



Minutes Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program Board Meeting



**June 5, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

Dallas County Records Building
Innovation Training Room, 7th Floor
500 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202

Members Present: Ed Koppman, William Freeman, Fernando Rojas, Javier Vilchis, Amy Martin, Andy Jones, Rinkesh Desai

Members Absent: Corey Carrasco, Kiphani Allen, Raja Chaudhry, Philip Hiatt Haigh

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ed Koppman at 9:04am.

2. Welcome/Introductions

3. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comment.

4. Review and Approval of the April 3, 2025, Minutes

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes and Mr. Desai seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Status of Trails

Micah Baker, Mobility Planning Manager with the Dallas County Public Works Department, provided the trails update.

Cypress Waters Trail

Construction for the Cypress Waters Trail began on June 2, 2025.

Chalk Hill Trail

Chalk Hill Trail was recommended by COG for TA Set-Aside Award of \$10.0 Million in construction funding for Phase 2. The Phase 1 Environmental has been approved by TxDOT. Public Works is working on the 95% plan re-submittal to TxDOT for Phase 1.

Heritage Trail

Construction is 80% complete and is estimated to be completed later this summer.

Campion Trail

Phase 1 concrete pavement is complete. Phase 1B was awarded to A&C Construction and construction on Phase 1B will start this summer. Final Plans and Environmental for Phase 2 are pending USACE approval and agreements. The city is currently addressing TxDOT comments.

6. Status of County Preserves

Mia Whitham, Open Space Administrator with the Dallas County Planning and Development Department, provided the Parks and Open Space update.

Parks and Open Space Property Requests

Trinity River Mountain Creek Preserve, Rowlett Creek Preserve, Paul S. Dryer Preserve at Windmill Hill, and Palmetto-Alligator Slough Preserve all currently have ongoing utility easement requests.

Parks and Open Space Projects and Activities

The restroom facility for Cottonwood Creek Preserve is scheduled for installation in mid-August. The City of Wilmer will be installing a disc golf course, parking and lighting in conjunction with the restroom. Dallas County staff continue to work on compliance with the Texas Aggregate Quarry and Pit Safety Act at Goat Island East. Dallas County staff have been working with a consultant for a scope and fee for design of Goat Island East and the parking lot at Goat Island Preserve. The Dallas County Parks and Open Space Program is working towards bidding out the paved trail rehabilitation project at Post Oak Preserve.

Parks and Open Space Volunteer Program

On April 10th, a group from Santander Bank removed privet at Cedar Mountain Preserve. Dallas County staff participated in Cedar Hill's Earthfest on April 12th and had an outreach table. On Earth Day, April 22nd, staff from Gotham Greens helped beautify Post Oak Preserve by repainting the picnic table and removing litter along the trails. On May 3rd, students from Dallas College installed a pollinator garden around the monument sign at Tenmile Creek Preserve. This project was funded by the Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas Grant from Native Plant Society of Texas. On May 17th, volunteers picked up litter at Muddy Creek Preserve along the trail and around the parking lot. Upcoming events include TrailRunner International removing privet at Elm Fork Preserve on June 6th and a guided hike with Amy Martin at Goat Island Preserve on June 7th.

7. Proposal of Future Agenda Items

Mr. Freeman requested time to present about the issues surrounding e-bikes and bicycles on trails. Mr. Jones and Mr. Desai requested an update from the Public Works Department on the Farmers Branch Westside trails.

8. Upcoming Events/Board Meetings

a. Next TAPP Board Regular Meeting: August 14, 2025

The group came to a consensus to move the regular meetings to the second Thursday of the month with a new start time of 9:30am.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:41am.