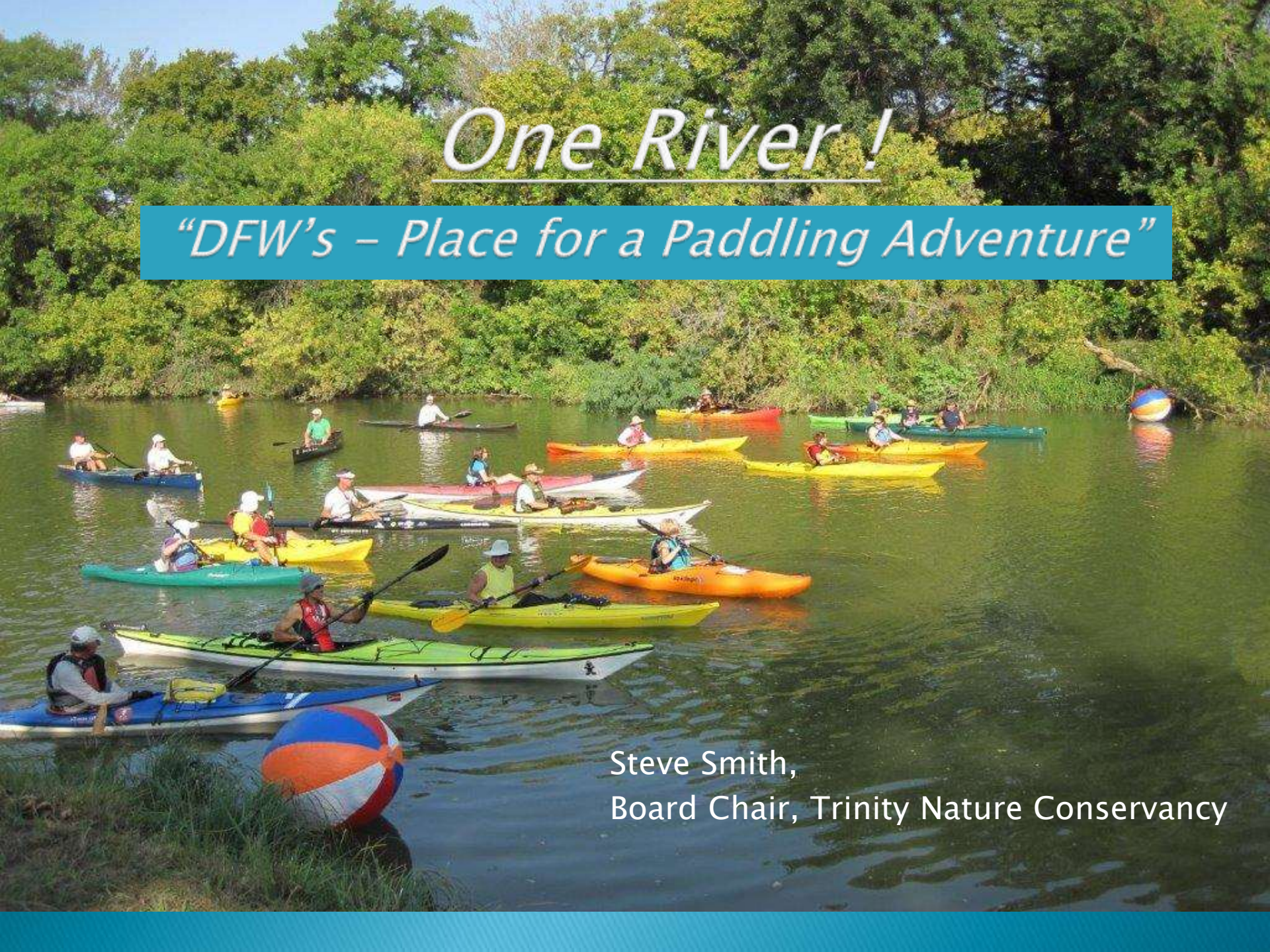


# One River!

*“DFW’s – Place for a Paddling Adventure”*




Steve Smith,  
Board Chair, Trinity Nature Conservancy



# One River Initiative

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▶ Who are we?

