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### Consultant team selected to prepare feasibility study/ master plan for Trinity Interpretive Center and equestrian centers

Two of the major components of the Trinity River Corridor Project, the Trinity Interpretive Center and Trinity equestrian centers, are now closer to becoming a reality. The Dallas City Council gave its approval to the awarding of a contract to an architectural firm to provide a feasibility study and master plan for the facilities on Aug. 14. Brown, Reynolds and Watford Architects, Inc. will lead a team of professionals, including Antoine Predock, design architect; and the firm of Lyons/Zaremba, Inc., interpretive planner.

Together, they will prepare a study and plan for the Trinity Interpretive Center, Trinity equestrian centers and other associated components, including hard surface and soft surface trails. They will be responsible also for site selection of a maintenance facility for the Trinity River Corridor.

“By approving the contract for this study the Dallas City Council has made another important decision that allows the Trinity River Corridor Project to move forward,” said Rebecca Dugger, director of the City of Dallas’ Trinity River Corridor Project. “The team that has been hired has tremendous experience and capabilities in the planning and design of environmental venues.”

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Dallas-based Brown, Reynolds and Watford Architects (BRW) will lead the consultant team. An award-winning firm, BRW is known for its architectural work on recreational, governmental, educational, and religious facilities. Some of its projects include master plans for the Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park, the Dallas Nature Center, and the University Center at the University of Dallas.

“The work that Brown, Reynolds and Watford Architects, Mr. Predock, and Mr. Zaremba, and the other sub-consultants is about to begin will assure that the nature center and equestrian centers that we ultimately develop will provide the best venues, amenities and services for visitors to the Trinity River Corridor,” said Paul Dyer, director of the City’s Park and Recreation Department.

Architect Antoine Predock from Albuquerque, N.M., is known for his work in designing nature centers, science museums, and university buildings. Established more than 35 years ago, Predock’s firm has received numerous international and national awards for its work. Some of the firms’ current projects include a new City Hall and Public Plaza in Austin, Texas; Tacoma Art Museum in Tacoma, Wash.; and the Flint River Center in Albany, Ga. Its completed projects include a Ballpark for the San Diego Padres, Arizona Science Center in Phoenix, and the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa, Fla.

The firm of Lyons/Zaremba, Inc. will spearhead exhibit planning and design. The Boston-based company is recognized internationally for its extensive experience in the planning, design, and management of a variety of educational and interpretive museum projects.

While no decisions have been made on where the facilities ultimately will be located, it is expected one or both will be located near or in the Great Trinity Forest. The forest is located in southeast Dallas.

The Great Trinity Forest Master Plan Concept approved by the City Council in 1997 proposes the development of the Trinity Interpretive Center, equestrian facilities and nature trails, multipurpose trails to be used for recreation and transportation, boat launches and trailhead improvements. It also outlines the acquisition and preservation of bottomland hardwood forest within the Trinity River Corridor.

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To date, the Dallas City Council has authorized the purchase of nearly 600 acres of land in the Great Trinity Forest to be used for wetlands construction, recreation, and environmental preservation. Land surveys and assessments continue on many additional parcels of land.

The Trinity Interpretive Center currently is planned as a focus for educational and environmental interests in the Trinity River Corridor; eco-tourism activities; aquatic, archaeological and historical exhibits; and theme gardens at the center of the Great Trinity Forest's trail system.

An Equestrian Center is proposed both in the Great Trinity Forest along with a satellite center near downtown. Equestrian trails in the forest are planned also. Available to both local equestrian enthusiasts and tourists, the facilities can provide opportunities for those interested in entertainment for a few hours or an entire day.

The consultant team should complete its work on the feasibility study and master plan in March 2004. Construction could begin in the Spring 2005.

Thirteen firms submitted proposals for the contract. The Park and Recreation Department will manage the project. The \$500,000 for the feasibility study and master plan will be paid for from 1998 bond funds allocated for the Trinity River Corridor Project.

When completed, the Trinity River Corridor Project will increase flood protection, improve traffic congestion in the downtown area, encourage development of the lands along the river, as well as provide recreational amenities and environmental benefits.

Contact the Trinity River Corridor Project Management Office at (214) 948-4202 or go to its Web site at [www.trinityrivercorridor.org](http://www.trinityrivercorridor.org) for more information.

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