

Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

9:30 am

Welcome and Introductions

UTRB-CC Overview

Trinity River Bioremediation Project

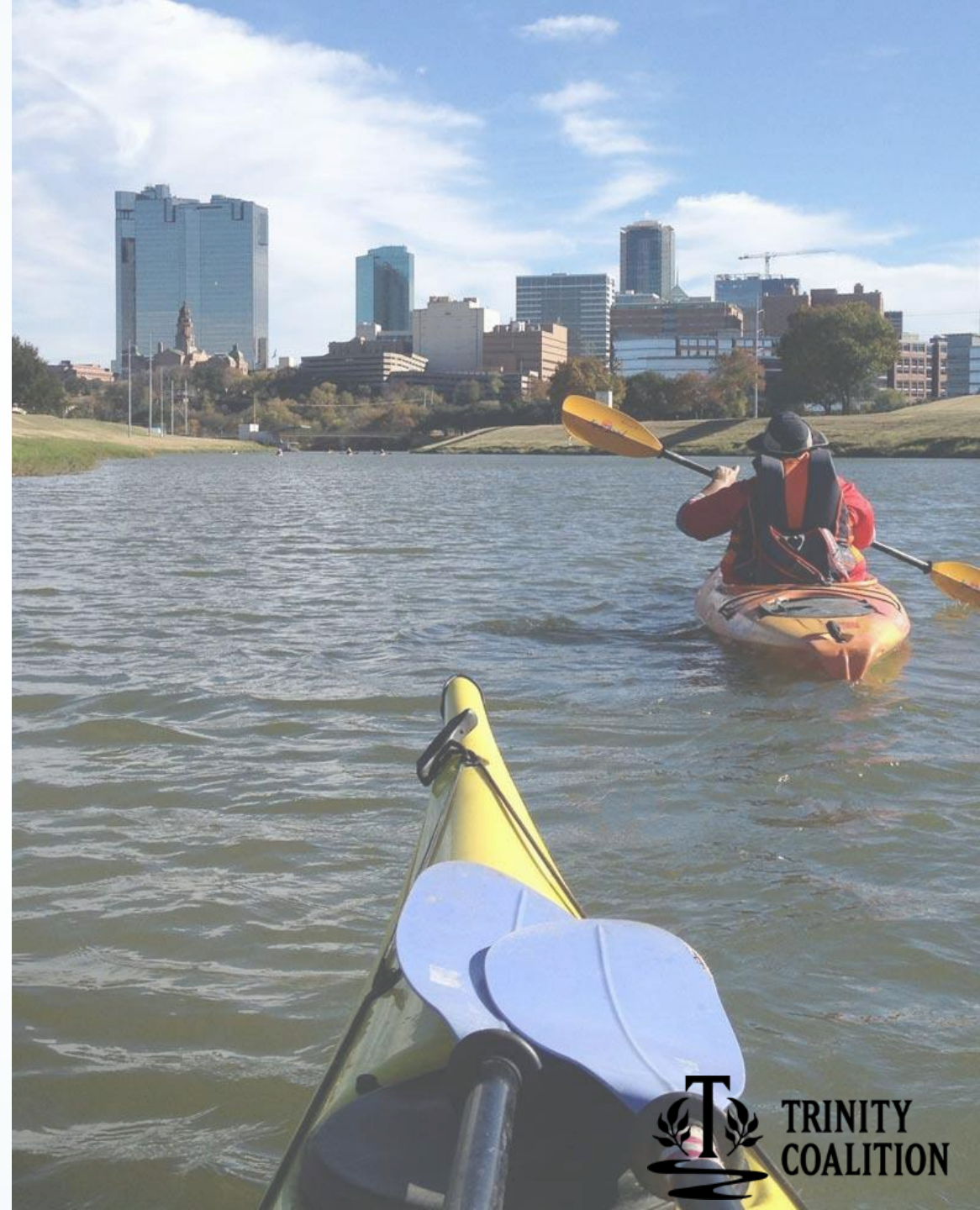
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Trinity River Paddling Trail

