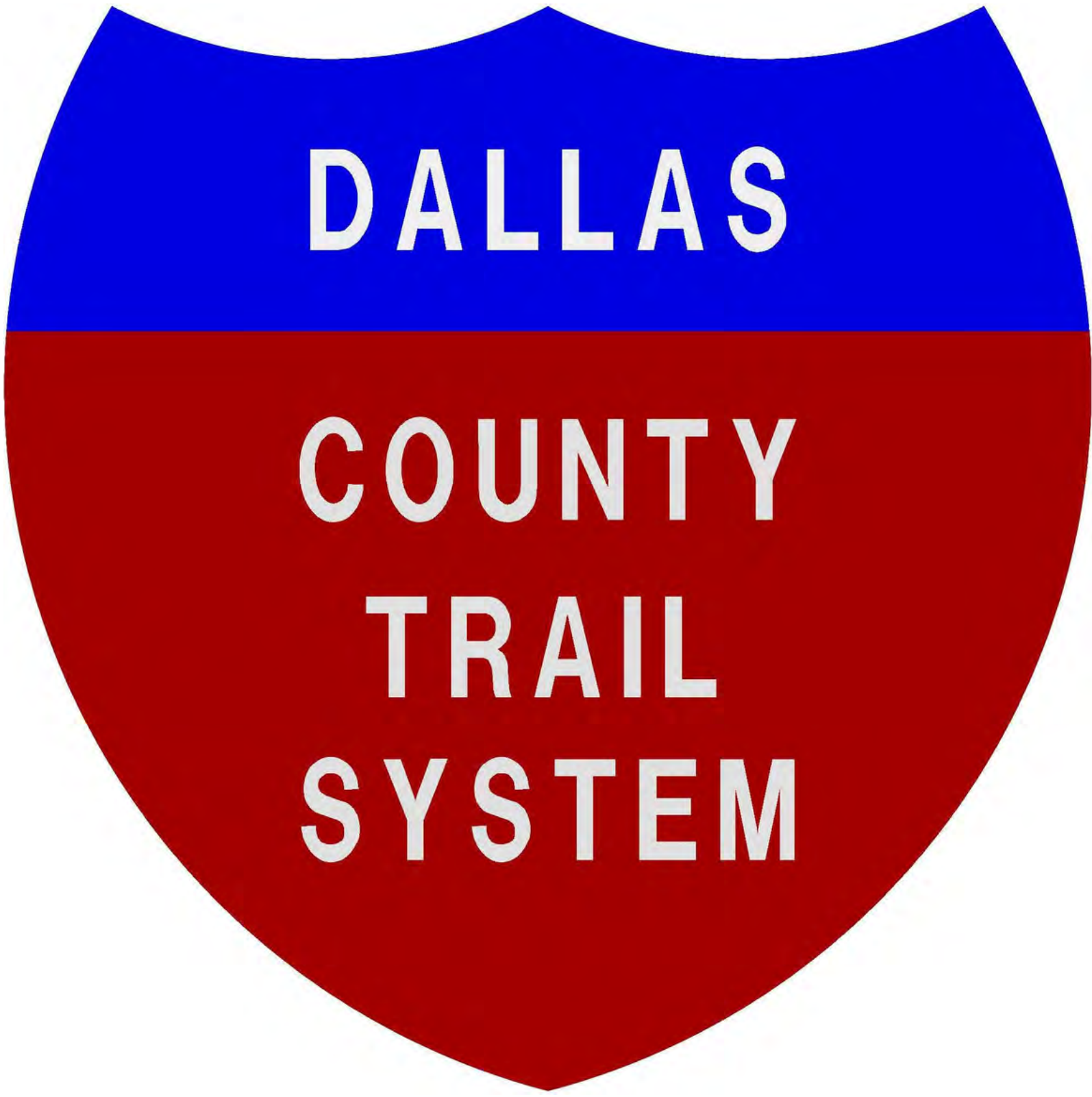


Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program Board

June 11, 2026



Approve the April 9th Meeting Minutes

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DALLAS

COUNTY
TRAIL
SYSTEM

Public Works and
Trails Update



Parks and Open Space Update

Parks and Open Space Property Requests

Trinity River Authority Sewer Easements

Trinity River Mountain Creek Preserve

Paul S. Dryer Preserve at Windmill Hill

City Sewer Projects

Rowlett Creek Preserve

Oncor Electric Easement

Palmetto-Alligator Slough Preserve

Parks and Open Space Projects & Activities

Goat Island East

TxDOT Gravel Pit Compliance

Staff are awaiting an estimate from a contractor.

Post Oak Preserve

Rehabilitation of Paved Trail

The bid was awarded on May 5th to Meca Construction. Once permits have been issued by City of Seagoville, the contractor will be given notice to proceed.

