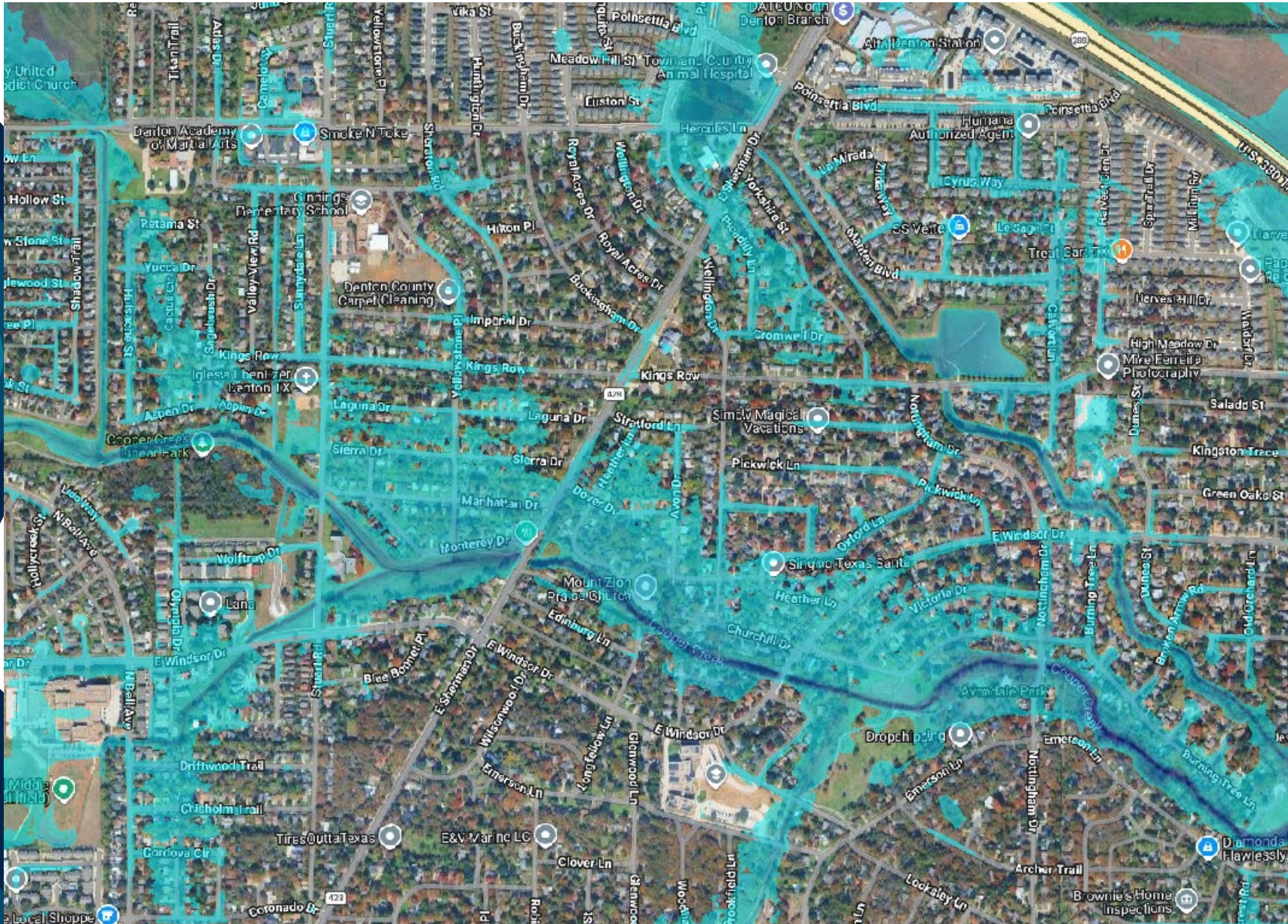
- Existing condition ROM models provided by City, along with other, previous studies in the area.

Number of FMPs Expected: 2-3

Additional Details

- City has requested focus areas for alternatives to be along Cooper Creek.
- Significant flood risk in residential areas, goal is to decrease number of impacted structures as possible.

