# DALLAS COUNTY OPEN SPACE PLAN

TRAIL AND PRESERVE PROGRAM BOARD VISIONING SESSION
June 21, 2023









# PROJECT UPDATES

- 134 Preserve Intercept Survey Responses to date (will close on July 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Statistically-valid survey will be mailed to random households in next couple of weeks
- Community-wide survey will be available starting in July
- Stakeholder listening sessions will begin in late June



# ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS

1) What is your name and affiliation?

2) Which preserves have you visited?

Grapevine Springs Preserve	Coppell
Elm Fork Preserve	Carrollton
Spring Creek Park Preserve	Garland
Lee F. Jackson Spring Creek Forest Preserve	Garland
Rowlett Creek Preserve	Garland
Muddy Creek Preserve	Sachse and Wylie
North Mesquite Creek Preserve	Mesquite
Joppa Preserve	Dallas
McCommas Bluff Preserve	Dallas
Goat Island Preserve	Unincorporated Dallas County
Riverbend Preserve	Unincorporated Dallas County
Cottonwood Creek Preserve	Wilmer
Palmetto-Alligator Slough Preserve	Unincorporated Dallas County
Post Oak Preserve	Seagoville
Tenmile Creek Preserve	Lancaster
Paul S. Dryer Preserve at Windmill Hill	DeSoto
Lester Lorch Park	Cedar Hill
Cedar Mountain Preserve	Cedar Hill
Cedar Ridge Preserve	Dallas
Fish Creek Preserve	Grand Prairie
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**Trinity River Mountain Creek Preserve** 

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## VISIONING: PRESERVE SYSTEM ISSUES

### **COMMON ISSUES**

Safety/Security
Lack of Awareness
Poor Wayfinding
Inconsistent Signage
Maintenance
Hard to Access

3) What are the top 3 issues that should be addressed in the plan and why?

4) Are there other issues you see or hear about in the preserves?

### **VISIONING: PRESERVE SYSTEM OPPORTUNITIES**

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Increased Marketing &
Outreach
Volunteer Partnerships
Policy Updates
Signage Overhaul
Access Improvements

5) What are the top 3 opportunities that should be addressed in the plan and why?

6) Are there other opportunities you want this plan to address?

7) What ideas do you have to raise awareness of the preserves?

# VISIONING: DRAFT PLAN GOALS



PROTECT: Conserve and sustain the natural and cultural resources within the County to provide habitat for native plants and wildlife.



ENHANCE: Implement context-sensitive improvements to give residents the opportunity to explore and interact with the natural environment in a safe and responsible manner.



**CONNECT:** Increase awareness of and access to the preserves to better connect residents to nature in their own backyard.



MANAGE: Employ best practices for managing and funding the preserves in a collaborative manner with partners to ensure longevity of the parks and open space program.

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8) Are there any refinements you would make to the draft goal language?

9) Is there anything missing from the draft goals?





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