

Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force

August 9, 2022



North Central Texas
Council of Governments
Environment & Development



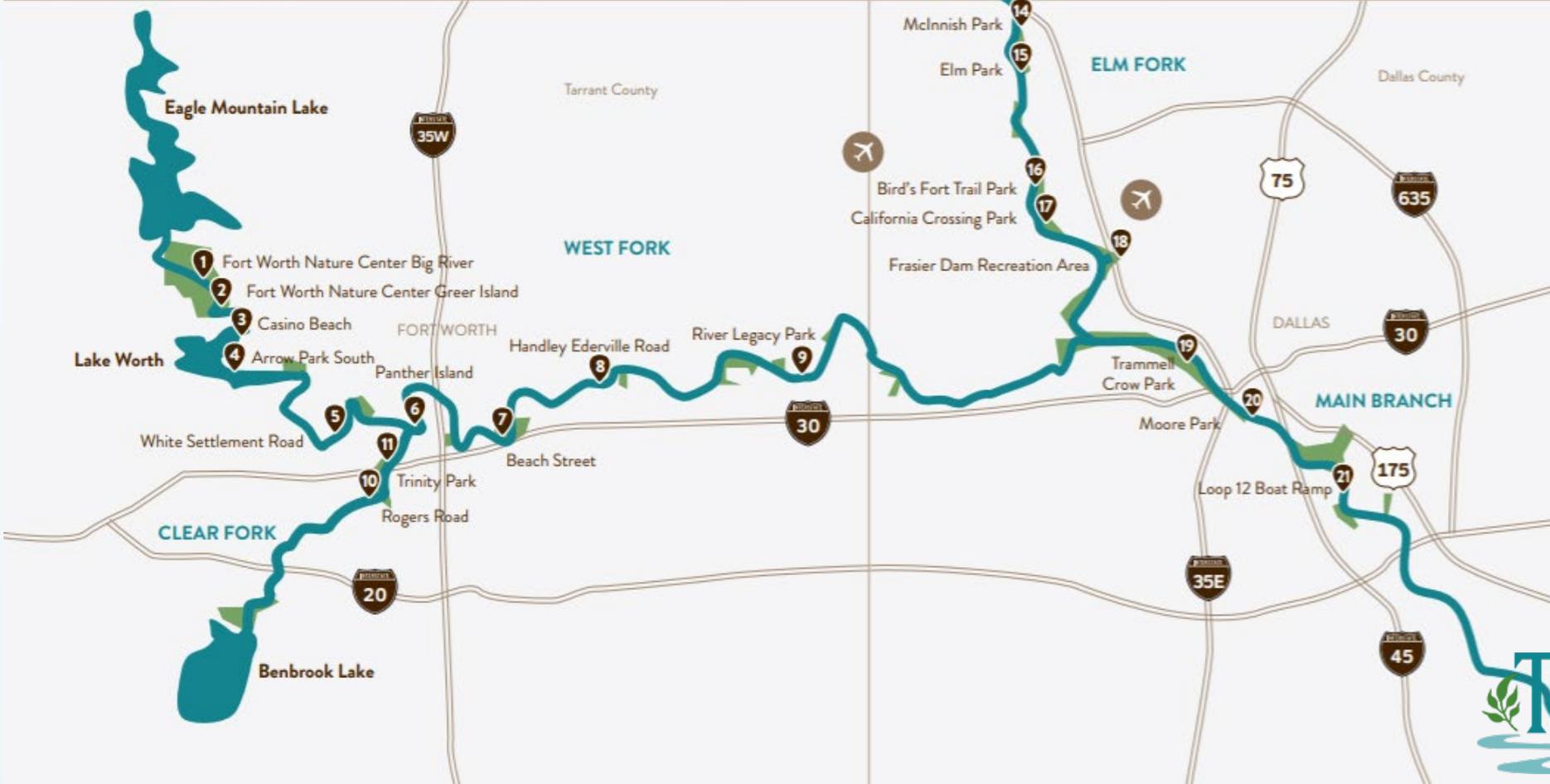
Welcome and Introductions

- Thanks for attending!
- Please introduce yourself in the chat box.
- Please mute your line.
- Unmute your line when you would like to speak during question and discussion time.
 - We will also watch the chat box for questions

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Meeting Purpose
2. State of the Trail – *Teresa Patterson, Dale Harris, & Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition*
3. East Fork Paddling Trail – *Paddling Community*
4. Water Goat Pilot – *Heather Firn, Trinity River Authority*
5. Tour Ideas – *Chris Chastain, City of Lewisville*
6. Task Force Roundtable
7. Upcoming Opportunities





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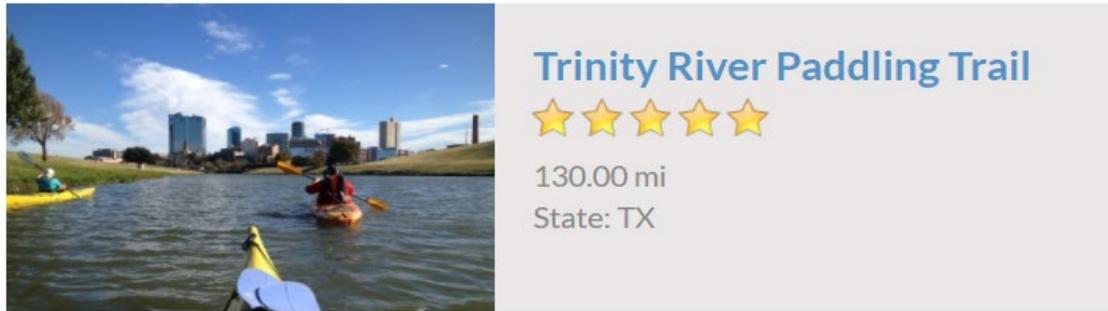


Summer 2022



Trinity River National Water Trail

- One of 35 in the nation
- <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationaltrailssystem/national-water-trails-system.htm>
- Select “Find Your National Water Trail”



- Select Trinity River Paddling Trail

Trinity River Paddling Trail



The Trinity River Paddling Trail consists of 130 miles of river accessed by 21 official launch sites. The paddling trail traverses 9 municipalities including Dallas and Ft. Worth, and is located in the middle of America’s 4th largest metro area with a population of 7.5 million people. Over 5 million people live within 30 minute drive of the trail.



