

Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program Board

April 6, 2023

Public Works & Trails Update



Public Works Update

- 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 2021 meeting
- PW continues assessment of transferred trail projects and attending meetings with our agency partners and stakeholders
- Dallas County adopted updated Metes and Bounds for the new Commissioner District Boundaries in November 2022
- Dallas County Awarded TA Set-Aside Funding for Chalk Hill Trail and Central Trail in December 2022 from NCTCOG
- Public Works recently completed 2023 Commissioner Briefings on all Active Projects, including TAPP Trails

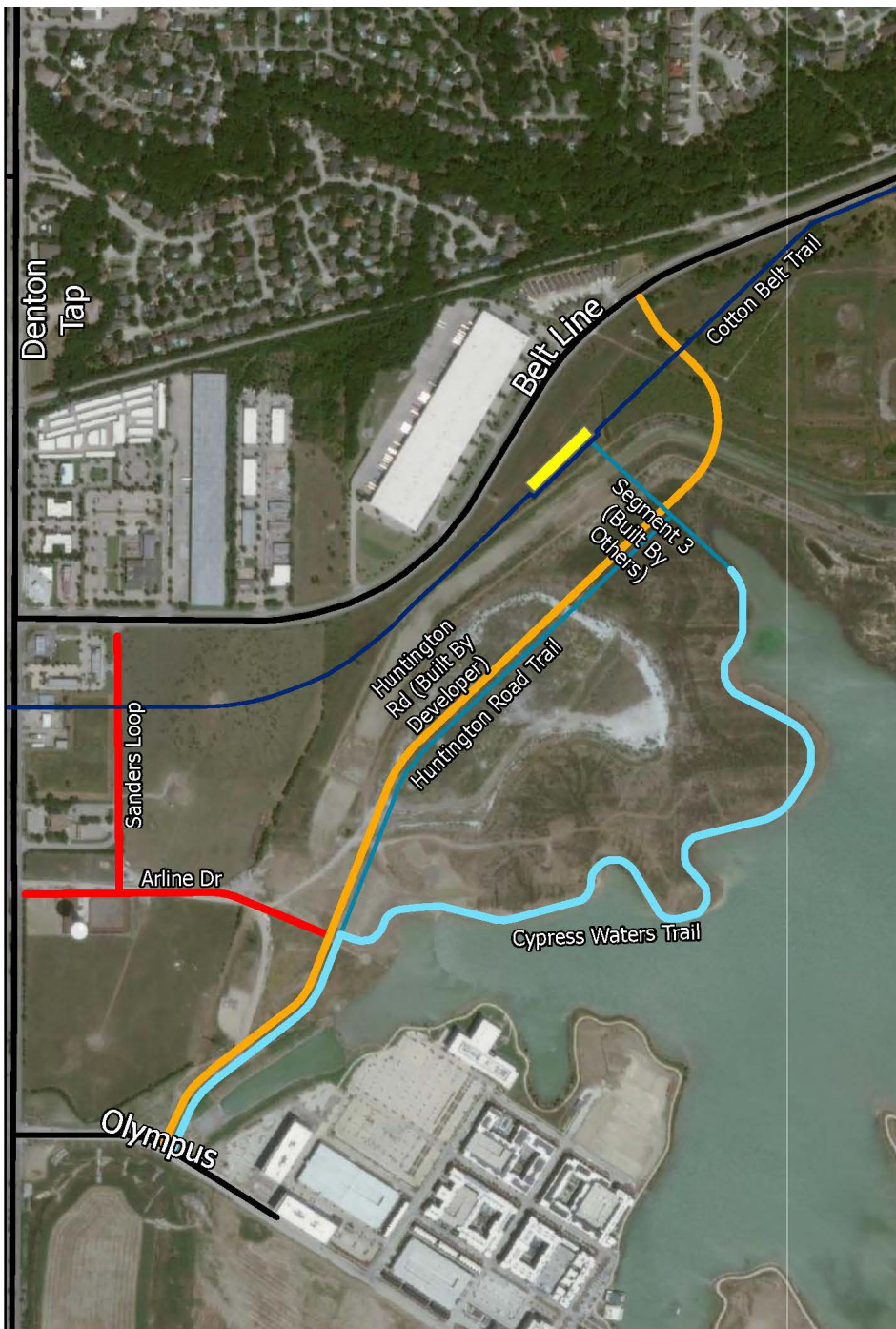
Cypress Waters Trail

Project Scope:

- New Construction of 12 feet wide reinforced concrete trail that includes cross drainage structures and trail safety appurtenances.

