

Join Us for NCTCOG's 51st Annual General Assembly

Friday, June 16, 2017 at the Hurst Conference Center, 1601 Campus Drive, Hurst, Texas



SAVE THE DATE! North Central Texas Stewardship Forum Roundtable Discussion

June 27, 2017, 10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Regional Forum Room, CPII, NCTCOG Facilities — 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington TX 76011

Please join the North Central Texas Stewardship Forum for networking and a peer-led roundtable discussion. Learn about the impacts the Forum's outreach has made and discuss the future of the North Central Texas Stewardship Forum.

Participants will have the opportunity to share highlights of current sustainability initiatives occurring in their community and assist with establishing a framework for the Forum moving forward.

For more information about the North Central Texas Stewardship Forum, visit www.nctcog.org/stewardship.

New Program Provides Family Caregivers a Break

The Aging program has received funding from Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) to support a respite program for family caregivers of persons of all ages who have disabilities. The program will serve unpaid caregivers who don't qualify for other agencies' respite programs. In addition, it will target caregivers who are the sole source of support to one or more dependent persons; provide assistance to someone who requires assistance with three or more activities of daily living or substantial supervision due to cognitive deficits; and/or are experiencing adverse effects related to their caregiving responsibilities.

For more information or to apply, contact Denise Adams at sadams3@nctcog.org or 817-695-9142.

In order to qualify for NCTCOG's respite program, the care receiver must live in Collin, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell or Wise County.

Public Works Construction Standards

For over 30 years the North Central Texas Council of Governments has supported the public works industry in North Central Texas through the publication and maintenance of *Public Works*Construction Standards - North Central Texas. The NCTCOG and the Public Works Council are in the process of updating the current version of the *Public Works Construction Standards*, 2004

Version. We anticipate a release date in the Fall of 2017 for the Fifth Edition of the *Public Works Construction Standards*.

Public Works
Construction
Standards
Fifth Edition

Standard Specifications
Standard Drawings

NCTCOG will be uploading draft versions to our website as each division completes the review process. The draft documents are likely to change pending the public comment period, which is expected to occur in the July. We hope that these draft documents can provide guidance throughout our region as we work to complete this update. To view the draft documents, please visit: http://www.nctcog.org/envir/constructionstandards.

EPA Honors NCTCOG With 7th SmartWay Award

SmartWay

Transport Partnership

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The NCTCOG has been recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency for the seventh time as a recipient of the SmartWay Affiliate Challenge. This honor was presented for NCTCOG's efforts to reduce truck emissions and improve the efficiency of freight movement.

NCTCOG and the American Trucking Associations are the only affiliates recognized each of the seven years of the challenge's existence (2007 and 2012-17). The SmartWay Affiliate Challenge is a national initiative developed by the EPA to acknowledge organizations contributing to a clean energy economy by reaching out to inform and educate businesses, their communities, truck drivers and other stakeholders about steps they can take to reduce freight emissions and their other environmental impacts.

Staff sought to accelerate the adoption and market penetration of SmartWay-verified technologies by promoting financial assistance through which these technologies may be incentivized and providing application assistance to drivers at no cost.

Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group Meeting Scheduled in June

The next Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group meeting will be held on Friday, June 23rd from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the 9-1-1 Training Center at NCTCOG (CP III, second floor). The topic will be "Enforcing Historical Violations" and will feature a panel of speakers. CFMs will receive two continuing education credits. Register at the Texas Floodplain Management Association website: www.tfma.org. Lunch is included in the \$7.00 registration fee for the meeting.

Field Technician Training Instructor Opportunity

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is seeking applications from qualified instructors for The Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) Field Technician Training. The training is expected to be 1.5 to 2 days in duration, will be held in late September or early October and will include both field and classroom components. The training will cover sampling techniques appropriate for collecting non-potable water samples, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 136, and chain of custody requirements. For more information and to apply, go to the **Training and Development Institute (TDI) Instructor Portal**



Fleet Discounts on Alternative Fuels Vehicles!

North Texas public fleets have an opportunity to get substantial discounts on alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) for next year! Both light-duty and heavy-duty vehicles will be considered in electric, propane, and natural gas options! Learn how your fleet can participate and benefit from this unique regional procurement process by visiting at www.nctcog.org/f4f. Vehicle Procurement in fall 2017!

Trinity Common Vision Program Receives Award at TFMA Conference

On Thursday, April 27th the Texas Floodplain Management Association held their Spring Conference in Richardson. This year at the conference the Trinity Common Vision and Corridor Development Certificate Program received the 2017 John Ivey Higher Standards Award.

This is a great honor for the program and would not have been possible without all of the Trinity Common Vision members. The members include the Cities of Arlington, Carrollton, Coppell, Dallas, Farmers Branch, Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Irving, and Lewisville; Counties of Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant; and Special Districts: Tarrant Regional Water District and the Trinity River Authority. We also would like to thank our Trinity Common Vision partners: the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region 6, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Texas Water Development Board.



Do You Need to Replace a Diesel Vehicle, Equipment or Engine?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has opened the Request for Proposals for the 2017 Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. This program provides funding for projects that reduce air pollution for heavy-duty diesel engines. The NCTCOG Transportation Department is submitting an application on behalf of the region for projects from local governments. To learn how to be included in the proposal and for specific details regarding relevant projects, please visit www.nctcog.org/agfunding.

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