- 130 river miles of paddling trail along the Upper Trinity River
 - Spans nine cities and three counties
 - 21 official launch sites for boats, canoes, and kayaks
- Historical, cultural, and recreational significance to the region
- Integrated into a single paddling trail by the Trinity Coalition, the nine bordering cities, and Dallas County in 2018





Rivers are a natural environment and constantly changing. Please check the local river gauges for current flow conditions. If you have questions, corrections, or updates to this map, email Teresa at teresa@trinitycoalition.org.



Trinity Coalition

- Regional nonprofit dedicated to improving the Trinity River and its parks and forests
- Formerly the Trinity Nature Conservancy
- Advocate for increased recreational access and improved water quality along the river

The mission of the Trinity Coalition is to transform the Trinity River Corridor into a nationally-recognized conservation and recreation area.

NCTCOG

- Trusted regional planning agency
- Assisting Trinity Coalition in:
 - Recognizing regional opportunities
 - Reaching parks & rec, floodplain, and development officials from riverside communities
 - Connecting to local paddling groups/clubs
 - Connecting to regional and state agencies

National Water Trail Designation

- In 2018, the [Trinity Coalition](#) began working with NCTCOG and communities along the Trinity River and its branches to achieve National Recreation Trail designation from the National Park Service (NPS).
 - 27 letters of support sent in from all the communities along the trail and several state and regional agencies
- In October 2020, the Secretary of the Interior [announced](#) 30 new national recreation trails, including the Trinity River National Recreation Trail
 - Listed as a National Water Trail, a subset of the NPS-designated National Recreation Trails established to protect and restore America's waterways



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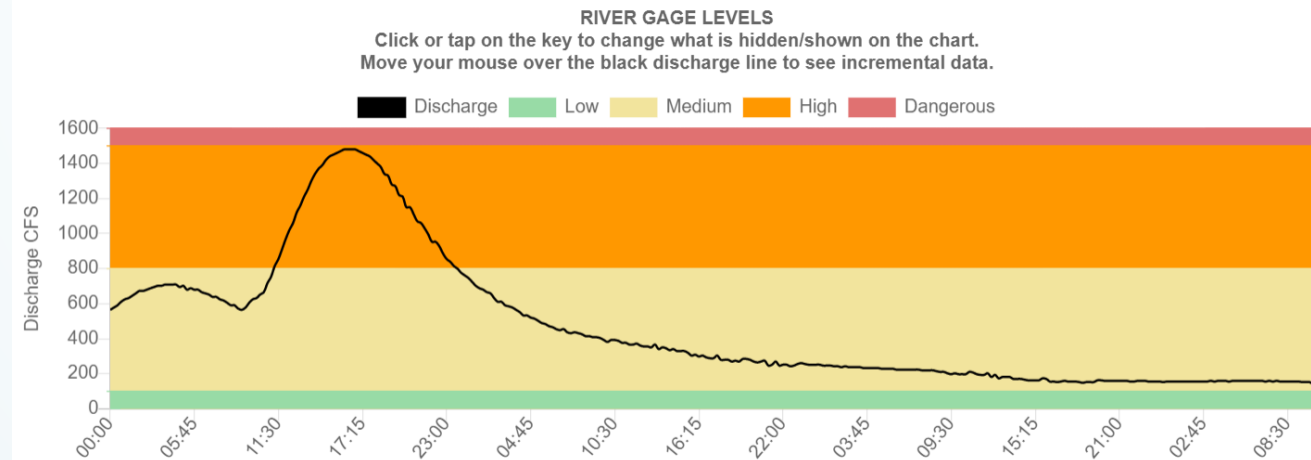
- Created Spring 2021 by the Trinity Coalition and NCTCOG to:
 - Support the Paddling Trail's National Water Trail designation by the NPS
 - Maintain and expand the physical features of the Trail
 - Promote conservation and water quality improvement efforts
 - Advance recreation, tourism, and economic development along the Upper Trinity River
- Includes representatives from communities along the Water Trail as well as regional and state agencies and institutions
- Inaugural meeting held virtually on April 30th, 2021 ([Meeting materials here](#))

