

Walnut Branch Dam/Spillway Environmental Permitting
Project Status Report
November 30, 2021

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regulatory Project Manager was contacted on October 29, 2021, requesting a fast-track review of the proposed repair of the Dam/Spillway based on the USACE Flood Recovery and Repair Activities in the Fort Worth District Public Notice. Supporting documentation (e.g USACE Wetland Delineation, Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Habitat Assessment, Cultural Resource Survey Report, and Design Plans) would still be required to be submitted to the USACE Regulatory Division for review.

The Natural Resources Field Survey was completed on November 4, 2021, which included the extended project area located south of Nolte Street. This area is located within the Walnut Branch USACE Eco-restoration area but would not require USACE Section 408 review or authorization since the project activities would be considered a repair action.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and USACE requires a preliminary design plan or project site plan showing the location of the spillway and new bank stabilization areas near or adjacent to the spillway that will be repaired and/or installed. Preliminary plans will need to show estimated depth of impacts, areas where excavation and volume of excavation of excess sediment will occur.

Upon completion of the preliminary design plan or project site plan, TRC will submit the Cultural Resources Background Review and THC consultation letter to the City for review. After the City's review is completed, if necessary, TRC will make the necessary revisions and send the Cultural Resources Background Review and THC consultation letter to the THC. The THC will complete their review usually within 30 days.

The Draft USACE Delineation Report and T&E Species Reports are estimated to be complete the week of December 20, 2021.

The USACE Nationwide Permit 3 Pre-Construction Notification application will be finalized after 30% Design Plans are completed. Revisions to the Nationwide Permit 3 Pre-Construction Notification application may be necessary if there are significant changes to future design plan submittals.