Damage to Dallas County Property at Spring Creek Forest Preserve



Spring Creek Forest Preserve Updates

Since the October TAPP Board meeting:

- The Garland City Council voted to approve the scope of work at the October 20th Council Meeting.
- The kickoff meeting for the project was held November 18th.
- The Garland Audit Committee met December 1st to discuss the results of their audit report.
- A site visit was held on December 3rd with City of Garland, Dallas County, the Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest, Kimley-Horn & Associates and Ace Pipe Cleaners to discuss access needs.

Spring Creek Forest Preserve Updates

Since the October TAPP Board meeting:

- Kimley-Horn's environmental and drainage assessments are complete.
- ACE Pipe Cleaning is continuing to assess needs of the sewer lines in and adjacent to the preserve.
- Debris dispersal has begun.
- Kimley-Horn staff will attend the August TAPP Board meeting to provide an overview of the environmental report and recommendations for remediation.

Past Events



Cedar Hill Summer Volunteer
Group removed privet at
Cedar Mountain Preserve
on June 9th.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 13th: Beautification at Post Oak Preserve
from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



We're working on our fall
event schedule. Stay
tuned!

Dallas County

Goat Island Preserve

TAPP Board Meeting

June 11, 2026

Agenda

- Team Introduction
- Parsons Slough
 - Project Orientation
 - Design Concept Options
- Goat Island Preserve
 - Project Orientation
 - Design Concept Options

MEET THE TEAM



LENNY HUGHES, PLA
Principle in Charge



BRETT MANN, PLA
Principle in Charge



WILL LIU, PLA
Project Manager



PRIYA KATOCH, PLA
Landscape Architect



KERRY GRAY-HARRISON
Landscape Designer

The Halff team transforms vision into place—balancing creativity, expertise, and collaboration to shape resilient, community-driven environments.



Parsons Slough

LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

GOAT ISLAND EAST: SITE CONTEXT



- RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
- COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
- DALLAS COUNTY PROPERTY
- CITY OF DALLAS PROPERTY

PARSONS SLOUGH: EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS



-  RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
-  PRIVATE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
-  DALLAS COUNTY PROPERTY
-  OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL
-  2 FT CONTOURS
-  PROPERTY LINE

PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 1 FEATURES



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 1 ACTIVITY ZONES



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 1 CIRCULATION



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 1 PROGRAMMING



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 1 BIRDSEYE



PARSONS SLOUGH: BIRD BLIND



PHOTO FROM SITE MAY, 2026

PARSONS SLOUGH: BIRD BLIND



PROPOSED BIRD WATCHING BLIND ALL CONCEPTS

PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 2 FEATURES



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 2 ACTIVITY ZONES



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 2 CIRCULATION



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 2 PROGRAMMING



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 2 BIRDSEYE



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 2 PERSPECTIVE



PARSONS SLOUGH: FISHING PIER



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PARSONS SLOUGH: FISHING PIER



PROPOSED FISHING DOCK ALL CONCEPTS

PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 3 FEATURES



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 3 ACTIVITY ZONES



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 3 CIRCULATION



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 3 PROGRAMMING



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 3 BIRDSEYE



PARSONS SLOUGH: CONCEPT 3 PERSPECTIVE



PARSONS SLOUGH: POND PAVILION



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PARSONS SLOUGH: POND PAVILION



PROPOSED BIRD WATCHING PAVILION CONCEPT 3

PARSONS SLOUGH: ENTRY FEATURE



PARSONS SLOUGH: ENTRY FEATURE



WETLAND PLANTS

SMALL TREES



Hoptree, also called Wafer Ash



Wax Myrtle



Mexican Plum

BENEFICIAL PLANTS



Milkweed (*Asclepias perennis*)



Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)



Giant Coneflower



Eastern Gamagrass



Blue Mistflower



Frogfruit

GRASSES



Indiangrass



Gulf Muhly

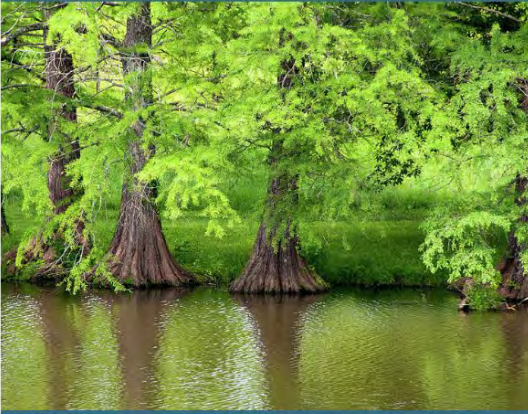


Inland Sea Oats

Many North Texas plants are adapted to both dry and rainy conditions, which makes them great for rain gardens or bioswales. These areas take parking lot and paved plaza rain runoff and filter out any trash, cool it down, and hold onto the water for a while to allow it to collect during small storms. They also help to break down oils from cars before it soaks into the ground.

