



## 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

**Nature needs champions. Here's how we answered that call through restoration, education and trail building.**

**In 2023 Greenspace Dallas continued to collaboratively develop national park quality recreation areas in the Trinity River Corridor, while preparing youth to become future stewards of the environment.**

We organized 53 corporate and public Saturday clean ups. These restoration efforts mainly focused on:

Frasier Dam Recreation Area

L.B. Houston Nature Trails

Bachman Lake

Hines Park

Pegasus Park

As well as other parks throughout Dallas and the Elm Fork of the Trinity River

**Gratitude to our volunteers and Greenspace staff who rolled up their sleeves, mucked up their boots and fished out all manner of debris from our waterways, parks, and trails.**

Here's the good dirt:

**5,559** Staff hours

**846** Volunteers

**2,743** Volunteer hours

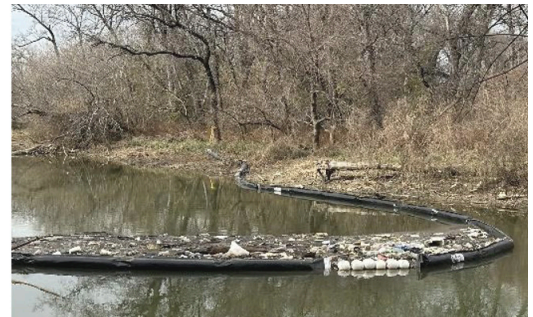
**1,594** Trash bags filled

**59** Tires removed

**34,186** Pounds of trash and debris removed

**21.79** Acres of invasive plants removed

**4.26** Miles of trails built



**Boom! There it isn't. The booms we installed proved their worth in stopping the flow of trash into the Trinity River – a key source of Texas drinking water.**

To support our cleanup efforts in the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, GSD purchased three River Booms in 2022. This helped filter the trash and debris before it entered the main channel of the Elm Fork. In 2023 we saw a significant reduction in litter downstream along the riverbanks, forest, and recreation areas. Keeping both Joe's and West Joe's Creek cleaned up resulted in 4,840 pounds of trash and debris from entering the Elm Fork.

## Projects we wrapped up in 2023.

### L.B. Houston Nature Trails Park – Phase II

- Developed 65 additional acres near the Elm Fork of the Trinity River and within the tree line.
- Redesigned 3.2 more miles of natural surface trail systems.

### Educating Environmental Stewards of Tomorrow



The 2023 Trinity River Crew successfully completed a 7-week, paid conservation work experience.

The goals of the Trinity River Crew are to promote environmental awareness, protect and restore green infrastructure and natural resources, and engage participants in meaningful conservation, community development, and stewardship projects around community parks and public spaces at the Trinity River.

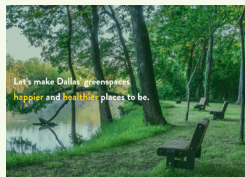
This year, 69 young people applied for 13 crew positions. A former participant in the program, now a college student, was hired to lead the 2023 program.

Students traveled to several area nonprofit organizations that focus on conservation.

Instructional partners include:

- Trinity Park Conservancy
- Trust for Public Lands
- John Bunker Sands Wetland Center
- Trinity River Audubon Center
- Lake Lewisville Learning Area
- Twelve Hills Nature Center
- Texas Agrilife – Urban Farming and Water Conservation, Water is Alive
- Texas Stream Team – City of Dallas/Chris Morris
- Texas Parks & Wildlife
- Texas Conservation Alliance

## Redesigned and refreshed our website – GreenspaceDallas.org



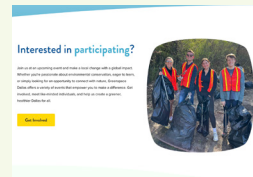
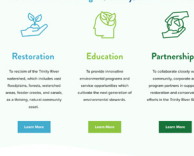
### Team up and make a difference. Volunteer with us.



### Our story is about breathing new life into neglected greenspaces.



### Our work builds bridges (literally) and benefits all.



## Projects we're actively working on in 2024.

- Continuing the cleanup of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River with removal of the invasive species plants within the greenspaces being developed by GSD.
- Maintenance and sponsored volunteer cleanups for the parks and areas that have been restored by GSD including: Hines Park, Fraiser Dam Recreational Area, Pegasus Park, Girls Scouts of Northeast Texas Stem Center of Excellence, Creekside Park, and Kiest Park.
- Partnering with the Trinity Parks Conservancy for the planning of the 2024 Trinity River Crew, GSD's summer youth employment program.
- Working with Friends of Bachman Lake to develop a trail system.
- We're continuing our important collaboration with The Trust for Public Land's transformational development of four parks and a comprehensive spine trail system bringing together all the trails in Dallas' vastly underserved areas.
- Partnering with The Loop Trail Dallas to widen trail corridors by removing invasive plants, deadfall, and general cleanups for the safety and enjoyment of users.
- Kleberg Park, in southeast Dallas – a potential cleanup and trail system development project. Local residents reached out to GSD for support in turning this unused property into a neighborhood park as a place for families and youth to enjoy.