# Trinity River Paddling Trail Update

One River!

June 21, 2019

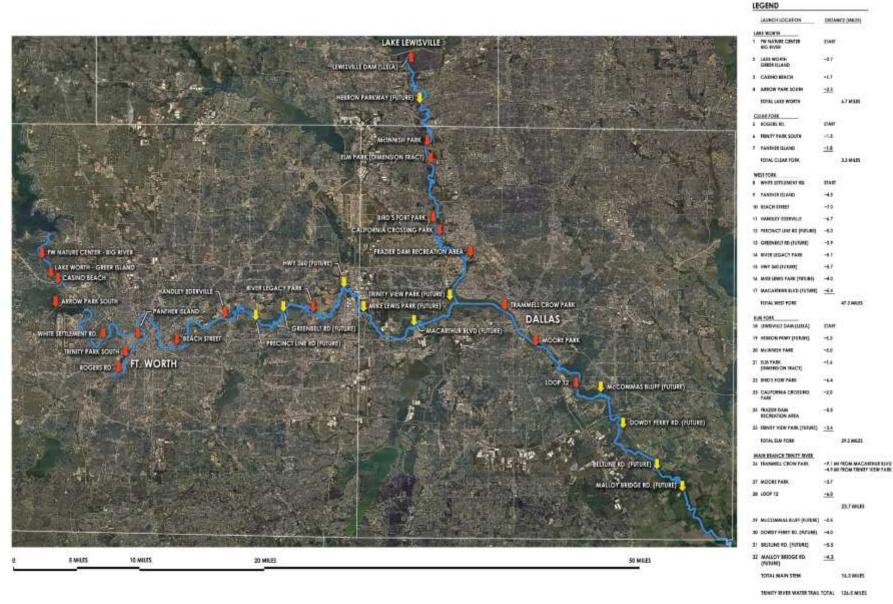
#### Trinity Nature Conservancy

Our Mission: "To transform the Trinity River basin into a nationally-recognized conservation and recreation area"

- Steve Smith Board Chair Trinity Nature Conservancy
- Stephanie Timko Executive Director Trinity Nature Conservancy
- Dale Harris Board Member Trinity Nature Conservancy and Chair of the Trinity River Paddling Council
- <u>Alex Dubovsky</u> Board Member Trinity Nature Conservancy and Vice-chair Trinity River Paddling Council

### Goal of this Meeting

- Provide update on the progress of the Trinity River Paddling Trail and obtaining National Park Service designation for our river
- Get help from each city to complete the National Park Service's requirements for achieving the designation



#### TRINITY RIVER PADDLING TRAIL

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#### Update: Trinity River Paddling Trail

- Last meeting September 2018
- Boat ramp at Bird's Fort Trail Park completed/December 2018
- We now have an active Facebook Page. <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/638530459657010/</u>
- Frasier Dam Recreation Area is now open.
  - There is no actual launch or boat ramp
  - Paddlers must launch from the hiking trail along the old channel
- Lewisville has hired a contractor to add a ADA compliant boat dock at Hebron Parkway in Lewisville.
- Trinity Nature Conservancy has contracted an local Web Site Developer to create a new site for Trinity Nature Conservancy and the Trinity River Paddling Trail.

