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Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, August 18th, 2021 at 2:00 pm

William Pitstick Conference Room
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

Participate virtually via [Microsoft Teams](#)

Call-in number: +1 903-508-4574, Conference ID: 544 667 847#

1. **Welcome and Meeting Purpose.** – *Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition* (5 minutes)

In-person and virtual attendees introduced themselves and their organization. Steve Smith (Trinity Coalition) and Edith Marvin (NCTCOG) provided a brief history of the Trinity River Paddling Trail and its official National Water Trail designation from the National Park Service (NPS). Steve shared a video produced by Texan by Nature promoting the trail ([view the video here](#)).

2. **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. (10-15 minutes)

- Presentation from the Lewisville Lake Paddling Trail group on the status of the trail, future goals for Lewisville Lake, and opportunities for involvement. – *Monica Martin, City of Denton Parks and Recreation*

Monica Martin presented on current efforts to develop a paddling trail around Lewisville Lake, including opportunities for communities on Lewisville Lake to get involved with various project teams. The overall project team has made progress in identifying launch sites, surveying local paddlers, and developing promotional materials.

3. **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. (30 minutes)

- **Launch Site Updates.** Presentations on pending launch sites at Beltline and Viridian, and possible improvements to sites at River Legacy and Mountain Creek Preserve. – *Mikel Wilkins, TBG Partners, & Michael Salcedo, Salcedo Group, Inc.*

Mikel Wilkins shared a preliminary site map of the kayak launch site under development in the Viridian planned community. Michael Salcedo presented the background and development progress of the proposed Belt Line Road launch site in Grand Prairie. The Belt Line site will be built to NPS standards and will split up the largest section of the Paddling Trail between Arlington and Dallas.

- **Trail Usage & Promotion Strategies.** Updates on trail usage, maintenance, and promotional events to increase public awareness of the trail. – *Teresa Patterson, Dale Harris, & Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition*

Dale Harris presented on the current state of the Trinity River Paddling Trail and the Trinity Coalition's resources for paddlers on TrinityCoalition.org, including an interactive map of trail launch sites and live updates on river gauge levels. Dale listed future goals for expansion of the trail and the development of trail maintenance and improvement

programs. The Texas Canoe and Kayak Racing Association is hosting a race on September 11, 2021 on the Elm Fork section of the Paddling Trail.

4. **Task Force Roundtable.** The attendees will discuss regional opportunities, community goals, concerns, partnership efforts, and economic development projects along the Trinity River Paddling Trail. – *All members* (20-25 minutes)
 - Discussion on scheduling ribbon cutting events at major cities along the National Water Trail to celebrate the National Parks Service designation.

The group discussed delaying larger trail events due to uncertainties around COVID-19.

5. **Upcoming Opportunities.** A list of upcoming committee meetings, webinars, river clean-ups, and other events relevant to the state of the Trinity River. – *NCTCOG staff* (5 minutes)

Breanne Johnson (NCTCOG) provided information on the 2021 North Texas Community Clean-Up Challenge, a regional competition encouraging community members to pick up trash along waterways and natural areas. At the end of the challenge, the community with the most litter cleaned up per resident will receive a trophy and regional recognition. [More information here.](#)

Next Regional Meeting is Scheduled for December 2021.

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

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Attendees (in-person and virtual)

Alex Dubovsky – Trinity Coalition
Amruta Sakalker – University of Texas at Arlington
Andrea Pedigo – Friends of White Rock Creek Trail
Barbara Bradford – NCTCOG
Blake Alldredge - UTRWD
Brad Smith – GFF, Inc.
Breanne Johnson – NCTCOG
Brian Geck – NCTCOG
Calvert Collins-Bratton – Dallas Parks
Chaise Holmgren – City of Dallas
Chris Escoto – City of Denton
Corey Sadowsky – Stantec
Dale Harris – Trinity Coalition
Daniel Bagby – City of Dallas
Daniel Snyder – NCTCOG
David Marquis – DLS Wetlands
Duane Strawn – City of Grand Prairie
Edith Marvin – NCTCOG
Erika Pelletier – National Parks Conservation Association
Gary Packan – City of Denton
Heather Firn – Trinity River Authority
Kevin Hurley – City of Dallas
Kim Bybee – City of Carrollton
Kristi Kerr Leonard – Trinity Coalition
Lissa Shepard – Dallas County
M. Renee Johnson – City of Dallas
Marty Wieder – City of Grand Prairie
Matt Lepinski – USACE
Michael Salcedo – Salcedo Group Engineering
Mikel Wilkins – TBG Partners, Trinity Coalition
Mitali Mandlekar – City of Arlington
Monica Martin – City of Denton
Morgan Walloch – Halff Associates
Noe Villarreal – Dallas County
Rachel Richter – Texas Parks and Wildlife
Robert Denkhaus – City of Fort Worth
Steve Smith – Trinity Coalition
Taylor Keys – Texan by Nature
Teresa Patterson – Trinity Coalition
Web Mangham – Trinity River Authority