Paddling Trail Status August 2022

- Currently 20 out of 21 launch sites are open.
 - Two launch sites are getting difficult to use.
- All but 2 sections are 4-6 mile in length
 - One 12 mile section
 - One 24 mile section
- Plans are in the works for three new launch sites
 - Beltline Rd. in Grand Prairie
 - Veridian Lake Development in Arlington
 - Riverside Park in Fort Worth

Trinity River Paddling Trail
Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area



Current location:
LLELA
Lewisville Lake
Environmental
Learning Area
DD: 33.067109° -
96.964697°

Next Take-out:
Hebron
Parkway Rd
~6 miles /
~ 2.5 hrs
DD: 33.012600° -
96.950689°

This section has Cell coverage. In case of emergency call 911. River section LLELA to Huffines Park at Hebron Parkway, Lewisville

River conditions: this section of the river starts out with shallow fast moving current. Downstream the river widens and slows. **Hazards:** please watch for fallen trees that can go completely across the river.

<http://www.playlewisville.com/>



For more information: <https://trinitycoalition.org/>

Paddling Trail Status August 2022

- This spring we had two “Ribbon Cutting” ceremonies for the Trinity River National Water Trail
- The city of Lewisville for the Hebron Parkway Launch
 - The ceremony was onsite at the launch
 - The Lewisville Mayor T. J. Gilmore was one of the guest speakers “Proud of the Lewisville Launch”
 - A Park board member and Park managers were also in attendance
 - Erika Pelletier from National Parks Conservation Association
- The city of Dallas at the Trammell Crow launch site
 - The Dallas Park and Recreation Board President Arun Agarwal
 - Tim Dickey from council district #6
 - Edith Marvin from North Central Texas Council Of Governments
 - Erika Pelletier from the National Parks Conservation Association
 - A representative from Trammell Crow Group also spoke at the ceremony

Ribbon Cutting/ Hebron Parkway

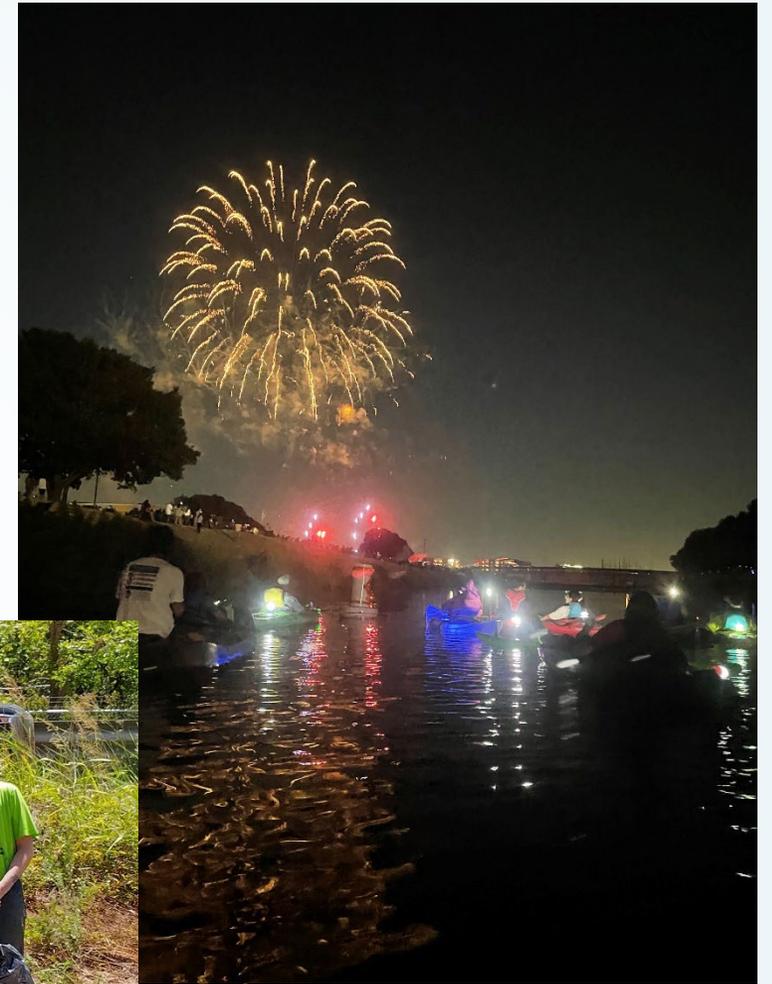


Dallas Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Special Events

- Freese and Nichols Clean up event May 14
- Walnut Creek Clean Up (with Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful) May 21
- 4th of July on the River July 4
- Full Moon Paddle Event July 13.
- Cottonwood Creek Cleanup (with Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful) July 23
- Coca Cola Cleanup Oct 1



Paddling Trail Usage May 2022

▶ Trinity River National Water Trail

- ▶ The trail has been usable all of this year so far with the exception of one day in April and approximately 3 weeks in May and June.
- ▶ All sections are clear and passable of any downed trees and log jams.
 - ▶ I recently paddled down from LLELA and did not experience any trees blocking the river.
 - ▶ We can usually count on one tree partially blocking the river
- ▶ One large trash jam has not yet been cleared.
 - ▶ It is located at the mouth of Joe's Creek and the Elm
- ▶ The Dallas Downriver Club is planning a river race on September 17th at McInnish Park

Ready to Launch!

