

# Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program Board

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October 5, 2023

# Public Works & Trails Update



# **DALLAS COUNTY TRAIL AND PRESERVE BOARD**

## **DALLAS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**



**UPDATE**  
**October 5, 2023**



# PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES



- P&D Trail Program responsibilities transfer to PW effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021
- Dallas County Mobility Plan published on PW website
  - PW presented to TAPP Board at June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 TxDOT Call for Projects that was due in June

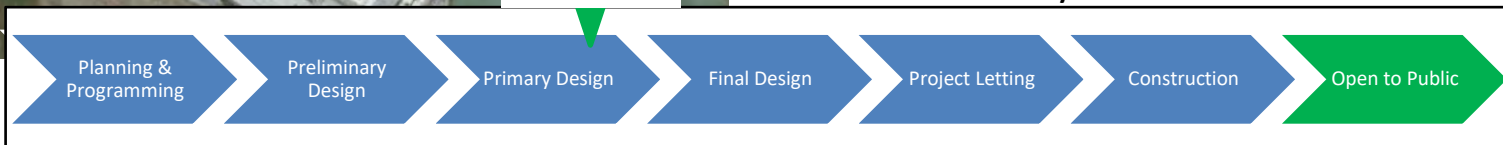
# Cypress Waters Trail

## Project Scope:

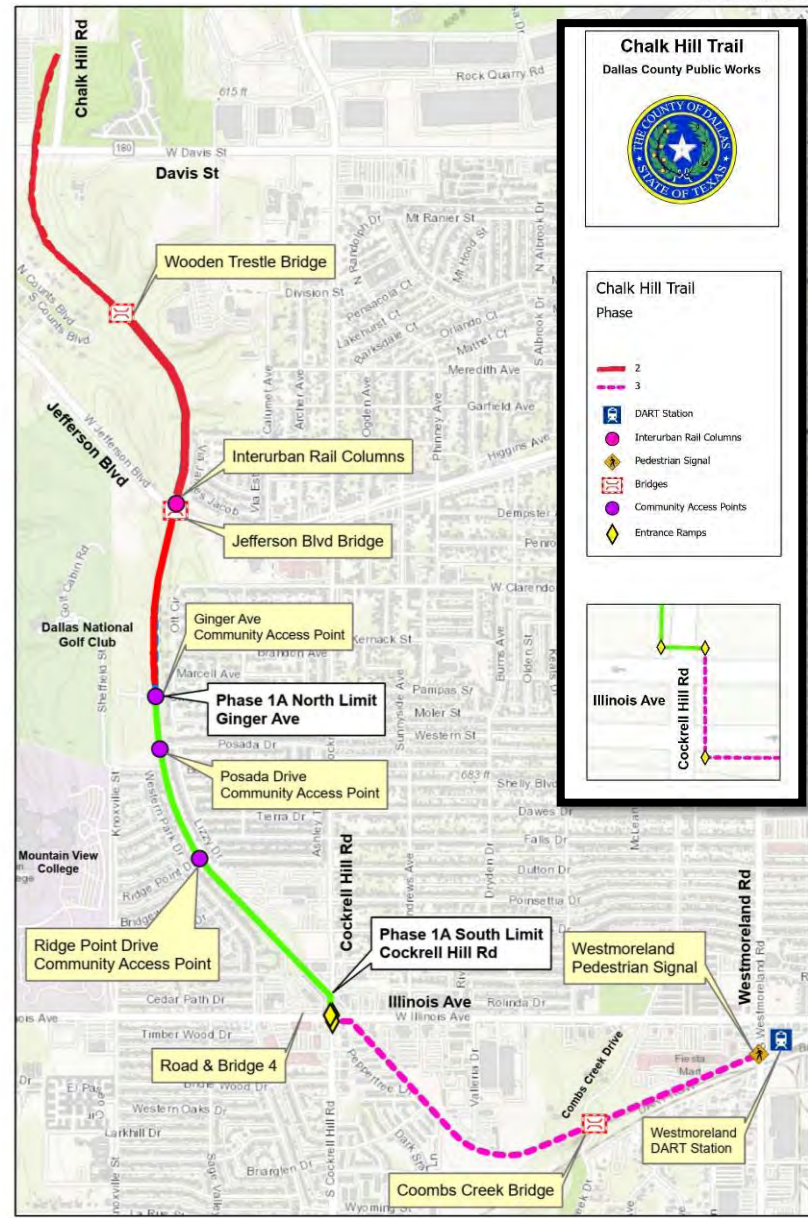
- New Construction of 14 feet wide reinforced concrete trail that includes cross drainage structures and trail safety appurtenances.

## 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 with the City, County, & TxDOT occurred on June 16<sup>th</sup> to inform City of TxDOT requirements for easement
  - **Follow up meeting is scheduled for Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> with all stakeholders to formalize next steps**
  - City will be responsible for drafting new easement document for execution with Developer
- County consultant has created a ROW Easement Exhibit for City review



# Chalk Hill Trail



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## Project Scope:

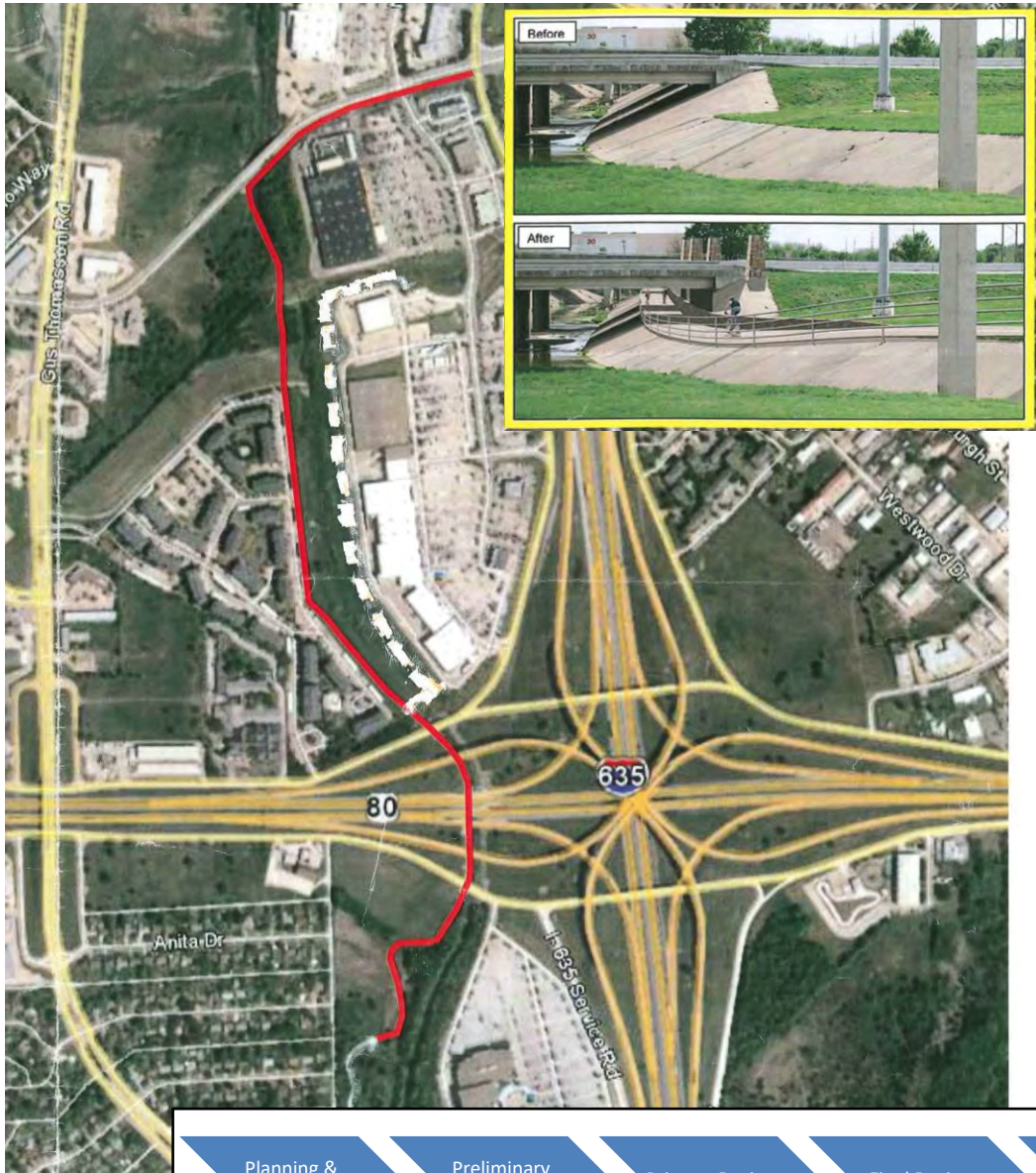
- New Construction of 12 feet wide reinforced concrete Trail with access trails and sidewalk to neighboring communities, 3 bridges, cross drainage culverts and other trail safety appurtenances.