Status Update:

- City of Dallas executed Amendment to ILA in June. ILA was fully executed through Commissioners Court in August 2022.
- ROW easements at City attorney's Office for Conveyance
 - **Met with City in February and April**
 - **County will be requesting TxDOT input on Public Easement Dedication**
- Amendment to Work Order for consultant approved by Commissioners Court





Chalk Hill Trail

Project Scope:

- New Construction of 12 feet wide reinforced concrete Trail with access trails and sidewalk to neighboring communities, 3 bridges, cross drainage culverts and other trail safety appurtenances.

Status Update:

- Received TA Set-Aside funding from NCTCOG for \$3.4 million in Construction Funding
- Awaiting draft AFA from TxDOT to secure funding
- Design is on hold pending AFA execution and TxDOT Review
- City is working on the ROW at south end of the project (Phase 3)
- City of Dallas is submitting a TxDOT TA Set-Aside application for part of Phase 3
- Contract Administrators are reviewing the Amendment to ILA with Civil DA's office.

Heritage Trail (Under 80 Trail)



Project Scope:

- New Construction of 12 feet wide reinforced concrete Trail with 2 pedestrian bridges and parking amenities.

Status Update:

- Coordinating with City on PSA Execution
- City has finalized plans for trail outside TxDOT ROW
- County has reviewed and commented on these plans
- **City will Bid Project and Begin Construction in 2023**
- City is coordinating with TxDOT on improvements within State Corridor

Campion Trail

Project Scope:

- New Construction of 12 feet wide reinforced Concrete Trail includes construction of three bridges, 6 low water crossings and 2 boardwalks.

Status Update:

- Phase 1 – From River Hills to Frasier Dam (100% Design)
 - Split into two phases due to ROW issues
 - Planning to bid the southern segment in Spring 2023
 - City is working on Agreements with City of Dallas and USACE.
- Phase 2- From Frasier Dam to California Crossing (Dallas County Participation)
 - Dallas County has reviewed 50% plans and provided comments.
 - **City anticipates 100% plans to be completed later this year and bidding phase 2 in 2024**



Parks & Open Space Update

Open Space Preserve Property Requests

Utility Easement Requests

- Trinity River – Mountain Creek
- Goat Island
- Rowlett Creek
- North Mesquite Creek

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.

Preserve Project Updates

- Cottonwood Creek Preserve
 - City of Wilmer is exploring the possibility of adding a disc golf course, to be designed by Brian Lamoreaux, member of the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) and designer of the Lester Lorch course. County staff are working with the City on a plan for preserve amenities.
- Goat Island Preserve
 - The Park & Open Space Program is partnering with the Dallas County Fire Marshal and other organizations for a plan to remove tires.
- McCommas Bluff Preserve
 - County staff are working with the Civil District Attorney's Office on a potential boundary encroachment. The boundary survey is underway.

Upcoming Events

Dallas County Parks & Open Space staff will be at the Cedar Hill Earth Fest on Sunday, April 15th at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center. Come check out the event and say hi!

EARTH FEST: AN EARTH & ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



Saturday, April 15, 2023

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Alan E. Sims Recreation Center

310 E. Parkerville Rd.

Join us for a FREE Earth & Arbor Day Celebration

Local vendors, food, music, learning stations, kids activities, free trees for Cedar Hill residents, and more!

Clean Cedar Hill Community Clean-Up

Clean Cedar Hill will take place from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A complimentary grab-n-go breakfast will be provided from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center located at [310 E Parkerville Rd \(Google Maps\)](#). The City will provide free cleanup materials and trash pickup. Please register your group to help coordinate the event. A certificate of service hours is available upon request.

[CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP REGISTRATION](#)



Open Space Plan

- The last Dallas County Open Space Plan was completed in 1991 by Halff Associates.
- Halff Associates was awarded the Open Space Plan contract in March 2023.

