

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Potential Multipurpose Projects for Ecosystem Restoration, Flood Damage Reduction, and Recreation Development Within and Along the West and Elm Forks and Main Stem of the Trinity River in Dallas, Dallas County, TX**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The study 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 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 recommendations 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.

An initial assessment based on the resolution guidance indicates a Federal interest in continuing with more detailed studies for these purposes. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be prepared to evaluate and compare ecosystem restoration, flood damage reduction, and recreation alternatives within and along the Trinity River in, within and adjacent to the existing Dallas Floodway area of Dallas, TX. The DEIS will also assess the impacts to the quality of the human environment associated with each alternative. The study area will be bound on the upstream by Loop 12 crossings of the West and Elm Forks and at the downstream end by the existing terminus of the Dallas Floodway approximated by the abandoned Santa Fe railroad on the Trinity River. The construction and implementation of Joe Pool Lake, Grapevine Lake, Lake Lewisville and the Dallas Floodway project along with urbanization and development activities, have

significantly degraded the terrestrial and aquatic habitat along and within the Trinity River. Consequently, ecosystem restoration measures will be developed and evaluated to address the degraded habitats. In addition, recreation measures will be developed and evaluated as complements to proposed ecosystem restoration measures. Preliminary findings indicate that due to major changes in runoff attributable to upstream development, the originally authorized flood damage reduction benefits have diminished within the study area and therefore opportunities to restore those Floodway benefits and explore options for improving flood damage reduction benefits within the interior drainages in the study area should be investigated. Flood damage reduction measures will address the loss of the authorized level of flood protection for the area.

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held on December 13, 2005 at 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Nash-Davis Recreation Center Activity Room, 3710 North Hampton Road, Dallas, TX 75212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions pertaining to the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by: Mr. Gene T. Rice, CESWF-PM-C, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300, (817) 886-1734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original Dallas Floodway levees and interior drainage improvements were completed between 1928 and 1931 by the City of Dallas and Dallas County Levee Improvement District. The Trinity River was rerouted by constructing a channel within the leveed floodway. The original channel was either filled or used for sump storage.

In the mid-1940's, major floods, compounded with continued urbanization in the watershed draining into the Floodway system resulted in severe flooding. The Dallas Floodway was authorized by River and Harbor Acts of March 2, 1945 and May 17, 1950. The project, which was completed in April 1959, entailed the channel improvement, clearing of the floodway, strengthening of levees, installation and modification of drainage structures, construction of pressure sewers, pump station and sump areas. The improvements provided conveyance of the Standard Project Flood within the floodway plus 4 feet of freeboard.

Alternatives for ecosystem restoration, flood damage reduction, and recreation will be developed and evaluated based on ongoing fieldwork and data collection and past studies conducted

by the Corps of Engineers, the City of Dallas, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ecosystem restoration alternatives that will be evaluated include creating meanders within the Trinity River, restoring, protecting and expanding the riparian corridor, improving aquatic habitat, creating riffle-pool complexes, and constructing wetlands. It is anticipated that ecosystem restoration measures would aid in improving water quality, optimizing aquatic and terrestrial habitat, and minimizing erosion and scouring along and within the river. Alternatives for flood damage reduction measures will be evaluated from both a non-structural and structural aspect. Non-structural measures that will be evaluated include acquisition and removal of structures or flood proofing of structures for protection from potential future flood damage. Structural measures that will be evaluated include levee height modification by fill or addition of flood walls, changes in interior drainage by enlarging storage areas or increasing widths and depths and/or a combination of these measures. Recreation measures that will be evaluated for include multipurpose trails and passive recreation features, such as interpretive guidance and media and picnic areas. Recreation measures will be developed to a scope and scale compatible with proposed ecosystem restoration measures without significantly diminishing ecosystem benefits.

A Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Upper Trinity River Basin Feasibility study addressing the potential cumulative effects of reasonably foreseeable projects, including the Clear Fork West Fork studies was completed in June 2000. The DEIS will be tiered to the PEIS.

The public will be invited to participate in the scoping process, invited to attend public meetings, and given the opportunity to review the DEIS. The first public scoping meeting will be on (see **DATES & ADDRESSES**). Subsequent public meetings, if deemed necessary, will be announced in the local news media. Release of the DEIS for public comment is scheduled for March 2007. The exact release date, once established, will be announced through mailings to known interested individuals, agencies and officials and in the local news media.

Future coordination with other agencies and public scoping will be conducted to ensure full and open participation and aid in the development of the DEIS. All affected

Federal, state, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties are hereby invited to participate. Future coordination will also be conducted with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The USFWS will furnish information on threatened and endangered species in accordance with the Endangered Species Act. In addition, the USFWS will also be requested to provide support with planning aid and to provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report. The State Historic Preservation Office will be consulted as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors will meet to make such inquiry, as the Board shall deem necessary into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy. The meeting will include discussions of personnel issues at the Naval Academy, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The open session of the meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The closed Executive Session will be held on Monday, December 12, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the U.S. Naval Academy in the Bo Coppedge Room of Alumni Hall, Annapolis, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander, Marc D. Boran, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000, 410-293-1503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided per the

Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The executive session of the meeting will consist of discussions of personnel issues at the Naval Academy and internal Board of Visitors matters. Discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the meeting shall be partially closed to the public because it will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(2), (5), (6), (7) and (9) of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: November 22, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 30, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or

reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 22, 2005.

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Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: Federal Direct PLUS Loan Application and Master Promissory Note, and Endorser Addendum (LO).

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or household (primary).

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 230,625.

Burden Hours: 115,313.

Abstract: The PLUS MPN is the means by which an individual applies for and agrees to repay a Federal Direct PLUS Loan. If an applicant for a Federal Direct PLUS Loan is determined to have an adverse credit history and obtains an endorser, the Endorser Addendum is the means by which an endorser agrees to repay the loan if the borrower does not repay it.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 02942. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the