



TRINITY RIVER VISION

UPDATE

A PUBLICATION CONCERNING PROJECTS OF THE TRINITY RIVER VISION AUTHORITY



CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

On Friday, May 4th, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (FWHCC) awarded the Chairman's Award to the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) at its 34th Annual Anniversary Awards Gala held at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel. This award, the top honor given by the FWHCC, is in recognition of the many services provided by TRWD to the residents of Fort Worth and Tarrant County as well as TRWD's adoption of a new Fair Contracting (FC) policy.

The FC policy, which was subsequently adopted by the TRVA Board, sets a FC participation goal in all contracts being awarded by the TRWD and TRVA. In the case of the Trinity River Vision project it also puts a premium on awarding contracts to firms in Tarrant County. This is now being considered a model for North Texas.

"We recognize the importance of our FC policy in making sure that businesses from all communities have the chance to participate in all the projects that the TRWD is involved in, including the Trinity River Vision Project," said Vic Henderson, President of the TRWD Board and TRVA Board Member.

"When a large regional entity, such as the TRWD, adopts a FC policy that encourages a high FC goal for all contracts, it needs to be recognized," said Dan Villegas, Past Chairman of the FWHCC. "I really want to commend TRWD staff for taking a look at all policies out there and taking it a step further."

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Trinity River Master Plan preserves and enhances 88 miles of waterways that flow throughout the neighborhoods in Greater Fort Worth. It will create an urban waterfront community and neighborhood connectivity that promotes strong live, work, and play environments to be enjoyed by all ages. The plan utilizes the most recent storm water management techniques designed for optimal recreational uses raising the quality of life for all citizens in Fort Worth today and generations to come.

New Bridge Designs Unveiled



One of three proposed bridges designed by award-winning designer Bing Thom.

The TRVA unveiled the proposed Trinity River Vision bridge plans at a meeting of the TRV Bridge Steering Committee at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens on January 25, 2007. Award-winning designer Bing Thom of Bing Thom Architects of Vancouver, Canada presented the plans to build three bridges as a part of the Trinity River Vision Project.

The three proposed bridges, which will cross the new urban water front

channel of the Trinity River at Main Street, Henderson Street, and White Settlement Road, are unique in design due to their appearance and technically advanced construc-

tion methods. Some notable design features are the series of curved arches that not only support the weight of the bridge, but also serve as walkways for pedestrians.

"I am very excited to present our bridge designs to the citizens of Fort Worth and Tarrant County," commented Bing Thom, lead designer of the bridges. "We worked very hard to keep the essence of the local culture, as well as accentuate as-

pects of existing historic structures, in particular the Paddock Viaduct. We hope that these bridges bring the community closer to the Trinity River." (Continued on Page 2)

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Bing Thom, Bing Thom Architects

Kayak Clinics

Streams and Valleys is hosting kayak clinics on the Trinity River in Fort Worth. Basic skills will be taught in the Flatwater Fundamentals Class. These skills can then be enjoyed on a Downtown Lights Moonlight River Trip. More experienced paddlers are encouraged to enroll in the Advanced Edge Control or Basic River Running Skills classes. All classes will be conducted at Trinity Park.

Classes are taught by the staff of Kayak Instruction, Inc. This is their third year of clinics on the Trinity in Fort Worth, where over 150 students have been introduced to one of our country's most popular sports.

Owner/lead instructor Dave Holl has recruited highly skilled local paddlers to complement his teaching force, including former U.S. Team member Steve Isenburg, who heads up the advanced classes.



For more information, call 817-926-0006 or e-mail streamsvalleys@charter.net.

ADOPT-A-RIVER: IT'S OUR RIVER

Streams and Valleys and the Tarrant Regional Water District have launched a new Trinity River awareness program called Adopt-A-River. The Adopt-A-River Program's goal is to mobilize and gather support from individuals, large and small corporations, community groups and other organizations in assisting with the cleanup along the banks of the Trinity River.

The program involves adopting a short stretch of the Trinity River in exchange for two days of clean up per year in that area. The goal is to ensure that through their efforts, the adopters improve wildlife habitat and develop safe and clean places for community members to gather and enjoy nature.

To learn how to participate, contact Teresa Harwood at 817-335-2491 or visit www.trwd.com.



2007 MAYFEST: A HUGE SUCCESS

Begun as a way to get families down to the Trinity River 35 years ago, Mayfest continues to wow the region with a four-day family-centered event that showcases the area around Trinity Park. The event this year took place May 4-7 and was attended by over 250,000 people.

Mayfest, a joint collaboration between the City of Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Department, Streams and Valleys, Tarrant Regional Water District and the Fort Worth Junior League, continues to raise funds and awareness in the area for beautification projects. Throughout its 35 year history, Mayfest has generated nearly \$6 million that has helped fund the Trinity Park Duck Pond restoration, upgrade of Trinity Park playground equipment, improvement and creation of over 40 miles of bike paths along the Trinity River, and the planting of thousands of trees.

