Now is the time to **Reimagine** Our River for the city of Dallas!

The Harold Simmons Park Concept Section represents the first look at a single cross-section cutting through the Park. This illustration shows the variety of functional spaces and their location in relation to the Trinity River channel These opportunities for enhancing public enjoyment of the Park will continue to be developed as the design process progresses. Areas may evolve and new spaces are sure to be discovered Potential areas shown in the Concept Section are:

1. West Overlook

The West Overlook is an opportunity to extend the dramatic landscape of the levees toward the city, creating a gateway to the Park from West Dallas and a site for playgrounds. picnicking, and other active recreational opportunities. A vibrant garden of winding paths and a space for play and relaxation, the West Overlook will become a neighborhood amenity and a vital access point to the broader Harold Simmons Park within the floodway below.

2. Western Prospect

The levee surfaces will remain covered with mown grasses, preserving walkability and direct views into and out of the Park and river valley. Existing paths over and at the base of the levee

will be regraded for increased accessibility and widened to accommodate in-park vehicular parking. Additional paths will also be added to increase space for walking, running, and cycling.

3. West Perched Wetland and Wildlife Area

Shallow and low in elevation, the wetlands will primarily function as a calm backwater, containing both emergent and submerged aquatic vegetation, which will filter the water, support micro-invertebrates that feed fish, shelter juvenile fish, and provide bird habitat. The birding area, at the wetlands' upper edge, offers birders a protected and generally available location to view bird activity.

4. West Upland Forest

Given the Park uplands' relative protection from local flood activity, these zones will offer a place for plantings inspired by Texas' bottomland floodplain forest and tallgrass prairie ecological communities, which include plants that tolerate flooding in extreme events. The tallgrass prairie flora will also provide habitat for many migratory species. The elevated upland offers space for shaded seating under trees and other forms of passive recreation.

5. River Channel and Riparian Bench

At low flows, the main channel will be slow-moving and serve primarily as a pool habitat. As base flow increases or during a low pulse, the channel will become a deeper, swifter-flowing run. This diversity of habitat types will provide greater support to fish and other aquatic species.

Stone outcroppings along these shelves will offer sheltered fish habitat, while anchoring and protecting vegetation that supports insects and forage fish. This site will allow for kayak and canoe launching as well as bank fishing.

6. Central Upland Forest and River Terrace

Given the Park uplands' relative protection from local flood activity, these elevated zones offer a place for plantings inspired by Texas' bottomland floodplain forest and tallgrass prairie ecological communities, which include plants that tolerate flooding in extreme events. The tallgrass prairie flora will also provide habitat for many migratory species. The uplands' elevation will offer a large terrace and space for shaded seating under trees, as well as other forms of passive recreation.

7. Side Channel

When the primary channel is at base flow, this side channel will maintain a low flow and function as a shallow run. At higher base flows and low flood pulses, this channel will transform to riffle habitat with faster-flowing water and higher surface turbulence over a gravel and rock substrate. This area's consistent connectivity to the main channel, along with its different levels of runs, riffles and various substrates, will provide valuable perennial habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms.

8. East Upland Forest

Given the Park uplands' relative protection from local flood activity, these elevated zones will offer a place plantings inspired by Texas' bottomland floodplain forest and tallgrass prairie ecological communities,

which include plants that tolerate flooding in extreme events. The tallgrass prairie flora will also provide habitat for many migratory species. The uplands' elevation will offer space for shaded seating under trees and other forms of passive recreation.

9. Wet Meadow

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Shallow and low in elevation, the wet meadows will primarily function as a calm backwater and stream, containing both emergent and submerged aquatic vegetation, which will filter the water, support micro-invertebrates that feed fish, shelter juvenile fish, and provide bird habitat. The meadow edges will contain a transition from wetland vegetation to riparian understory species. Recreational opportunities include walking paths and bird observation.

10. Eastern Prospect

The levee surfaces will remain covered with mown grasses, preserving walkability and direct views into and out of the Park and river valley. Park entrance trails, including existing trails regraded for greater accessibility, will allow park-goers to move easily over the levees. Current multi-use maintenance paths along the levee base will be widened to permit parking within the Park, as well as jogging, walking, and cycling

11. East Overlook

The East Overlook will extend the dramatic landscape of the levee toward the city, creating an elevated vista into the floodway and the Park below. Its separation from the river's flood cycle will allow for more permanent and formal recreational spaces, including a café



and a performance lawn for daytime activities like public events, pick-up sports, picnicking, and nighttime activities like movies and star-gazing.

