

## **APPENDIX H: Informational Flyers**

## The Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group (Trinity RFPG) needs you!



This newly formed group is responsible for developing the first-ever Regional Flood Plan for the Trinity River Basin. We need your help! Ultimately, this planning effort is important and relevant for you because projects included in the Regional Flood Plan will be better able to access future State funding.

The Trinity RFPG (aka Region 3) is among 15 regional flood planning groups statewide designated by the Texas Water Development Board. Spanning a region from Cooke County in the north to Chambers County on the Gulf Coast, the Trinity RFPG is responsible for creating its first Regional Flood Plan by January 2023, which will become part of Texas' first-ever State Flood Plan in 2024. The Trinity Flood Plan will comprise local flood mitigation studies and projects that represent the plans of the local jurisdictions.

We have prepared an **electronic data collection tool** that is available at <https://trinity.half.com/> and through the Public Comment page on our website, [www.trinityrfg.org](http://www.trinityrfg.org). We need your input and local flood-related data to develop a flood plan that represents your flood planning resources and flood-related risks in your area. We have also developed an **interactive web map** (also available through the links above) on which you can identify specific flood-prone areas.

The data collection effort is designed for you to input whatever flood-related data and information you may have. Reports, maps and models can be uploaded to the site. Alternatively, this information can be mailed to the Trinity lead consultant Half Associates, Inc. at 4000 Fossil Creek Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76137-1422. The data collection tool is designed to be a "come and go" type tool where you can answer questions one day and come back and answer other questions another day. You can also "divide and conquer" by sending coworkers who have the relevant data the link and asking them to answer specific questions.

In order to be ready to participate in the data collection effort, we encourage you to gather up the following information (if available):

- Floodplain ordinance
- Development regulations
- Land use plans
- Watershed studies or flood studies
- Hydraulics and hydrology models
- Flood maps
- Flood early warning system information
- Drainage criteria manual
- Capital improvement projects (flood-related)
- Planned flood studies

To ensure you receive the survey and other future e-updates, we ask that you be sure to add [info@trinityrfg.org](mailto:info@trinityrfg.org) to your approved or recognized list of email addresses. As the Trinity RFPG begins this data collection effort, we encourage you to stay informed and participate.

If you have any questions or concerns about the data collection tool and/or interactive web map, please contact Project Manager **Stephanie Griffin with Half Associates, Inc. at (817) 813-5704 or [sgriffin@half.com](mailto:sgriffin@half.com)**, or you can also email us at [info@trinityrfg.org](mailto:info@trinityrfg.org).

Also please feel free to share this information and future e-updates with others who may have an interest in Trinity Regional Flood Planning and encourage them to visit the website when it launches.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this critical regional planning effort!

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The Trinity RFPG's website is [www.trinityfpg.org](http://www.trinityfpg.org) and serves as a vital source of news and information. Here you can find out about upcoming meetings, access resources, and sign up for upcoming newsletters and announcements. Also on the site will be an interactive map where you will be able to identify specific flood-prone areas you know about. Ultimately, this planning effort is important and relevant because projects included in the Regional Flood Plan will be better able to access future State funding.

As the Trinity RFPG begins this important effort, we encourage you to stay informed and participate. In addition to visiting the website, if you have any questions or concerns, please email us at: [info@trinityfpg.org](mailto:info@trinityfpg.org).

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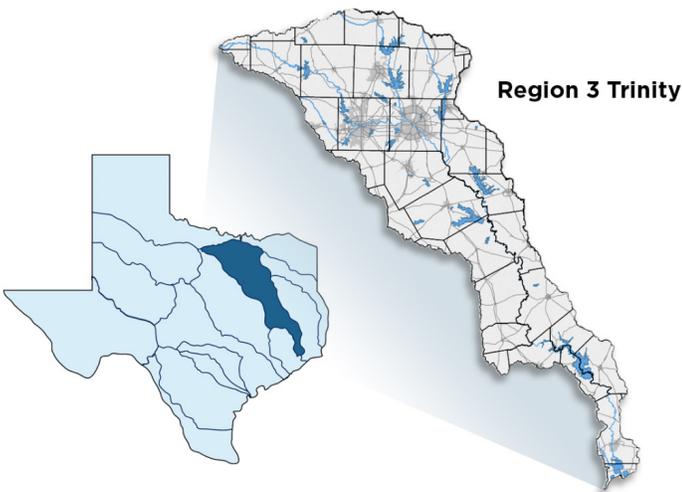
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# Regional Flood Planning in Texas: A New and Important Process

In 2019, the State of Texas established a groundbreaking, new flood planning process to be conducted by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Under the TWDB's direction, 15 Regional Flood Planning Groups (RFPGs) were created across Texas and tasked with developing Regional Flood Plans for their respective areas. Those regional plans will become part of Texas' first-ever State Flood Plan in September 2024.