- Steve Smith – Board Chair, Trinity Nature Conservancy
  - Dale Harris – 15-year member Dallas Downriver Club, 7 years as club President
  - Alex Dubovsky – 5-year member Dallas Downriver Club, Newsletter editor
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## ▶ Purpose of Presentation

- Inform the Task Force of an initiative to enhance the recreational value of the Trinity River in North Texas
  - Receive feedback to improve the initiative
  - Solicit written support for the possibility of bringing the National Park Service brand to the Trinity River
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# Why Are We Presenting Today

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- ▶ Your Group has a history of regulating segment of this river for what we are proposing
- ▶ The 1989 Common Vision Regional Policy for the Trinity River Corridor designated your group as Stewards of the river corridor.
  - Which means we need your Support to Move Forward
- ▶ The Policy in 1989 included
  - Initiate a World-Class Trinity Green way Strategy for active and passive recreation linked to the regional trails system

**A Goal our Proposal would Help Facilitate**



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## ▶ Goals of the One River Initiative

1. Unite the North Texas paddling community into a single cohesive organization
2. Aggregate all North Texas Trinity River canoe launch sites into a single paddling trail of over 100 miles
  - Help establish additional sites
  - Maintain the river for safe paddling
  - Market the Trinity River as a single paddling trail
3. Receive National Park Service designation as a “National Water Trail”

# Goal #1

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- ▶ **Unite the North Texas paddling community into a single cohesive organization**

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- ▶ Who is the North Texas Paddling Community?
  - Paddling Clubs – Currently at least 6, with over 5,000 members
  - Businesses – Currently at least 17 that conduct paddling excursions and instructions and/or sell canoes/kayaks/rafts
  - Public Officials – Organizations, such as members of this task force, with a public-sector stake in the Trinity River

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- ▶ **Proposed Organization – Trinity River Runners Council**
  - **Mission – To help transform the Trinity River into a nationally recognized, high quality recreation asset**
  - **Governance – Establish a board of directors with members from all the stakeholder groups**
  - **Corporation type – Initially a task force of the Trinity Nature Conservancy (an existing 501c(3)) and eventually with its own 501c(3) designation**