12. Eastern Garden

This garden, on the downtown-facing side of the East Overlook landform, will create a lush transition from the city-scape up toward the first theatrical views of the floodplain below. Paths will gradually wind their way up through plantings, including species that would not survive being underwater in the floodway. The Eastern Garden will transform the levees from a barrier to a welcoming point of entry.

13. Water Garden

Beyond the eastern levee, the Water Garden will connect Harold Simmons Park to the downtown area at street-level. The Trinity River historically ran in this area, with a floodplain that extended well beyond the current levee boundaries. Some of the old river meanders remain along both levees and are used as sumps to hold stormwater. The Water Garden will transform the utilitarian sump areas into parkland that is simultaneously functional as stormwater infrastructure and as aesthetic civic space. The Water Garden will be a comfortable, occupiable green space that creates an urban access point on the Park's eastern edge.

HAROLD SIMMONS PARK

Reimagine Our River







Deepening our connection to one another & nature.

Harold Simmons Park

The untapped treasure of the Trinity River offers Dallas the opportunity to create an environment where families can enjoy nature, where communities can gather together, and where native habitats can flourish. Harold Simmons Park is the first step in building this vision.

Located between the Ron Kirk Pedestrian Bridge and the Margaret McDermott Bridge, over 200 acres will be transformed into a beautiful park connecting the two sides of the river, offering park visitors easy access to West Dallas. Oak Cliff and Downtown as well as to amenities and activities within the space.











Vision Becomes Reality

The Trinity River has long been envisioned as Conservancy was contracted to design, a central gathering place where the people of Dallas can come together to enjoy nature and outdoor activities. Civic leader, Annette Simmons, believing in its potential and wanting to honor her late husband and thei shared love of Dallas, donated \$50 million as the catalyst to encourage others to join in the transformation and to support making the Trinity River into a gathering place where all are welcome to connect and play in the heart of Dallas.

Mrs. Simmons made her historic donation to Trinity Park Conservancy, a nonprofit dedicated to the stewardship of Dallas' largest public green space. In 2018, the



construct, operate and maintain Harold Simmons Park as part of a private/public partnership with the City of Dallas, through the establishment of the Trinity River Corridor Local Government Corporation (LGC).

Championing a Trinity River that deepens our connection to one another and to nature the Conservancy is committed to bringing residents and experts together to share ideas, learn the possibilities, and create a public space that benefits people and nature.



The Trinity River offers a unique setting for a transformative new river park for Dallas Without impeding the Trinity's primary function of flood control, the 200-acre Harold Simmons Park will introduce a range of new recreational opportunities as well as dramatically improve the performance of the river's depleted natural ecosystems. The Conservancy has assembled a multidisciplinary team of national, regional, and local consultants to create a design that establishes a dynamic relationship betweer the new urban park and the river at its center.

The team includes Michael Van Valkenburgh & Associates, an award-winning landscape architecture firm who designed the Native Texas Park at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and has overseen the creation of riverfront parks in multiple cities across the U.S. and in Canada. In addition, the design team includes LimnoTech,

Magnusson Klemencic Associates, Salcedo Group, GREATecology, and Bio-West as well as additional firms expected to be added in the future. The Conservancy and the design team will work through the Trinity River Corridor LGC, the City of Dallas, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers

In parallel to the Park design efforts, the Conservancy is launching a series of planning activities around equitable development, economic impact, urban design and operations and maintenance. To advise on these efforts, the Conservancy has established two volunteer committees - Community Engagement & Inclusive **Development Committee and Design** Advocacy Committee. These include local experts in design, community organizing Dallas neighborhoods, the arts, urban planning, development, and landscape architecture.

Harold Simmons Park Timeline

2019

Design work continues based on public feedback.

The Conservancy releases planning studies on economic impact and equitable development

April 2019, Harold Simmons Park Design Reveal.

Design and planning continues throughout 2019 with periodic public updates.

2020

Work continues on developing construction documents.

Conservancy proposes economic impact action plan.

December 2020, construction of Harold Simmons Park begins.

2022

May 2022, Harold Simmons Park is opened to the public.



Us

And when the time is right, we hope you will join us in completing the Park by getting involved as a volunteer, as an advocate, and as a donor.



Harold Simmons Park is for everyone in Dallas, and it will take all of us to go from vision to reality. Right now, you can help continue the conversation by becoming a Friend of the Conservancy at trinityparkconservancy.org.