The families in the Fort Worth area have had Mayfest in their Spring plans for generations and enjoy coming to the event, which has grown to be the premier family festival in North Texas. We thank all of the sponsors of the 2007 Mayfest and look forward to seeing you next year.



Make Your Plans for The Friends Of The River Party In The Village Event

– October 25, 2007



Pedestrian bridge designed by Rosales + Partners.

Pedestrian Bridge

A new pedestrian bridge is proposed for Trinity Park which will link the existing trail system to downtown through a series of planned trail and on-street routes. The design, "stressed ribbon", is unique to the state of Texas, reports architect Miguel Rosales of Rosales + Partners out of Boston, Massachusetts. The 346-foot long bridge is

being funded by federal grants, City of Fort Worth bond funds, and a \$200,000 contribution from Streams and Valleys, Inc. It is estimated for completion in mid-2010. A PowerPoint from the May 17, 2007 public presentation can be viewed at www.trinityriver-vision.org and the model can be seen at the new TRVA downtown offices.

New Bridge Designs Unveiled

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The unveiling of the urban waterfront bridge designs is a result of collaboration between the designers, the TRVA Partners, and the TRVA Bridge Steering Committee. All the parties involved stressed that the most important features should be the pedestrian access to and from the bridges, as well as the look from the trail system underneath.

"We worked really hard to ensure that the focus on the urban waterfront bridges was for the people walking, running and biking across and under them," commented Adelaide Leavens, Executive Director of Streams and Valleys, a non-profit organization that advocates for the Trinity River and TRVA Partner. "The goal of the bridges and the entire Trinity River Vision project is to make the Trinity River a unique experience with safe flood-control techniques to create a place for enjoyment by residents of Fort Worth, Tarrant County and out-of-town visitors. I believe the bridges that Mr. Thom has designed accomplish that goal."

A key aspect for Bing Thom Architects was to keep within a set budget for the three urban waterfront project bridges. One cost saving measure was to propose a creative building technique by using soil to form the frame

for the bridges. Once the concrete structure is poured, the supporting earthen mounds could be gradually removed and replaced with water.

"Bing's approach to the urban waterfront bridge design project with a hard budget in mind is what is really impressive," said Randle Harwood, TRV Director for the City of Fort Worth. "The look of the bridges will obviously be a tremendous asset to the city, but to come up with ways to save money on construction, while building such innovative designs, is truly amazing."

Along with the slide presentation, Bing Thom Architects also constructed scale models of all three bridges that are on display at the new TRVA downtown offices located on the corner of 7th Street and Throckmorton.



"This is a great opportunity for people that have never explored the beauty of the Trinity River to come and see what all the fuss is about and meet those of us who use it on a daily basis. Not to mention the fact that the food, drinks and band will be fabulous."

The Friends of the River Party in the Village event is designed to increase awareness in the community of the contributions of Streams and Valleys in funding the Trinity's exceptional inventory of recreational amenities. For more information go to www.StreamsandValleys.org

"We are very excited about the upcoming Party in the Village event," said Streams and Valleys Executive Director Adelaide Leavens.

TRVA Completes First Acquisition

On May 16, the TRVA made its first significant purchase of real estate in the planned TRV project area. The property, a 5.3-acre tract of land located at 2000 White Settlement Road, was purchased for \$4.2 million. This property houses the candy manufacturing facility and retail store The Sweet Shop.

The owner of the Sweet Shop property made the initial contact with the Project directors asking if they could be an early acquisition. "We were first contacted by the owners about a year ago and have been talking with them over the past six months to come to

an agreement," said Steve Christian, TRVA Director of Real Property. "I believe that this deal will prove to the other businesses in the project plan that we are serious about giving them a fair market value for their property."

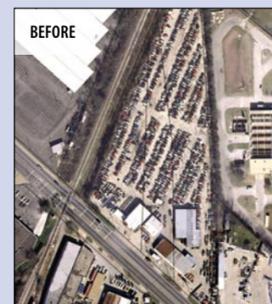
As for The Sweet Shop, they are still in search of a new building and are receiving assistance from the Trinity River Vision Authority and Pinnacle Relocation. Matt Kelley, The Sweet Shop's controller, said the TRVA has been very helpful in this process.

"I feel great about this first acquisition," said

G.K. Maenius, the President of the TRVA. "Steve has done a tremendous job of representing the taxpayers' interest while negotiating terms that are acceptable to the landowners."

Final engineering and design is still underway and the extent to which property will be impacted is not finalized. However, representatives encourage potentially impacted property owners and tenants to call the TRVA Acquisition and Business Relocation Assistance office to set up an appointment to receive the most current information regarding their property.

