

## What is NEPA Scoping?

Scoping is a part of the EIS process through which a federal agency describes a proposed action and possible alternatives. The agency then seeks input from other agencies, organizations, and the public on potentially affected resources, environmental issues to be considered, and the agency's planned approach to analysis.



## What is the Purpose of this Public Scoping Meeting?

This public scoping meeting is designed to solicit public and agency comments regarding issues the EIS should consider. This scoping meeting aims to:

- Provide an overview of the Dallas Floodway.
- Present the proposed action.
- Define resources to be analyzed.
- Present the proposed approach to analysis.
- Provide key milestones in the EIS.

The USACE and City of Dallas request input from interested people, organizations, and agencies on:

- Environmental resource analysis.
- Possible action alternatives.
- Public impact assessment criteria.

**We Encourage You to Provide Your Input  
During the Public Scoping and Public Review Periods!**

## How Do I Provide My Comments?

- Use the comment sheet provided tonight.
- Provide a verbal comment to the court reporter tonight.
- Submit comments electronically via the project website: <http://www.dallasfloodwayprojecteis.com>
- Email comments to: [Jeffry.A.Tripe@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jeffry.A.Tripe@usace.army.mil)
- Mail comments to:

**United States Army Corps of Engineers  
Fort Worth District  
Attn: Jeffry Tripe  
P.O. Box 17300, Room 3A14  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300**

**Please Provide Comments By  
December 16, 2009**

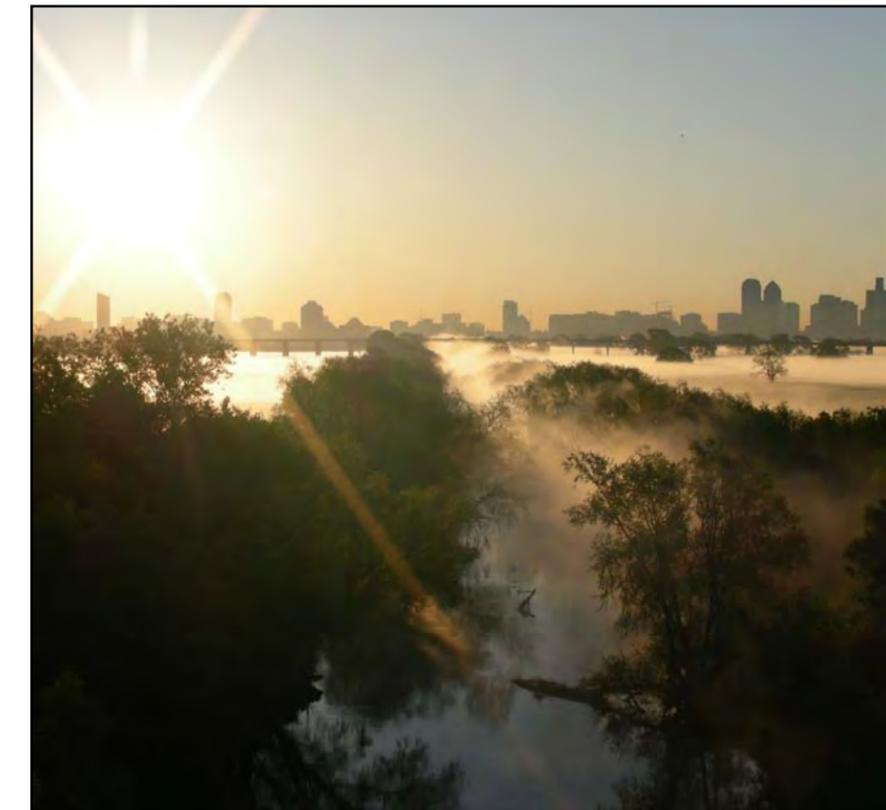
**Thank You For Coming!**



**We Look Forward to Receiving Your Input!**



## What is NEPA...



*Sunrise over the Dallas Floodway*

**...and the Public  
Scoping Process?**

## What is NEPA?

NEPA stands for the “National Environmental Policy Act” and is:

- A statutory requirement triggered by major federal actions that could significantly affect the quality of the human environment.
- A federal law that requires the identification and analysis of potential environmental effects before those actions take place.
- A "full disclosure" law with provisions for public access to and public participation in the federal decision-making process.
- A mechanism for evaluating potential environmental impacts and incorporating public involvement into the federal decision-making process.



### Legislative, Regulatory, and Interagency Framework Governing NEPA

- NEPA of 1969: Public Law 91-190.
- 40 CFR 1500-1508: Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Engineering Regulation 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing NEPA.
- Based upon the legislative, regulatory, and interagency framework governing NEPA, the USACE, in cooperation with the City of Dallas is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Dallas Floodway Project.

## What is an EIS?

An EIS stands for “Environmental Impact Statement” and:

- Presents the results of analyses of the potential environmental effects of a proposed action and alternatives.
- Is prepared when a proposed action could cause significant environmental effects or if the proposed action would generate significant public interest.
- Includes a description of baseline conditions for all resource areas against which effects of the proposed action and alternatives are evaluated.
- Identifies potential consequences and any appropriate mitigation (measures to reduce adverse impacts).
- Includes opportunities for public involvement



### Steps in Preparing an EIS

- Define the proposed action, alternatives, and decisions to be made.
- Identify what needs to be analyzed (scoping); refine the proposed action and alternatives.
- Gather data, conduct analyses, and identify environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives.
- Publish a Draft EIS for public and agency review.
- Host a public meeting for the Draft EIS to solicit comments.
- Publish a Final EIS for public and agency review.
- Publish a Record of Decision.

## Impact Assessment Criteria

The USACE has identified a broad spectrum of general and project-specific criteria with which to analyze the potential impacts of the action alternatives. Example impact analysis criteria include:

- Institutional Criteria
  - NEPA, National Historic Preservation Act
- Public Criteria
  - To Be Determined (please provide YOUR input!)
- Technical Criteria
  - Levee Stability, Flood Conveyance
- Scientific Criteria
  - Texas Endangered Species



### Public Involvement Opportunities

- Public Scoping Meeting (oral or written comments)
- Draft EIS Public Review Period (written comments)
- Draft EIS Public Meeting (oral or written comments)
- Final EIS Public Review Period (written comments)

Public notices will be published when the Draft and Final EISs are released for public review.

Additional information about the Dallas Floodway Project EIS is available at the project website:

<http://www.dallasfloodwayprojecteis.com>