Those regional plans are important because they contain recommended flood mitigation actions to reduce flood-related loss of life, property and livelihoods throughout each region. The plans are also relevant and important for local communities because ultimately the recommended projects will have better access to future State funding, providing money to help fix local flooding issues.

## About the Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group (Region 3)



The initial members of the Trinity RFPG were designated by the TWDB in 2020, with at least one voting member from each of the following interest categories: the public, counties, municipalities, industry, agriculture, environment, small business, electric-generating utilities, river authorities, water districts, water utilities and flood districts.

Current members of the Trinity RFPG are as follows:

### Voting Members

- Chad Ballard
- Sano Blocker
- Melissa Bookhout
- Glenn Clingenpeel
- Scott Harris
- Rachel Ickert
- Andrew Isbell
- Jordan Macha
- Galen Roberts
- Matt Robinson
- Lissa Shepard
- Sarah Standifer

### Interest Represented

- Small business
- Electric-generating utilities
- Agricultural interests
- River authorities
- Water utilities
- Flood districts
- Public
- Environment
- Water districts
- Industries
- Counties
- Municipalities

### Non-Voting Members

- Richard Bagans
- Rob Barthen
- Steve Bednarz
- Justin Bower
- Ellen Buchanan
- Todd Burrer
- Jerry Cotter
- Bert Galvan
- Diane Howe
- Lonnie Hunt
- Edith Marvin
- Lisa McCracken
- Kris Robles
- Andrea Sanders
- Greg Waller
- Adam Whisenant

### Organization Represented

- Texas Water Development Board
- Texas Department of Agriculture
- Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
- Houston-Galveston Area Council
- Region 5 Neches Flood Planning Group (liaison)
- Region 6 San Jacinto Flood Planning Group (liaison)
- US Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth Rep.
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Deep East Texas Council of Governments
- North Central Texas Council of Governments
- US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston Rep.
- General Land Office
- Texas Division of Emergency Management
- National Weather Service / West Gulf River Forecast Center
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

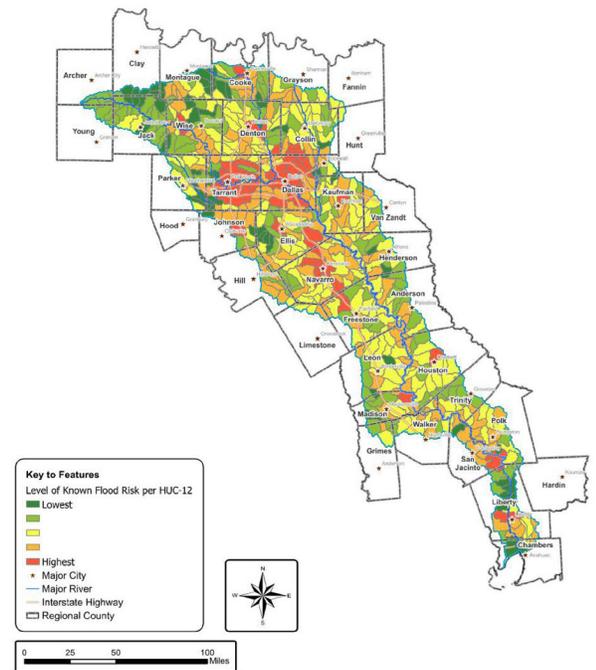
## Development and Highlights of the Draft Regional Flood Plan

Each RFPG was required to develop a Draft Regional Flood Plan drawing on the best available science, data, models and flood risk mapping, and submit it to the TWDB by August 1, 2022. After a public comment period and revisions, Final Regional Flood Plans must be submitted to the TWDB in January 2023.

During this initial round of regional flood planning, the Trinity RFPG conducted the following tasks:

- Developed flood maps and inundation models to help understand where flooding is currently occurring, and where it might be expected to occur in the future;
- Created an interactive web map to allow landowners and stakeholders to tell us where they have seen flooding;
- Determined the relative risk of flooding in terms of its potential impact on human lives, property and livelihoods;
- Developed, vetted and recommended potential solutions to help reduce risks from flooding;
- Estimated the amount of financial assistance needed to implement those solutions; and
- Compiled the information into a single, comprehensive Draft Regional Flood Plan.

### Areas of Greatest Known Flood Risk in the Trinity River Basin



## The resulting Draft Regional Flood Plan for Region 3 includes:



A finding that **29% more structures and 25% more people may potentially be impacted by future flood risk conditions over the next 30 years**, compared to existing flood risk conditions, based on future development estimates and absent implementation of the recommended flood risk reduction actions.