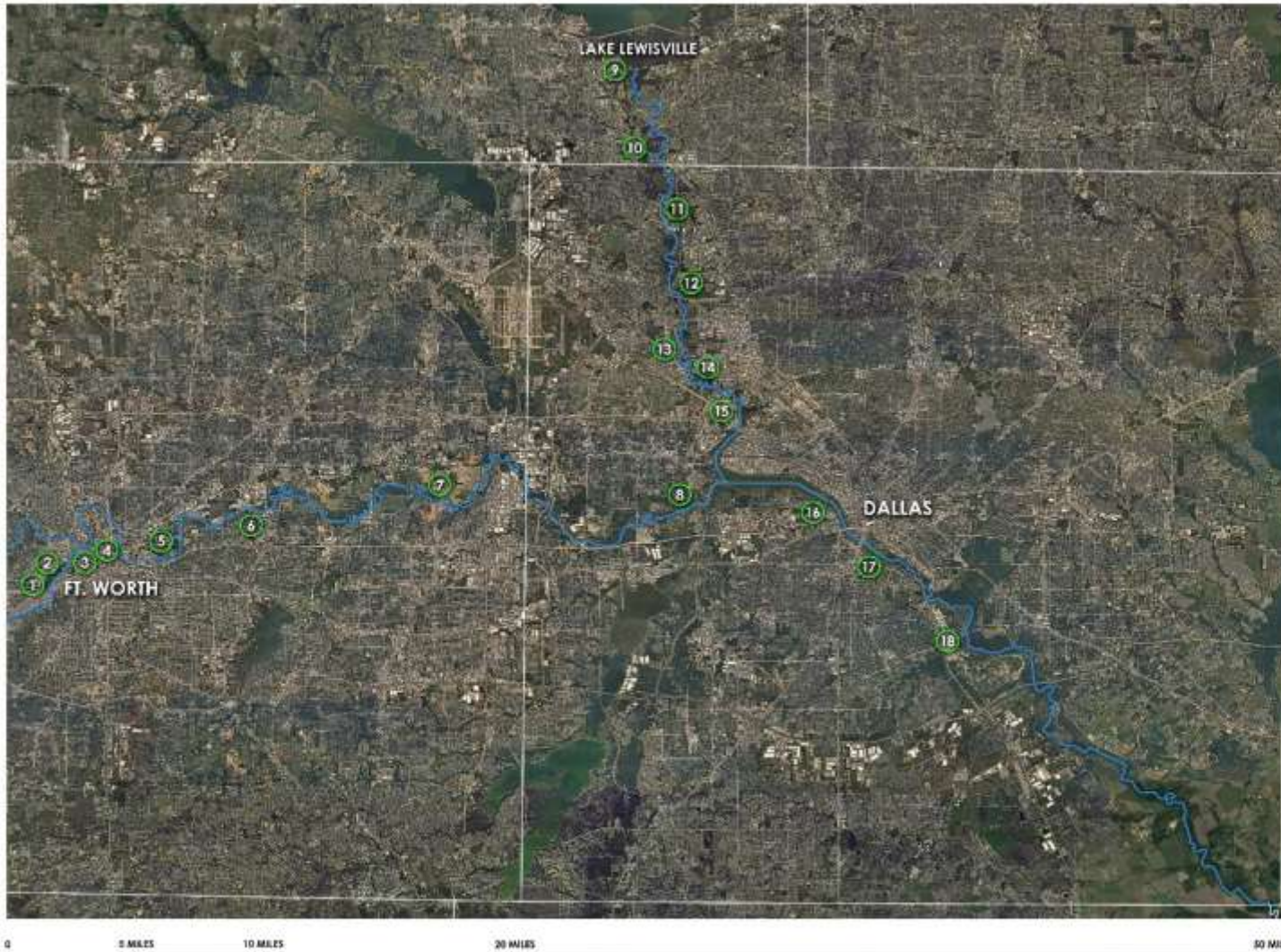


# Goal #2

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- ▶ **Aggregate all North Texas Trinity River canoe launch sites into a single paddling trail of over 100 miles**

# One River Initiative – Current Launches



LEGEND				
LAUNCH LOCATION	DISTANCE (MILES)	CITY	COUNTY	
<b>WEST FORK</b>				
1 TRINITY PARK SOUTH ENTRANCE	1.2	FT. WORTH	TARRANT	
2 TRINITY PARK GENERAL PLAYGROUND	3.4			
3 PANTHER ISLAND PARKVIEW	1.3			
4 SHERWOOD PARK	2.3			
5 BRACH ST.	1.6			
6 MADLEY ESBVILLE RD.	2.4			
7 RIVER LEGACY PARK	17.3	ARLINGTON		
8 MCCLYNN CREEK PARKVIEW	18.7	IRVING	DALLAS	
RIVER CONFLUENCE	3.3			
<b>TOTAL WEST FORK</b>	<b>47.4 MILES</b>			
<b>BAR FORK</b>				
9 JONES ST. (LAKER LEWISVILLE DAM)	21.87	LEWISVILLE	DALLAS	
10 HERON PARK	2.4			
11 BUNNICK PARK	1.2	CARROLLTON	DALLAS	
12 SCHUMBERG GROVE PARK	6.1	IRVING		
13 BRD 3 FORK PARK	3.3			
14 CALIFORNIA CROSSING PARK	1.8	DALLAS		
15 I-35 ACCESS ROAD	8.6			
RIVER CONFLUENCE	2.2			
<b>TOTAL BAR FORK</b>	<b>23.3 MILES</b>			
<b>MAIN STEM</b>				
16 TRAMMELL CREEK PARK	2.4			
17 MOORE PARK	2.7			
18 LOOP 12	6.0			
MALLOY BRIDGE RD.	17.8	IRVING		
<b>TOTAL MAIN STEM</b>	<b>29.0 MILES</b>			
<b>TRINITY RIVER WATER TRAIL TOTAL</b>	<b>101.7 MILES</b>			

