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Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, Councilman David A. Neumann and other city officials thanked U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson for her leadership in passing legislation which authorizes funding for key components of the Trinity River Corridor Project Dec. 14, 2007 at Dallas City Hall. (City of Dallas)

Dallas thanks Johnson for leadership to protect residents, businesses from flooding

DALLAS - Dallas Mayor **Tom Leppert** and members of the Dallas City Council today honored U.S. Representative **Eddie Bernice Johnson** for her leadership to protect Dallas residents and businesses from flooding along the Trinity River.

As chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resource and Environment, Congresswoman Johnson secured last month's authorization of \$459 million for the Dallas Floodway Project in the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA).

Mayor Leppert said although it took Congress seven years to pass the WRDA, Johnson remained steadfast and determined in making sure that the Trinity provision became law. "For the past 10 years, she has been one of the project's biggest champions," he said. When this project is finished, she will be one of the people Dallas has to thank."

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Dallas City Councilman David A. Neumann, who chairs the City Council's Trinity River Project Committee, said the Dallas Floodway Project is the foundation of the overall Trinity River Corridor Project. The Dallas Floodway Project provides flood protection for downtown through bridge modifications, flood conveyance lakes and environmental restoration and includes a number of other drainage and related improvements.

The authorization of the Dallas Floodway Project in the WRDA allows the City of Dallas to seek annual appropriations from the federal government to support floodway projects in the Trinity River Corridor Project. The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 initially passed both houses of Congress, but was vetoed and eventually overturned by Congress before becoming law last month. Johnson is credited with the WRDA's passage.

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