

Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program Board

December 2, 2021



Public Works Update

- MCIP 7th call for projects approved 100+ projects including trail projects – December 2020
 - Meeting with all cities to determine program years and agreements
- P&D Trail Program responsibilities transfer to PW effective January 1st 2021
- Dallas County Mobility Plan published on PW website
 - PW presented to TAPP Board at June 3rd meeting
- NCTCOG led Southern Dallas County Regional Veloweb Trail Study
 - PW invited NCTCOG to present on final study results at August 5th TAPP Board meeting
- PW continues assessment of transferred trail projects and attending meetings with our agency partners and stakeholders
- Series of meetings with Commissioners, Audit and Budget office updating with PW's Action Plan - January thru December 2021



Public Works Trail Updates

- **Cedar Crest – Honey Springs Trail**
 - Completed – August 31st
 - Ribbon Cutting scheduled for October 22nd
- **Cypress Waters Trail**
 - Design is **pending** ROW/Easement and maintenance agreements that the City of Dallas is responsible to execute before Dallas County can submit final PS&E documents to TxDOT
 - Potential ILA amendment between County and City
- **Chalk Hill Trail**
 - Design is underway
 - Provided update to Commissioner in September 2021
 - Working on project phasing
 - City is working on the ROW at south end of the project (Phase 3)
- **Campion – Elm Fork Extension**
 - Phase 1 – From River Hills to Fraiser Dam (90% Design)
 - City is working on Agreements with City of Dallas and USACE
 - Phase 2- From Fraiser Dam to California Crossing (Dallas County Participation)
 - Horizontal Alignment finalized - Finalizing Survey and Geotechnical
- **Heritage Trail**
 - ILA is expired
 - County will be in coordination with City of Mesquite

Open Space Preserve Property Requests

Easement Requests

- Cottonwood Creek
 - Sewer Easement – Review nearing completion. Currently working with City of Wilmer on an easement agreement.
- Lester Lorch
 - Sewer and Water Easement – The County is unable to grant an easement due to conditions in the original charitable gift agreement.
- Muddy Creek
 - Sewer Easement – City of Sachse request. Review has not begun pending receipt of information.

Road Projects

- Spring Creek Forest
 - Holford Road Reconstruction – Will elevate bridge over Spring Creek, add a turning lane and entrance lighting, and create a pedestrian connection between Spring Creek Park and Spring Creek Forest Preserves.

Grapevine Springs Project – Failed Wall

Before

After



Grapevine Springs Project – Silt and Erosion

Before

After



Open Space Preserve Needs

Preserve	Need	Timeline
Cedar Mountain	Trail signage overhaul	Long
Cedar Ridge	Rehabilitate parking area	Medium
Cottonwood Creek	Rehabilitation to picnic pavilion; Replace tables and grills	Medium
	Install new gate at eastern property boundary	Short
	Repairs to culvert on Farm Rd	Medium
Fish Creek	Monument sign at Crossland Blvd entrance	Short
Goat Island	Parking lot striping	Short
	Trash can/dog waste station/signage	Short
	Removal of dumped tires	Short
	Anti-dumping pilot program	Short
Grapevine Springs	Trail surface material improvements	Medium
Lester Lorch Park	User amenity updates/improvements (portable or modular restrooms w/out utilities, other)	Long
	Sign Improvements such as a monument sign and an updated information sign at the East Entrance	Medium
McCommas Bluff	Design and cost estimate to add amenities	Medium
Muddy Creek	Monument sign on Sachse Side	Long
	Monument sign on Wylie Side	Long
Tenmile	New preserve/trail signage	Long
	New amenities - seating, trash cans	Long
	Native plant installation with interpretive signage	Long
Windmill Hill	Monument sign at Duncanville Road entrance	Medium
	Rehabilitate parking area on Wintergreen Rd	Long

Open Space Plan

DALLAS COUNTY OPEN SPACE PLAN 1991

*"We have not inherited
the earth from our
fathers, we are
borrowing it
from our
children."*

Native American Saying



- The last Dallas County Open Space Plan was completed in 1991 by Halff Associates.
- Planning & Development staff desire to update the goals and strategies for the open space preserves.

DORBA Use Agreement – Goat Island

- Through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in 2013, DORBA began constructing trails at Goat Island Preserve, enabling the County to open the Preserve to the public.
- Dallas County and DORBA are mutually working to execute a new agreement.



Fun Stuff!

- Amy Martin is the newest TAPP Board member, appointed on November 2nd. Welcome!
- The Civil Service Board approved a new position on November 15th – Open Space Coordinator. The position will post soon.
- Commissioner Daniel and District 2 staff toured Goat Island with the Open Space Administrator on November 23rd.



Action Item: Proposal to Rename Windmill Hill Preserve

- DeSoto City Council passed a resolution to rename Windmill Hill Preserve to Paul Dryer Preserve to honor his many contributions to the preserve.
- The Dallas County Code, Chapter 50 states that
 - “In general, county preserves, parks, trails, and other features within county property may not be named for a living person. All proposed names must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the park and open space board and approved by the Commissioners Court.”
- Requested Action: TAPP Board vote on a recommendation to Commissioners Court.



Next Meeting –
February 3rd, 2022

See you next time!
Happy Holidays!