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## **City of Dallas and Federal Authorities Enter Into Agreement To Begin Dallas Floodway Extension Project**

Construction is scheduled to begin on the Dallas Floodway Extension (DFE) Project early next year, Dallas' Acting Mayor Mary Poss announced today.

When completed in 2008, the DFE will restore standard project flood protection to the downtown Dallas vicinity while extending the same protection to downstream residents and businesses along the southern Trinity River corridor.

"Constructing this flood control project along the Trinity River will reduce the flooding risk for about 12,500 structures in Dallas," Mayor Poss said. "This has been a team effort for many months to get the necessary approvals and funding for this very important project for the city of Dallas. I am most grateful to President Bush, members of the Texas Congressional Delegation, the Dallas City Council, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the City's Trinity River Corridor Project office and many community leaders for their efforts to ensure that this project will now get underway."

The flood reduction feature of the DFE includes levees for the Cadillac Heights neighborhood and Lamar Street sides of the river, a chain of wetlands, and a river realignment at Interstate 45. The footprint of the project is located between Loop 12 and the downstream end of the existing Dallas Floodway. Environmental mitigation lands, comprised of 1,179 acres of forest preservation for the Great Trinity Forest, will extend to the Interstate 20 vicinity, along with 31.5 miles of recreation trails and public access.

Environmental impact statements for the DFE have been completed. Design work for the wetlands and the land acquisition is now underway.

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“Now that the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) has been signed by City and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials, the process of accepting construction bids and awarding the project to a qualified construction company can now take place,” said Col. Gordon Wells, commander of the Fort Worth District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “We believe construction can begin by early March. Our first phase of construction will be a portion of the lower chain of wetlands, which is a project component that will help to improve floodwater conveyance and enhance wildlife habitat along the southern Trinity corridor.”

The DFE is estimated to cost about \$140 million. Congress has appropriated \$12 million thus far, and additional funds will be requested on a yearly basis.

The City of Dallas’ estimated cost to construct the DFE is \$24.7 million. Those funds will come from Trinity River Corridor Project (TRCP) monies. Dallas voters approved the \$246-million TRCP in May 1998.

The Trinity River Corridor Project is the largest public works project in the City’s history.

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