



## Memorandum

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Key Recreation Components of Fort Worth Central City Locally  
Preferred Plan (DRAFT)*

## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline key recreation components of the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) for the Fort Worth Central City project. A detailed write-up, including additional maps and schematics detailing recreational elements of the LPP, will be provided at a later date (October/November 2004).

## Key Components of Recreation Plan

1. **Enhanced trail network.** An enhanced trail network that provides connectivity to current trails (Figure 1) and is consistent with the Trinity River Vision Master Plan is proposed along the east and west side of the bypass channel and the interior area east of the bypass channel and west of the existing West Fork (See Figure 2.) The proposed trail network includes:
  - Approximately 60,000 linear feet of proposed trails, Central City area.
  - Upper and lower walkways on east side of bypass channel from 5<sup>th</sup> Street downstream to confluence 3 (lower bypass and existing West Fork). Proposed upper and lower walkways are shown on Figure 2.
  - Two additional pedestrian bridges (depicted on Figure 2):
    - Pedestrian bridge over proposed bypass channel located between Henderson Street bridge and confluence 2 (West Fork into bypass channel);

- Pedestrian bridge over West Fork upstream of Fort Worth & Western Railroad.
- Access ramps are proposed to provide trail users method of access for upper and lower walkways. Proposed ramp locations include:
  - White Settlement Road (new bridge over upper bypass channel)
  - Henderson Street (new bridge over upper bypass channel)
  - North Main Street (new bridge over lower bypass channel)

Recreational activities associated with trail network could include:

- Biking
- Hiking
- Roller-blading
- Jogging
- Walking
- Equestrian use (on the proposed path on the west side of the bypass channel only).



Figure 1. Existing and proposed Trinity Trails (Source: Trinity River Vision Master Plan, 2003)

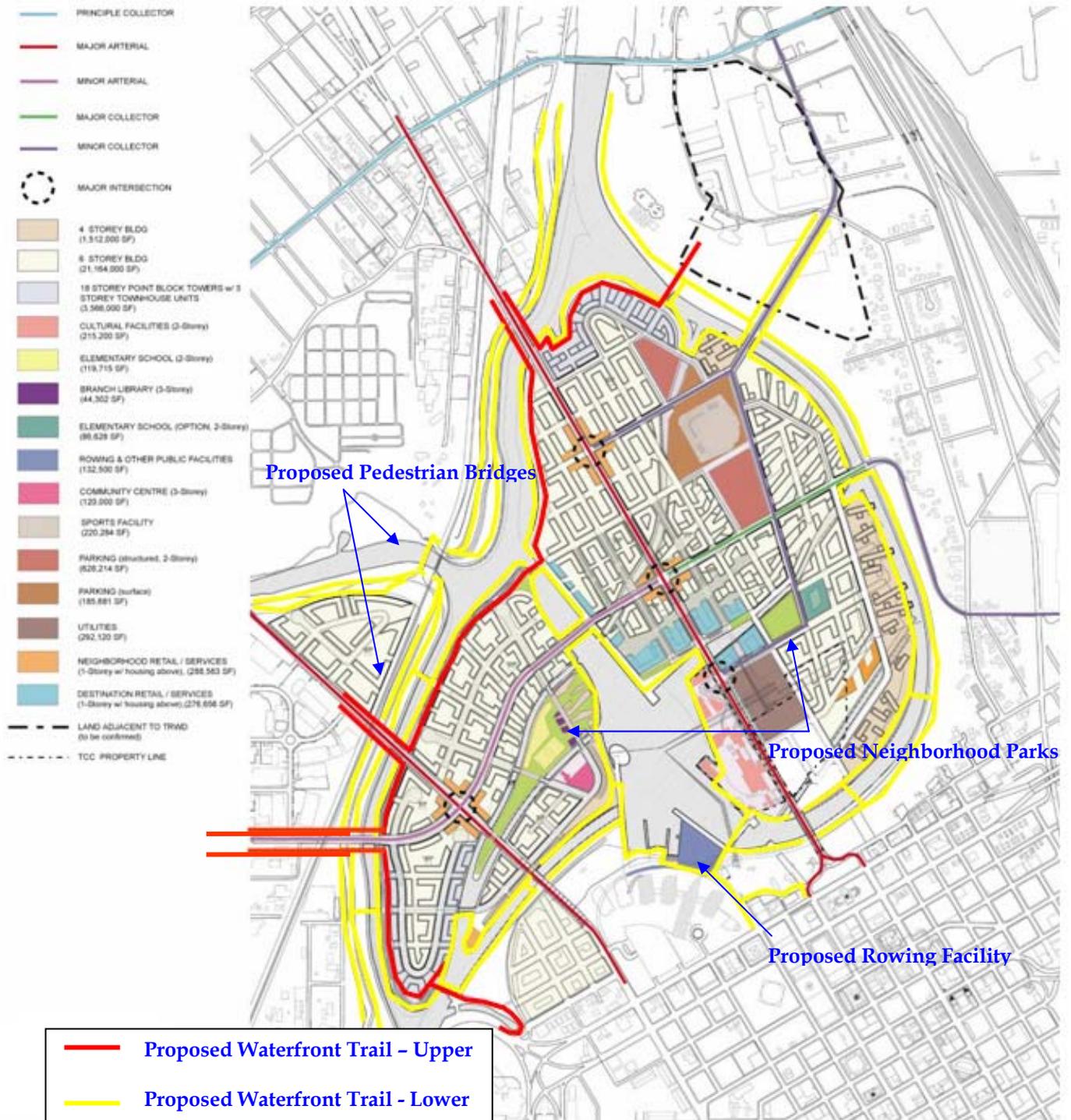


Figure 2. Proposed Waterfront Trails, Pedestrian Bridge and Recreational Feature Locations.  
 (Source: Draft Urban Design Concept, August 2004)

