



December 7, 2021

Colonel Kenneth N. Reed
Commander, U.S. Army Engineer Corps of Engineers
819 Taylor Street (Room 3A32)
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Colonel Reed:

The City of Denton is requesting assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for a study to address the flooding problems in area generally north of US380, east of Collins and Elm Bottom Road, and west of Rockhill Road. The flooding impacts the Ray Roberts Greenbelt, City of Denton Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center, conservation easements, USACE, and private property.

The Elm Fork of the Trinity River connects Ray Roberts Lake and Lake Lewisville. A Greenbelt Corridor trail was developed approximately 20 years ago to link the two lakes and provide additional recreation opportunities to the region. In addition to property for the Greenbelt, the City of Denton leases additional acreage north of US 380. The Elm Fork bisects the leased property which is used for environmental education, and wildlife management. An 1135 project was completed on the property in the early 2000's. Within the property boundary is the confluence of Clear Creek and the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Since record rains in 2015, flooding in the area has continued to cause greater impacts. The inundation area has grown, duration of inundation has increased, and the amount of silt deposited on both sides of Clear Creek and Elm Fork has increased. Currently, we are not certain of the cause of the flooding. Increased flow upstream, sedimentation decreasing volume that can be conveyed, and blockages are all concerns. We would like assistance to determine the cause of the flooding and potential remedies.

The City of Denton intends to serve as the sponsor for the project. We are aware that the first \$100,000 for the feasibility study is fully federally funded, and that any feasibility study costs above that would be cost-shared 50% federal and 50% non-federal. We understand that the estimated cost of the feasibility study would be prepared following a determination of federal interest. We further understand that a Federal Interest Determination (FID) report shall be prepared following initial investigation by USACE.

We are committed to this project and are willing, able and would be financially prepared to participate in the feasibility study. We look forward to executing a cost-sharing agreement for the study at the appropriate time in the process. Thank you for your assistance with this much needed project. Please contact Katherine Barnett for further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

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Director of Environmental Services & Sustainability

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