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## Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force Kick-Off Meeting

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 am

[Microsoft Teams meeting link](#)

Call-in number: +1 (903) 508-4574, Conference ID: 667 234 650#

### 1. Welcome and Meeting Purpose.

- **Background.** The Trinity Coalition and NCTCOG provided brief background on the National Water Trail designation, the application process and maintenance requirements, and the role of the Task Force. – *Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition, & Edith Marvin, NCTCOG*

### 2. National Park Service Updates.

A briefing on updates to the National Park Service's National Water Trail program and the impact on the Trinity River Paddling Trail. – *Erika Pelletier, National Park Conservation Assn.*

### 3. Community Showcase.

An opportunity for communities along the Trinity River to share improvements and best management practices for their section of the Water Trail that may be modeled by others.

- Presentation from the City of Lewisville on their newly built boat launch and incorporation of green infrastructure. – *Michael Kim, Lewisville Parks and Recreation*

### 4. State of the Trail.

Presentations from Trinity Coalition and other partners on the current state of the Trinity River National Water Trail, including usage data, maintenance, and areas for improvement.

- **Trinity River Water Quality.** Current data on water quality and water-related issues for the Trinity River Watershed. – *Amruta Sakalker, UT-Arlington*
- **Trail Usage and Maintenance Strategies.** Updates on recreational usage of the paddling trail, opportunities for improvement, and strategies for managing ongoing maintenance. – *Dale Harris & Teresa Patterson, Trinity Coalition*
- **Future Goals for the Trail.** A discussion of future opportunities for the Trail, including new launch sites and Trail expansion. – *Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition*

### 5. Task Force Roundtable.

- Michael Kim discussed initial funding and ongoing maintenance costs for the City of Lewisville's new boat launch. This was a city-funded project and future costs were considered when allocating budget funds.
- Steve Smith discussed the importance of trail upkeep in meeting National Water Trail criteria and maintaining the designation. Dale Harris noted that not all launch sites need to meet the same high level of construction as Lewisville's to be ADA compliant, and not all sites along the trail must be ADA compliant to retain the designation.
- Edith Marvin requested that participants share ideas for future meeting presentation topics and to volunteer to present on their Trinity River Paddling Trail efforts.

### 6. Upcoming Opportunities.

Check the [NCTCOG Environment & Development calendar](#) for upcoming meetings and events.

- May 4th, 9:30 am – TMDL Stormwater Technical Subcommittee

- May 11th, 9:30 am – Municipal BMP Show and Tell Webinar
- May 13th, 9:30 am – TMDL Wastewater Technical Subcommittee
- May 26th, 10:00 am – Wrangling Trash from Waterways, Texas-Style
- Coming this Fall: [North Texas Community Clean-Up Challenge](#)

**Next Regional Meeting is Scheduled for July or August 2021.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Dale Harris at (214) 478-7856 or [dale@trinitycoalition.org](mailto:dale@trinitycoalition.org). Thank you!



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**Attendance Recorded via Microsoft Teams**

Steve Smith (Trinity Coalition)  
Edith Marvin (NCTCOG)  
Breanne Johnson (NCTCOG)  
Erika Pelletier (NPCA)  
Michael Kim (City of Lewisville)  
Amruta Sakalker (UTA)  
Dale Harris (Trinity Coalition)  
Teresa Patterson (Trinity Coalition)  
Tamara Cook (NCTCOG)  
Mia Brown (NCTCOG)  
Daniel Snyder (NCTCOG)  
Alex Dubovsky (Trinity Coalition)  
Tracy LeBlanc (Trinity Coalition)  
Kristy Kerr Leonard (Trinity Coalition)  
Lissa Shepard (Dallas County)  
Taylor Keys (Texan by Nature)  
Scott Fairman (City of Arlington)  
Rachel Richter (TPWD)  
Noreen Housewright (City of Grand Prairie)  
Kim Bybee (City of Carrollton)  
Mickey McGuire (Dallas County District 2)  
Nixalis Benitez (City of Fort Worth)  
Robert Sturns (City of Fort Worth)  
Meghna Tare (UTA)  
Cody Cash (City of Irving)  
Heather Firn (TRA)  
Chip Nami (City of Grand Prairie)  
Sandra Youngblood (City of Fort Worth)  
Patrick Strong (City of Arlington)  
Erika Tang (City of Lewisville)  
Brad Smith (GFF Inc.)  
Chris Escoto (City of Denton)  
Jerry Cotter (USACE Fort Worth District)  
Brandi Kelp (City of Fort Worth)  
Mitzi Davis (City of Farmers Branch)  
Stacey Pierce (Streams and Valleys)  
Stacy Anaya (City of Lewisville)  
Steve Plumer (City of Grand Prairie)  
Webster Mangham (TRA)  
Sally Wright (City of Dallas)