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Landscape Architects To Honor Implementation Plan for **Trinity River Corridor Project**

The Texas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) will honor those responsible for the development of the Master Implementation Plan for the City of Dallas' Trinity River Corridor Project in mid-March.

The ASLA's "Honor Award" will be given to representatives of the Trinity River Corridor Project Management Office and Half Associates, a consultant firm commissioned by the City to develop a Master Implementation Plan for the project.

The presentation, in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, will occur Friday, March 15 during the Awards Banquet of the annual conference of the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects in San Antonio.

"The development of the long-range plan for the Trinity River Corridor Project was truly a team effort," said Rebecca Dugger, Director of the Trinity River Corridor Project. "It is extremely rewarding when an important and influential organization like the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects realizes that we are headed in the right direction... towards our goal of protecting and enhancing the Trinity River... one of Dallas' most valuable assets."

In May 1998, Dallas voters approved a \$246 million capital bond program known as the Trinity River Corridor Project. In November 1998, the Dallas City Council authorized the development of an Implementation Plan for the Trinity River Corridor. The Trinity River Master Implementation Plan (MIP) serves as a footprint that will guide the implementation of the 10-year project.

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Plan developers were asked to "...create a unified plan to better utilize one of the city's most important assets to create better flood control, provide recreational opportunities, promote economic growth, improve transportation and preserve and restore natural resources, and address other issues, all in an environmentally sound manner."

The MIP is the most comprehensive regional master planning effort to date on the Trinity River in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. The MIP assembles the many projects, which are ongoing along the Trinity River within the boundaries of Dallas, and develops a unified plan integrating all of these efforts. It integrates efforts by multiple governmental agencies, such as the Texas Department of Transportation, the North Texas Tollway Authority, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as numerous business, community and environmental interests.

The preparation of The Trinity River Master Implementation Plan was lead by planners and landscape architects, who directed a team of engineers, environmental scientists and bridge engineers. The project included extensive public input ranging from public meetings to the creation of an interactive Web page to inform and educate interested citizens. During the preparation of the MIP over 160 meetings with citizens and interest groups were held.

The MIP's scope includes the 2000 acres of the Dallas Floodway and the more than 6,000 acres of the Great Trinity Forest within the city limits of Dallas, and extends more than 20 miles from the northwestern to the southeastern limits of the city. The MIP integrates land acquisition, access connections, trails, major interpretive facilities, significant new recreational features new bridges and flood control components and combines them all into one cohesive master plan vision for the Trinity River in Dallas. The plan unites a largely man-made environment in downtown Dallas with a much more natural and forested environment contained in the Great Trinity Forest. The Plan also develops detailed operations and maintenance cost estimates for the interim and fully developed scenarios of the plan.

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.

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**

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