## Status Update:

- Received TA Set-Aside funding from NCTCOG for \$3.4 million in Construction Funding for Phase 1
- **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 working with Civil DA's office to develop future PSA.



# Heritage Trail (Under 80 Trail)



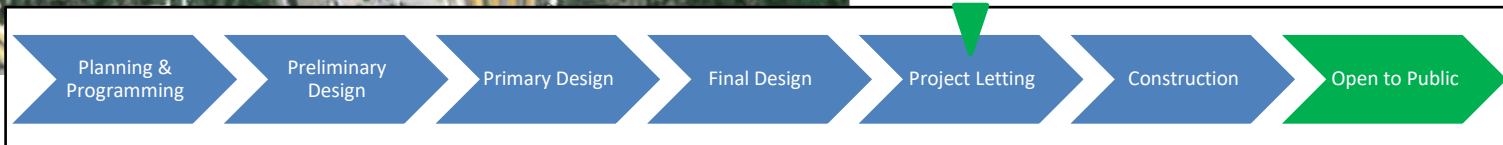
## Project Scope:

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

## Status Update:

- City is coordinating with TxDOT on improvements within State Corridor
- **PSA is scheduled for full execution in October 2023**
- **City plans to bid the project shortly after PSA is executed later this year**
- **Construction is estimated to Begin in early 2024 (City Led)**

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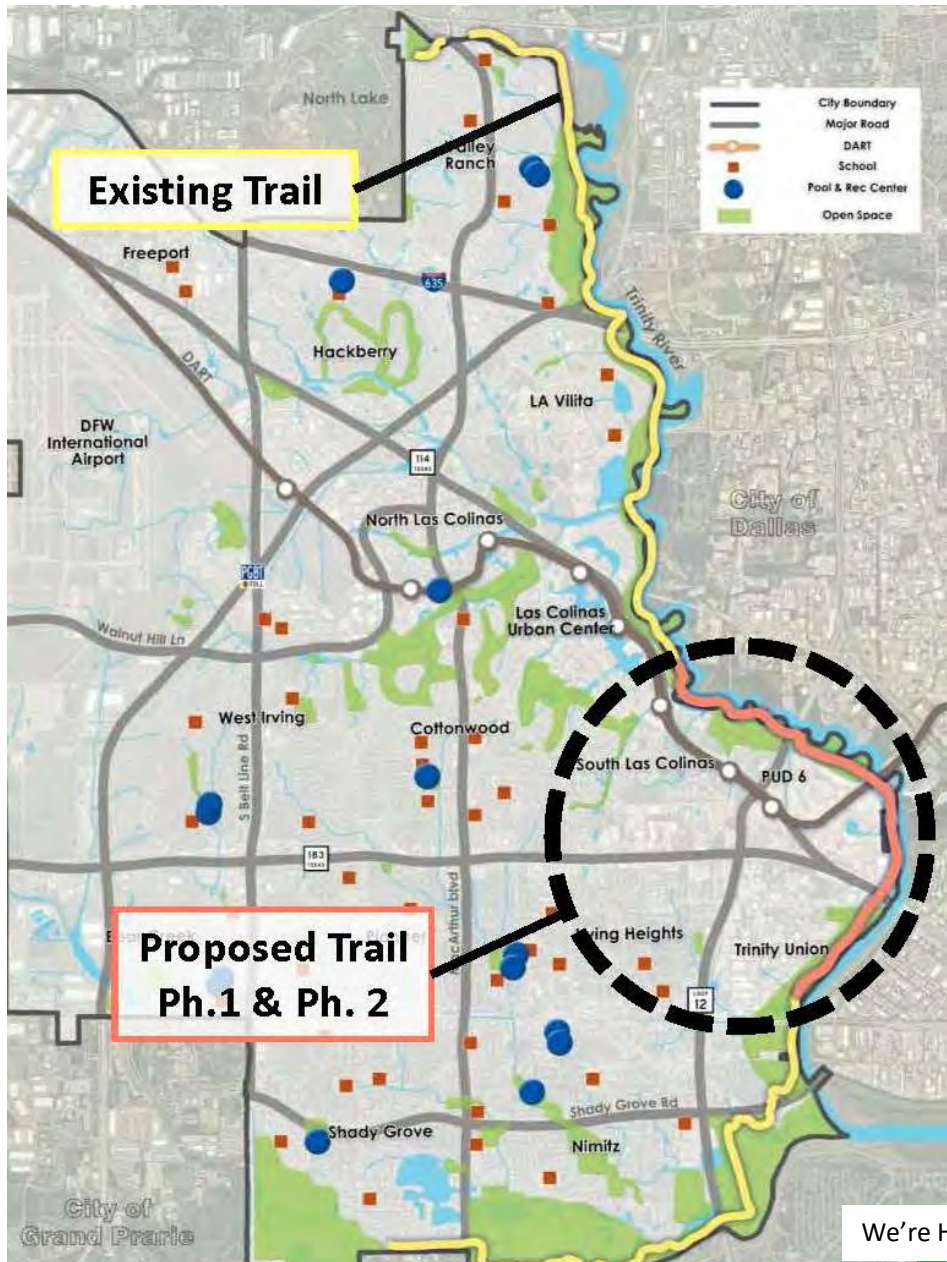
# Campion Trail

## Project Scope:

- New Construction of 12 feet wide reinforced Concrete Trail includes construction of three bridges, 6 low water crossings & 3 boardwalks.

## Status Update:

- Phase 1 – From River Hills to Frasier Dam (100% Design)
  - Split into two phases due to ROW issues
  - This segment began construction in July
  - 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 received 100% plans in July and provided comments**
  - **Final Plans and environmental pending USACOE approval**
  - City anticipates 100% plans to be completed later this year and bidding phase 2 in 2024





# Campion Trail Phase 1A

City Led Portion - Construction Photos



# Parks & Open Space Update

# Open Space Preserve Property Requests

## Utility Easement Requests

- Trinity River – Mountain Creek
- Goat Island
- Rowlett Creek
- North Mesquite Creek
- Paul S. Dryer Preserve at Windmill Hill

## 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 working toward installing a disc golf course and partnering with the County on additional amenities to accommodate the increase in users.
- 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.