PROPOSED TRINITY RIVER WATER TRAIL - CURRENT CANOE LAUNCH LOCATIONS



# Current Launch – McInnish Park





# Current Launches – California Crossing





# Current Launches – Bird's Fort Park



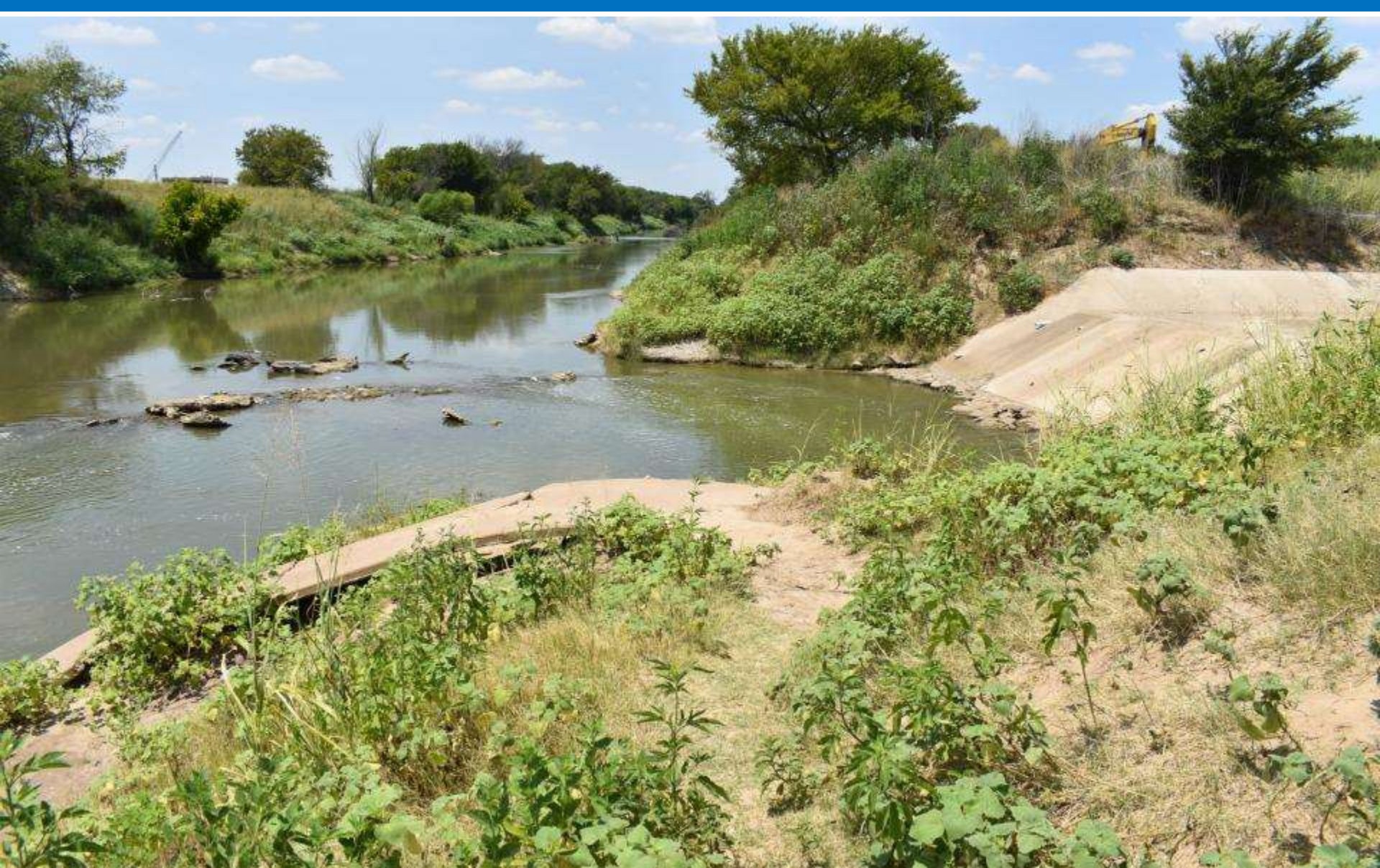


# Current Launches - Dimension Tract





# Current Launches – Mt Creek Preserve





# Current Launches – Handley–Ederville Rd





# Current Launches – Trammell Crow Park





# Current Launches – Moore Park



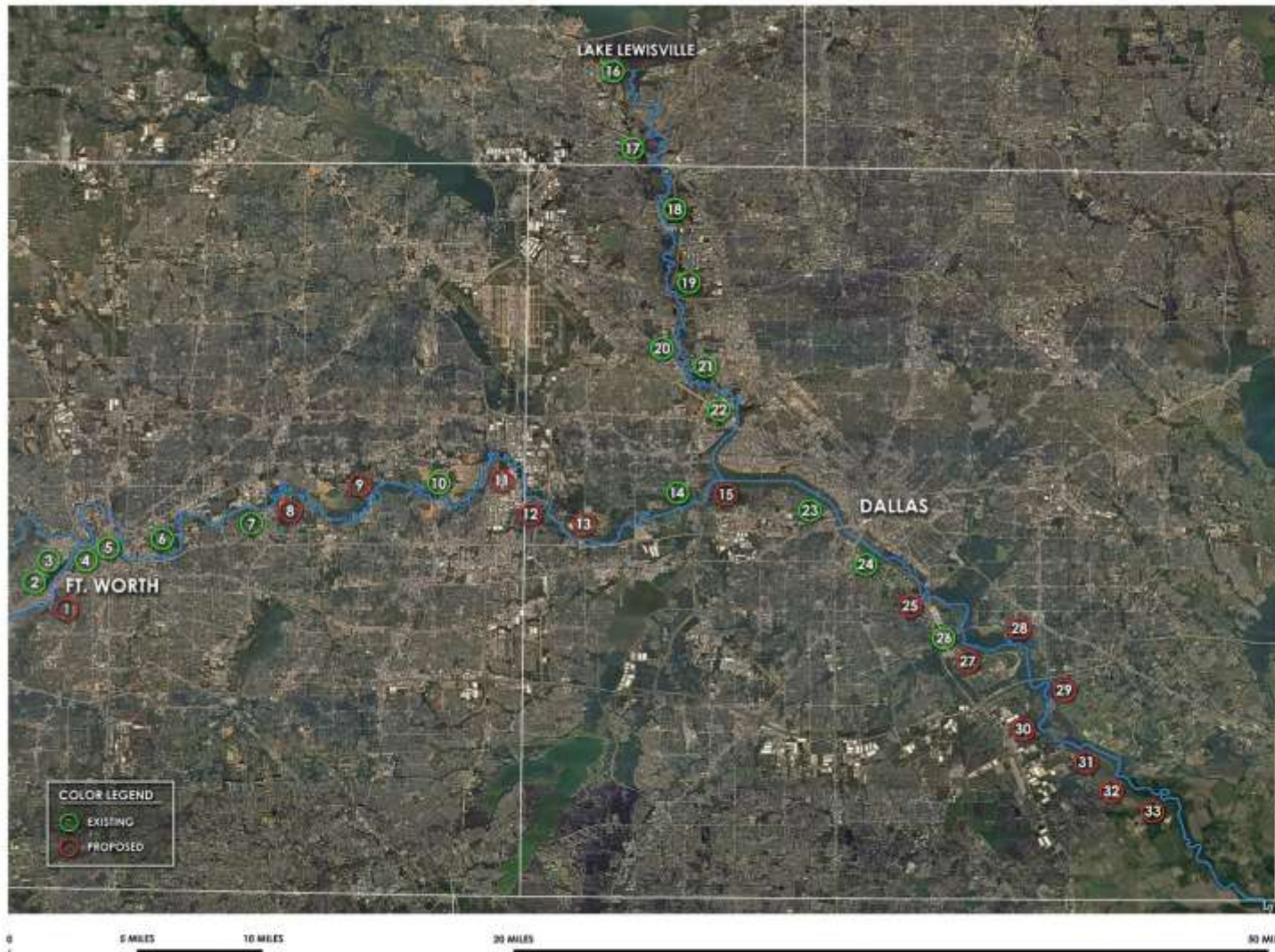


# Current Launches - Loop 12 South Dallas





# One River Initiative – Proposed Launches



LAUNCH LOCATION	DISTANCE (MILE)	CITY	COUNTY
<b>WEST FORK</b>			
1. FOREST PARK	START	FT. WORTH	TARRANT
2. TRINITY PARK - SOUTH ENTRANCE*	1.2		
3. TRINITY PARK - CENTRAL PLAYGROUND*	0.3		
4. PANTHER ISLAND PAVILION*	1.3		
5. RAMBON FIELD PARK*	2.3		
6. BEACH ST*	3.4		
7. MADLEY BERRYVALE RD.*	3.4		
8. MALLARD-COYE PARK	4.8		
9. GREENBURY RD.	7.1		
10. RIVER LEGACY PARK*	4.2	ARLINGTON	
11. HWY 360 (UNDER BRIDGE)	5.7		
12. MISS LINDY PARK	5.9	GRAND PRairie	DALLAS
13. BROWN (DOWNSIDE PARK)	5.9		
14. MOUNTAIN CREEK PRESERVE*	6.1	IRVING	
15. RIVER CONFLUENCE	2.3		
<b>TOTAL WEST FORK</b>	<b>47.4 MILES</b>		
<b>ELM FORK</b>			
16. JAMES ST. LAKE LEWISVILLE DAM*	START	LEWISVILLE	DALLAS
17. HERSON PARK*	0.4		
18. MUMFORD PARK*	1.3	CARROLLTON	DALLAS
19. RICHARDSON GROVE PARK*	6.1	IRVING	
20. BIRD'S FOOT PARK*	2.8		
21. CALOCHMA CROSSING PARK*	1.8	DALLAS	
22. I-36 ACCESS ROAD*	9.6		
RIVER CONFLUENCE	2.2		
<b>TOTAL ELM FORK</b>	<b>23.0 MILES</b>		
<b>MAIN STEM</b>			
23. TRAMMELL CROW PARK*	5.9		
24. MIDCOE PARK*	5.7		
25. I-46 (UNDER BRIDGE)	3.0		
26. LOOP 121*	3.0		
27. SIMPSON (START RD. (COPPA PRESERVE)	2.0		
28. ALYCOMAS RUFF PRESERVE	1.4		
29. I-30 (SOUTH OF INTERSTATE)	1.8		
30. DOWDY PERRY RD.	3.2		