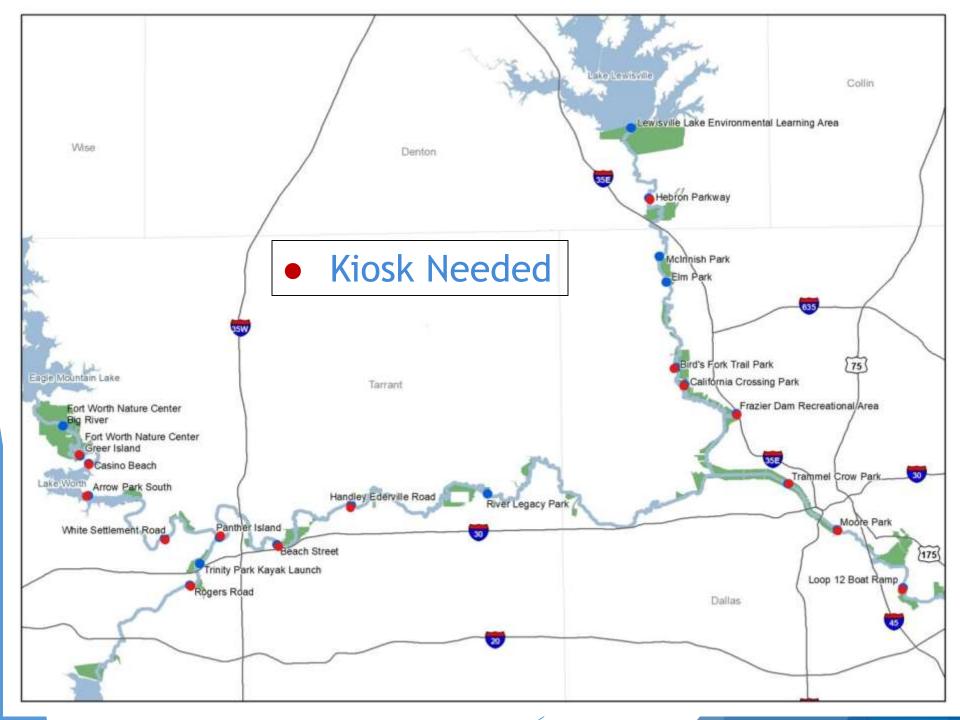
### Update: Trinity River Paddling Trail

- The Trinity River Paddling Trail initiative was selected by Texans by Nature
  - Part of the Texan by Nature Conservation Wrangler Program
  - Texan by Nature brings business and conservation together through initiatives that promote stewardship of Texan natural resources. Project support for 12 -18 months
- The National Parks Service program for National Recreation Trail
  - We applied for designation of a National Recreation Trail in November 2018.
  - > The application was accepted and went through a clarification process
  - During the clarification process the NPS identified a few areas that need more information. We were able to supply information on all the open items except these two
    - The <u>NPS needs letters of verification</u> that the river access locations are on public property and they are planned to be there for the next 10 years.
    - ▶ The NPS needs Kiosks in place at all the current river access locations.
  - Currently our application is on hold while we complete these requirements

#### Current Status of Verification Letters & Kiosk's

River Access	City	Owner	Letter of Verification	Kiosk
Rogers Rd	Fort Worth	TRWD	√	
Trinity Park	Fort Worth	Fort Worth		√
Fort Worth Nature Cntr / Big River	Fort Worth	Fort Worth		√
Fort Worth Nature Cntr / Greer Island	Fort Worth	Fort Worth		
Casino Beach	Fort Worth	Fort Worth		
Arrow Park S.	Fort Worth	Fort Worth		
White Settlement Rd.	Fort Worth	TRWD	√	
Panther Island	Fort Worth	TRWD	√	
Beach St.	Fort Worth	TRWD	√	
Handley Ederville Rd.	Fort Worth	TRWD	√	
River Legacy Park	Arlington	Arlington		√
Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area	Lewisville	Lewisville	√	√
Hebron Parkway	Lewisville	Lewisville	√	
McInnish Park	Carrollton	Carrollton		√
Elm Park	Carrollton	Carrollton		V
Bird's Fork Trail Park	Irving	Irving		
California Crossing Park	Dallas	Dallas	√	
Frasier Dam Recreation Area	Dallas	Dallas Water Utilities		
Trammell Crow	Dallas	Dallas	v	
Moore Park	Dallas	Dallas	X	
Loop 12 Boat Ramp	Dallas	Dallas	V	





## We Need Your Help!

- A key individual from your organization who will be our primary contact to help with:
  - Provide Verification Letters and/or Kiosks (Urgent Need)
  - Completing our National Parks Service application process
  - Ongoing communications with your organization
  - Drive the install of future launch sites and maintenance of existing sites

# **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

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