

TCRFC Strategic Plan

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Our Goals

The Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition Strategic Plan presents a vision for the Highland Lakes region and lower Colorado River basin – to protect lives, property and the environment by reducing and mitigating flood damage through coordinated action. The plan is based on the goals set forth in the Interlocal Agreement.

Goal I: To create a consensus-based coalition that seeks mutually agreeable solutions to common floodplain management problems through a collaborative process.

Strategy: Develop and enter into an interlocal agreement to formally create a coalition and to achieve common floodplain management goals.

FY 2002 Objectives:

- At a minimum, have all communities that participated in the chartering process to formally join the Coalition

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Goal II: To facilitate local floodplain management and emergency management program coordination.

Strategy: Make each Coalition community a “disaster-resistant” community.

FY 2002 Objectives:

- Establish Emergency Management Coordination Subcommittee
- Apply for participation in FEMA’s Project Impact program
- Develop community reciprocal assistance model agreements
- Develop plan/program to assist all Coalition communities in meeting federally required emergency mitigation planning

- All Coalition Communities participate in the NWS StormReady program

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Goal III: To stabilize and reduce flooding risks, minimize property damage and loss of life through the effective and consistent enforcement of all applicable laws and by discouraging development in flood hazard areas and encouraging responsible development in the floodplain.

Strategy: Improve the effectiveness and enforceability through legislative strategies and increased coordination among federal, state and local programs.

FY 2002 **Objectives:**

- Seek legislative changes to provide all communities the ability to seek court enforcement of floodplain regulations
- Establish an Enforcement Coordination Subcommittee to share enforcement and coordinate enforcement strategies among federal, state and local floodplain management programs

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Goal IV: To develop and implement a plan to update and maintain Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Coalition communities.

Strategy: Work with state and federal agencies in obtaining all available technical assistance and funding to update and digitize floodplain maps.

FY 2002 **Objectives:**

- Develop map funding, prioritization, production, and maintenance plan (Master Plan)
- Submit application for FEMA grant to update maps
- Submit application for state grants to update maps
- Seek legislative recommendations and support for additional state funding
- Establish Mapping Subcommittee to develop and implement mapping initiatives

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Goal V: To establish a single entity partner with state and federal floodplain and emergency management agencies.

Strategy: Establish formal mechanisms and communication strategies to obtain maximum regional leverage in coordinating with and obtaining state and federal cooperation, technical assistance and funding.

FY 2002 **Objectives:**

- Identify all possible funding sources and seek appropriate funding to meet Coalition goals and needs

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Goal VI: To create a regional entity to coordinate with the Colorado River basin Congressional delegation, federal administration, state legislators, and others to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement.

Strategy:

FY 2002 **Objectives:**

- Establish Legislative Subcommittee to develop recommendations and act as formal point of contact with state and federal agencies
- Obtain the services of a consultant to advise and lobby on behalf of the Coalition

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Goal VII: To create an administrative structure to provide administrative functions and services for the Coalition and to provide a means for the Coalition members to negotiate agreements and obtain funding from state and federal agencies.

Strategy: Develop a long-term strategy to provide administrative services for the Coalition and to make it self-supporting.

FY 2002 **Objectives:**

- Develop options for the Coalition to have long-term administrative and contractual support including, but not limited to, continuing support from the LCRA, a contractual agreement with a political subdivision of the state to provide these services, and the creation of a non-profit entity to support, seek grants, and contract on behalf of the Coalition
- Develop and implement accounting and auditing procedures
- Identify an entity that will establish and administer an account to receive and disburse monies provided to the Coalition
- Add the Coalition as a Cooperating Technical Community to the FEMA mapping grant programs
- Develop fair and equitable cost assessment formula for Coalition financial contribution, if necessary

- Establish a Budget & Planning Subcommittee to develop recommendations with regard to proposed budget, funding, and strategic planning for the Coalition

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Goal VIII: To assist the Parties with their training, technical assistance and public education needs with respect to floodplain management.

Strategy: Coordinate with regional, state and federal agencies to leverage all available technical and training resources to assist the Coalition communities.

FY 2002 **Objectives:**

- Establish a Technical Assistance, Training & Education Subcommittee to develop recommendations on a program and its implementation
- Develop Coalition Technical Guidance Document
- Provide resources and curriculum to conduct technical assessment for every Coalition community
- Distribute existing floodplain publications and resource lists to Coalition members
- Maintain clearinghouse of floodplain management resource materials and information
- Maintain Coalition web site and e-mail address
- Develop curriculum for training and education program
- Develop public awareness communication strategy
- Establish and implement recognition program for superior, outstanding and excellent programs and projects

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Goal IX: To create a mechanism for sharing ideas, programs and resources among the Parties.

Strategy: Establish roundtables, workshops, conferences and other forums for the exchange of ideas among Coalition communities and affected stakeholders.

FY 2002 **Objectives:**

- Maintain a Coalition web site
- Develop a strategic information kit and communications plan for the Coalition to be used with the media, trade organizations, elected officials and the general public
- Establish a permitting database that is accessible to all Coalition communities
- Establish a “mentoring” program where well-established programs may share their experience with other communities

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Goal X: To provide a public forum for floodplain management issues so that affected stakeholders and the public at large may have timely and meaningful notice and opportunity to comment on the activities of the Coalition.

Strategy: Provide timely and meaningful opportunity for public input into Coalition activities and floodplain issues.

FY 2002 **Objectives:**

- Develop and implement a public meeting and information policy and incorporate it into the Executive Committee bylaws
- Establish a Stakeholder Advisory Group to assist the Coalition

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Goal XI: To achieve or exceed, where appropriate, full and continuous compliance by the Parties with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and related state laws and regulations.

Strategy: Develop and implement a community assessment and technical assistance program.

FY 2002 **Objectives:**

- Develop and publish a Technical Guidance Document
- Implement a community assessment program

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Goal XII: To encourage the Parties to coordinate other related programs such as their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permitting programs, on-site sewerage system programs, greenway and parks acquisition programs, and wetland preservation programs with their floodplain management permitting program in order to achieve floodplain management goals.

Strategy: Reduce inconsistency or conflict between the floodplain management program and other resource management programs.

FY 2002 **Objectives:**

- Establish an Environmental Program Coordination Subcommittee to develop and present related recommendations to the Coalition membership

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Goal XIII: To encourage the consideration and use, where appropriate, of cost-effective alternatives to structural controls that may also provide recreational and environmental benefits including, but not limited to, the acquisition of open areas and significant wetlands through voluntary agreements with landowners, the acquisition of structures in the floodplain and their relocation, and the use of tax incentives and recognition programs.

Strategy: Increase the awareness of Coalition communities the concept of “multiple objective management.”

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