FME Progression Update



**Existing Conditions
Modeling Results**
City of Denton,
Cooper Creek

FME Progression Update



Project 14 – Ridgeway Circle and Ridgeway Drive System

City of Richardson

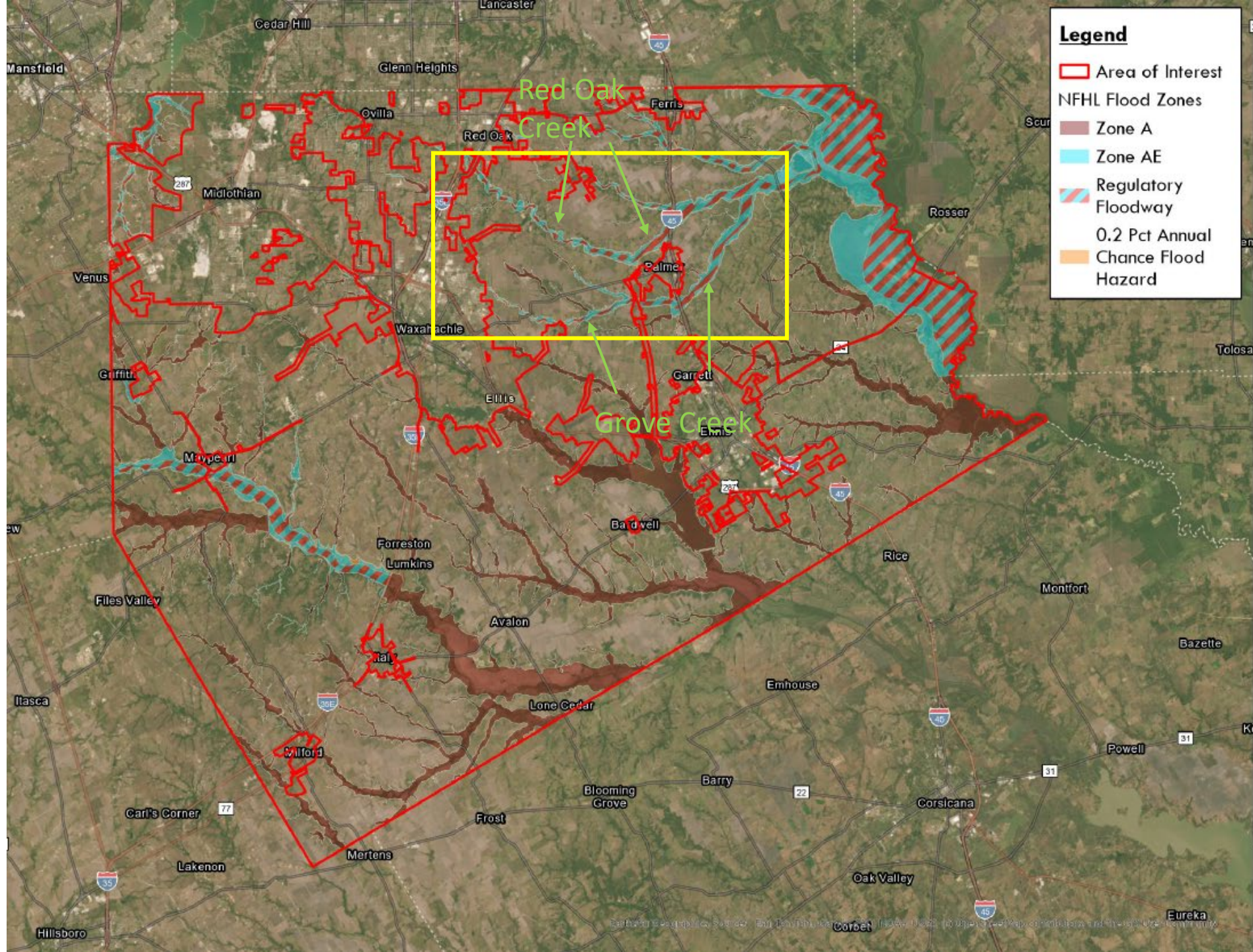
- Development Status:
 - Existing & proposed hydraulic models available (XPSWMM)
 - CIP Cottonwood Creek Watershed report available (2018)
 - **Next steps:** revise proposed concept to mitigate adverse impacts
- Number of FMPs Expected: 1
- Additional Details:
 - Met with City of Richardson (3/24/2026) to verify need and scope
 - Based on report, 8 residential structures impacted

FME Progression Update



- Ellis County Drainage Master Plan
- Development Status: Existing Conditions BLE Modeling
- Number of FMPs Expected: 3+

- Additional details
 - Focus on any projects solely in the County jurisdiction and outside of the Cities
 - Have a running list from the County of potential project locations, with the top 3 being looked at first
 - Use BLE modeling as the base conditions for all potential FMP sites
 - Focus on Red Oak Creek and Grove Creek



Legend

- Area of Interest
- NFHL Flood Zones
 - Zone A
 - Zone AE
 - Regulatory Floodway
 - 0.2 Pct Annual
 - Chance Flood Hazard

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1 inch = 4 Miles

Ellis County, Texas
Trinity Regional Flood Plan FME Submittal
Exhibit 1
Ellis County Unincorporated Areas

