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## **Millions of Dollars Dedicated to Build Trails in the Great Trinity Forest**

### ***The Trinity Trust Foundation raises \$1.45 million in private funds***

**DALLAS, Texas, September 10, 2015** – Fundraising efforts by The Trinity Trust Foundation has raised \$1.45 million of the City of Dallas’ match to build trails in the Great Trinity Forest. Partners joining the Trinity Trust’s fundraising efforts and contributing to build the trails include: Oncor: \$1 million; Vin and Caren Prothro Foundation: \$400,000; Tenet Healthcare: \$25,000; and In memory of Dick Bass: \$25,000.

Walkers, bikers and runners will have more trails to traverse thanks the Trust’s fundraising efforts in collaboration with funds from the Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and City of Dallas. In a matter of weeks, a total of \$11 million in funds were secured to build seven miles of hard surface trail from Dowdy Ferry Road in the Great Trinity Forest in Southern Dallas to Cedar Creek (near Moore Park Gateway) in Oak Cliff. Some of the trails are part of Trinity Forest Spine Trail system, and some will connect to the Trinity Skyline Trail.

As part of the Dallas Floodway Extension Project, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contributed \$5 million to these trails, and the City of Dallas contributed \$5 million as a match. The Trinity Trust raised \$1.45 million of the City of Dallas’ match. Another \$1 million was contributed by the City of Dallas for erosion control. A majority of the funds from the City of Dallas was from the 1998 bond program.

Of the \$1.45 million raised, the Dallas City Council approved \$650,000 on Aug. 26, and \$800,000 will go before Council for approval this fall.

Gail Thomas, president and CEO of The Trinity Trust, said, “Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings has focused his efforts on the GrowSouth campaign, and these funds will help build the trails starting in the southern portion of the Great Trinity Forest. Thank you to the donors who gave to the community for access to nature, and thank you to the Corps and the City for putting a priority on trails. Soon enough, we’ll be able to walk, jog, bike and explore more easily in the largest urban hardwood forest in the country.”

The Trinity Trust Foundation continues to raise additional funds for trails in the forest, with a focus on the Trinity Forest Spine Trail. The Spine Trail – “from the Audubon to the Arboretum” – is 17.5 miles in length and runs from White Rock Lake down to I-20. It heads north from Southern Dallas past the Great Trinity Forest Gateway and Horse Trails, Trinity River Audubon Center, Trinity Forest Golf Course, and Texas Horse Park and connects with East Dallas and amenities at White Rock Lake. A section of this trail is the AT&T Trail. Those interested in contributing can contact Gail Thomas or Tierney Kaufman at The Trinity Trust.

### **About The Trinity Trust Foundation:**

The Trinity Trust Foundation supports the City of Dallas by raising private funds for amenities for the Trinity River Corridor Project. To date, more than \$60 million has been raised for these efforts. Donations from the private sector add features such as the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge and Margaret McDermott Bridge, Continental Avenue Bridge, Trinity Lakes, Trinity Forest Spine Trail, and more. The foundation also reaches out into the community to educate citizens about the project with presentations, symposia, and events. More information can be found by calling 214.740.1616, by emailing [info@thetrinitytrust.org](mailto:info@thetrinitytrust.org), or by visiting [www.thetrinitytrust.org](http://www.thetrinitytrust.org).

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