31. GOAT ISLAND PRESERVE	2.6		
32. BELLING RD.	2.6		
33. MALLORY BRIDGES RD.	5.2		
<b>TOTAL MAIN STEM</b>	<b>31.0 MILES</b>		
<b>TRINITY RIVER WATER TRAIL TOTAL</b>	<b>101.7 MILES</b>		

NOTE: \* INDICATES THE LAUNCH IS CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL INCLUDING PARKING AND A LAUNCH RAMP TO THE RIVER. EIGHTEEN OF THESE EXIST AND THE OTHER FIFTEEN ARE PROPOSED.

**PROPOSED TRINITY RIVER WATER TRAIL - CURRENT & PROPOSED CANOE LAUNCH LOCATIONS**

# Goal #3

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- ▶ **Receive National Park Service designation as a “National Water Trail”**

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## ▶ National Park Service Water Trails

- The National Water Trail program began in 2012 to “establish a national system of exemplary water trails”.
- The program has expanded rapidly to 21 National Water Trails, ranging from 8 to 660 miles in length, with none currently in Texas.
- Most National Water Trails are managed by Non-Profit citizen groups, with the National Park Service only managing one Because it is a National Recreation Area

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## ▶ How To Achieve National Water Trail Status

- Complete an application with 7 sections mostly on the river's location/features and containing a commitment to maintain the river/launch sites according to National Park Service "Best Management Practices"
  - The deadline for submitting the application is Nov. 1 of each year.
  - The National Park Service evaluates each application, works with the applicant to fine-tune the application, and seemingly awards the National Water Trail to the majority of the applicants.
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- ▶ What Do We Need From You?
  - Feedback on this 3-pronged proposal
  - Agreement to allow your part of the river to be included in the One River Initiative
  - A letter of support for our application to the National Park Service

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## ▶ Benefits To You

- You will likely get an army of volunteers to help maintain your section of the river and your canoe launch sites.
  - You will possibly get the National Park Service brand and likely its logo associated with your area of the river.
  - The scale of the overall project should open a potential pipeline to significant private/public funding to upgrade and maintain the water trail.
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# Cost to You

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- ▶ No expense associated with integrating all segments of the river into a single water trail
  - ▶ Any expense associated with National Park Service designation, such as upgrading to their “Best Management Practices”, Will be determined prior to submission of the National Water Trails application
  - ▶ A Communication channel will be established through NCTCOG to report to this group as the project develops
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## ▶ Summary

Leaders of Trinity Nature Conservancy and Dallas Downriver Club are proposing a One River Initiative which would:

- Unite the North Texas paddling community into a single cohesive organization
  - Aggregate all North Texas Trinity River canoe launch sites and the river between these sites into a single paddling trail over 100 miles long and manage it with consistent quality standards
  - Seek National Park Service designation of the Trinity River as a “National Water Trail”
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# Questions / Comments

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