...And First Relocation



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American Auto Salvage became the first business to be successfully relocated with the assistance of the TRVA and Pinnacle Relocation Group. The move was no easy task due to the seven acres of salvaged cars and parts at 928 N. Henderson Street, but also because of the deep roots that come with three generations of family ownership.

"We are very pleased with how smooth the

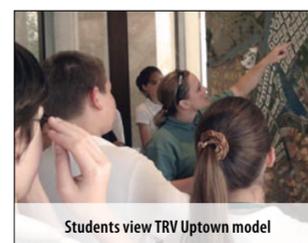
process went with American Auto Salvage and Pinnacle," said Steve Christian, TRVA Director of Real Property. "We were initially concerned due to the number of cars that were located on the property. But, once they found their location, it was just a matter of making sure that all their cars and machinery were moved."

"We welcome all potentially affected businesses to come in, have a cup of coffee and

let us explain the process," said JD Granger, Executive Director of the TRVA.

American Auto Salvage's new location is more than double the original site at 18 acres in northeast Fort Worth, including two 70,000 square foot buildings. Though at first the size of the move was intimidating, it was completed successfully resulting in a new and improved home for American Auto Salvage.

7th Grade Students from J.P. Elder and Leonard Middle Schools Learn about the TRV Project



Students view TRV Uptown model



Students learned about Trinity River wildlife



Students conduct water testing on-site

During the week of May 15th, two 7th grade science classes from J.P. Elder and Leonard Middle Schools in Fort Worth had the opportunity to engage in learning activities intended to deepen their understanding of math and science principles through the Trinity River Vision Project. The event was hosted by CDM, the lead engineering consulting firm on the TRV Project.

TRV staff spent the first part of the week giving presentations to the students on the environmental aspects of the TRV Project. They explained their roles in the Project and how certain environmental scenarios needed to be understood in order for the project to have the desired impact of flood control.

On Friday, the students took a field trip to TRVA's new downtown offices to see the project models. They were given a tour of the office to see the concept models and explanations of the different parts of the TRV Project. Afterwards the students boarded busses and headed to the levees where they were able to conduct soil and water tests and record their observations and processes in their journals. This hands-on approach to educating 7th graders has proven a successful method, as seen by the interest and fascination demonstrated by the students.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

KAYAK CLINIC - FLATWATER FUNDAMENTALS (\$90)
WHERE: Trinity Park
WHEN: Saturday, July 28 • 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

KAYAK CLINIC – ADVANCED EDGE CONTROL (\$90)
WHERE: Trinity Park
WHEN: Sunday, July 29 • 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AUGUST

KAYAK CLINIC - FLATWATER FUNDAMENTALS (\$90)
WHERE: River Park Trailhead
WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 25 • 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

16TH ANNUAL TRINITY RIVER TRASH BASH
WHERE: 6 Locations along the
Trinity River in Fort Worth
WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 15 • 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Followed by a post-cleanup party from
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Rockwood Park

KAYAK CLINIC - FLATWATER FUNDAMENTALS (\$90)
WHERE: Trinity Park
WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 22 • 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MOONLIGHT RIVER KAYAK TRIP (\$40)
WHERE: Trinity Park
WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 22 • 6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

FRIENDS OF THE RIVER PARTY IN THE VILLAGE
WHERE: University Park Village
WHEN: Thursday, October 25 • 6:30 p.m.

LOOK FOR THE EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENTS GOING ON AT THE FORT WORTH CATS' LAGRAVE FIELD IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE TRV UPDATE NEWSLETTER.

Come See Our New Office!



The new visitor friendly TRVA offices are now open. Drop by to see the latest displays of the project and to talk to our staff.

The Trinity River Vision Authority (TRVA) opened its new offices in Downtown Fort Worth on April 2nd. The new offices are located on the first floor of the Oil and Gas building at the corner of 7th Street and Throckmorton in Downtown Fort Worth.

The TRVA is a cooperative effort among the Tarrant Regional Water District, the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Streams and Valleys, Inc. The TRVA, through its Board and Staff, serves as the coordinating management agency for the participating partners in the project.

The public is invited to come and see the new TRVA offices. The office offers one stop shop-

ping when it comes to information related to the project including: the TRV Project Model, the Bridge Models, and the new display wall that has rotating pictures and conceptual designs. The TRVA also houses the office for Property Acquisition and Business Relocation

Assistance. The offices are open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“The new Trinity River Vision

Authority offices are essential to keeping the public informed on what is happening with the project and to receive feedback,” stated J.D. Granger, Executive Director of the TRVA. “Every citizen’s comment is important and we encourage the public to come in and provide input on the project.”

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THE VISION IS CLEAR. WE ALL WIN.

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