# Big News!

Spring Creek Forest Preserve received the Community Forest Designation from the Old Growth Forest Network. The Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest submitted the nomination.

- The Old Growth Forest Network's goal is to identify and help protect one forest in each county of the U.S. where forests can grow, raising awareness of old growth forests and their cultural and ecological benefits.
- There are three designations awarded: Network, Community, and Private Forests.
- A ceremony is tentatively scheduled for February 25, 2024, in conjunction with the Annual Trout Lily Walk.



Learn more at [www.oldgrowthforest.net](http://www.oldgrowthforest.net)

# Past Events

Dallas County Parks & Open Space and Trinity River Audubon Center hosted a Bird Walk at Joppa Preserve during Labor Day Weekend.



Dallas County Parks & Open Space staff were at the TPWD exhibit space at the State Fair of Texas on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.



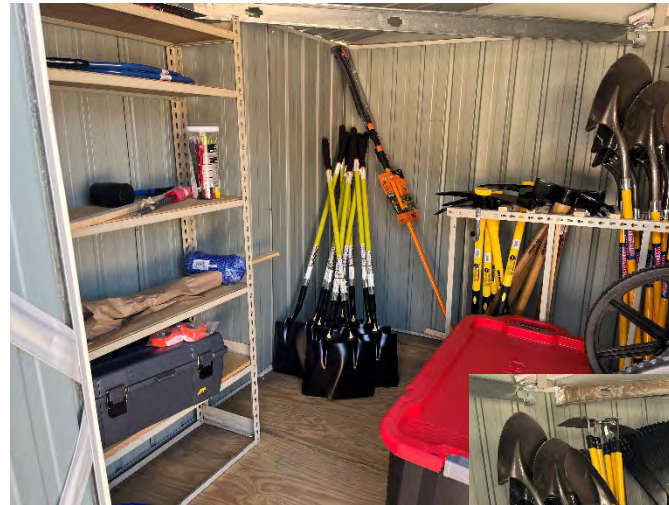
# Upcoming Events

A clean-up event at Post Oak Preserve in partnership with Texas Conservation Alliance is planned for December or January. Stay tuned!

Parks and Open Space staff will be at the National Recreation and Park Association National Conference in Dallas Oct. 10-12.



**DALLAS, TEXAS**  
CONFERENCE: OCTOBER 10-12  
EXHIBITS: OCTOBER 10-11



The Parks and Open Space Volunteer tool shed is stocked! Our first official events are anticipated in early 2024.

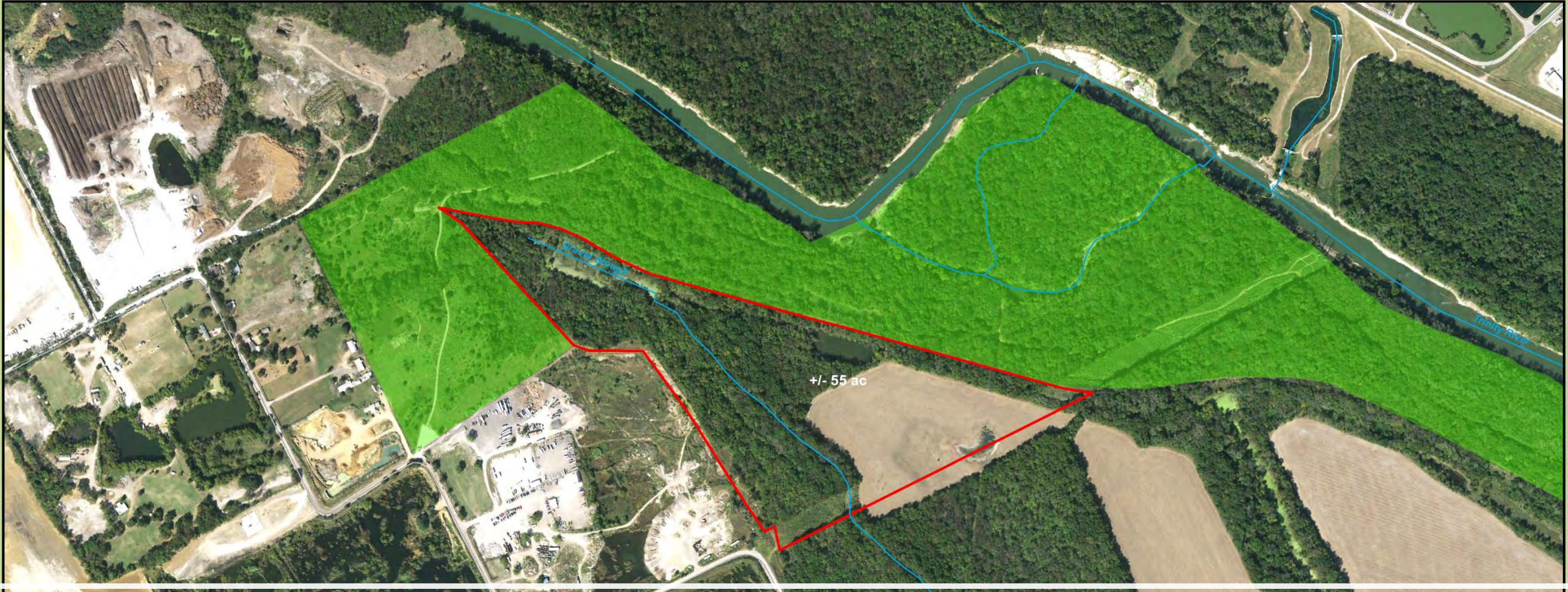


# Action Item

- The Parks and Open Space Program seeks a vote to recommend the purchase of two properties adjacent to Goat Island Preserve.
  - 3200 Post Oak Road (60.0 acres)
  - 4403 S. Beltline Road (70.82 acres)

