

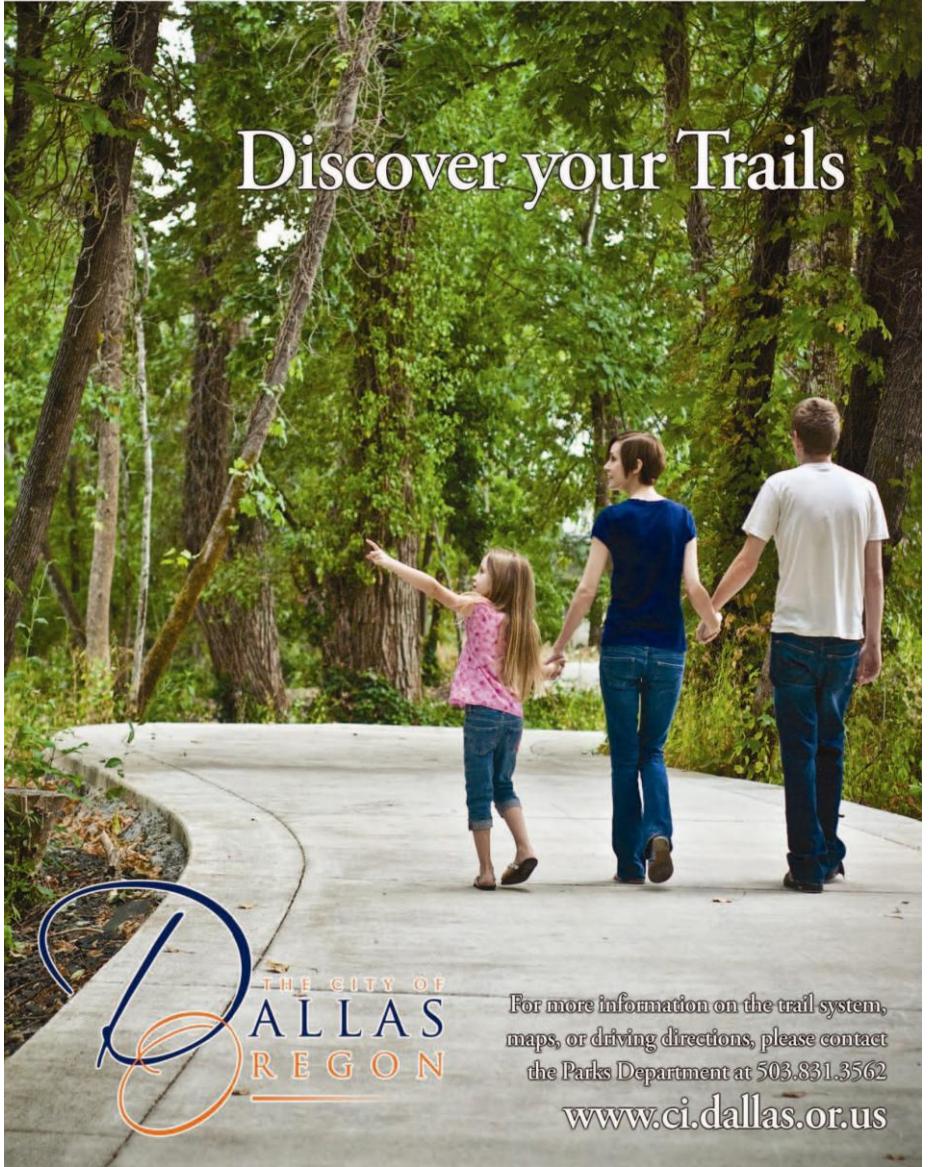
Trail Information & Facts

RCTS

Rickreall Creek Trail System



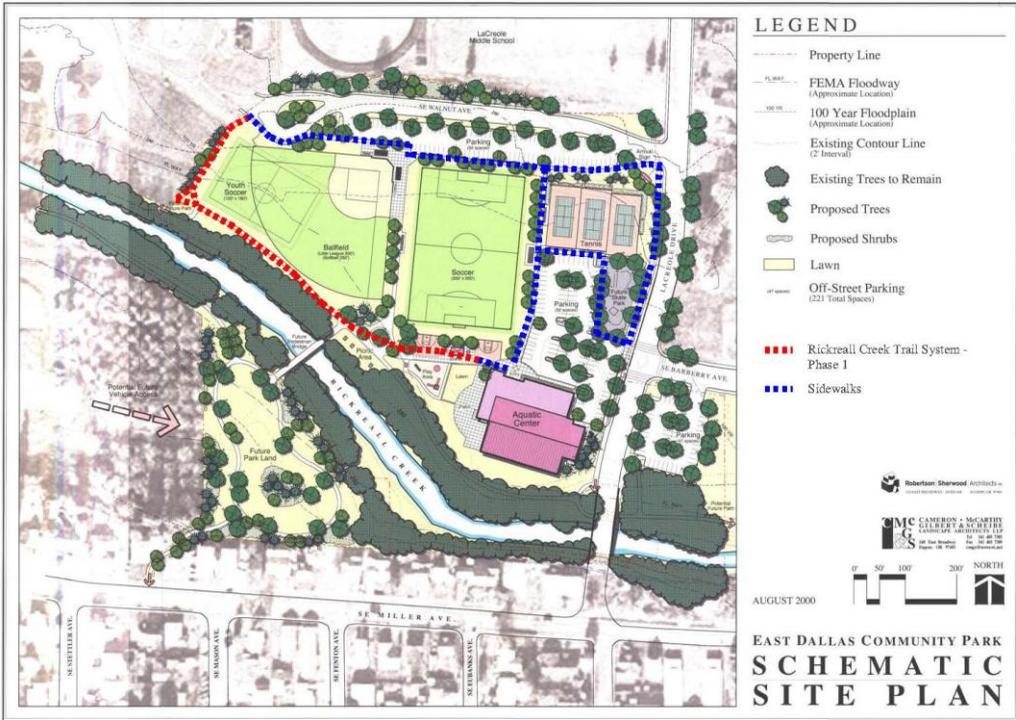
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Phase 1

Rickreall Creek Trail System
 Completed: Summer 2004

Did you know....

The RCTS has been part of our Comprehensive Plan since 1970.

When complete, there will be 4.2 miles of trail connecting the west end of Dallas to the east end of Dallas traveling along Rickreall Creek.

The RCTS is a combination of urban, multi-use, and nature trails that accommodates pedestrians, runners, families with strollers, bicyclists, and skaters. In most areas it will be ADA accessible and allow maintenance and emergency vehicle access.

The trail will generally be between 6 feet and 12 feet in width, taking into consideration the terrain, available space, erosion issues, and native plant and wildlife habitat concerns. These factors are also accounted for when determining the actual placement of the trail and its proximity to Rickreall Creek.

The surface along the RCTS will be diverse. Some areas will consist of concrete or asphalt, while others may consist of natural surfaces such as hog fuel or wood chips.

There is an engraved brick program available where citizens can purchase a personalized engraved brick used to mark the trail head entrances. Proceeds go to help fund the RCTS and support local non-profits.

Most of the funding for the RCTS has been provided through grants and developer partnerships.

Benefits of Trails

Nationwide, trails are consistently one of the most requested public projects. An early goal to construct a trail along Rickreall Creek in Dallas came via the 1970, 1978, and 1998 Comprehensive Plans. It is well known that with a system of safe, interconnected trails residents would more often choose to walk or bike to work, school, and other destinations.

