

Little Fossil Creek, Haltom City, Texas

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Sponsor: City of Haltom City

Congressional District: Granger TX-12, Burgess TX-26

FACT SHEET
CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL
(CONTINUING AUTHORITY PROGRAM-SECTION 205)

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Little Fossil Creek, Haltom City, TX

AUTHORIZATION: Section 205, Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended.

<u>SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:</u>	<u>Project Costs</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$ 7,000,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	5,711,900
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$ 12,711,900

Allocation thru FY 2006	1,254,600
FY 2007 Budget	980,000
Tentative FY 2007 Work Plan Allocation	5,745,000 1/
Budget Request for FY 2008	0
Balance to Complete After FY 2008	0
Amount That Could Be Used in FY 2008	0

1/ Final amount is subject to change, and will not be known until the Joint Continuing Resolution is passed by both the House and Senate, and final allocations are provided.

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PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2007: A directive in the FY 2006 Energy and Water Appropriation Bill placed a moratorium on execution of any cost share agreements, thereby prohibiting execution of the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) which is required before initiation of project construction. The only exception to this moratorium is if Federal funds are available to fully fund the completion of construction. If appropriations in the amount of \$5,745,400 are received in FY 2007, the PCA will be executed and the non-Federal sponsor will begin acquisition of real estate.

APPLICATION OF THE AMOUNT THAT COULD BE USED IN FY 2008: If FY

2007 funds are not received, or are less than the \$5,745,400 required to allow execution of the PCA and to fund construction, then the amount of funds received in FY 2008 will be consolidated with funds carried over and used to initiate the construction phase by executing the Project Cooperation Agreement, thereby allowing the non-Federal sponsor to begin real estate acquisition.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The recommended plan consists primarily of a 75-foot average bottom width, combination grass- and concrete-lined trapezoidal channel with one-sided, alternating bank side slope cuts where possible. The plan would begin approximately 1,100 feet downstream from the Trinity River Express Railroad Bridge and proceed upstream to a point just downstream of the Belknap Street Bridge. The total project has an aggregate length of 7,350 feet, which includes channel widening and deepening, including erosion control features where necessary. The recommended plan also consists of approximately 6,250 linear feet of ten-foot wide concrete multi-use recreational trail along the west side of Little Fossil Creek, connected by a low-water crossing to an additional 6,000 linear feet of six to eight foot unsurfaced nature trail, circling a small lake in the mitigation area. Using traditional cost sharing rules, the Federal project cost would exceed the Section 205 statutory limit of \$7,000,000. The local sponsor, the city of Haltom City, has committed to fund all costs over and above the \$7,000,000 limit. The benefit to cost ratio for this project is 3.2 to 1.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: The Administration supports this project.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congresswoman Granger, TX-12 and Congressman Burgess, TX-26.