September 2025

tnp

Date Saved: 9/23/2025



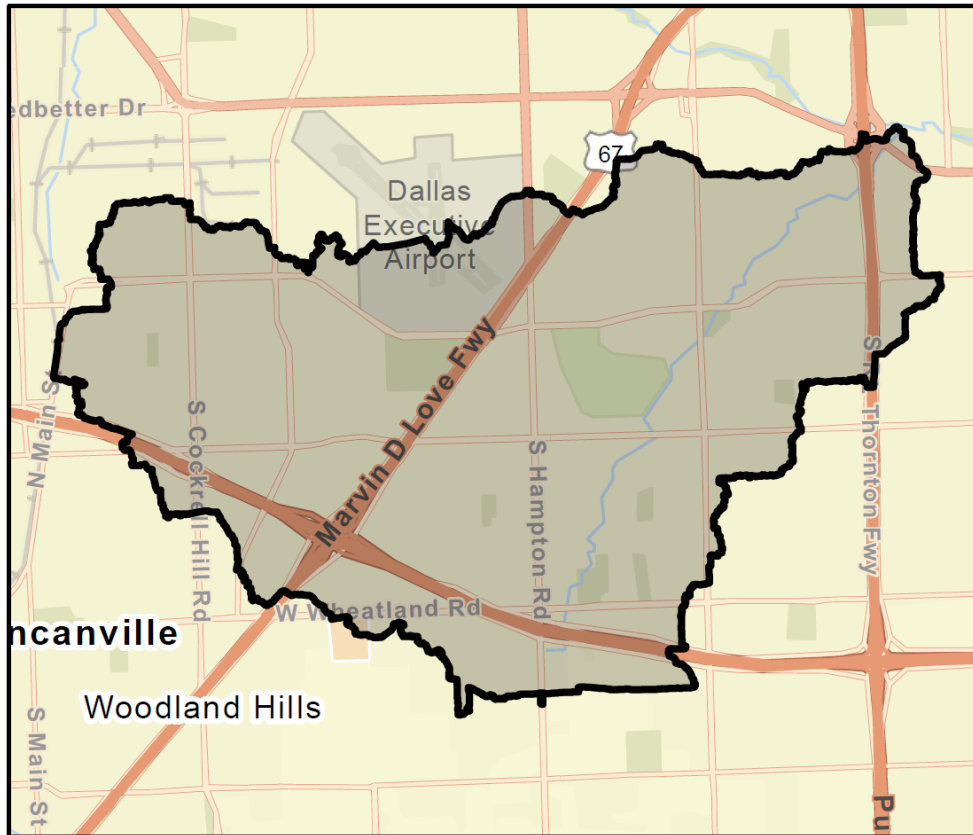
FME Progression Update

Woody Branch Floodplain Improvements

City of Dallas

- Development Status: Existing Conditions Modeling
 - Regulatory models received from City
 - **Next steps:** investigate models to determine best locations for erosion stability projects
- Number of FMPs Expected: 1+
- Additional Details:
 - Met with City of Dallas (4/22/2026) to verify need and scope
 - Information from City received 4/28/2026

Woody Branch Floodplain Management Study



FME Area



Regional view of FME area

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Chapter 5

Task 5A – Recommended FMEs, FMPs and FMSs

Task 5B – FMEs for TWDB to Perform

Task 4A & 5A Interdependency



- Data Gathering
- Analysis

- Decision-making process

Discussion: Recommendation Approach

Issue:

Do any changes need to be made to the 2023 Cycle's approach to recommending FMXs?

2023 Approach:

- ✓ Include all eligible FMXs
- ✓ Must support a Goal (Task 3C)
- ✓ 1% or smaller recurrence interval investigated/addressed
- ✓ No maintenance projects
- ✓ Discrete studies/projects/solutions – no recurring actions, entire capital programs, or “conglomerate” actions
- ✓ Meets the “No Adverse Impact” guidelines from TWDB
- ✓ Does not negatively impact or over-allocate a water source

Reasons to not recommend an FMX:

- FME
 - Study has already been performed
 - Study already has allocated funding
 - Entity not willing to sponsor FME
- FMP
 - Adverse impacts noted or unverified
 - H&H models do not exist or are insufficient
 - Move to FME
 - Entity not willing to sponsor FMP
- FMS (theoretical)
 - Adverse impacts noted
 - Does not provide reduction to flood impacts
 - Entity is not willing to sponsor



Consider approval of
approach to
recommend FMXs from
potentially feasible



Task 5A Next Steps

- Consultant team
 - Review potentially feasible FMXs to determine those that meet criteria for being recommended and those that do not
- Technical Subcommittee
 - Meeting will be scheduled for June 2026



Task 5B: FMEs for TWDB to Perform

- Information provided on 3/26 and 4/24
- One RFI addressed on 4/23
- One FME disqualified for redundant funding (Liberty Co.; GLO Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation)
- Community Affirmation Forms received from four communities.
- Have received contact from TWDB Consultant acknowledging first two SOWs and initiating contact.

