



FWRCT members spent a very busy Spring attending numerous meetings to advocate for bond funding to upgrade the White Rock Creek Trail. We are very grateful for the support of City leaders and voters whose efforts resulted in funding that has been allocated to our beautiful trail. As we anticipate the work that will upgrade our trail, **we encourage all communities bordering the White Rock Creek Trail and park and all trail users to continue voicing their key concerns and desired improvements.**

FWRCT is also working to secure additional federal funding to extend the evaluation of needed improvements and design of trail enhancements to the remainder of the trail not included in the segment for which bond funds have been allocated. This would allow us to share our vision for the trail with all Dallas residents and advocate for funding for additional improvements.

White Rock Crk Trl - Walnut Hill (Lk Hghlnds Trl Con) NW Hwy

Project ID:	1020689
Project Number:	PK24YK84
Proposition:	Park and Recreation Facilities
Name:	White Rock Crk Trl - Walnut Hill (Lk Hghlnds Trl Con) NW Hwy
Description:	
Category:	Trail Improvements
Department:	
Status:	

**Bond program recap:** In the May election, voters approved ten propositions totaling \$1.25 billion, and the Parks and Recreation Dept. proposition that included \$7 million for White Rock Creek Trail improvement totaled \$345,270,000. Passage of these propositions does not guarantee that the City of Dallas will complete a specific project. The City Council may add or delete specific projects, modify project scope, add new projects, or adjust the amount of funds amounts dedicated to specific projects within the same proposition. Initiation and continuation of projects may be prioritized according to urgency of need and available resources, and some projects may not begin for a number of years.

**The good news:** As announced during the June 12 FWRCT meeting, Council member Kathy Stewart and the Parks and Recreation Dept. are advocating that design work for trail reconstruction be scheduled to occur in the first year of the program. This is in large part due to the advocacy of FWRCT and the interest voiced by trail users, informing City representatives that the trail is important to citizens for both recreation and transportation. [See the City's project dashboard here.](#)

**What's next?** As FWRCT receives information about the schedule for starting trail redesign and construction, we will post updates on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) and provide details during our general meetings which all who are interested are invited to attend. **Continued interest by trail users and communities along the trail will increase the likelihood that trail reconstruction will begin soon after the design is completed.**

Will fall trail cleanups scheduled? Fall is coming up soon with more pleasant temperatures, and as leaves fall and vegetation growth slows, it's a great time for groups to gather for trail cleanups.

**We need your help!** We currently have no cleanup organizer and are seeking

- A volunteer or group of volunteers who will help organize and promote a fall trail cleanup, or
- Volunteers from a community or organization neighboring the trail who would like to help organize a cleanup in the trail segment they border.

What is required to organize a trail cleanup? Organizing a successful trail cleanup requires

- Recruitment of volunteers. Personal contacts are most successful, when volunteers invite their friends and others in their community to participate. FWRCT can assist by providing signs for volunteers to post along the trail with a QR code for trail users to sign up to participate. FWRCT can also solicit volunteers through email or Facebook posts.
- Lead during the cleanup event. FWRCT recommends that a volunteer be stationed at the cleanup start location to record participants' names and contact information to contact for interest in future cleanups. The start location is also a good place to provide water for participants and for them to pick up trash bags and trash pickers to carry with them.
- FWRCT will coordinate with the City to provide trash bags and trash pickers for the cleanup and to schedule a trash pickup after the cleanup.



Interested? Let us know at [friendsWRCT@gmail.com](mailto:friendsWRCT@gmail.com).

## More trail news:



We experienced a major trail interruption this summer with a Dallas Water Utilities emergency repair, but this repair is now complete and in the end we secured a better graded and cleaner trail.



- [See a summary of our June 12 meeting](#) and the interactive community feedback activity conducted during the meeting.
  - We are working on getting our 3 trailside counters fully operational. Once that is complete, we will be able to report trail activity (number of users) on a regular basis.
  - North Texas Giving Day is November 19. This is a good time for all our friends to reach out to potential donors amongst the people they know to remember our beautiful trail. [Donate here](#). Donations to Friends of the White Rock Creek Trail are tax deductible.
  - Mark your calendar: The next general meeting of FWRCT is scheduled for **Thursday, December 12**. Details will be announced closer to that date.
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