*Hebron Parkway Launch
November 2021*



Paddling Trail Usage May 2022

- ▶ In addition to River Races Trinity River Kayak Co. Offered a Summer Camp on the Elm Fork.
- ▶ Our own Teresa Patterson was the paddling instructor



TC Web Site Tools / Interactive Map



River Legacy Park

description

Trail Section Location: River Legacy Park, Arlington, TX. Collins Street entrance: 3020 N. Collins St., Arlington, TX 76006. Latitude / Longitude DD: 32.788243° -97.100328°

Directions to Trail:

Take the Collins St exit off I-30. Turn North on Collins St, Continue North on Collins St.

The entrance to the Park will be on your left after Green Oaks Blvd.

Launch Parking and ramp is on your left ~1000ft from the park entrance.

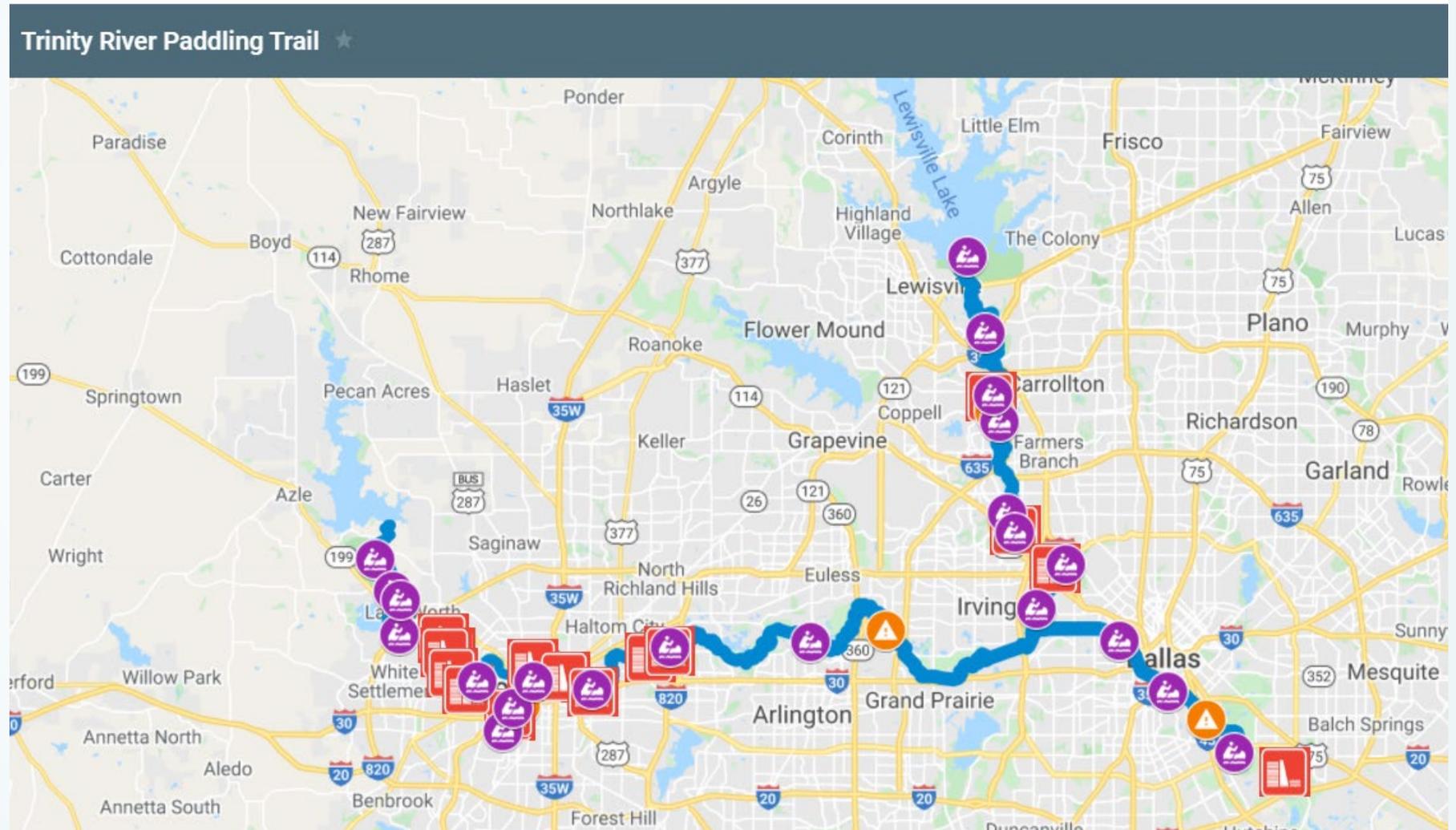
Launch Description: Long gentle slope to a concrete boat ramp.

Distance and Take-out: 24 miles, the take-out is Trammell Crow Park.

Trail Description: The put-in is boat ramp at River Legacy Park. This is a winding river with moving water – some small rapids & riffles. Mostly gravel bottom. The take out is a concrete boat ramp.

River Gauge:

