

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****January 26, 2015****SUBJECT: COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS ON DRAINAGE PROJECTS**

This Informal Report is to respond to a recent City Council question as to how local government jurisdictions in the Fort Worth area communicate with each other on drainage issues that could affect more than one jurisdiction.

The only formal process in this regard is the Corridor Development Certificate (CDC) program. This is a voluntary process which currently involves 9 area cities (Arlington, Carrollton, Coppell, Dallas, Farmers Branch, Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Irving, and Lewisville) and 2 counties (Dallas and Tarrant). Participants in the CDC program submit for the review of the broader group any actions in their jurisdiction that could have an impact on the 100 year floodplain of the Trinity River. The purpose of the program is to ensure common understanding of activity proposed in the Trinity River floodplain in any of the participating jurisdictions and agreement by the group, prior to the proposed activity moving forward, that such actions will have no adverse impact on other jurisdictions. The CDC process does not consider any drainage related activities that do not directly relate to the Trinity River floodplain.

It is also common practice amongst area jurisdictions to communicate and coordinate with each other in cases where an activity is planned in one jurisdiction that could impact drainage in others. There is no formal process for such coordination, though.

Staff is not aware of any activities in recent memory in other jurisdictions that have had an adverse drainage impact within the City of Fort Worth. Specifically in this regard, Staff evaluated the recent concern expressed by a Fort Worth citizen about a drainage project in the City of Hurst. After visiting the site and speaking with the construction contractor and City of Hurst staff, it was concluded that that project had no adverse drainage impact within the City of Fort Worth. Further, the project in Hurst was not of the type or magnitude as to necessitate any sort of inter-jurisdictional coordination.

Please contact Greg Simmons, TPW Assistant Director, at 817.392.7862 with any questions about this.

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