

# **APPENDIX C: Floodplain Management Practices Memo and Email**

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**From:** Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group <info@trinityrfpg.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 9:59 AM  
**To:** Griffin, Stephanie  
**Subject:** Feedback Needed: Proposed Flood Protection Goals and Recommended Floodplain Management Standards

**We Need Your Feedback on**  
***Proposed Flood Protection Goals* and**  
***Recommended Floodplain Management***  
***Standards* for the Trinity River Basin!**



As part of the Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group's (Trinity RFPG) work to develop the first-ever Regional Flood Plan for the Trinity River Basin, **we are seeking your feedback within the next 30 days** on two important items discussed during the group's most recent (Sept. 23) public meeting, including **draft flood protection goals** and **recommended floodplain management standards** for the region.

Feedback on the following hyperlinked documents should be submitted **no later than October 27, 2021, via email to [info@trinityrfpg.org](mailto:info@trinityrfpg.org)** with the subject line "Feedback on Draft Goals or Recommended Floodplain Management Standards":

**(1) [Draft Specific Flood Protection Goals](#) (click link at left to view)**

For background purposes, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) technical guidelines for regional flood planning state that the overarching goal of all regional flood plans must be "to protect against the loss of life and property." The purpose of the proposed Trinity RFPG goals, linked above, is to identify specific and achievable flood mitigation and floodplain management goals that, when implemented, will demonstrate progress towards this overarching goal. These goals will guide the overall approach and recommendations in the Trinity Regional Flood Plan.

*These draft goals will be considered for approval during the next public meeting of the Trinity RFPG in November 2021.*

**(2) [Recommended Floodplain Management Standards](#) (click link at left to view)**

Per TWDB technical guidelines, the goal of this task is for RFPGs to make recommendations regarding forward-looking floodplain management and land use recommendations, and economic development practices and strategies, that should be implemented by entities within the flood planning region. These recommendations may include minimum floodplain management and land use standards, and should focus on how best to address potential changes over time related to anticipated development, associated population growth and other relevant man-made causes that can affect the 1% annual chance floodplain and associated flood risks.

Please note that *recommending* such standards is an alternative to the more

stringent option of *adopting* standards that each regional entity would be required to adopt prior to having its sponsored Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs), Flood Management Strategies (FMS's) or Flood Mitigation Projects (FMPs) included in the Regional Flood Plan. At this time, the Trinity RFPG has approved the *recommended* Floodplain Management Standards linked above, but has not *adopted* such standards.

*Although already approved at the Sept. 23 public meeting, these standards can be modified at any time prior to adoption of the Regional Flood Plan. The Trinity RFPG welcomes feedback from regional stakeholders or interested parties to improve the current recommendations.*

*Thank you for your participation in this important, new regional flood planning effort!*

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties of the Region 3 Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG)      DATE: September 24, 2021

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SUBJECT: Region-wide Floodplain Management Standards for Trinity Regional Flood Plan

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On September 23, 2021, the Trinity RFPG held a public meeting in a hybrid setting during which the consultant team presented the results of the data collection effort related to the topics of potentially recommending and potentially adopting region-wide floodplain management standards.

The Trinity RFPG is required to consider the possibility of recommending or adopting consistent minimum floodplain management standards and land use practices for the entire region. While recommended practices encourage entities with flood control responsibilities to establish minimum floodplain management standards, the adoption of minimum standards requires that entities adopt the minimum standards before their floodplain management evaluations (FMEs), floodplain management strategies (FMSs), and/or floodplain mitigation projects (FMPs) could be considered for potential inclusion in the regional flood plan.

The RFPG approved the following recommended region-wide floodplain management standards:

1. Participate in the NFIP or adopt equivalent standards
2. Regulate development in the FEMA floodplain or other local floodplain designated by local jurisdiction
3. Establish higher standards (more stringent than the NFIP) for development or freeboard above the floodplain
4. Drainage corridor preservation
5. Land use standards to reduce future flood risk
6. Compensatory flood storage

The Trinity RFPG did not adopt any region-wide floodplain management standards.