<https://trinitycoalition.org/river-legacy-park-west-fork-arlington-tx>

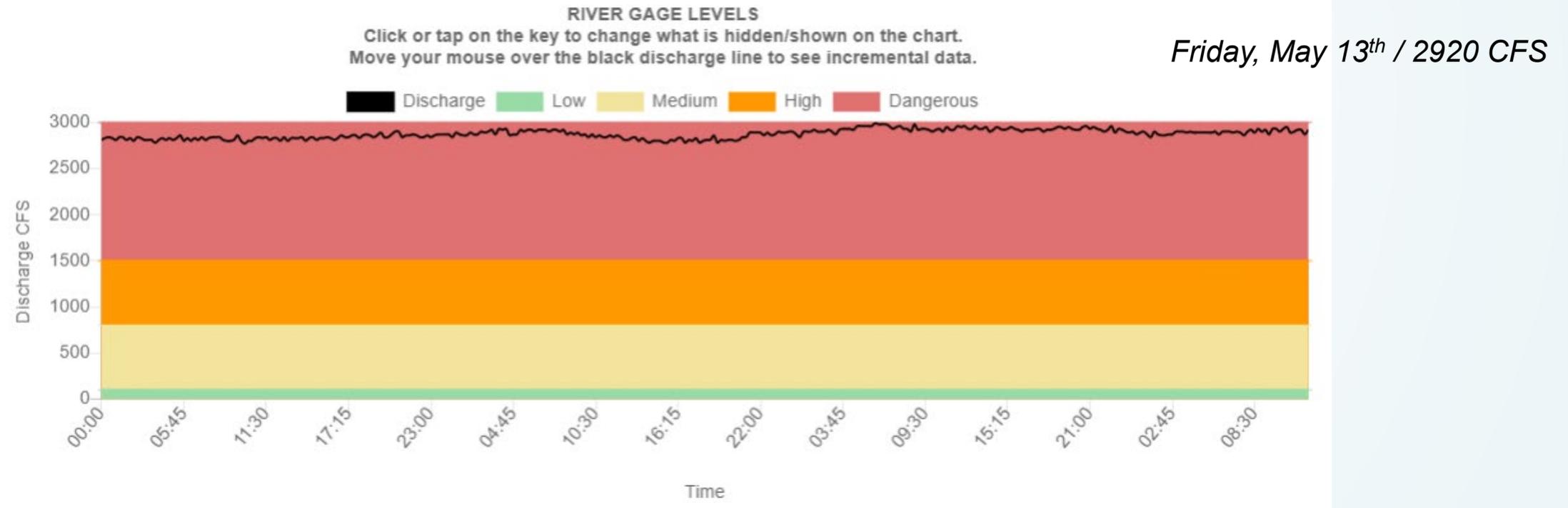


TC Web Site Tools / Water Levels

WATER LEVELS FOR MAY 10, 2022 TO MAY 13, 2022

McInnish Park / Elm Fork, Carrollton, TX.

Latitude / Longitude DD: 32.967440° -96.942685°



Interfacing with the Paddling Public

- ▶ Trinity Coalition maintains 4 social media sites:
- ▶ Trinity Coalition Web Site
 - ▶ Interactive map / water levels / interactive dialog
- ▶ Trinity Coalition Facebook Page / trail information and status.
- ▶ Trinity River Paddling Trail Association FB Group Page / 1,900+
 - ▶ Multiple paddling clubs follow us / 12,000+
 - ▶ Constant dialog about the paddling trail;
- ▶ Trinity Coalition Meetup page / 4,000 paddlers
 - ▶ Event scheduling and reservations
 - ▶ Communication and feedback



Trash cleanup at Walnut Creek

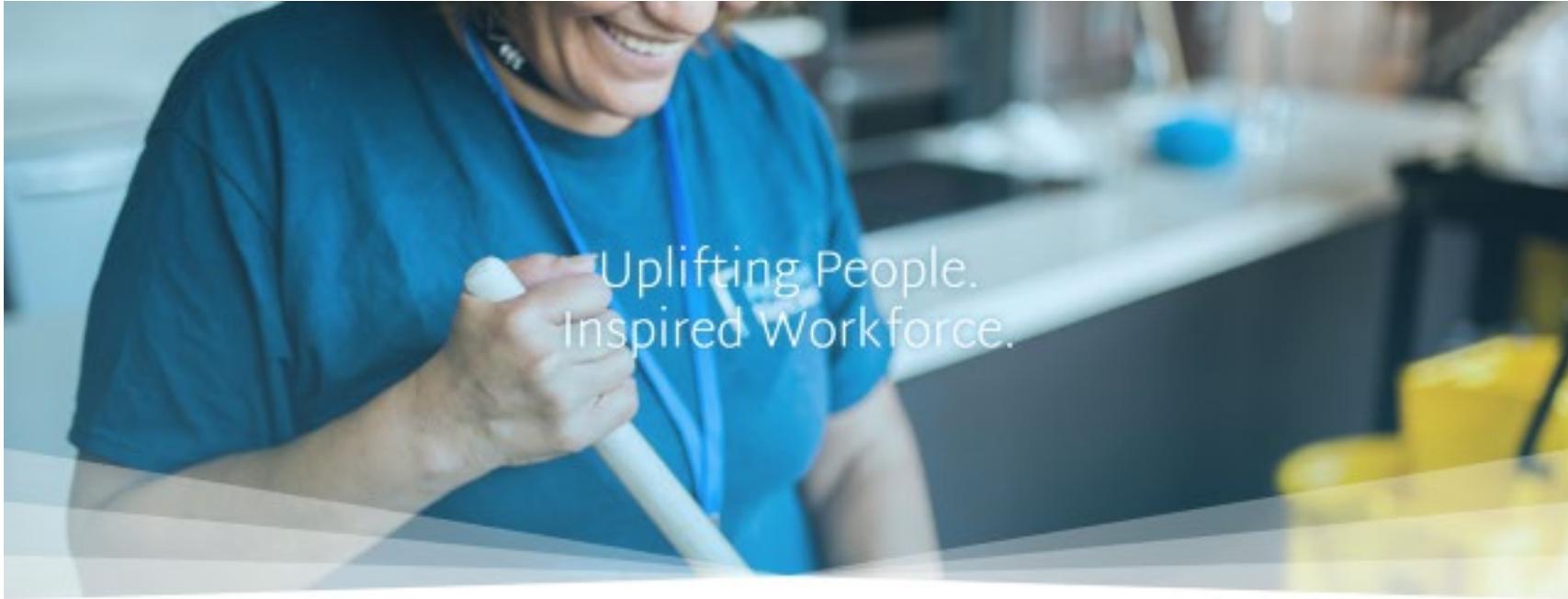
Paddle Trail / Future Goals

- ▶ Three new launch are in the planning stages
- ▶ Create a multi-year improvement program with each city.
- ▶ Create a volunteer beautification program with each city.
 - ▶ Two attempts so far / no success yet.
- ▶ Future Goals
 - ▶ Extend the trail to Lake Ray Roberts through Lake Lewisville and the Greenbelt Park.
 - ▶ Update the “Fun Creeks and Tributaries in the DFW Area” document 16 funs creeks listed so far.