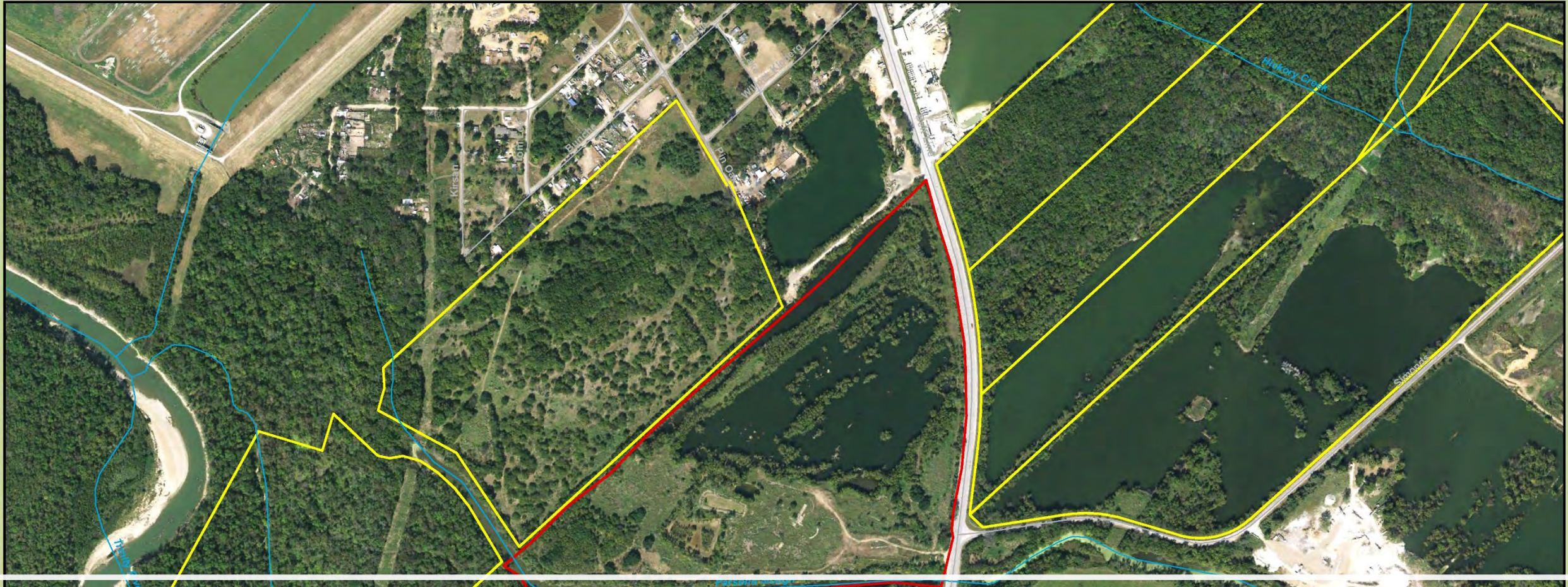


# Bluebird Farm



3200 Post Oak Road – 60 Acres

# Cottonwood - North Parson's



4403 S. Beltline Road – 70.82 Acres

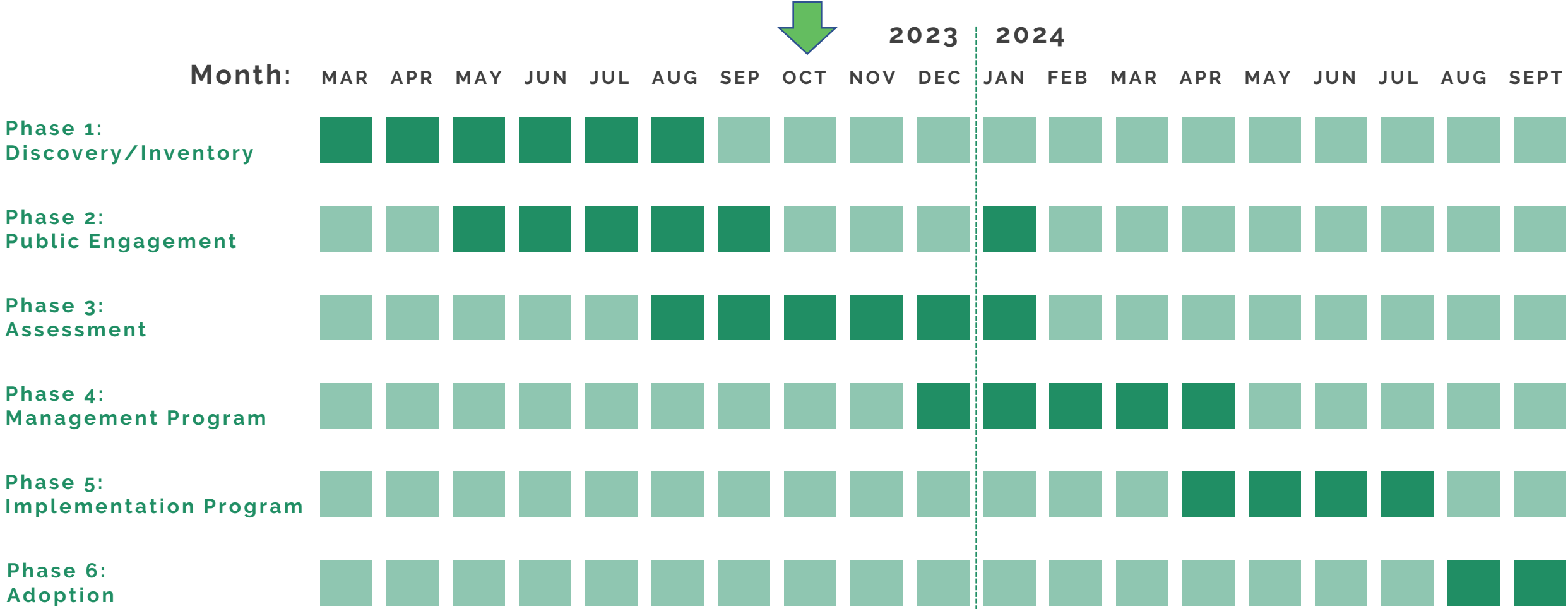
# DALLAS COUNTY OPEN SPACE PLAN

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TRAIL AND PRESERVE PROGRAM BOARD  
PROJECT BRIEFING #4  
October 5, 2023



# PROJECT TIMELINE



Schedule is tentative and subject to change.

# ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## COMPLETED

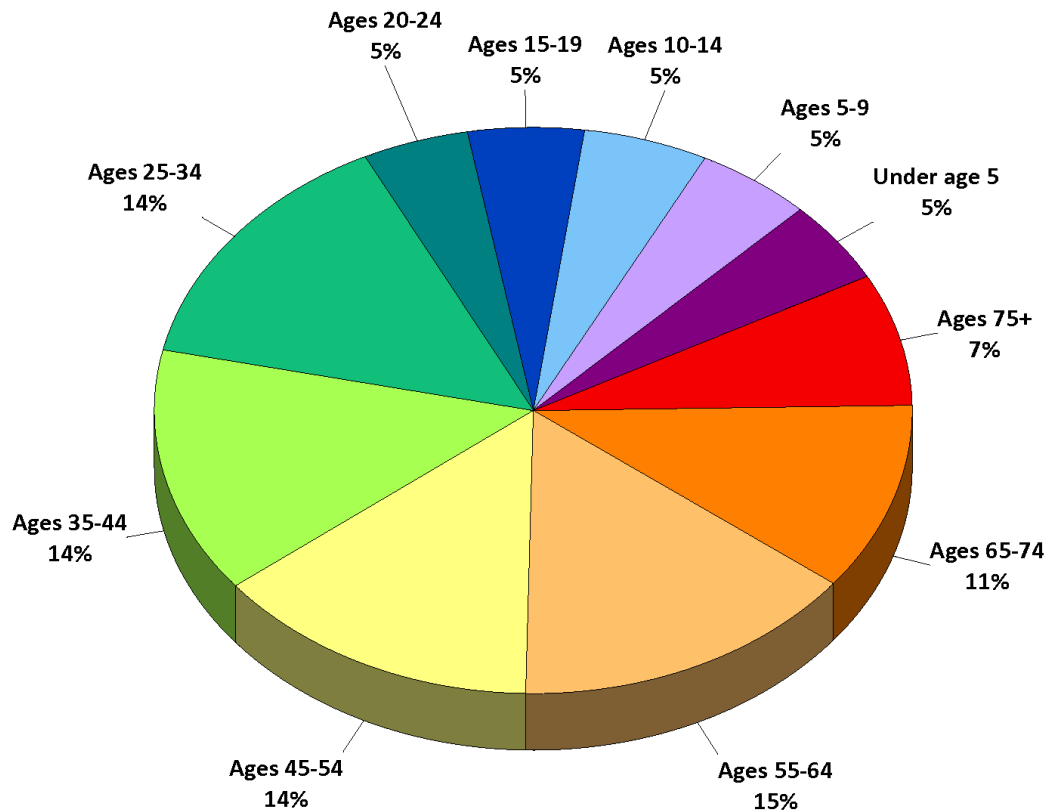
- Preserve Management Partner Meetings
- Preserve Intercept Survey
- TAPP Board Visioning Session
- Statistically-Valid Survey
- Stakeholder Listening Sessions
- Countywide Online Survey
- Public Open House Meetings



