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City of Dallas Trinity River Corridor Project



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In Honor of Earth Day, Wetland Planting Event

*Come join the Trinity River Corridor Project and the
Lewisville Aquatic Ecosystem Research Facility on April 18, 2009*

The City of Dallas' Trinity River Corridor Project will be hosting an event April 18 that is truly unique for Dallas. This will be a Wetland Planting Event in celebration of Earth Day and it promises to be a fun free event for the entire family. Promoting the establishment of native aquatic plant species to prevent further spread of introduced weeds such as Waterhyacinth and Eurasian Watermilfoil are critical for the new Trinity River Corridor Project's Lower Chain of Wetlands. It is field-science educational opportunity to learn about the research and propagation of native species along the Trinity River and to lend a hand in this important planting activity. If you have any questions please reply to this email or contact Judy Schmidt, the Communications and Marketing Manager for the Trinity River Corridor Project at judy.schmidt@dallascityhall.com.

- What:** City of Dallas and Lewisville Aquatic Ecosystem Research Facility Earth Day Wetland Planting Event
- When:** Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Where:** Dallas' Lower Chain of Wetlands, Trinity River Corridor Project, constructed wetland cell E-West in close proximity to the Trinity River. Access to the area is at Overton Road, Exit 281 off I-45, south of Dallas. Entrance to wetland area is directly below the interstate, follow signs to parking area.
- Cost:** This event is free
- Details:** Join the City of Dallas and the Lewisville Aquatic Ecosystem Research Facility, a Corps affiliate, for a wetland planting event Saturday, April 18th, 2009 in celebration of Earth Day. Volunteers will be planting a variety of emergent, floating-leaved and submersed aquatic plants during this event. The goal is to establish native aquatic vegetation to enhance waterfowl and other wildlife habitat within the Dallas Floodway Extension.

Additional Information: Lunch will not be provided so make sure to bring a sack lunch in addition to snacks, drinking water, insect repellent, sunscreen, gloves, towel, waders, rubber boots (or clothes/shoes that you don't mind getting muddy/wet). There will be portable restrooms available. For additional information please call the Trinity River Corridor Project Office at (214) 671-9500.



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About the Trinity River Corridor Project:

The projected \$2 billion Trinity River Corridor Project is the largest public works and urban development project in the history of Dallas, and one of the largest of its type in the nation. It will reduce flood damage, provide recreational amenities and add visionary environmental benefits, improve downtown traffic congestion, and encourage development along the Trinity River. The Trinity River Audubon Center opened November 2008 and the staff has already welcomed over 10,000 school children to the center. The Lower Chain of Wetlands is complete and progress is underway on Moore Park Gateway Phase I and Trinity Trail Phase I. The Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge being built alongside the Continental Avenue Bridge and designed by internationally known architect Santiago Calatrava, is now under construction with the first shipment of steel in Texas; and in 2011, construction will begin on the second Calatrava designed bridge, the Margaret McDermott Bridge. For project updates and to watch bridge construction progress, visit: www.trinityrivercorridor.org.

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