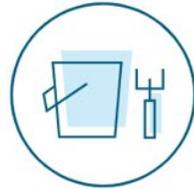
East Fork Paddling Trail

Water Goat Pilot





Litter and Grounds Clean-Up



KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

UpSpire Litter Abatement works with the City of Fort Worth, local businesses, and public improvement districts to keep our city streets, parks, and waterways clean. Our crews work diligently to not only remediate citizen complaints, but work proactively in pursuit of Fort Worth's goal to become the cleanest city in Texas.

Waterways Crew

Watersheds Cleaned:

Cobb Park

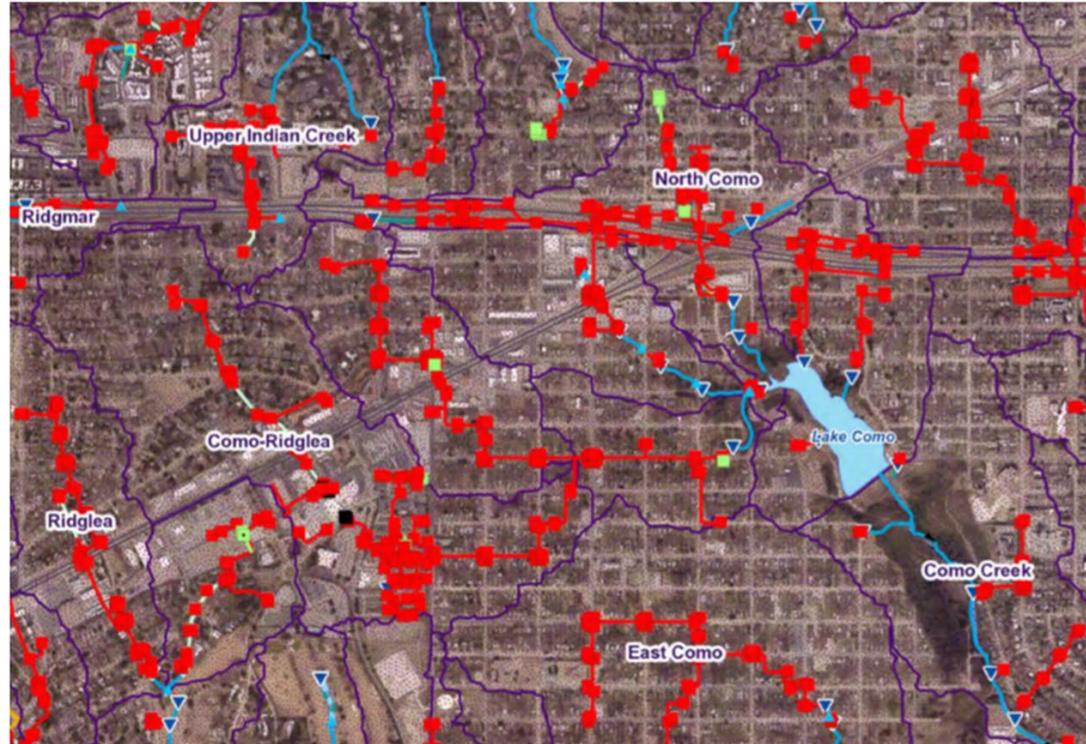
Echo Lake

Lincoln Park- Marine
Creek

Krause-Baker Park/
Sycamore Creek

Lake Como

Wildcat Branch/ Lake
Arlington



Our three crews contracted with the City of Fort Worth Code Compliance: Solid Waste Service Department have realized a 264% increase in citywide miles cleaned since the start of the contract in 2018.

Prior to UpSpire's start, 94 miles on average were being abated per month compared to our current average of 342 miles/month.



1,308

1,308 curb miles are cleaned of trash per month.

That's the distance from Dallas to New York City



70.9

70.9 tons of trash removed per month.

It's about as heavy as a NASA space shuttle



3.2

Donor-Sponsored Crew: Five employees removed 3.2 tons of trash from Fort Worth waterways.



“We believe in the power of business to make substantial and lasting change in our community.”