Why Trails and Greenways are Good for the Community:

-  Provide alternative modes of transportation to relieve congestion
-  Improve recreational opportunities
-  Improve health through exercise
-  Reduce stress
-  Provide stream buffers and protect water quality
-  Preserve wildlife travel corridors
-  Increase property values
-  Increase economic viability and business opportunities
-  Provide natural classrooms for children
-  Provide access opportunities for all ages, physical abilities, and economic standing
-  Help create a safe, livable community
-  Establish a sense of place and trust in each other and provide a great place to meet your neighbors

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Phase 1

Dallas Aquatic Center – Completed 2004

Phase 2

Levens Street to Main Street – Completed 2007

Phase 3

Hawthorne Section – Tentatively Scheduled

Design Work – Fall 2010

Field Work – Fall 2010

Construction – Spring & Summer 2011

Completion – Summer 2011

Phase 4

Barberry to Aquatic Center

Phase 5

Hawthorne to Fir Villa

Phase 6

Aquatic Center to Main Street (south side of Rickreall Creek)

Phase 7

Levens Street to Kingsborough Park

Phase 8

Kingsborough to West City Limits- Installed 2009

Will open to the public with the approval of the subdivision

Note: Phases may or may not be construction in the order in which they are listed. Lighting, benches, and possibly restrooms may be part of any phase depending on funding.

When will the trail be completed?

The Rickreall Creek Trail System is funded primarily by grants and agreements with developers. Taxes are not used to pay for the trail construction. Because of this, implementation of every phase of the trail is tied directly to the grant application process and community development, making it difficult to estimate the completion date. The City Council continues to keep the Rickreall Creek Trail System a priority.

Common Questions about RCTS

Will the City raise taxes to pay for the construction and maintenance of the trail?

No. The City has never discussed this nor do they have plans to raise taxes to build or maintain any portion of the Rickreall Creek Trail.

So, how do we pay for the trail?

The City has applied for and received grants for construction of the Rickreall Creek Trail. We have received \$224,220 in grant funds for Phase 3 of the trail behind Hawthorne Avenue on the north side of Rickreall Creek. Once this portion is complete, we will apply for more grants to complete the entire project. If we do not use these funds once they are awarded, we will lose this money to another community that is willing to build a trail, and it would make it much more difficult to obtain grants in the future.

How are we going to pay for maintenance of the trail?

Maintenance will be performed by the Dallas Parks Department and maintained in the same manner as the existing trail. The trail will be designed and constructed with material that will minimize maintenance needs.

Will it increase crime and vandalism along the trail?

Trails and paths typically bring people to an area to exercise and enjoy nature, similar to what has occurred on the trail between Levens and Main Street. It is expected that any criminal mischief will subside with the clearing out and construction of the trail. The increased public and police access acts as a deterrent to crime. A number of studies have shown that urban greenway trails do not increase crime and, in fact, are commonly regarded as improvements by adjacent property owners. Nationally,

comparisons of violent crimes make it quite clear that trail crime rates are almost non-existent compared to other areas.

Is it fair to the residents who have homes along the creek?

The Rickreall Creek Trail has been in the Comprehensive Plan for nearly 40 years. The portion behind Barberry Ave and Hawthorne Ave will be located on land that was donated to the public for this purpose. This land belongs to the community and the public has the right to access the land, much like the Oregon beaches.

Will it hurt property values?

There is no evidence that a trail of this nature negatively impacts property values. In other communities, the development of a trail system has increased pleasure for the homeowners, decreased crime, and increased property values and marketability.

What about native plants and animal life?

The publicly owned park property will have non-native plants removed and we will work with the Rickreall Watershed District and Fish and Wildlife Department to preserve native plants. The construction of homes has a far greater impact on the natural habitat in the area.

What if a flood were to damage the trail?

Just after construction of Phase 2 between Levens Street and Main Street we experienced flooding with flows approximately equal to a 100-year event. This newly laid trail was not adversely affected by the flood, nor did it require significant repair. Sections of the trail that are built close to the creek and within the floodway are designed to withstand recurring flooding events. If the trail suffers substantial damage due to extreme flooding it would be repaired with insurance money or with Federal money if a Federal Emergency was declared.