Over **\$1 billion in recommended flood risk reduction actions** (Flood Management Evaluations, Flood Mitigation Projects and Flood Management Strategies), including:



**342 recommended Flood Management Evaluations** (aka studies), with a total cost of nearly \$146 million;



**7 recommended Flood Mitigation Projects** with a total cost of nearly \$176 million;



**136 recommended Flood Management Strategies** with a total cost of nearly \$747 million.



To review the Draft Regional Flood Plan, submit public comments online or get info about upcoming public participation opportunities, visit [www.trinityrfgp.org](http://www.trinityrfgp.org).

# Attend our upcoming events to learn about the first-ever Draft Regional Flood Plan for the Trinity River Basin!

The Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group (Trinity RFPG) invites you to three upcoming informational sessions to learn more about the recently prepared Draft Regional Flood Plan, see flood mitigation recommendations for your local area and get answers to your questions about the draft plan.

Each open house will begin with a brief presentation, followed by a chance for you to ask questions, review planning materials and visit with RFPG representatives.

## 1 Lower Basin

**Monday, August 29, 2022, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Dayton Community Center, Ballroom 300B  
801 S. Cleveland St.  
Dayton, Texas 77535

## 2 Mid Basin

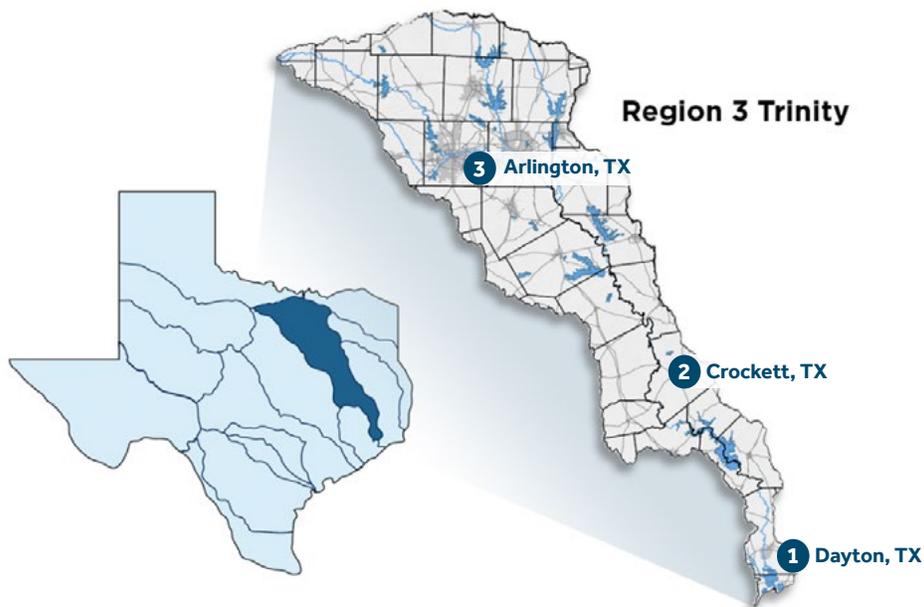
**Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Houston County Electric Cooperative,  
Community Room  
1701 Loop 304  
Crockett, Texas 75835

## 3 Upper Basin

**Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

North Central Texas Council of Governments,  
William Pitstick Conference Room  
Centerpoint II Building, 616 Six Flags Drive  
Arlington, Texas 76011



After the upcoming informational sessions (see info at left), the Trinity RFPG will host a **public meeting** to accept oral and written comments on the Draft Flood Plan. Your participation and feedback are welcomed and encouraged!

### \*Thursday, September 8, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

North Central Texas Council of Governments, Transportation Council Room  
Centerpoint II Building, 616 Six Flags Drive  
Arlington, Texas 76011

\*Hybrid Meeting – see [www.trinityrfg.org](http://www.trinityrfg.org) for virtual participation options

To review the Draft Regional Flood Plan and other planning documents, please visit [www.trinityrfg.org](http://www.trinityrfg.org). A hard copy of the draft plan is also available for public inspection during normal operating hours at the following locations:

- **Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young St, Dallas, TX 75201**
- **Fairfield Library, 350 W Main St, Fairfield, TX 75840**
- **Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center, 650 FM 1011, Liberty TX 77575**

Public comments must be **received by Monday, October 10, 2022**, for consideration in the final plan. Public comments may be submitted via email to [info@trinityrfg.org](mailto:info@trinityrfg.org) or via the Public Comment form at [www.trinityrfg.org](http://www.trinityrfg.org). Comments may also be mailed to:

**Halff Associates, Inc.**  
**Attn: Stephanie Griffin**  
**4000 Fossil Creek Blvd.**  
**Fort Worth, TX 76137-1422**

After revisions, the Trinity Regional Flood Plan will be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board in January 2023 and eventually become part of the first-ever State Flood Plan.

**If you have any questions about the Trinity RFPG's upcoming public events or the draft plan:**

**email us at** [info@trinityrfg.org](mailto:info@trinityrfg.org)

**or contact Project Manager Stephanie Griffin**

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