# STATISTICALLY-VALID SURVEY FINDINGS

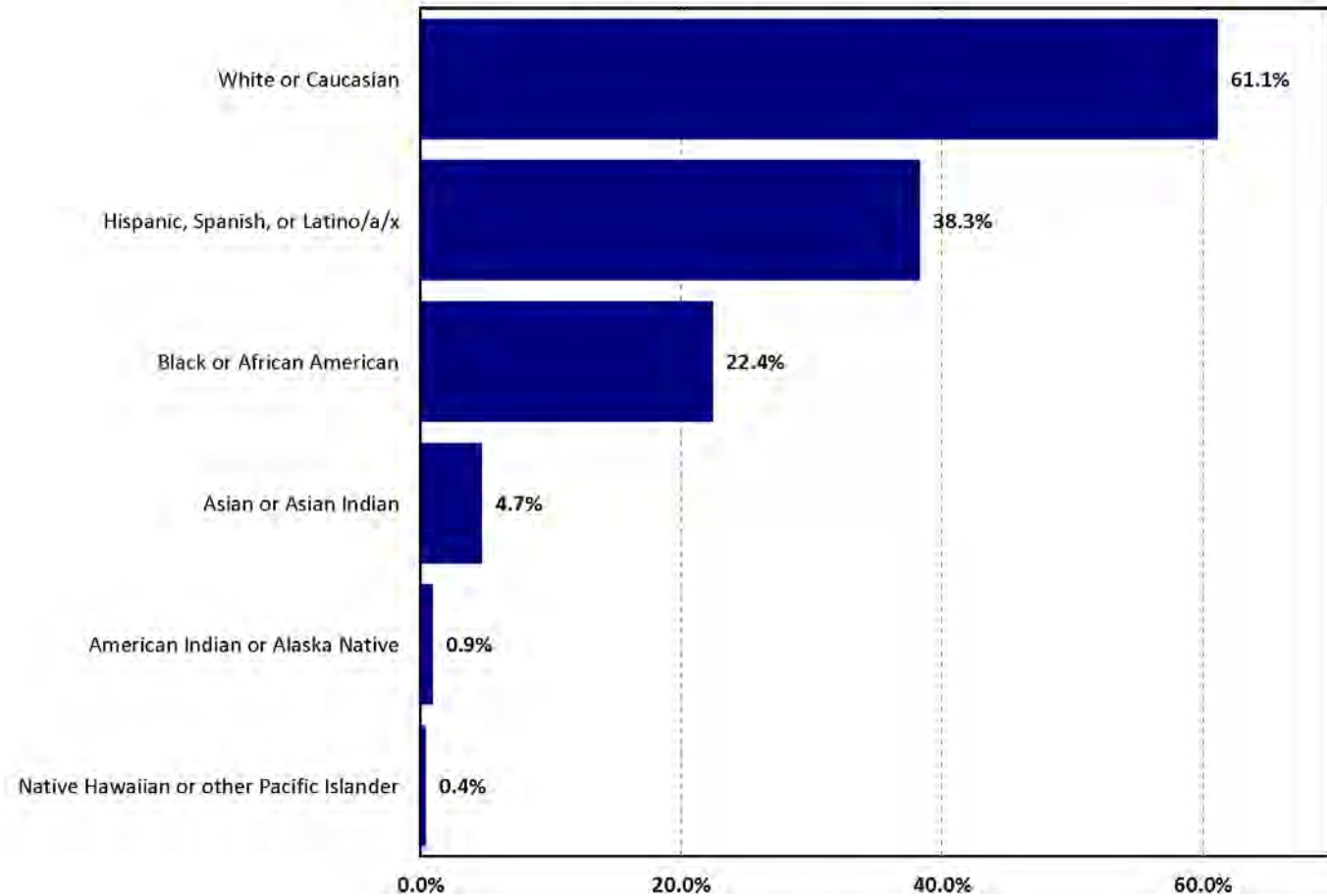
**Q1. Including yourself, how many people in your household are in the following age groups?**

by percentage of persons in household



**Q24. Which of the following best describes your race?**

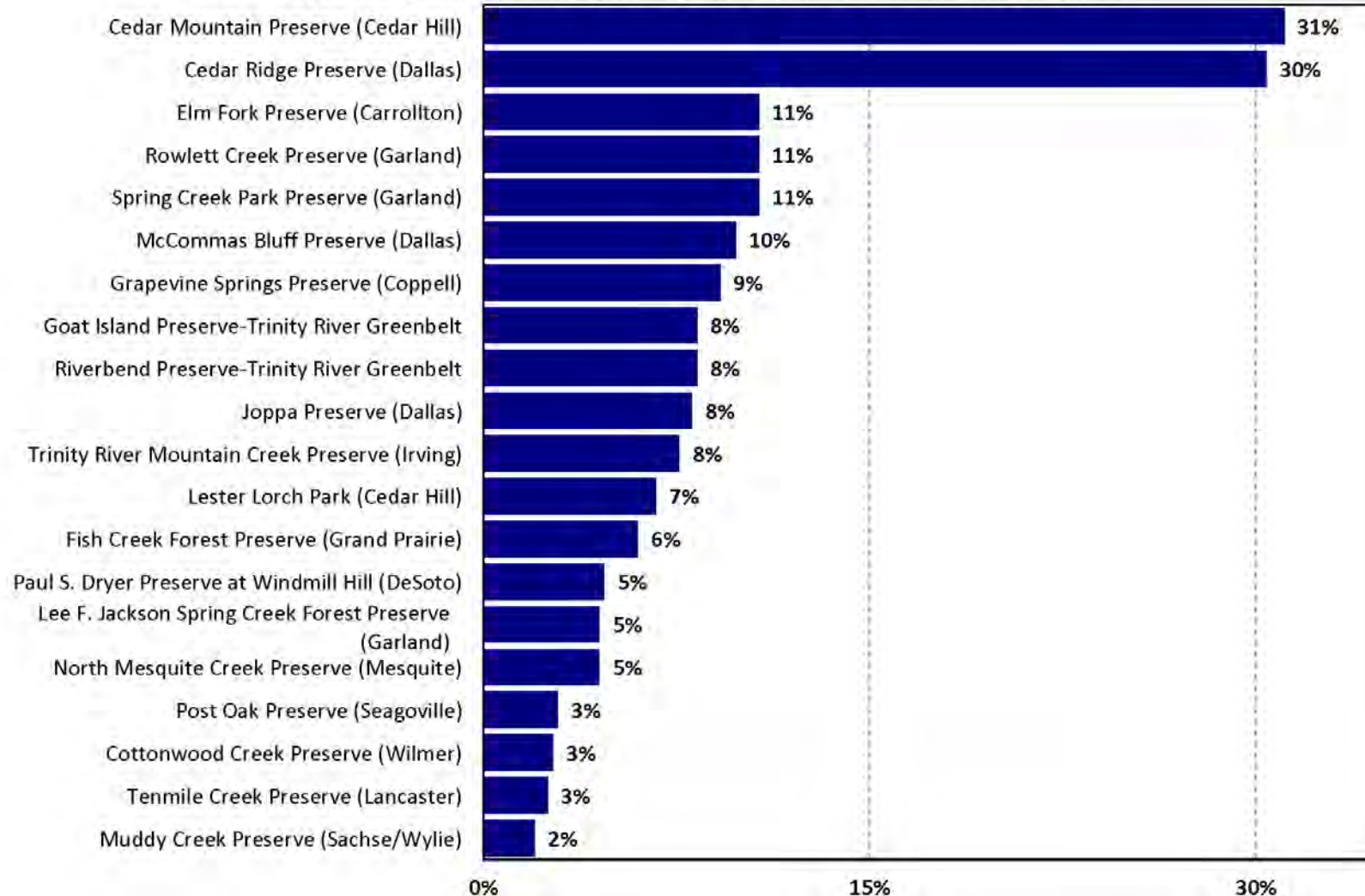
by percentage of respondents



# STATISTICALLY-VALID SURVEY FINDINGS

**Q2. From the following list, please CHECK ALL the Dallas County Preserves that you or members of your household have visited over the past 12 months.**

