



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition?

The Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition is a partnership of cities and counties in the Colorado River Basin and surrounding areas seeking better ways to reduce and mitigate flood damage. The Coalition was formed in response to a combination of rapid growth, a greatly expanded number of homes and businesses in the floodplain and devastating floods that have reoccurred in the basin.

What are some of the goals and objectives of the Coalition?

- Coordinate local participation with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in the Lower Colorado River Basin Study to implement cost-effective flood damage reduction strategies that provide recreational and environmental benefits.
- Work with FEMA and TWDB to update Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) for member communities.
- Enhance training programs for floodplain administrators and elected officials through TFMA and TWDB.
- Assist members to become “disaster resistant” and FEMA Ready (www.Ready.gov).
- Offer program coordination, information sharing and technical assistance.
- Become a one-stop clearinghouse for information and resource material relevant to floodplain management and emergency response measures.
- Expand awareness and understanding of floods and flood management issues.

What are some recent activities and accomplishments?

- *State and Federal Programs:*
 - Secured over **\$10 million** in federal appropriations to the USACE Lower Colorado River Basin Study to date.
 - Actively supported the introduction and passage of SB 1436 in the 80th Texas Legislature, which directed **\$6.1 million** to enhance floodplain management authority in Texas.
- *Federal Grants:*
 - Awarded more than **\$1 million** in federal grants for development of updated DFIRMs and hazard mitigation planning.
 - Received FEMA approval the 2011 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan for 61 communities, Creating a Disaster-Resistant Lower Colorado River Basin.
 - Working with TWDB and FEMA to address the collected unmet map needs through the Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) program with TWDB as the CTP
 - Awarded **\$700,000** from FEMA for the Year One Mapping Activity Statement.
- *State Grants:*
 - Supported several member applications for TWDB Flood Protection Planning Grants, resulting in approximately **\$1.8 million** awarded to study local flooding issues.
- *General:*
 - Supported FEMA’s Map Modernization program that generated new DFIRM’s for 6 of the TCRFC counties.
 - Supported LCRA, CAPCOG, and the TWDB to acquire LiDAR for all or portions within all of the TCRFC counties.
 - Completed a Map Needs Assessment to collect and rank unmet map needs from member communities throughout the basin.

How can I find out more about the TCRFC?

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