DALLAS COUNTY OPEN SPACE PLAN

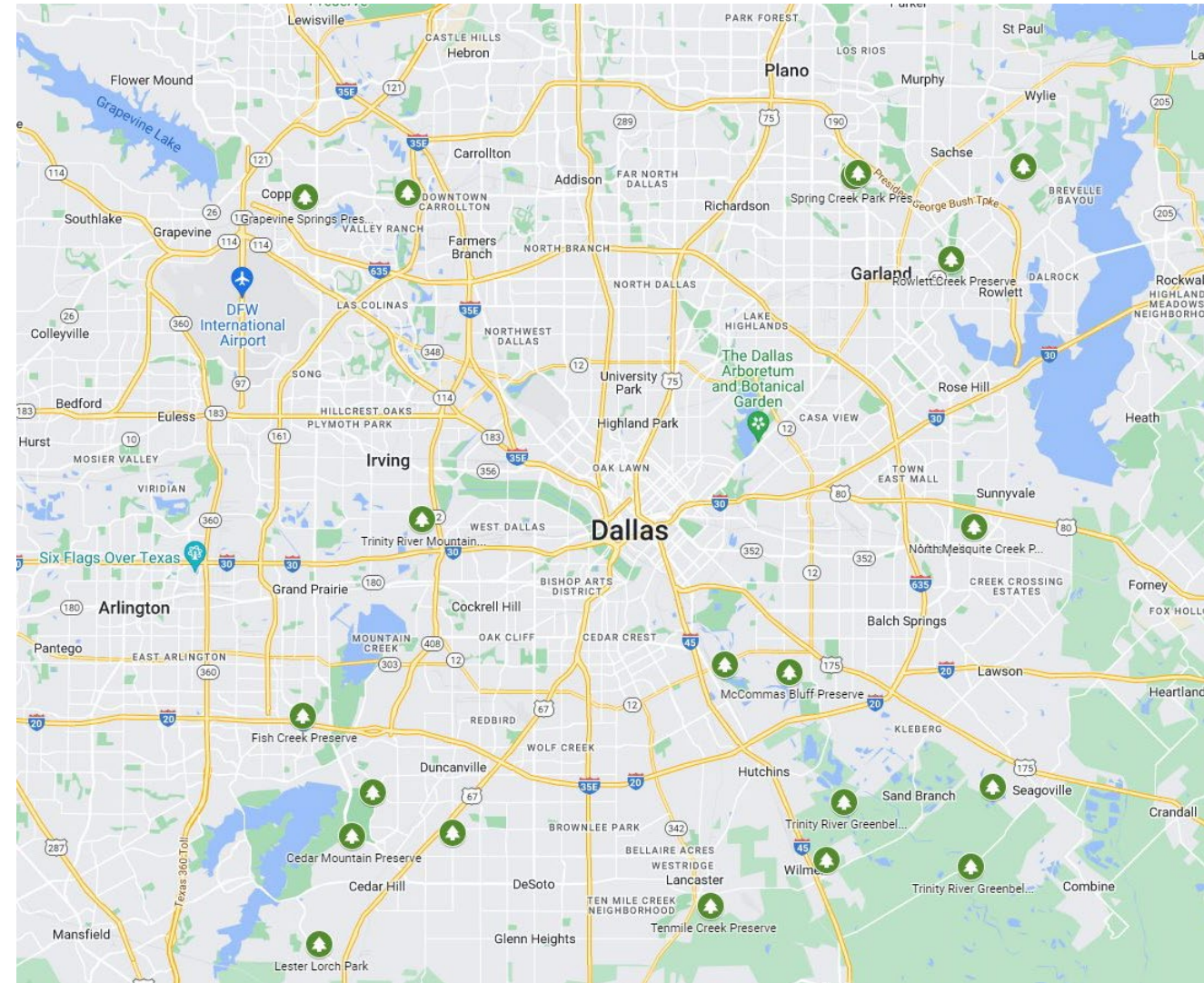
TRAIL AND PRESERVE PROGRAM BOARD

PROJECT BRIEFING #1

APRIL 6, 2023

PROJECT PURPOSE

- **Assess the 21 preserves in Dallas County**
- **Seek public and stakeholder input on their vision for the preserves**
- **Key Plan Outcomes:**
 - Develop operations and maintenance practices for long range management of preserves as an inter-connected system of open space
 - Identify and preserve key natural and cultural resources
 - Improve key access points and connectivity to preserves
 - Provide recreational opportunities to Dallas County residents
 - Prioritize improvements for preserves



PROJECT TEAM



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PLANNING PHASES

1

Discovery/Inventory

Development of project management tools and assembly of relevant project background information and current datasets.

