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Dallas Down River Club to receive support from the National Park Service

The National Park Service (NPS) announced today that the Dallas Down River Club has been selected to receive assistance from the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program. NPS staff will assist the Dallas Down River Club in its efforts to develop the West Fork Trinity River Paddling Trail which will extend from east of Downtown Fort Worth to the Trinity River in Dallas and provide greater public access to the river and increased recreational opportunities. The West Fork Trinity River Paddling Trail project is one of seven new projects accepted in Texas this year.

The NPS helps communities design trails and parks, conserve and improve access to rivers, protect special places, and create recreational opportunities through locally lead partnerships.

There are several paddling trails that have been successfully created recently in the Dallas – Arlington – Fort Worth area. The Elm Fork Paddling Trail, for example, which extends from Lewisville Lake to the main stem of the Trinity River was launched in 2014 and brought together the cities of Carrollton, Lewisville, and Irving. The proposed West Fork Trinity River Paddling Trail would connect to existing paddling trails and offer more than 90 total miles of paddling trails for the public to experience and enjoy. The National Park Service will engage with residents, visitors, and key stakeholders in order to develop a plan that identifies the most appropriate public access points and preservation of natural resources.

The NPS is proud to support the visions of community leaders and help contribute to the future of the Dallas – Arlington – Fort Worth area. We believe in public and private partners working together to align state, federal, and local resources that achieve long-term enhancements to quality of life.

Nationwide Impact

In the last 20 years, the NPS has assisted thousands of communities – from rural Alaska to downtown New York City – with more than 5,000 projects. These community partnerships have helped conserve more than 1,000 miles of river corridor, develop nearly 1,800 miles of trail, and protect more than 50,000 acres of park land, wildlife habitat, and natural areas every year.

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For more information on the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/rtca>, join the conversation at <http://www.facebook.com/RTCANPS>, or watch a video about our work in communities at www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/multimedia.

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More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 401 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local natural and historic areas and to create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov.