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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces the signing of a Project Partnership Agreement for the Modified Central City Project

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, announced today the signing of the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) for the Modified Trinity River Central City project by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Mr. John Paul Woodley, Jr.

The PPA is a milestone for the project as it is the legal agreement between the Corps of Engineers and the Tarrant Regional Water District (non-federal sponsor) to proceed with construction activities. The PPA specifies construction actions and overall project operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation. The PPA will address flood risk management and will lay the foundation for the remainder of the \$576 million Trinity River Vision project, which also includes opportunities for ecosystem restoration, urban revitalization and recreation. The project has been determined by the Secretary to be technically sound and environmentally acceptable.

"The signing of the PPA will ensure a tremendous natural asset is enhanced and preserved for generations to come," Col. Christopher W. Martin, Fort Worth district commander, said. "This is a great day for the city, county and state to be able to start construction on the Modified Central City project."

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 Trinity River Vision Authority, the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Streams and Valleys, Inc., and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.