2

Public Engagement

Robust engagement process with residents and key stakeholders to understand existing needs, challenges, and opportunities.

3

Assessment

Conduct various assessments of natural and cultural resources, access and connectivity to preserves, and analysis of current operation and maintenance practices.

4

Management Program

Develop strategies and recommendations to advance Open Space Plan goals and objectives and enhancements to preserves.

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Implementation Program

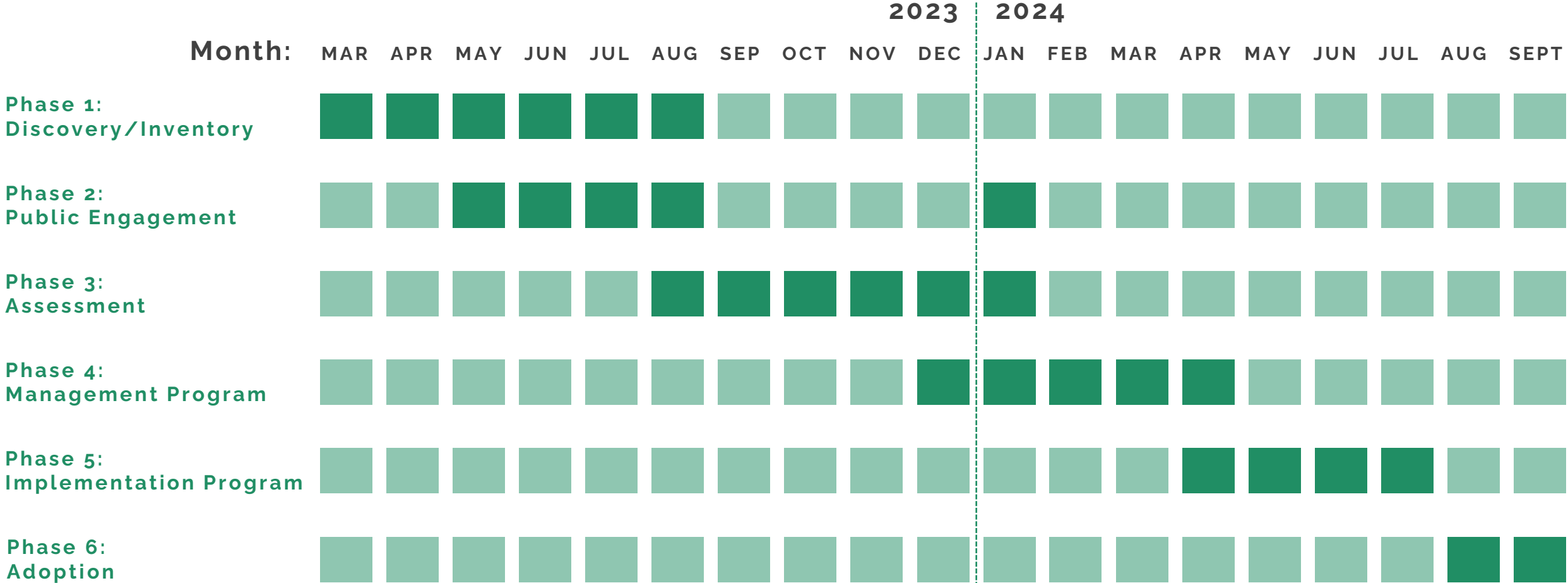
Establish realistic and implementable program- and preserve-specific actions and identify priority improvement projects.

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Adoption

Prepare final plan and present for adoption.

PROJECT SCHEDULE



ROLE OF TAPP BOARD

- Serve as **sounding board** for development of plan
- Receive **project briefings** at each meeting until project concludes
- Review **key deliverables**, including assessment findings, engagement results, preliminary recommendations, and prioritization of implementation actions



NEXT STEPS

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT

- Hold interviews with County Commissioners, County Judge, and County Administrator
- Meet with Preserve Management Partners
- Conduct stakeholder listening sessions
- **TAPP Board Briefing: Visioning Discussion**



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Next Meeting June 1, 2023

See you next time!



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