Resources for the Trail

- ▶ Trinity Coalition website features:
 - ▶ Trail information, distance between launch sites
 - ▶ Identifies hazards (Dams, utility pipes)
 - ▶ Water levels are color coded for each section
 - ▶ Low, medium, high, dangerous

For more, visit:
TrinityCoalition.org

Latitude / Longitude DD: 32.967440° -96.942685°



Resources for the Trail



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.

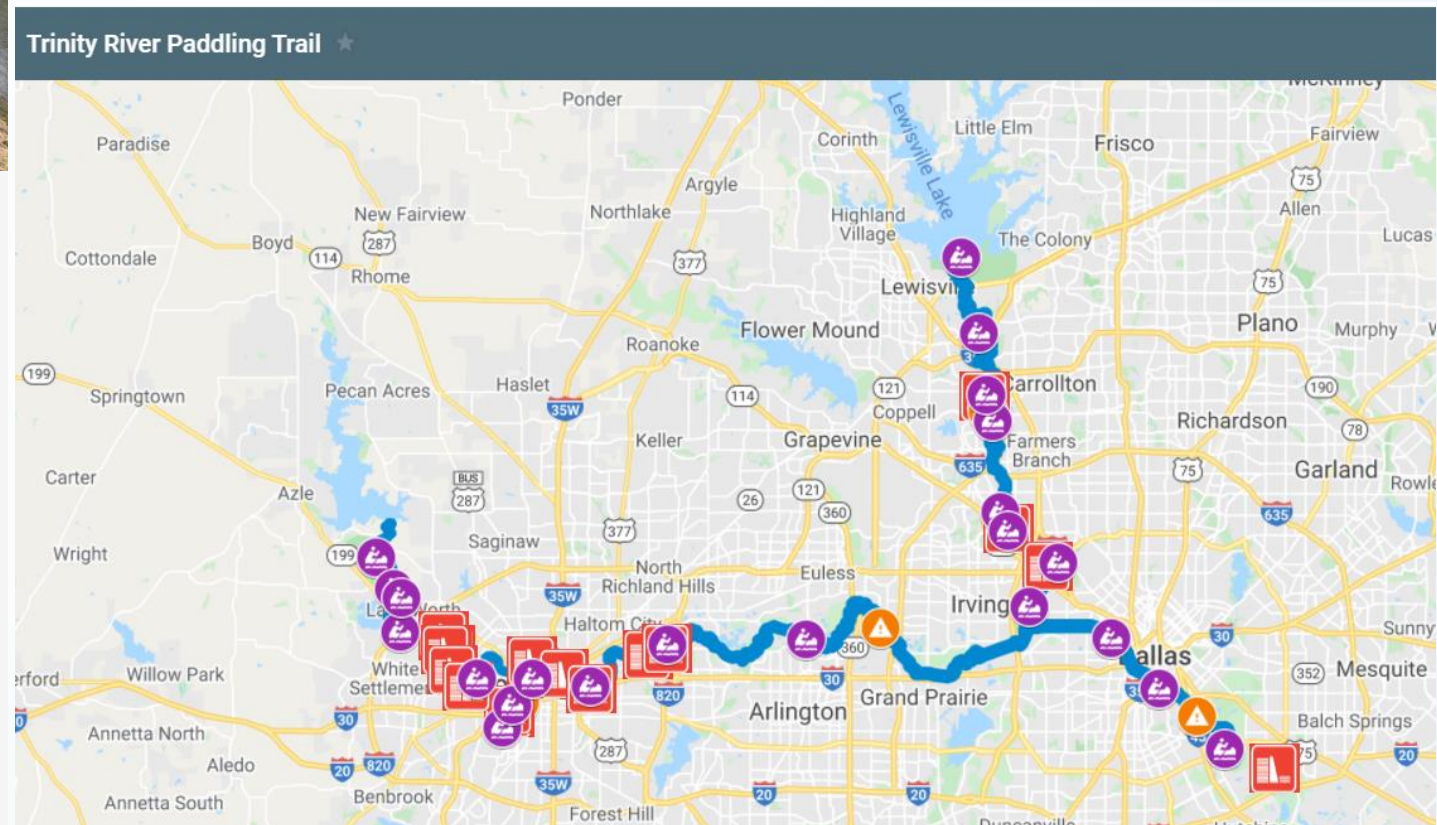
Distance and Take-out: 24 miles, the
take-out is Trammell Crow Park.