FMEs for TWDB to Perform

Rank	FME ID	FME Name	Sponsor	Redundant Funding (Disqualified)	SOW Provided	CAF Provided
1	...516	Kaufman County Countywide Drainage Study - Phase 2	Kaufman Co.	●	●	●
2	...153	Liberty County Re-canalization	Liberty Co.		●	
3	...085	Leon County DMP	Leon Co.		●	
4	...467	Floodplain Evaluation of Kings Branch and Farmers Branch	Westworth Village		●	●
5	...081	Freestone County DMP	Freestone Co.		●	
6	...148	Houston County dike for critical facilities	Houston Co.		●	
7	...078	Anderson County DMP	Anderson Co.		●	●
8	...079	Cooke County DMP	Cooke Co.		●	
9	...082	Houston County DMP	Houston Co.		●	●
10.5	...089	Polk County DMP	Polk Co.		●	●
10.5	...157	Polk County Road and Drainage Improvements	Polk Co.		●	●

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Chapter 8 Administrative, Regulatory & Legislative Discussion



Potential Ideas for Future Cycles



Administrative & Regulatory



Funding Opportunities



Legislative



Other



Administrative Ideas to Date

- Budget allocation formula review should consider amount of available data, region size (acreage), population of region.
- Exhibits C and D should be provided with scopes of work.
- Clarification that floodplain management practices does not have to be “all or nothing”.
- Acknowledgment of FMXs accomplished outside the regional flood plan and/or Flood Infrastructure Fund

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Chapter 10 Outreach Update



Public Outreach & Engagement

- Stakeholder Outreach

- Updated stakeholder contact list
- Sent stakeholder notifications for the following:
 - Posting of meeting agenda and meeting materials to the Trinity RFPG website ahead of May 11 public meeting

- Stakeholder Engagement

- Crafted response for public inquiry regarding Lake Lewisville concerns
- Received multiple emails related to future FMX submission opportunities

- Media Outreach

- Updated media list of more than 100 key media contacts throughout the Upper, Middle and Lower Trinity
- Sent media advisory inviting coverage of regional flood planning process ahead of upcoming Draft Regional Flood Plan deadline (May 26, 2027)



Public Outreach & Engagement

- Website and Social Media

- Updated meeting information on website, LinkedIn and X for May 11 Trinity RFPG meeting
- Updated website to post approved meeting minutes from past RFPG and Technical Subcommittee meetings
- Updated "latest news" section on the website to include recent media coverage of RFPG activities.



Proposed Solicitation for Additional FMXs

- FMX solicitation closed September 30, 2025
 - FMEs for RFPG to advance have been decided
 - FMEs for TWDB to advance have been decided
- Multiple inquiries about next opportunity to submit FMXs
- Proposed additional FMX solicitation
 - Sponsor has **ALL** TWDB-required elements (tables, maps, models, geodatabase, cost estimate, BCA, project description, RFPG goal(s) met, no negative impacts, etc.)
 - Consultant team promotes the opportunity via email, social media, etc.
 - Deadline to submit **ALL** TWDB-required elements: October 30, 2026

LOOK-AHEAD

Between May-August 2026

- Technical Subcommittee to approve recommended FMXs individually


August 2026

- Update on FMEs that RFPG is performing (Task 4C)
- Approve FMXs to recommend for inclusion in the 2028 Plan (Task 5A)
- Update on FMEs that TWDB is performing (Task 5B)
- Introduction to Impact of the Plan (Task 6)
- Introduction to Emergency Response (Task 7)
- Introduction to Financing Analysis (Task 9)
- Introduction to Plan Implementation (Task 11)



November 2026

- Update on FMEs that RFPG is performing (Task 4C)
- Update on FMEs that TWDB is performing (Task 5B)
- Update on Impacts of the Plan (Task 6)
- Update on Emergency Response (Task 7)
- Update on Financing Analysis (Task 9)
- Update on Plan Implementation (Task 11)

Notes:  indicates target date.

Yellow highlight indicates hard deadline.



8. Updates from adjoining coastal regions



9. Updates from Planning Group Sponsor

Bylaws Review




10. Receive registered general public comments

Limit 3 minutes per person



11. Announcements



12. Consider meeting date for next meeting

Determined during Look-Ahead discussion.



13. Adjourn