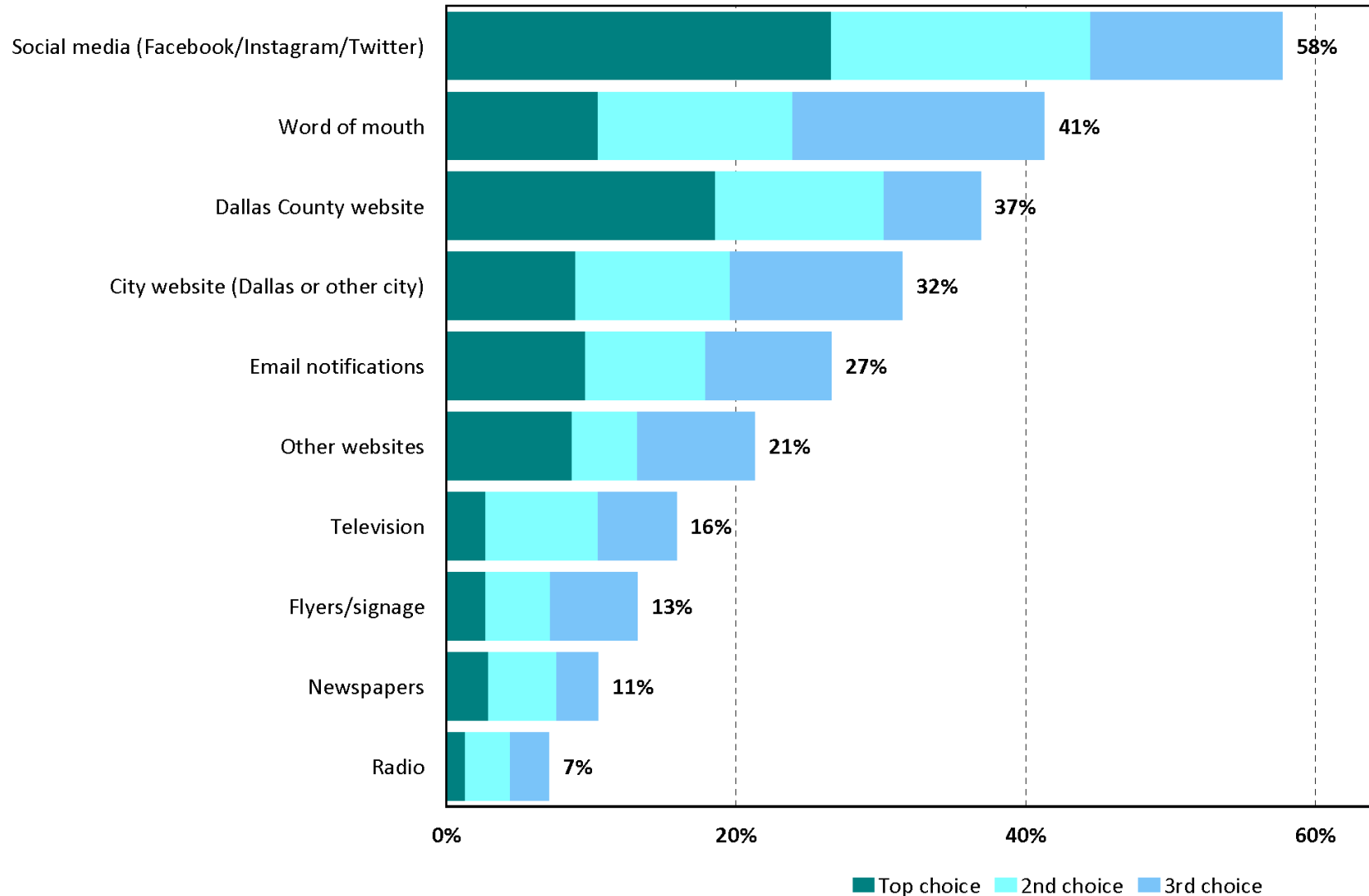
by percentage of respondents (excluding "none"- multiple selections could be made)