EDUCATIONAL WETLAND PLANTS

TREES & SHRUBS



Pond Cypress provides bird shelter and visual interest.



Buttonbush provides shelter and nectar

MORE BENEFICIAL PLANTS



Hardy Hibiscus (or Texas species)



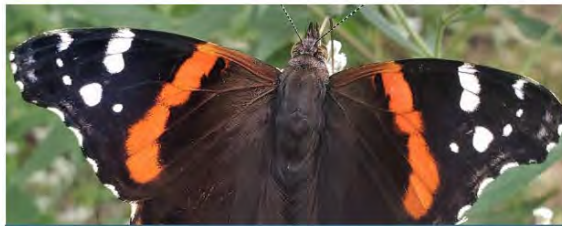
Elbow Bush provides bird cover



Water Lilies (*Nelumbo lutea*)



Smallspike False Nettle



Red Admiral butterflies lay eggs on Smallspike False Nettle

ORNAMENTAL & NATIVE GRASSES



False Indigo



Inland Sea Oats



Bushy Bluestem

Flowering plants in wetlands, like hibiscus or water lilies, attract a lot of attention. However, some of our non-showy north Texas plants offer educational value because they provide food for caterpillars, which make great outdoor classroom assistants! The Red Admiral lays eggs on False Nettle. Several species of milkweed found in Texas also do well in wet soil and support Monarch butterflies.

SITE FURNISHINGS

SEATING



Benches with or without backs



Themed Bench

DECORATIVE SEATING



Limestone Block Seating

ACCESSORIES



Trash Disposal



Themed Trash Disposal



Dog Waste Station

PICNIC TABLES



ADA Accessible Picnic Table

SHADE STRUCTURES



Shade Sail



Simple Shade



Landmark Shade Structure

BIRD BLIND



Visitors to the preserve will need places to sit, walk, play, fish, and watch wildlife. Durable furnishings will resist fading, rotting, everyday wear and vandalism.

COST ESTIMATE

	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3
General	\$ 978,573	\$ 994,013	\$ 924,408
Demolition and Earthwork	\$ 689,272	\$ 1,334,692	\$ 748,025
Paving and Structures	\$ 3,220,486	\$ 2,832,497	\$ 2,723,110
Planting and Irrigation	\$ 368,750	\$ 368,750	\$ 368,750
Contingency (30%)	\$ 1,577,124	\$ 1,658,985	\$ 1,429,288
Overall Subtotal	\$ 5,257,081	\$ 7,188,937	\$ 6,193,580



Goat Island Preserve

LANDSCAPE CONCEPTS

GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE OVERALL PLAN



GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: ENTRY AREA – CONCEPT 1



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PERSPECTIVE VIEW - 2

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PERSPECTIVE VIEW - 1

GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: ENTRY AREA – CONCEPT 2



PERSPECTIVE VIEW - 2

GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: ENTRY AREA – CONCEPT 3



- 1 ENTRY MONUMENT
- 2 ENTRANCE GATE
- 3 27 PARKING SPACES
- 4 DROP-OFF
- 5 PROPERTY FENCE
- 6 BIKE RACKS
- 7 WAYFINDING SIGNAGE
- 8 SEATING
- 9 SHADE PAVILION
- 10 LANDSCAPE BUFFER
- 11 RAIN GARDEN
- 12 SERVICE ENTRY
- 13 12' WIDE TRAIL



GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: ENTRY AREA – CONCEPT 3



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PERSPECTIVE VIEW - 2

GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: ENTRY AREA



GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: OPEN SPACE – CONCEPT 1



- 1 12' WIDE TRAIL
- 2 EXISTING SECONDARY TRAIL
- 3 WAYFINDING SIGNAGE
- 4 SEATING
- 5 TXDOT GUARDRAIL
- 6 SHADE PAVILION
- 7 PICNIC AREA



GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: OPEN SPACE – CONCEPT 1



GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: OPEN SPACE – CONCEPT 2



GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: OPEN SPACE – CONCEPT 2



GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: OPEN SPACE – CONCEPT 3



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GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE: OPEN SPACE – CONCEPT 3



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General	\$ 606,244	\$ 663,589	\$ 573,458
Entry Area	\$ 1,631,502	\$ 1,679,451	\$ 1,640,739
Trail	\$ 1,202,999	\$ 1,240,696	\$ 1,086,518
Open Space	\$ 277,131	\$ 421,894	\$ 229,308
Contingency (30%)	\$ 1,115,363	\$ 1,201,689	\$ 1,059,007
Overall Subtotal	\$ 4,833,239	\$ 5,207,319	\$ 4,589,030

NEXT STEP

- Final Concept Refinement for Parsons Slough and Goat Island Preserve
- 30% Schematic Design Document for Goat Island Preserve
- Preliminary H&H and Environmental Study for Goat Island Preserve



Q&A

Proposal of Future Agenda Items



Next Meeting
August 13, 2026

See you next time!