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>



<https://trinitycoalition.org/launch-sites-map>

Future Initiatives

- Host ribbon cutting events at key cities along the Trail to promote the NPS designation
- Expand Joe's Creek Trash Clean-Up efforts to other streams in the region
- Phase 2 of water quality study in partnership with University of Texas at Arlington
 - Upper Trinity River Water Quality Report Card
- Create advertising campaign designed to promote Trinity River-based recreation and economic development

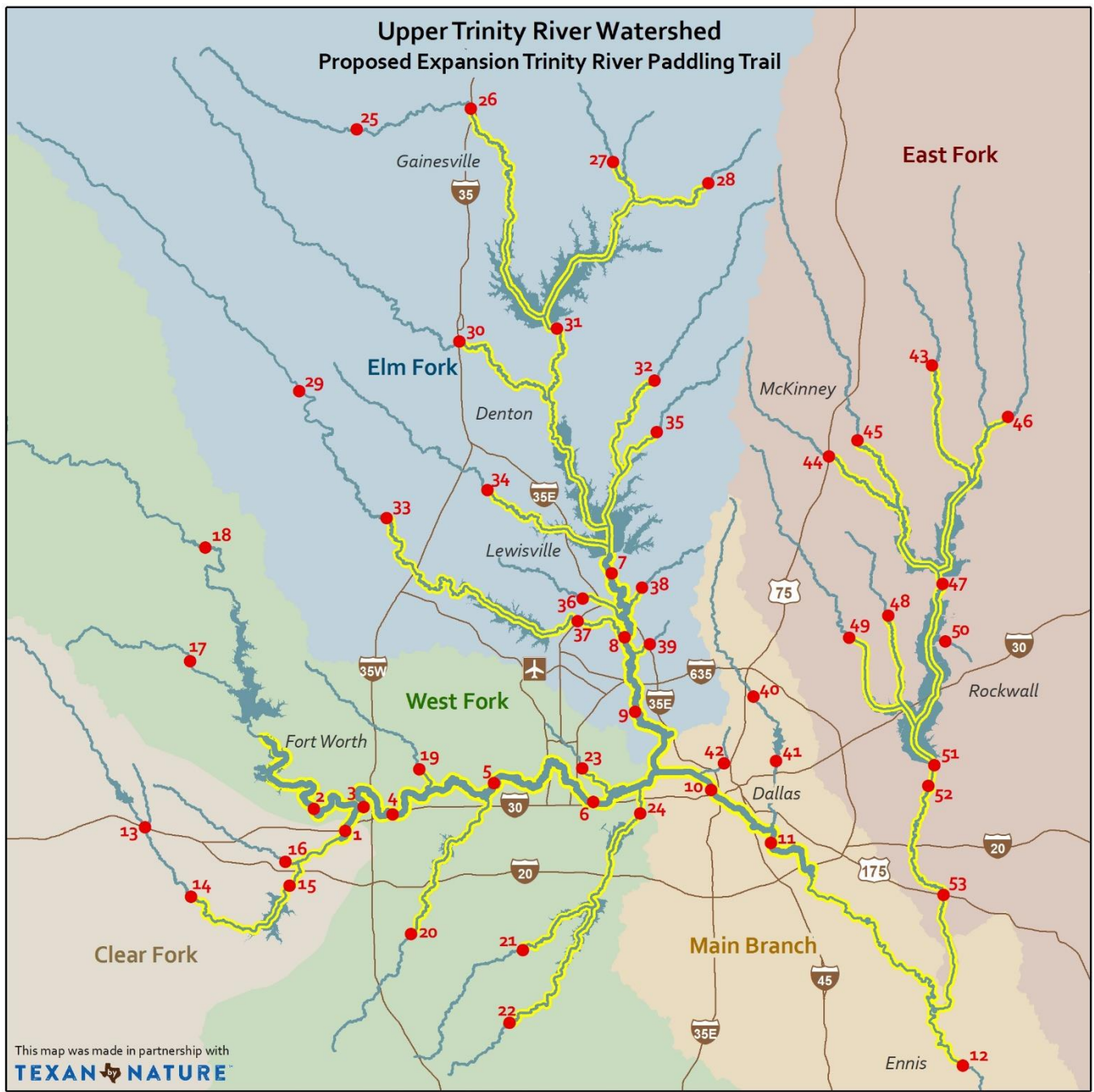


Trash cleanup at Walnut Creek

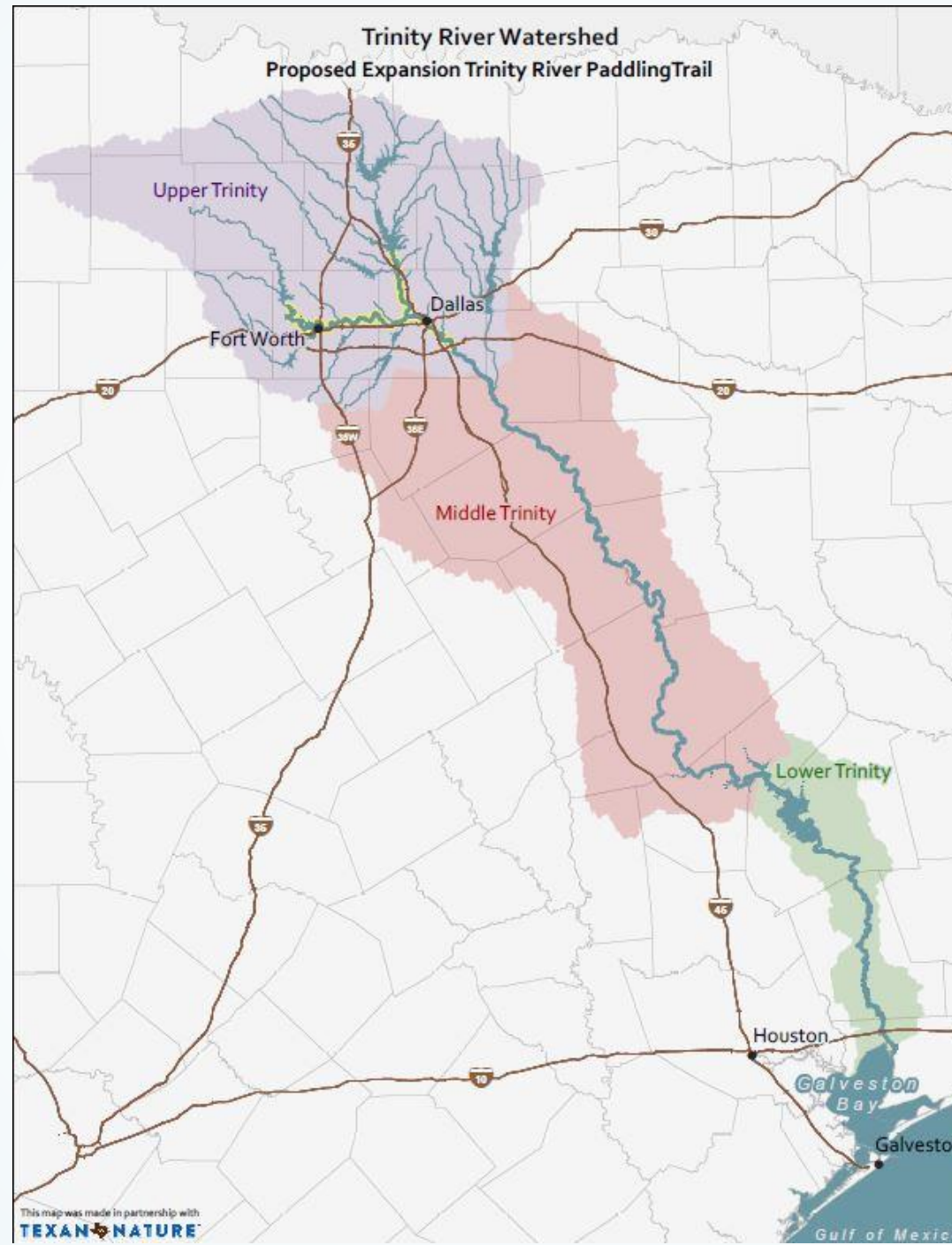
Future Goals for Trail Expansion

- ▶ Short term: Add 3-4 new launch sites to main trail, 2-3 to West Fork
 - ▶ Create a multi-year plan with each city for improving launch sites
 - ▶ Create a volunteer beautification program with each city for maintaining launch sites
 - ▶ Identify area creeks and tributaries launch points and safety data for each
- ▶ Medium term: Extend the trail north to Lake Ray Roberts through Lake Lewisville and the Greenbelt Park
- ▶ Long term: Extend the trail south along the length of the Trinity River to Houston/Galveston Bay





Trinity River Watershed
Proposed Expansion Trinity River Paddling Trail



