Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program Board

June 1, 2023
Public Works & Trails Update
PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

• P&D Trail Program responsibilities transfer to PW effective January 1\textsuperscript{st} 2021

• Dallas County Mobility Plan published on PW website
  • PW presented to TAPP Board at June 3\textsuperscript{rd} 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 assisted with several TxDOT TA Set-Aside Support Letters for our Partner Cities for the current Call for Projects
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 are still being negotiated between City and Developer
  • Meeting is scheduled with the City and County on June 16th to inform City of TxDOT requirements for easement
  • City will be responsible for drafting new easement document for execution with Developer
• County consultant has created a ROW Easement Exhibit for City review
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
  - Currently under review by DA
- City has finalized plans for trail outside TxDOT ROW
- County has reviewed and commented on these plans
- Estimated to Begin Construction in 2023 (City Led)
- 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
  • Southern segment was bid in April and will be awarded in June by City
  • City is working on Agreements with City of Dallas and USACE for remaining section.
• 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 Dallas County Civil District Attorney’s Office, Dallas Parks & Recreation Department, and Dallas Water Utilities on a potential boundary encroachment. The boundary survey is complete.
Upcoming Events

Dallas County Parks & Open Space staff will be at Cedar Ridge Preserve on Saturday, June 3rd for National Trails Day. North Texas Master Naturalists will give guided hikes. Come check out the event and say hi!
# Project Timeline

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*Schedule is tentative and subject to change.*
PRESERVE SYSTEM SNAPSHOT

- 21 Preserves across Dallas County
- 4,085 Acres total
  - 3,740 acres - County
  - 345 acres - Cities
- 32% of preserve acreage is in unincorporated Dallas County
- 14 Preserve Management Partners
  - Cities of Carrollton, Cedar Hill, Coppell, Dallas, DeSoto, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Lancaster, Mesquite, Sachse, Wilmer, Wylie
  - Dallas ISD Environmental Education Center
INITIAL OBSERVATIONS

Diverse Habitats

Lester Lorch Park, Cedar Hill
INITIAL OBSERVATIONS

Scenic Views

Cedar Ridge Preserve, Dallas
INITIAL OBSERVATIONS
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Conflicting Signage

Palmetto-Alligator Slough Preserve, Dallas County
INITIAL OBSERVATIONS

Outdated Amenities

Tenmile Creek Preserve, Lancaster
INITIAL OBSERVATIONS

Dumping/Litter Issues

McCommas Bluff Preserve, Dallas
INITIAL OBSERVATIONS

ADA Compliance

Goat Island Preserve, Dallas County
ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

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

OPPORTUNITIES
- Increased Marketing & Outreach
- Volunteer Partnerships
- Policy Updates
- Signage Overhaul
- Access Improvements
ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

COMPLETED

- County Leadership Interviews

IN PROGRESS

- Preserve Management Partner Meetings
- Preserve Intercept Surveys

UPCOMING

- TAPP Board Visioning Session - JUNE
- Stakeholder Listening Sessions – JUNE
- Countywide Survey – JULY/AUGUST
- Public Open House Meetings - AUGUST
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Five Mile Creek Greenbelt

A greenbelt for all of Dallas
Five Mile Creek

BY THE NUMBERS

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<td>Percentage of residents with 10MW park access</td>
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A vision 80 years in the making

“It is reasonable to visualize Five Mile Creek Parkway developed in a manner comparable to certain sections of Turtle Creek Parkway…”

Dallas Parks Director L.B. Houston discussing “The Bartholomew Plan” for Five Mile Creek, 1954
Picking up the torch

- 2019, City of Dallas adopted a new master plan for parks and trails across the Five Mile Creek watershed
- TPL developed the master plan with input of local residents
- TPL purchased 125 acres of land for 3 new parks along Five Mile Creek
- Ready to begin work on 16.9-mile spine trail

South Oak Cliff Renaissance Park
opened in 2021

Judge Charles Rose Park
will open in 2023

Woody Branch Park
will open in 2025
Our Vision: A greenbelt for all of Dallas

A new 16.9-mile hike-bike trail across the Five Mile Creek watershed, connecting Chalk Hill Trail to The LOOP Dallas. The trail will provide connection for Oak Cliff to the city’s existing trail system, while creating new opportunities for all of Dallas to enjoy the natural beauty of Five Mile Creek.
A healthier, greener, and more connected Dallas is within our reach.

Every $1 invested generates $2.90 economic impact.

16.9 miles new multi-modal bicycle and walking trails

3 new parks along 5 mile creek trail

186,297 PEOPLE within the watershed
16.9 miles
NEW TRAILS

8 TRAIL SECTIONS

* Mileage indicates new trail construction
Five Mile Creek Trail Connection Points

By connecting to the city’s existing trail network, the trail will connect these amenities to not only the 185,000 residents of the area, but all 1.3 million residents of Dallas.

- 17 parks
- 2 colleges and higher education
- 2 light rail stations
- 3 hospitals within a 10-minute walk
- 10 schools within a 10-minute walk
- 100+ bus stops within a 5-minute walk
Driving Equitable Economic Development

For every $1 invested in the Five Mile Creek trail, $2.90 in economic impact will be returned to the local economy.

2.9 to 1 benefit-to-cost ratio

Key benefits include:
• Reduced health care costs
• Recreation and tourism
• Trail users supporting local businesses
• Transportation and mobility
• Creating opportunities for new businesses
Project Timeline

- Design + Engineer + Permitting (rolling)
- Dallas Bond Program
- State / Federal Funding
- Private Fundraising
- Construction (rolling)
- Community Engagement

Years:
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024
- 2025
- 2026
- 2027
- 2028
- 2029
- 2030
Making the vision a reality

- Total amount to-be-raised is $70 million
- Three-pronged funding strategy:
  - Local funds
  - State and Federal grants
  - Private philanthropy
State / Federal Funding

There is an unprecedented amount of state and federal funding for trails and greenways in the places that need them most:

- **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside** is administered by TxDOT and has ~$200 million available for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- **Re-Connecting Communities Act** provides $195 million for transportation projects that reknit areas divided by highways
- **Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program** allocated $192 million for park and trail projects in 2022
- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program**—$1.4 billion of the $2.2 billion for urban trail equity
- **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)**—$3 billion for natural climate solutions, such as trails and parks
## Spring 2023 State / Federal Grant Strategy

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<td>$5 million (minimum) $25 million (maximum) $200 million (total)</td>
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<td><strong>Local Match</strong></td>
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Community Committee

- TPL is forming a Community Committee to guide the project forward and ensure deep engagement and connection with local residents
- Open to anyone interested in serving
The Time is Now
Contact:
Molly Plummer
Director of Parks and Schoolyards
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Next Meeting
August 3, 2023

See you next time!

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Dallas County Parks & Open Space