

Department of the Army**Corps of Engineers****Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study, in Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant Counties, Texas**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Fort Worth District is preparing a PEIS for the proposed Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study, in Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant Counties, Texas. The tentatively selected plans consist of structural and non-structural measures at sites in the Upper Trinity River Basin study area which include: detention structures, channel modifications, levee enhancements, floodway sumps, channel and levee combinations, and other allied purposes of water quality improvement, environmental enhancement/restoration opportunities, and recreation development.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is being conducted in response to the authority contained in the following United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Resolution dated April 22, 1988, as quoted below:

Resolved by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate, that the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors is hereby requested to requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Trinity River and Tributaries, Texas, House Document No. 276, Eighty-Ninth Congress, and other pertinent reports, with a view to determining the advisability of modifying the proposal for further studies contained therein, with particular reference to providing improvements in the interest of flood protection, environmental enhancement, water quality, recreation, and other allied purposes in the Upper Trinity River Basin with specific attention on the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Numerous water resource development projects are being proposed in the Upper Trinity River Basin in Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant Counties, Texas. Projects in the study area tentatively include: non-structural flood damage reduction river channel modifications, environmental restoration, and recreation facility

development along Johnson Creek, Arlington, Texas; environmental restoration within River Legacy Parks in Arlington, Texas; environmental restoration and recreation facility development within Coppell, Texas; environmental restoration and recreation facility development in Denton County, Texas, channel and/or levee modifications, environmental restoration (including a Chain-of-Lakes), and recreation development within the existing Dallas Floodway project limits in Dallas, Texas; levee alignments and recreation facility development in the Stemmons North Industrial Corridor of Dallas, Texas; modification to existing urban sumps (14W/15W) in Fort Worth, Texas; and river channel modification, and levee construction and modification at Riverside Drive in Fort Worth, Texas.

1. *Proposed Action:* The plan to be addressed in the PEIS consists of several projects which implement structural and non-structural measures in the Upper Trinity River Basin, specifically the Texas counties of Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant. The structural and non-structural measures include: detention structures, channel modifications, levee enhancements, floodway sumps, and a combination of channel modifications and floodway levees. These measures will provide flood damage reduction, water quality improvement, environmental enhancement/restoration opportunities, and recreation development.

2. *Alternatives:* Alternatives to the projects which will be considered include numerous structural and non-structural measures, in addition to the "No Action" alternative.

3. The Corps' scoping process and public involvement for the PEIS under consideration are described as follows:

a. The public involvement program for this study will consist of at least one public meeting to be scheduled at a later date. The public information meeting would be scheduled at the conclusion of the study to present study results to local interests. Additional public workshops would be scheduled as necessary.

b. Some of the significant issues that will be analyzed in depth include: (1) Impacts of flooding and construction on biological resources (bottomland hardwoods, wetlands, etc.), water quality, and socio-economic factors; (2) Recreational opportunities; and (3) Mitigation and environmental restoration opportunities.

c. No other Federal agencies have been invited to participate in the development of the PEIS at this time.

d. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will furnish information on endangered

and threatened species in accordance with the Endangered Species Act. The State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will be consulted for information in accordance with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act.

4. Scoping meetings have been tentatively scheduled for January 7, 1997, and January 9, 1997. Information regarding the scoping meeting for the PEIS will be distributed through public notice and media releases.

5. The Draft PEIS has been scheduled for public review in the fall of 1997.

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Department of the Navy**Notice of Planning and Steering Advisory Committee; Closed Meeting**

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Planning and Steering Advisory Committee will meet November 20, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Center for Naval Analyses, 4401 Ford Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. This session will be closed to the public.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss topics relevant to SSBN security. The entire agenda will consist of classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and is properly classified pursuant to such Executive order.

Accordingly, the Under Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that all sessions of the meeting shall be closed to the public because they concern matters listed in 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.