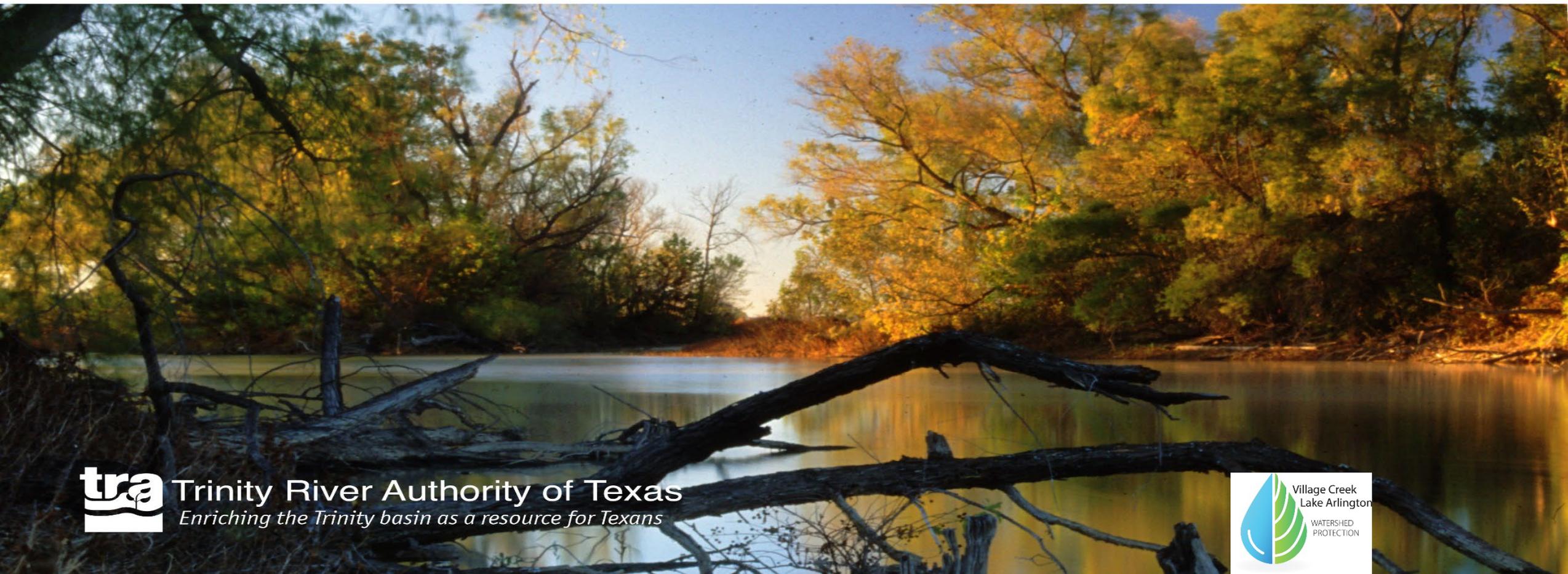
Public Private Partnership

- [Watergoats Story Map](#)



Village Creek Lake Arlington WPP Implementation Update

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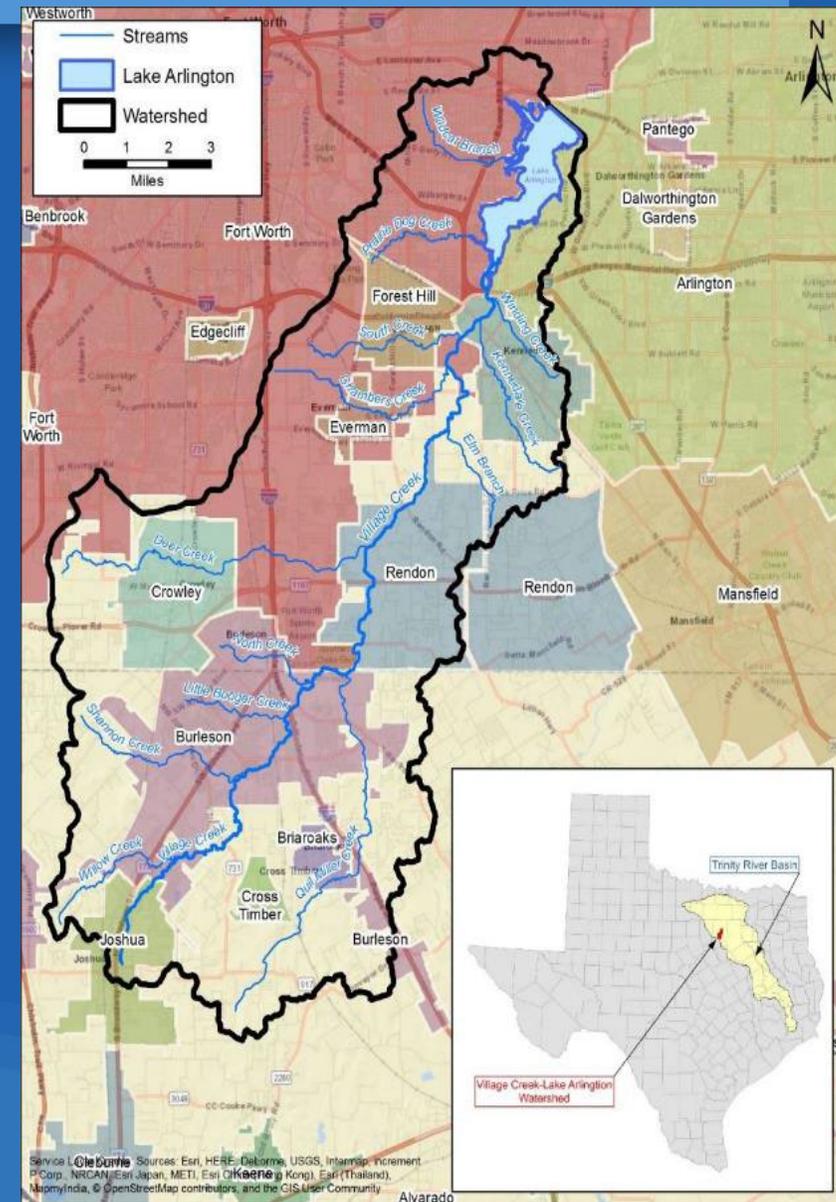


Trinity River Authority of Texas
Enriching the Trinity basin as a resource for Texans



The VCLA Watershed

- Lake Arlington
 - Drinking water
 - Recreation
 - Rapidly developing
 - Multiple municipalities, local authorities
 - Listed for nutrient concerns (nitrates, chlorophyll-a)
- Village Creek
 - 303(d) list for *E. coli* impairment
 - Additional entities involved