2. **Water-based recreation.** A primary goal of the urban design concept associated with the LPP is to emphasize waterfront pedestrian activities and utilize the riverfront and interior water feature to provide for quality growth in areas adjacent to downtown. As a result, significant water-based recreation activities are proposed, including:

- Boating. Significant boating activities, such as canoeing, kayaking, sailing and sculling, are proposed within the project area. Preliminary designs of the bypass channel and associated road and pedestrian bridges design are compatible with navigating through the bypass channel downstream to Marine Creek and through the bypass channel into the interior area.
- Rowing facility. As shown on Figure 2, a rowing facility is proposed for the southeastern portion of the interior water feature.
- Fishing. Consistent with existing practices in the Clear Fork of the Trinity River, fishing is proposed in areas of the West Fork and bypass channel.
- Other passive recreation. The riverfront and interior water feature will also provide for other types of passive recreation.

3. **Conservation/Preservation/Ecosystem Restoration.** Recreational opportunities associated with ecosystem restoration sites on existing West Fork channel (upstream of confluence with bypass channel) and downstream of Samuels Avenue dam (see Figure 3). Passive recreational activities associated with these sites could include:

- Picnicking;
- Nature walks/hiking;
- Bird watching; and
- Wildlife viewing.

Key areas for conservation and ecosystem restoration areas (Figure 3) include:

- Riverbend nature area;
- Rockwood park (includes enhancements to existing park and golf course); and
- Riverside Park (includes enhancements to existing park).

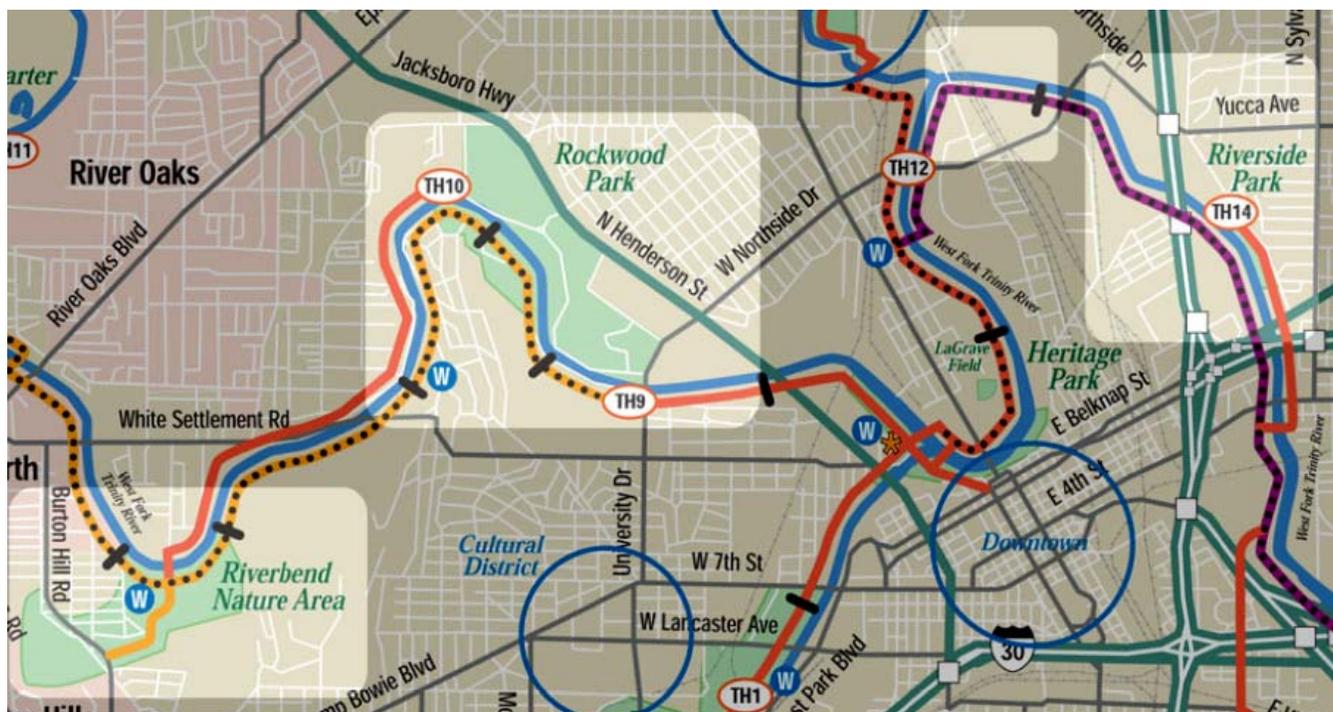


Figure 3. Key areas for conservation and ecosystem restoration areas.

4. **Community Parks/Playing Fields.** Several community parks are proposed for the interior area, as shown in Figure 2. Playing fields adjacent to two proposed elementary schools would also provide various types of recreational activities. Activities associated with community parks/playing fields in the interior area could include:
  - Picnicking;
  - Walking; and
  - Organized as well as pick-up games for team sports (e.g. soccer, baseball, football, Frisbee, etc.)
5. **Open Space.** In addition to greenbelt trails, parks, and ecosystem restoration areas, other open space areas are proposed in various locations within the LPP. Specific locations will be provided in the detailed future Recreation Plan.

## Next Steps

As mentioned previously, this document will be followed up with a more detailed Recreation Plan, including additional maps and schematics detailing recreational elements of the LPP. This Recreation Plan for the LPP will be provided in the October/November 2004 timeframe.