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Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force

The next meeting of the Task Force will be held on **Wednesday, August 18th, 2021 from 2:00-3:30 pm.**

- In-person at NCTCOG's offices in Arlington, with option to participate virtually
- [Event details here](#)
- Parks & Rec, Floodplain Management, and Economic Development staff encouraged to attend



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Project Updates

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- City of Arlington
- City of Dallas
- City of Fort Worth
- City of Grand Prairie
- City of Irving
- City of Plano
- DFW Airport
- North Texas Municipal Water District
- Tarrant Regional Water District
- Texas A&M AgriLife
- Texas Stream Team
- Trinity River Authority
- Upper Trinity Regional Water District

NCTCOG Updates

- [June 2021 TMDL Newsletter](#) available online for review.
- **Upcoming virtual Feral Hog Forum:**
 - August 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM
 - Presentation from Rachel Richter, Texas Parks & Wildlife and Adam Henry, USDA
 - Registration available online at: <https://www.addevent.com/event/Rw7658749>
- **FY2021 TMDL Subcommittees Projects:**
 - TMDL Stormwater Technical Subcommittee:
 - “*What is a Total Maximum Daily Load?*” educational explainer video now available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ulUNwbmi8E>
 - Educational materials for city officials/executives under development
 - TMDL Wastewater Technical Subcommittee:
 - On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) social media toolkit now available
 - Educational materials focusing on Wastewater and TMDL issues for apartment complexes

NCTCOG Updates

- Future meeting format: virtual, in-person, hybrid?
- EPA Trash Free Waters Grant and North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge update
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - **TMDL Stormwater Technical Subcommittee:** September 14, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
 - **TMDL Wastewater Technical Subcommittee:** September 21, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
 - **TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum:** September 28, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
 - **Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable:** October 7, 2021 at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams

Roundtable

Schedule for Next Meeting:

February 15, 2022

9:30 AM

Location TBD

Ideas for next meeting's presentations?

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