Illegal Dumping/Litter Accumulation



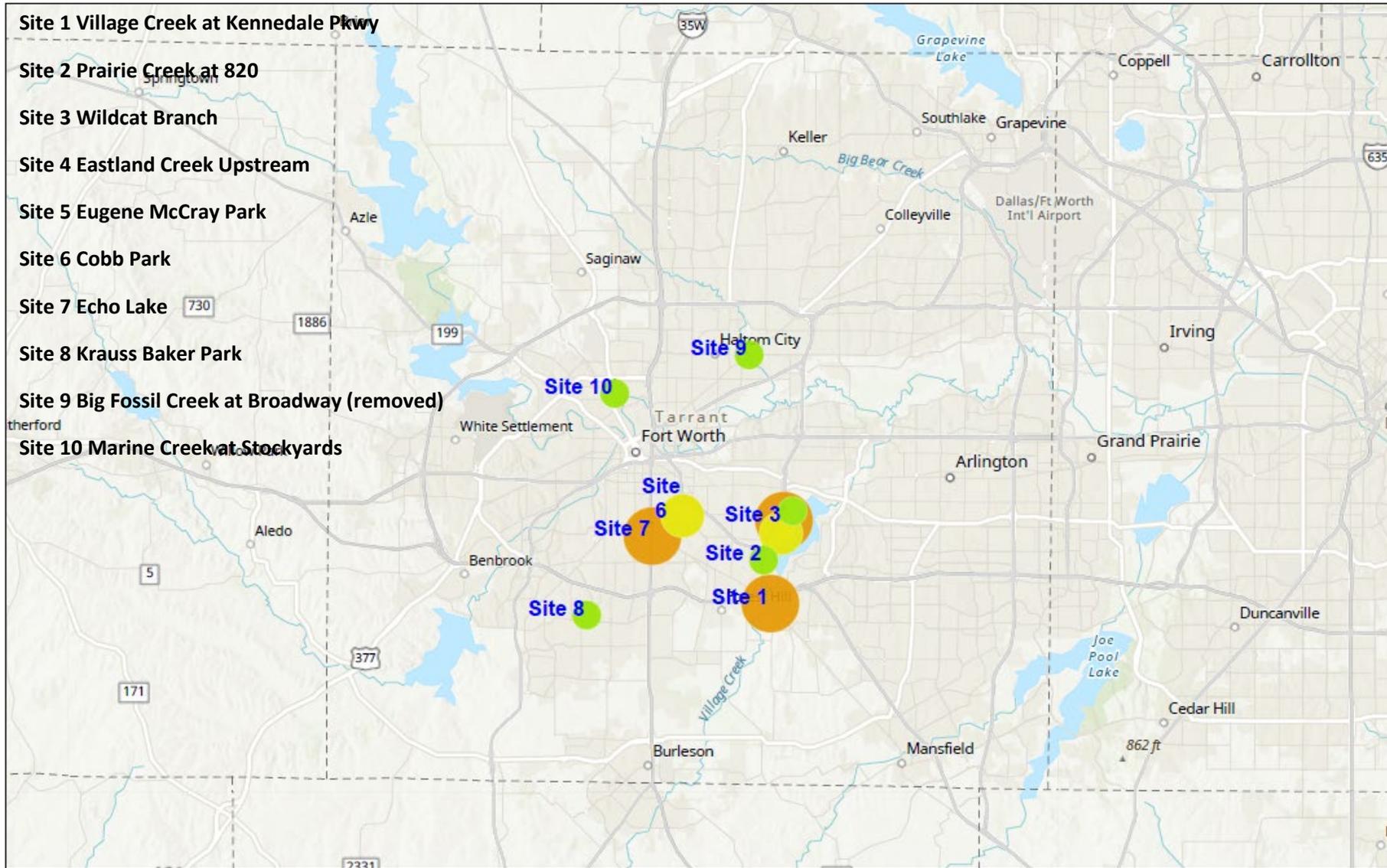
- *Top Left: Floatable litter accumulation in Lake Arlington (credit: City of Arlington).*
- *Top Right: Illegal dumping activity on Village Creek.*
- *Below: Homeless occupation is a significant source of refuse accumulation under bridges in several watershed locations.*



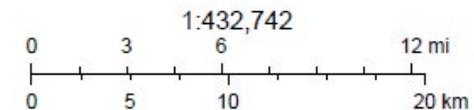
Installing Trash Barriers in VCLA and Fort Worth Parks



NFWF Litter Survey Assessment Site WebMap

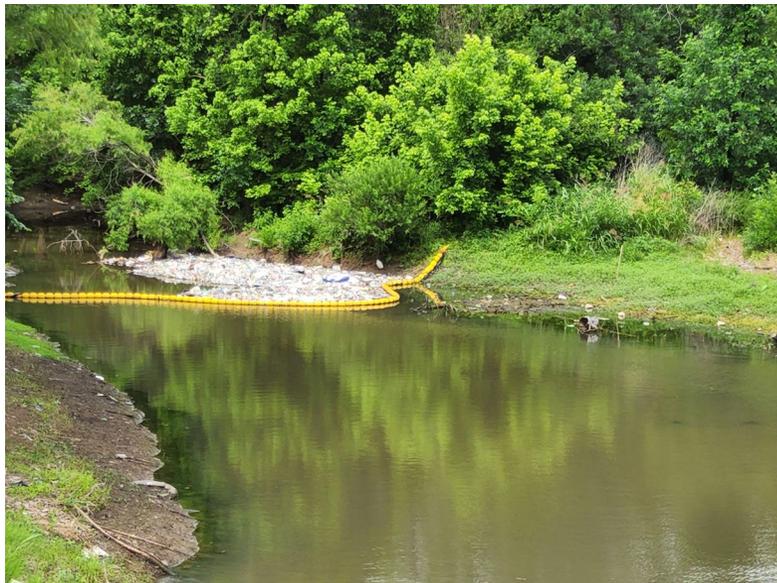


6/13/2022



Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, MMA, Geodatenruimte, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA,

Photographs – May 25th



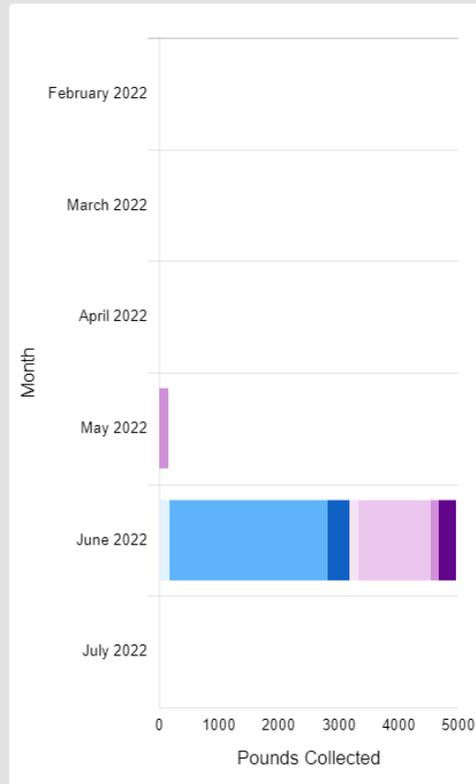
Litter removed to date



Trinity River Authority Watergoat Results (View Only) :