# STATISTICALLY-VALID SURVEY FINDINGS

## Q9. Which THREE of the sources listed in Question 8 do you PREFER TO USE MOST?

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top three choices

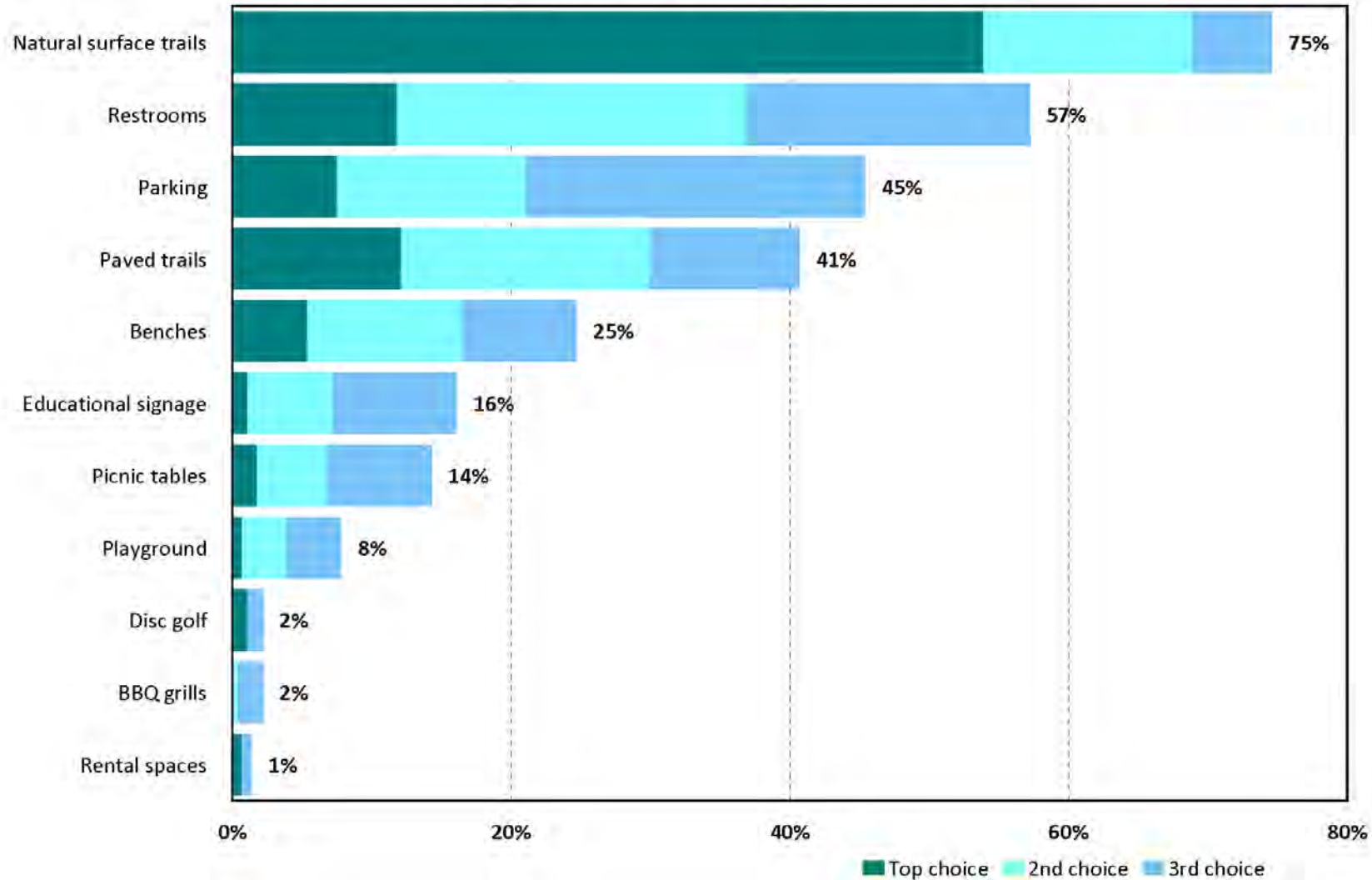




# STATISTICALLY-VALID SURVEY FINDINGS

**Q4. Which THREE of the specific AMENITIES listed in Question 3 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household?**

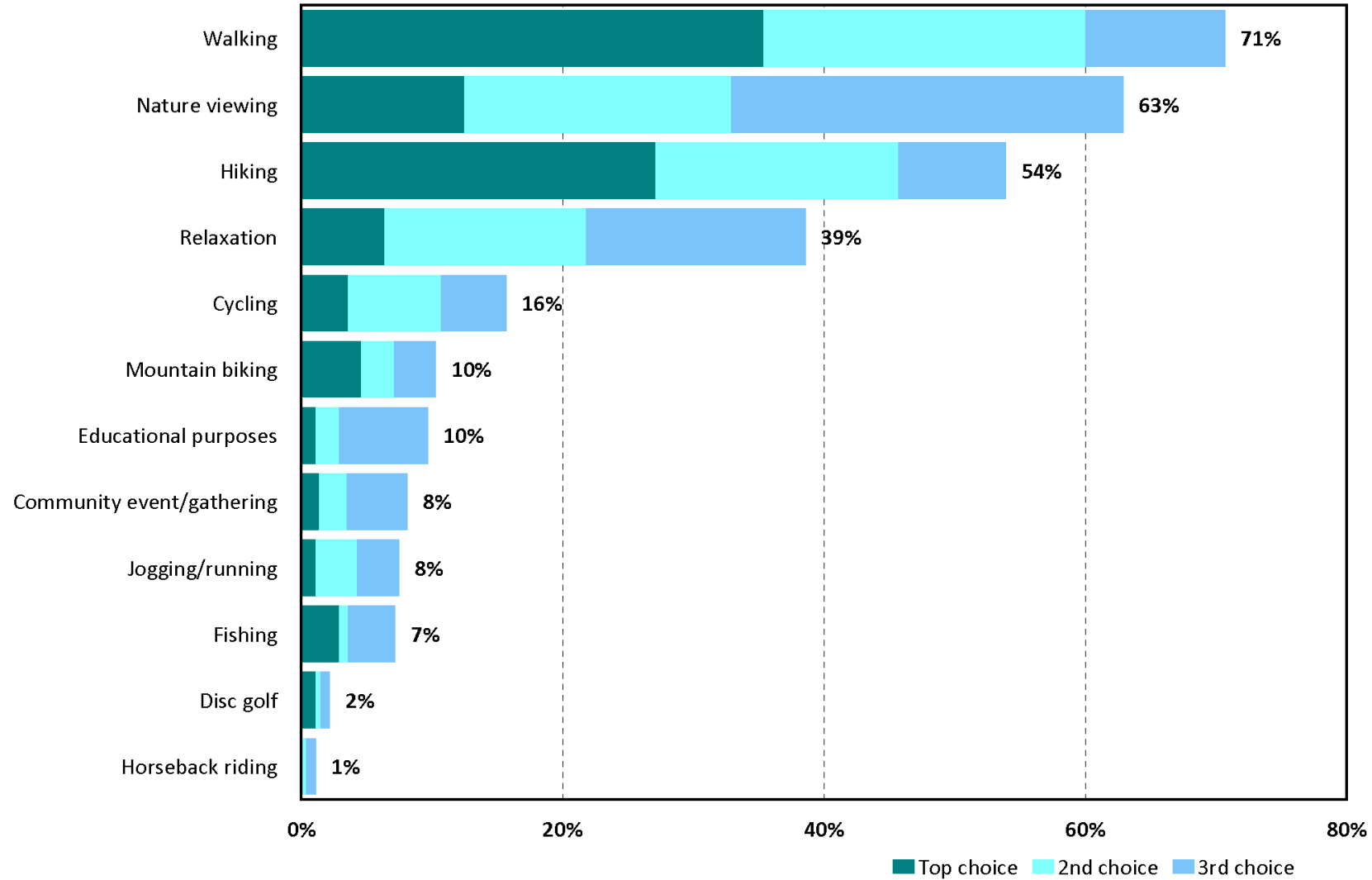
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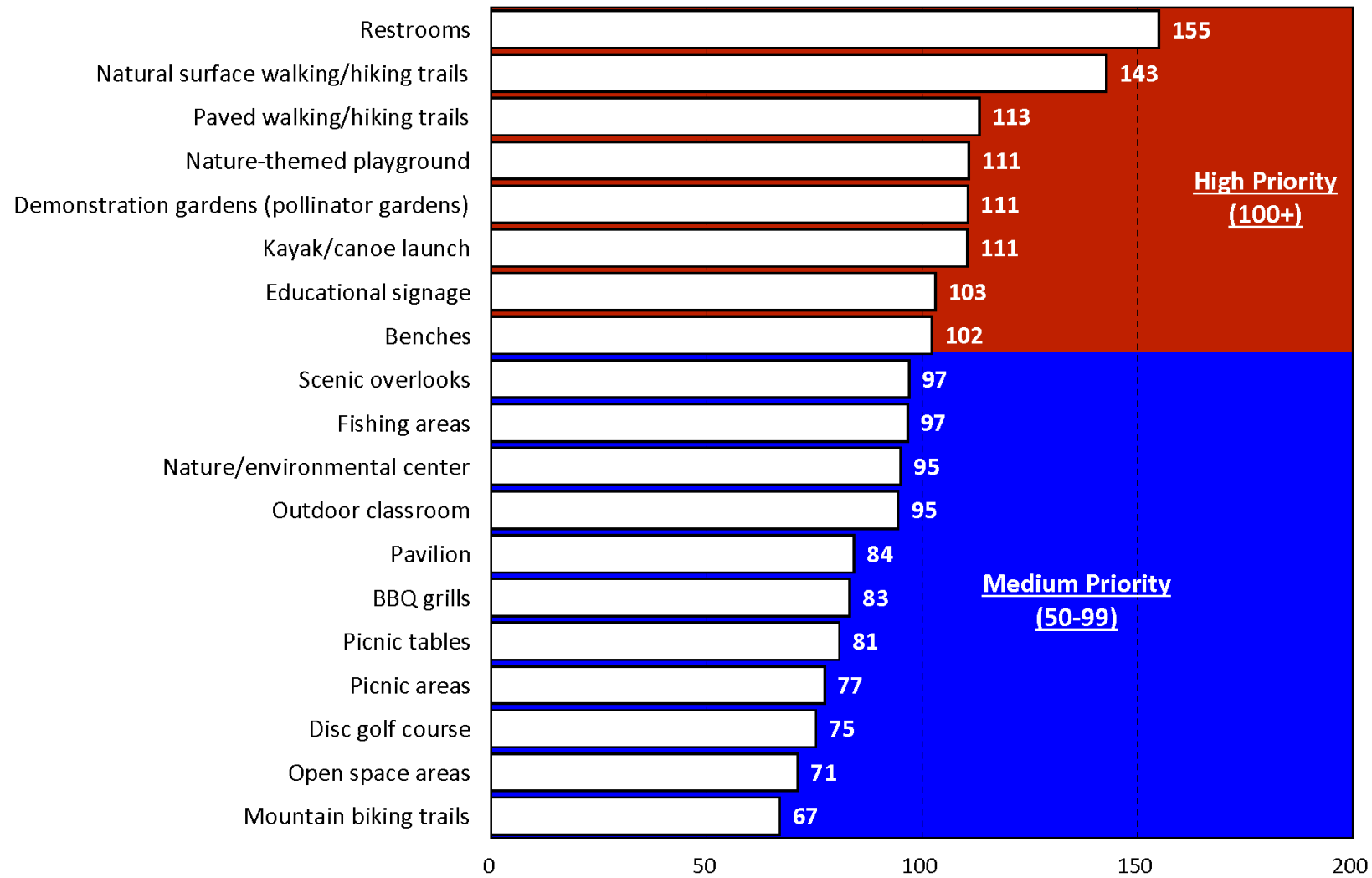
**Q6. Which THREE of the specific ACTIVITIES listed in Question 5 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household?**

