

## **APPENDIX B**

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To gain knowledge of the community's vision for the Elm Fork corridor and for future land use needs, FNI utilized an extensive public involvement plan including public meetings, development of a public advisory committee, stakeholder meetings, newsletters, and a project website. Our goals for the public involvement included capturing the community's visions for the area, gaining feedback on current flooding conditions, gaining feedback on future land use development and recreational amenities, as well as creating a sense of ownership and acceptance by stakeholders.

### **Meetings**

The following list of meetings held throughout the project illustrates the effort to involve stakeholders and to achieve the aforementioned goals through consensus building:

- ✓ Three Public Meetings
  - Meetings held October 23, 2001, October 26, 2001 and April 19, 2002
- ✓ Three Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Meetings
  - Consisting of 18 landowners, business owners, environmental groups, concerned citizens, and city staff
  - Meetings held January 18, 2001, February 22, 2001 and March 15, 2001
- ✓ Presentations at Comprehensive Land Use Meetings
  - Two Planning meetings at Bachman Recreation Center
  - Meetings held February 23, 2002 and September 24, 2002
- ✓ Project Update meeting with PAC and stakeholders
  - Meeting held August 28, 2002
- ✓ Two Town Hall meetings
  - Meetings held June 11, 2002 and June 28, 2002
- ✓ Two Park Board Meetings
  - Meetings held March 21, 2002 and September 12, 2002
- ✓ Trinity River Committee Briefing August 4, 2003
- ✓ City Council Briefing on October 1, 2003
- ✓ Trinity River Committee Briefing February 2, 2004
- ✓ Several additional coordination meetings with City staff, consultants, agencies and stakeholders

## **Media**

In addition to meetings general project information and updates were disseminated via a newsletter and project website. As many as 500 people comprised the newsletter mailing list and several editions were distributed over the course of the project.

The website (<http://clients.freese.com/elmfork>) further made general information such as updates and schedules readily available to interested parties. Furthermore, the website provided pictures, videos and maps of the study area and provided contact information and opportunities for people to submit comments.

The public advisory committee along with the stakeholders in the Stemmons North Industrial District helped the project team evaluate several options which included a Luna Road levee, a major channel through the Walnut Hill Landfill area, buyout of landfill area for construction of a mega-park and ring levees to protect all or parts of the study area. *Appendix D Flood Management Projects* describes in more detail various scenarios investigated before developing the recommended projects as presented in the accompanying final report.