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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announce Record of Decision on Modified Central City Project

*FORT WORTH, Texas* – The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, announced today the signing of the Record of Decision for the Modified Trinity River Central City Project by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Mr. John Paul Woodley, Jr. This document is a milestone for the project as it closes out the National Environmental Policy Act process and establishes a revised footprint for the project. The modified project utilizes the area previously proposed for the Riverside Oxbow project to ensure the integrity and functionality of the existing flood control project, while also providing greater ecosystem restoration and recreation outputs than the previously approved Central City project. The \$576 million project, which addresses four main objectives including flood protection, ecosystem improvements, urban revitalization and recreation, has been determined by the Secretary to be technically sound and environmentally acceptable.

"Modifying the Central City to include the Riverside Oxbow area will ensure a tremendous natural asset is enhanced and preserved for generations to come. This is a great day for the city, county and state to be able to move forward with this Modified Central City project," said Col. Christopher W. Martin, district commander.

The Central City project, which is one component of the Trinity River Vision Master Plan, is a partnership of the Tarrant Regional Water District, the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Streams and Valleys, Inc., and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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