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top three choices



# STATISTICALLY-VALID SURVEY FINDINGS

## Top Priorities for Investment for Amenities Based on the Priority Investment Rating



# PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**District 1:** Monday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at  
Dallas County Road and Bridge District 1

**District 2:** Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at  
North Dallas Government Center

**District 3:** Tuesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at  
DeSoto Civic Center

**District 4:** Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at  
Jaycee-Zaragoza Recreation Center



# SHARE YOUR INPUT!



**Dallas County is updating  
its Open Space Plan  
and is seeking your input!**

The survey will be available  
through Monday, October 16, 2023

[surveymonkey.com/r/DCOSP](https://surveymonkey.com/r/DCOSP)



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# PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE KEY THEMES

## Open House attendees prioritized:

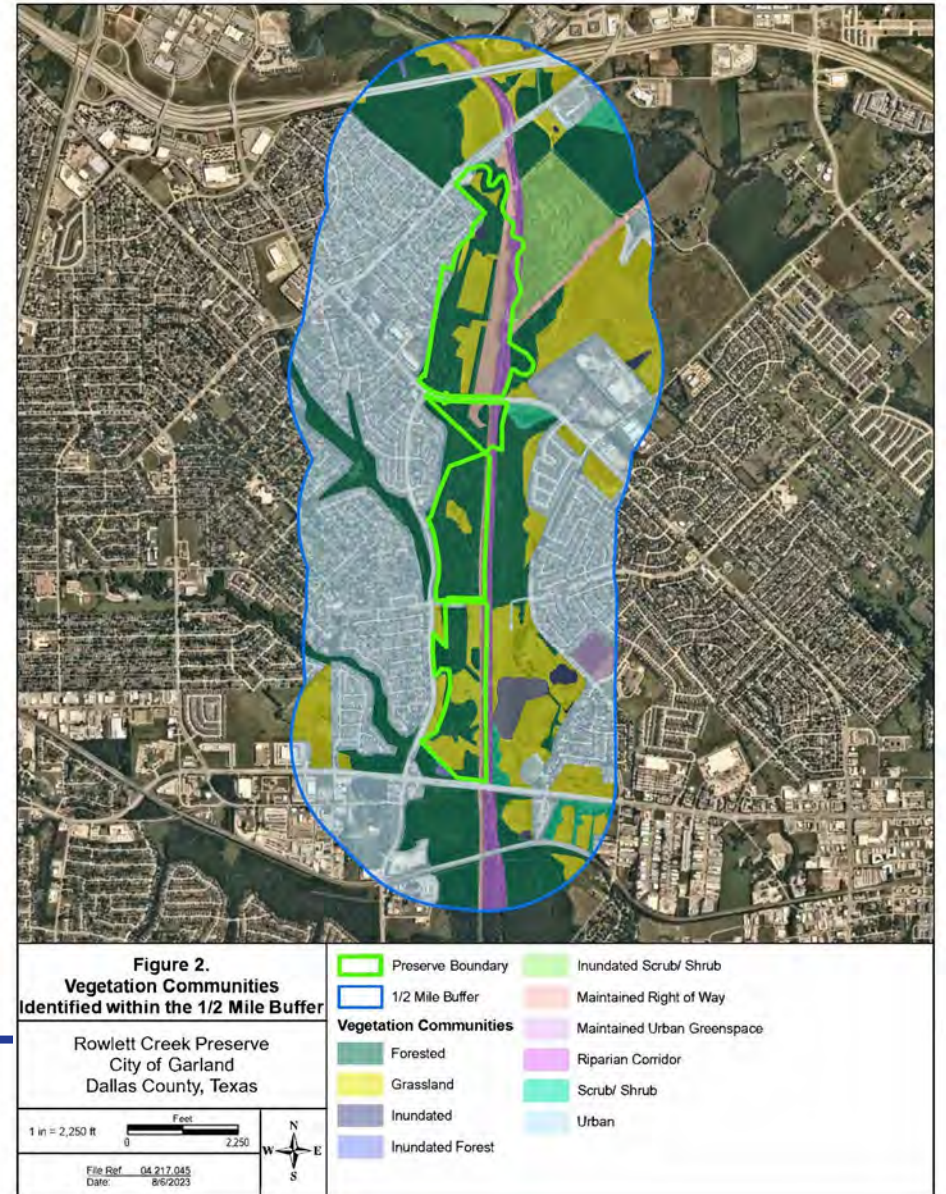
- Amenities such as **paved and natural surface trails, scenic overlooks, and restrooms**
- Wayfinding **signage**, trail maps and markers, and emergency signage
- **Connections** to community centers, transit stops, city parks, and recreation centers
- Preserving and interacting with **natural habitats** within preserves
- **Improving management of preserves** through additional funding, adding security cameras at entrances, volunteer clean-up programs, and hiring a dedicated Park Ranger



# NATURAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

- Review of the natural resources within the preserves and within a ½ mile buffer surrounding each preserve
- Natural resources include:
  - Vegetation communities
  - Water resources
  - Threatened & endangered species (federally and state listed)
  - Invasive Species
- Information was gathered using the following resources:
  - Site visits to each preserve
  - Historic and current aerial imagery
  - TPWD's Texas Ecosystem Analytical Mapper (TEAM)
  - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services – Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC)
  - Texas Natural Diversity Database (TXNDD)

*Example of map series produced for the Natural Resources Summary*



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- Information was gathered using the following resources:
  - Texas Archeological Sites Atlas (TASA)
  - Texas Historic Site Atlas (THSA)
  - TxDOT's Potential Archeological Liability Map (PALM) for Dallas County
  - 1900 Sam Street's Map for Dallas County
  - 1920 USDA Soils Map for Dallas County
  - U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map
  - Texas Historic Overlay (THO) georeferenced maps
  - Historic and current aerial photography



# NEXT STEPS

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## IN PROGRESS TASKS

- Finalizing Chapter 1
- Summarizing engagement results
- Applying scoring criteria for each preserve

## UPCOMING TASKS

- Conduct equity, access & connectivity, demand, and operations assessments
- Begin drafting Chapter 2



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# Next Meeting December 7, 2023

See you next time!



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