

Trinity River COMMON VISION Corridor Development Certificate (CDC)

The Corridor Development Certificate Process is a locally implemented tool with the goal of stabilizing flood risk along the Trinity River Corridor. The CDC process does not prohibit floodplain development, but ensures that any development that does occur in the floodplain will not raise flood water levels or reduce flood storage capacity.

Benefits to Local Governments by Participating in the CDC Program -

- Cooperative management among local governments resulting in a comprehensive and regional approach in addressing flood damage reduction, recreation, and environmental quality,
- Better coordination among participating local governments, assuring more adequate flood protection along the Trinity Corridor,
- Stronger partnerships with other state and federal agencies making additional programs possible,
- Continued partnership helping advance the Regional Policy Position on the Trinity River Corridor,
- Cooperatively developed and implemented local permitting process that promotes consistent floodplain management decisions along the corridor, and transparent regulatory and multi-jurisdictional review processes ensuring comprehensive and equitable considerations of proposed developments,
- Expanded technical assistance by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
- Continual updating of the regulatory model used by all participating local governments.
- Effective tool in maintaining flood water storage capacity in the Trinity River Corridor.

Public Safety Risk – Loss of flood water storage capacity in the Trinity River Corridor would result in an increase in downstream discharges resulting in:

- Increased flooding hazards,
- Increased potential risks to residents personal safety and
- Increased risk in the loss of lives and property.

Economic Development – A reduction in flood water storage capacity could result in increased flood water levels resulting in:

- Increases in insurance rates and property damage due to flooding,
- Increases in lost jobs and economic devastation caused by flooding of offices, factories, stores and other businesses,
- Increases in cost to mitigate damage and disruption to communities' infrastructures such as roads, schools, public buildings and other facilities.

Local Permitting Authority - Under the CDC process, local governments retain ultimate control over floodplain permitting decisions, while other communities along the Trinity River Corridor are given the opportunity to review and comment on projects in their neighbor's jurisdiction.

As the Region's population and economy continue to grow and develop, the CDC process will provide the opportunity for continued cooperative regional discussions and approaches to protect downstream partners; and will be invaluable in preventing increased flood risks that will occur without a program like this one in place.

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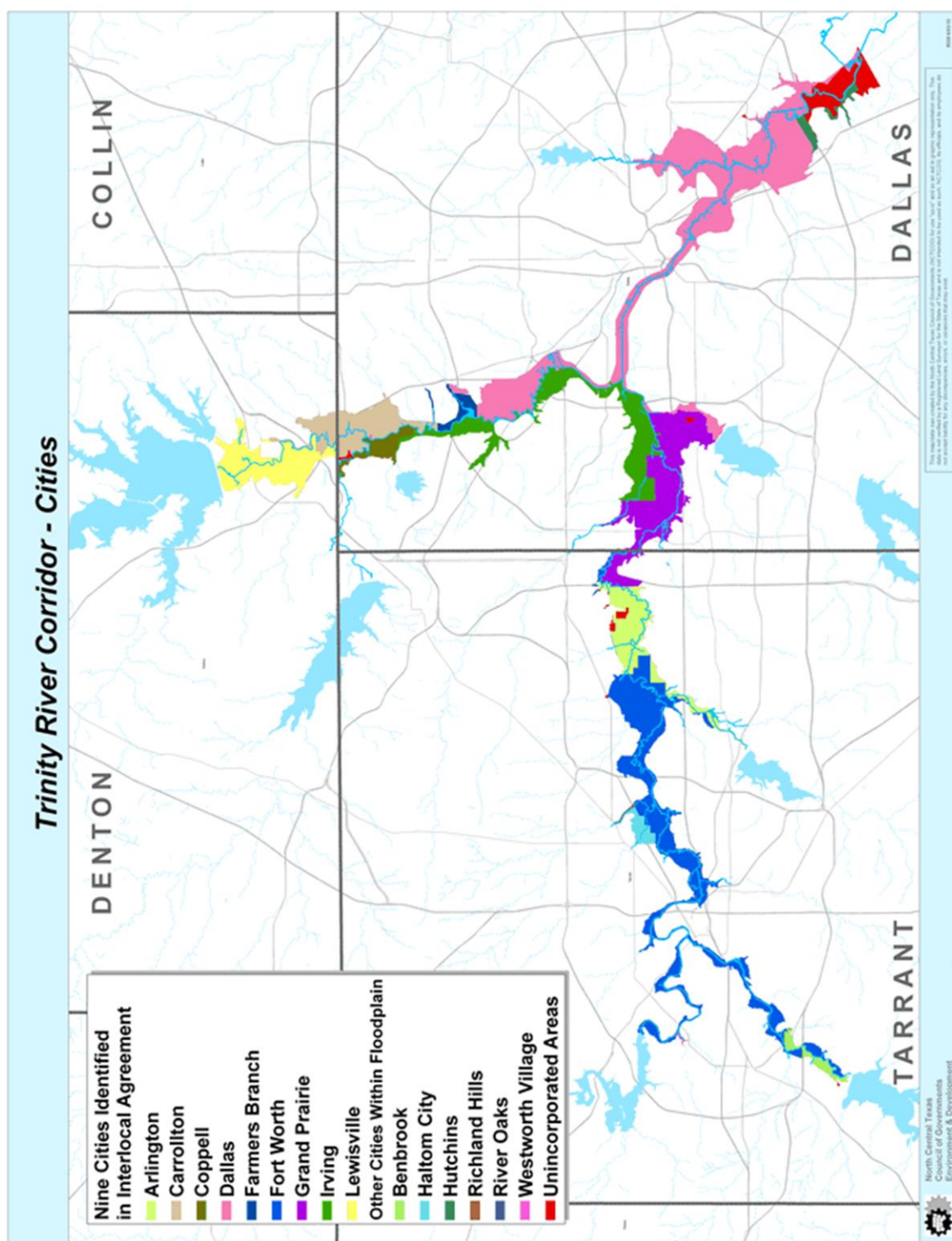


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