



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

February 5, 2016

Mark Wolfe
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission
1511 Colorado St.
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr Wolfe:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Fort Worth District is reviewing a proposed undertaking that crosses the Trinity River Flood Control System (TRFCS), Tarrant County, Fort Worth, Texas. TRFCS is a USACE completed public works project requiring review and approval under USC Section 408. As part of this review the project must remain in compliance with all applicable environmental and cultural resources laws, including the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The proposed undertaking, entitled the Left Bank Development, will consist of the placement of earthen fill, a retaining wall on a 1,240 foot section of the left bank of the TRFCS levee and will link the levee to a new mixed-use facility. On behalf of the applicant, Centergy, Integrated Environmental Solutions, LLC conducted a cultural resources survey of the proposed areas of potential effect and their report of findings is enclosed for your review and comment (Enclosure 1).

A 2010 historic resources study conducted for the Central City Segment of the Trinity River Vision Master Plan identified the TRFCS as a historic resource. The essential character-defining feature of the TRFCS levee is that it is a trapezoidal cross section of earthen material designed solely to retain and direct floodwaters. The undertaking involves infilling the space between the new structure and creating a new terrace atop the levee, which alters its original design. While this greatly enhances the recreational uses of the historic floodway and allows greater access, it changes the character of the property's physical features and diminishes its design integrity. USACE concurs with the conclusions of the enclosed survey report and has determined the undertaking to be an **Adverse Effect** under 36 CFR 800.5. We seek your concurrence on this finding.

The report also finds that due to previous ground disturbance, there is **No Potential to Effect** archeological resources. We concur with this finding and seek your concurrence. Should your office concur with these findings, USACE proposes that the stipulations in the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) are adequate to mitigate the adverse effect to this resource (Enclosure 2). Historic Fort Worth will be invited to participate in this consultation and to be a concurring party in the MOA. We will also notify the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation of the Adverse Effect finding in accordance with 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1).

If you have questions or comments, please contact Joseph Murphey, Historic Architect, NEPA and Cultural Resources Section at 817-229-1956, or via email at joseph.s.murphey@usace.army.mil.

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Eric W. Verwers
Director, Regional Planning and
Environmental Center

Enclosures

STAFF COORDINATION AND ROUTER

TO: CESWF-PEC

SUBJECT: TX SHPO Concurrence on Left Bank Development

FROM:
CESWF-PEC-TN

DATE:
26 January 2016

SUMMARY OF ACTION REQUIRED, NOTES, REMARKS, ETC:

To obtain the RPEC Director's signature on the attached letter to the TX SHPO requesting their concurrence with the findings in the attached survey reports.

ACTION POINT OF CONTACT: Joseph S. Murphey
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EXECUTIVE COORDINATION

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EXECUTIVE REMARKS: