North Central Texas Council Of Governments

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Dear Mr. Stein:

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) would like to convey our continued support of improving water quality in the North Central Texas region. The enclosed resolution was endorsed and adopted by the Greater Trinity River Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Coordination Committee on June 3, 2015.

The resolution supports the inclusion of four Mountain Creek watersheds and corresponding impaired stream segments into the existing *Implementation Plan for the Seventeen TMDLs for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region (I-Plan)*. The I-Plan includes many strategies intended to reduce bacteria loading in the impacted river segments and tributaries. NCTCOG will continue to coordinate with local governments and other stakeholders to address impairments through the identified implementation strategies in the I-Plan.

NCTCOG looks forward to a continued partnership with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to address regional water quality challenges in North Central Texas. Should you have questions about the enclosed resolution, please contact Tamara Cook at 817.695.9221 or tcook@nctcog.org.

Sincerely,

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Director, Department of Environment and Development

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Enclosure

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF THE MOUNTAIN CREEK LAKE TRIBUTARY SEGMENTS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SEVENTEEN TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR BACTERIA IN THE GREATER TRINITY RIVER REGION

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is established to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the water quality management planning agency for the North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG supports a robust pollution prevention program through water quantity and quality programs such as regional stormwater, water impairment, and wastewater programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL Coordination Committee (Coordination Committee) prepared the *Implementation Plan for Seventeen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region* (I-Plan) which was adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on December 11, 2013.

WHEREAS, the Coordination Committee requested that NCTCOG support the development of the I-Plan and has authorized NCTCOG to update the I-Plan on an annual basis; and,

WHEREAS, the I-Plan is comprised of implementation strategies intended to reduce bacteria loading in the impacted river segments and tributaries; and,

WHEREAS, four impaired segments in the Mountain Creek Lake watershed, as shown on Addendum 1, have been identified for inclusion in the I-Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Cities of Arlington and Grand Prairie remain committed to adopting feasible implementation strategies from the I-Plan and support the inclusion of these four tributaries into the I-Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL Coordination Committee, approves the adoption of four Mountain Creek Lake tributary segments into the I-Plan, as shown in Addendum 1.

Section 2. The NCTCOG is authorized to administratively amend the I-Plan on behalf of the Coordination Committee to include the Mountain Creek Lake impaired segments and associated technical updates as outlined in Addendum 1.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

6/9/15

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development
North Central Texas Council of Governments

Addendum One

SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

1) Revision to Implementation Strategy 9.0: Expanding the geographic scope of the I-Plan as appropriate.

I-Plan: 9.0.1, pg. 114
9.0.1: Expand the geographic scope of the I-Plan as appropriate

Communities and stakeholders within the region are encouraged to participate in the I-Plan activities, either informally and voluntarily, or formally upon incorporation by the Coordination Committee into the I-Plan. Voluntary action is particularly encouraged in those watersheds with streams that are impaired for bacteria but which do not yet have adopted TMDLs. From time to time watersheds outside Project area or segments within the Project area will undergo bacteria TMDLs. In certain instances there may be the desire to incorporate watersheds outside the Project area or add the segments within the project area to the Greater Trinity I-Plan.

Watersheds Outside of the Original Seventeen TMDLs Project Area
As other watersheds in the vicinity of the Project area have TMDLs, currently in-progress or adopted by the TCEQ, stakeholders from those watersheds may request the Coordination Committee to consider incorporating those watersheds into the I-Plan. The Coordination Committee may elect to formally approve the request through a vote during the annual meeting or may decide through a vote taken up by email.

Should the request be accepted by the Coordination Committee, the I-Plan will be updated to reflect the new watershed. The updated plan, via addendum, will be approved during the Coordination Committee annual meeting. NCTCOG will send a letter on behalf of the Coordination Committee to the TCEQ reflecting the results of the vote of the Coordination Committee on adding the watershed.

Segments Inside of the Project Area
The TCEQ will notify the Coordination Committee that new TMDLs have been scheduled or completed for segments within the Project Area. The Coordination Committee may ask the TCEQ to provide a formal presentation on these new TMDL segments during the next Coordination Committee meeting. The Coordination Committee may choose to conduct public outreach within these new segments. The Coordination Committee will formally approve the changes to the I-Plan to address new segments during the annual meeting of the BIG or may decide through a vote taken up by email. Once approved by the Coordination Committee the I-Plan will be updated to reflect the additional segment(s) via addendum attached to the I-Plan.

2) Change to Title Page to reflect the addition of 4 new TMDLs within the Greater Trinity River Region.

New Title Page:
Approved by the Commission: December 11, 2013
Approved by the Coordination Committee: July 11, 2012
Revised by the Coordination Committee: June 3, 2015
Implementation Plan for Twenty-One Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region

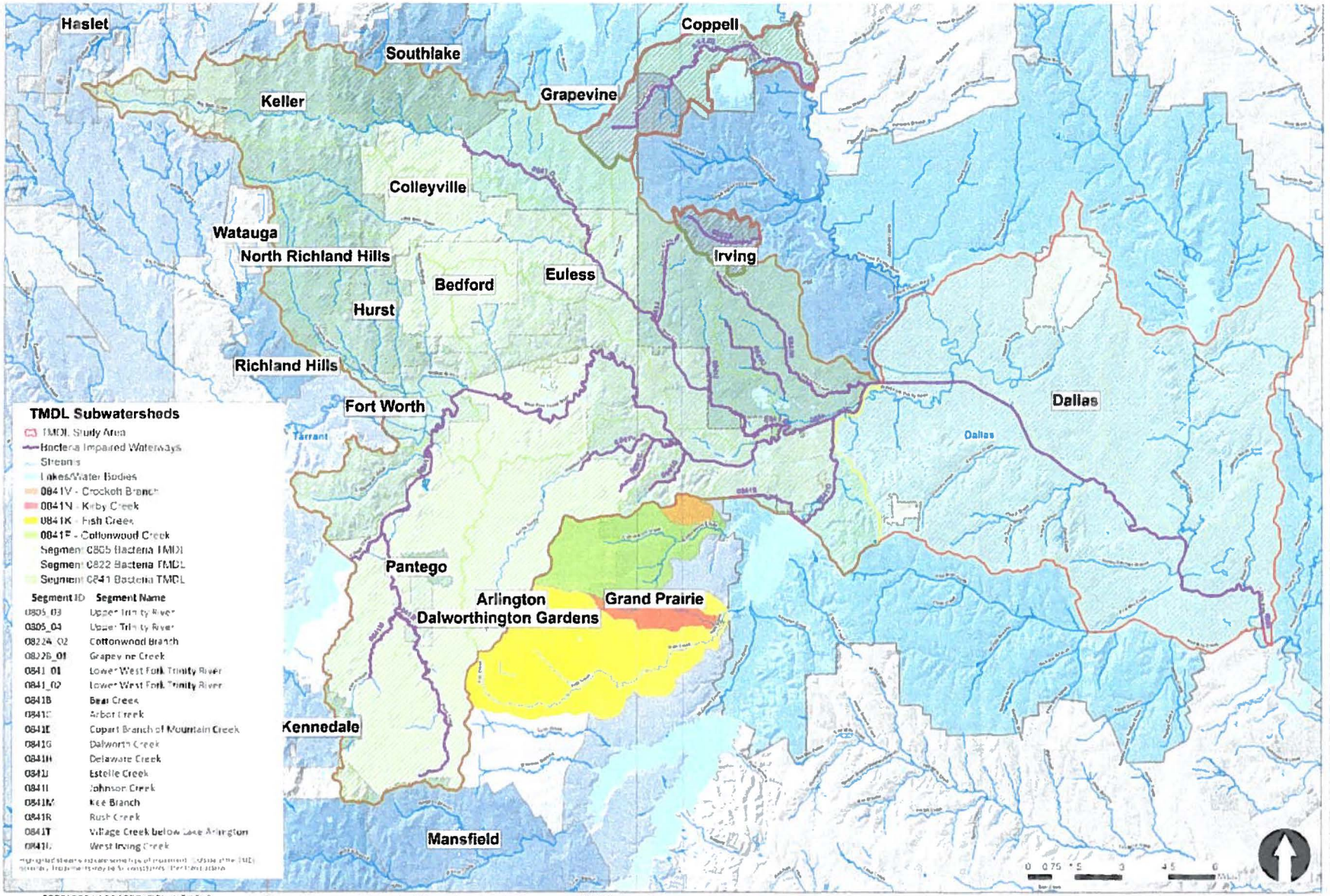
Upper Trinity River
Segment 0805
Assessment Units 0805_03 and 0805_04

Cottonwood Branch and Grapevine Creek
Segments 0822A and 0822B
Assessment Units 0822A_02 and 0822B_01

Lower West Fork Trinity River
Segments 0841, 0841B, 0841C, 0841E, 0841G, 0841H, 0841J, 0841L, 0841M, 0841R, 0841T, and 0841U
Assessment Units 0841_01, 0841_02, 0841B_01, 0841C_01, 0841E_01, 0841G_01, 0841H_01, 0841J_01, 0841L_01, 0841M_01, 0841R_01, 0841T_01, and 0841U_01

Mountain Creek Lake Tributaries
Segments 0841F, 0841 K, 0841N, and 0841V
Assessment Units 0841F_01, 0841K_01, 0841N_01, and 0841V_01

Greater Trinity River Bacterial TMDL Implementation Plan Subwatersheds and Mountain Creek Lake Tributary Segments



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Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD) by USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service

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