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## **Dallas City Council Approves Contract For Design of Texas Buckeye Nature Trail in South Dallas**

Design work will soon begin for an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible nature trail to the Trinity River and a natural foot trail to a grove of existing Texas Buckeye trees.

The Dallas City Council in late March authorized a professional contract with LopezGarcia Group for the design of the Texas Buckeye Nature Trail in the Great Trinity Forest in Dallas. The \$32,495 in funding will come from Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant Funds and the City of Dallas 1998 Capital Bond Program.

“The green light for the Texas Buckeye Nature Trail is great news for the Trinity River Corridor Project, said Rebecca Dugger, project director. “The new trails will improve public accessibility to part of the Great Trinity Forest for recreational uses, such as bird watching and hiking.”

The Texas Buckeye Nature Trail will be located in south Dallas. The ADA accessible trail will start at the Bexar Street entrance to Rochester Park over the existing levee and into the Great Trinity Forest. The half-mile trail will end at an area overlooking the Trinity River. The natural foot trail will spur off the first trail and meander its way approximately eight-tenths of a mile to an existing grove of native Texas Buckeye trees.

Completion of the trails is expected in April 2003.

The Trinity River Corridor Project (TRCP) is the largest public works project in the City’s history. Dallas voters approved the \$246-million TRCP during a May 1998 bond election. When completed, the Trinity River Corridor Project will provide recreational amenities and environmental benefits, increase flood protection, improve traffic congestion in the downtown area, as well as encourage development of the lands along the river.

For more information, please contact the Trinity River Corridor Project Management Office at (214) 948-4202 or go to their Web site at [www.trinityrivercorridor.org](http://www.trinityrivercorridor.org)

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