Weight Collected by Month (lbs)

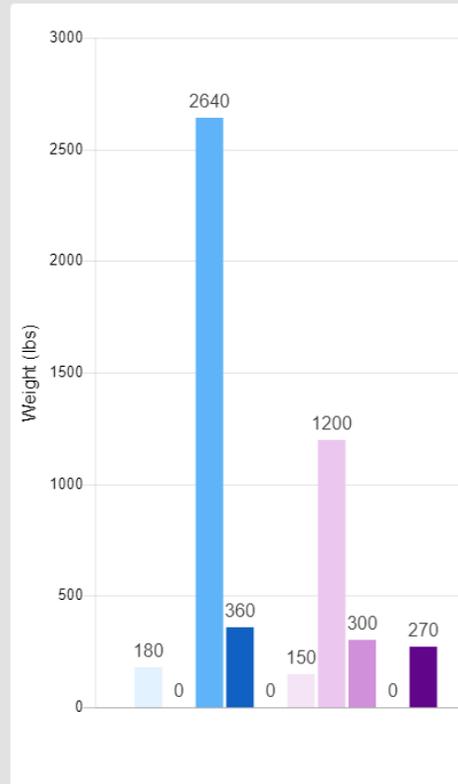


Monthly Summary

Grand Total	0
Village Creek	0
Prairie Creek	0
Wildcat Branch	0
Eastland Creek	0
Eugene McCray	0
Cobb Park	0
Echo Lake	0
Krauss Baker	0
Big Fossil Creek	0
Marine Creek	0

Note: Weights estimated at an average 30 lbs per bag

Weight Collected Life-to-Date (lbs)



Totals

Grand Total	5100
Village Creek	180
Prairie Creek	0
Wildcat Branch	2640
Eastland Creek	360
Eugene McCray	0
Cobb Park	150
Echo Lake	1200
Krauss Baker	300
Big Fossil Creek	0
Marine Creek	270

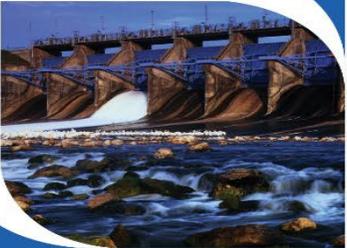
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Results through 07/15/22

Questions?

https://trinityra.org/basin_planning/village_creek-lake_arlington_wpp/index.php

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Tour Ideas



2023 NRPA Annual Conference

Opportunity to Showcase
Trinity River Coalition & National Water Trail



National Park and Recreation Association

- Non-profit organization of more than 60,000 park and recreation professionals and advocates
 - Professional development
 - Advocacy and research
 - Grants and partnerships
- Annual Conference in Dallas 2023
 - Education and Networking October 10-12
 - Off-Site Institutes and Leisure Tours October 8, 9 and 13 (M, T or F)
 - 6,000 - 10,000 park and recreation professionals
- Local Host Committee
 - Responsible for scheduling Off-Site Education and Recreation Activities
 - Showcase DFW

Off Site Institute Opportunity

- Purpose
 - Showcase unique local areas, facilities, programs and/or partnerships
 - Provide educational opportunities for park and recreation professionals
- Requirements
 - Transportation (LHC can assist with coordinating)
 - Dallas Convention Center
 - Educational components if an OSI versus Leisure Tour
 - Food, snacks and water
 - Kayaking and safety equipment
- Registration
 - Typically begins 2nd Monday in May
 - Cost will need to cover expense plus small profit for LHC and Coalition
 - Capacity will be determined by transportation, space limitations

Leisure Tour Opportunity

- Purpose
 - Showcase unique local areas, facilities, programs and/or partnerships
- Requirements
 - Transportation (LHC can assist with coordinating)
 - Food, snacks and water
 - Kayaking and safety equipment
- No educational requirements
- Registration
 - Typically begins 2nd Monday in May
 - Cost will need to cover expense plus small profit for LHC and Coalition
 - Capacity will be determined by transportation, space limitations

Interested?

- Contact Heather Lambert - Garland Parks and Recreation Department
 - LHC - OSI Committee Chair
 - hlambert@garlandtx.gov
 - Express interest and Request OSI proposal form
- Submit form by November
- LHC will determine what OSIs and Leisure Tours are selected by January
- Learn more about NRPA and the Annual Conference at NRPA.org

Task Force Roundtable

Please raise your hand and unmute yourself to contribute to the roundtable discussion.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2022, from 9:30 – 11:30 am CST via Microsoft Teams

Find a link to join the meeting at www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/upper-trinity-river-basin-coordinating-committee

This committee implements a basin-wide approach to address bacterial impairments.

Tarrant Regional Water District Trash Bash

Saturday, September 10, 17, and 24, 2022

Event details and registration online [@TRWDTrashBash](#) on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Embark on a mission of protecting the waterways surrounding your community starting September 10 at Lake Bridgeport, September 17 at Eagle Mountain Lake and the Trinity River in Fort Worth, and September 24 at Cedar Creek Lake. Over the years, thousands of community members have removed over 500 tons of garbage with one mission in mind, protecting the natural resources that surround them.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum Technical Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 9:30 – 10:30 am CST via Microsoft Teams

For more information on this subcommittee meeting, please reach out to Hannah Allen at hallen@nctcog.org

The Monitoring Coordination Forum, a technical subcommittee of the Total Maximum Daily Load Coordination Committee, meets twice annually. The committee discusses monitoring projects and shares information, successes, challenges, and any gaps in data or methods that could be used to help address bacteria impairments in the North Central Texas region.

North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge

March 1- May 31, 2023

Learn more at: <http://www.communitycleanupchallenge.com/>

Save the date! The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge is a friendly competition among North Texas communities to see who can pick up the most litter per resident. Communities, groups, or just ordinary citizens can organize litter cleanup events or log existing cleanup events.

View upcoming NCTCOG events at nctcog.org/envir/events

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