

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 31, 2015

TO The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Response to Questions from June 24th Budget Briefing

Attached is the second set of responses to questions asked during the June 24th budget briefing. If you have any questions, please let me know.


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June 24th Budget Workshop – Council Questions and Responses

1) Provide departmental summaries on slide 107-158 in an excel file.

Excel file provided to Council Members on Friday, June 26th.

2) What is the cause of the \$2.6m increase in Reserves/Transfers?

As part of the June 24th budget briefing, page 45 showed a summary of the General Fund with Reserves and Transfers increasing by \$2.6m from FY15 adopted budget to the FY16 preliminary budget. Page 157 provided additional detail. Reasons for the year to year change are indicated and explained below:

	FY15 Adopted	FY16 Preliminary	
Salary and Benefit Reserve	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	No change included at time of preliminary presentation on June 24 th .
Contingency Reserve	\$450,000	\$3,078,101	\$2,628,101 increase in order to replenish Contingency Reserve to approximately \$5.8m and comply with City’s Financial Management Performance Criteria (FMPC). Contingency Reserve is being replenished as a result of Council approved uses during FY15.
Liability Fund Transfer	\$4,169,788	\$4,169,788	No change had been included at time of June 24 th preliminary update. Adjustments will be made prior to presenting a recommended budget.
Total	\$6,419,788	\$9,047,889	

3) What is the timeline for implementing Neighborhood Plus?

The Neighborhood Plus Plan is, first and foremost, a policy plan that will establish clear policy direction with immediate effect upon adoption by City Council. In addition, Neighborhood Plus identifies a total of 76 action items organized by Strategic Goals, some short term (1 year), some medium-term (2 to 3 years), and some long term (3 to 5 years). The intent is for these action items to be initiated and substantially advanced within the stated time period, assuming resources continue to be committed to these efforts over the time frames. However, many of these actions will require sustained work and resource commitments beyond these stated time periods.

4) How much property damage is caused by Sanitation using the alleys?

Risk Management paid \$45,633 last fiscal year (FY14) for claims associated with property damage for the Department of Sanitation Services. Additionally, the Sanitation department expends an estimated \$25,000 a year performing small repairs with City staff. These amounts reflect the total losses paid whether in an alley or outside of the alley for property damage caused by Sanitation vehicles. It does not include any amounts for damages to alleys themselves which are owned by the City.

5) What will be included for security of police headquarters and sub-stations?

Security for Jack Evans Police Headquarters and the sub-stations is being evaluated. Below are some preliminary considerations although a recommendation is not available at this time. A recommendation will be included in the upcoming budget to be presented on August 11th.

- Jack Evans HQ:
 - Lobby window repair/replacement and perimeter analysis for additional ballistic window wall.
 - Reconfiguration of security area in lobby—arrangement of scanner and x-ray machines with queuing to fit new security process to enter building.
 - Information desk to be retrofitted with ballistic glass.
 - Site review around building to determine additional bollard and fencing needs.
 - Building Fire Alarm and security system updates (cameras, card access control, etc).

- Patrol Stations (sub-stations)-7 stations:
 - Ballistic glass at public facing exterior lobby and/or offices.
 - Site review around buildings to determine bollard and fencing needs.
 - Building Fire Alarm and security system updates (cameras, card access control, etc).

- The conceptual cost estimate for all proposed work at Jack Evans headquarters and the sub-stations is estimated at \$6.8m.

6) What is the cause for reduction in Community Outreach?

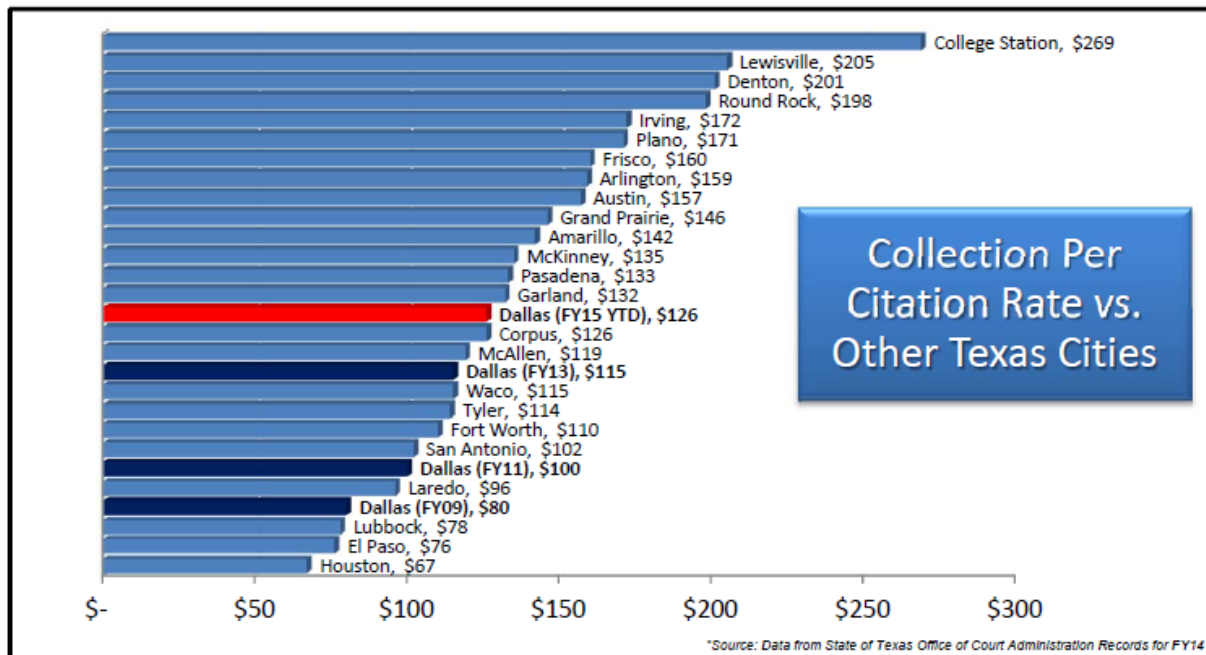
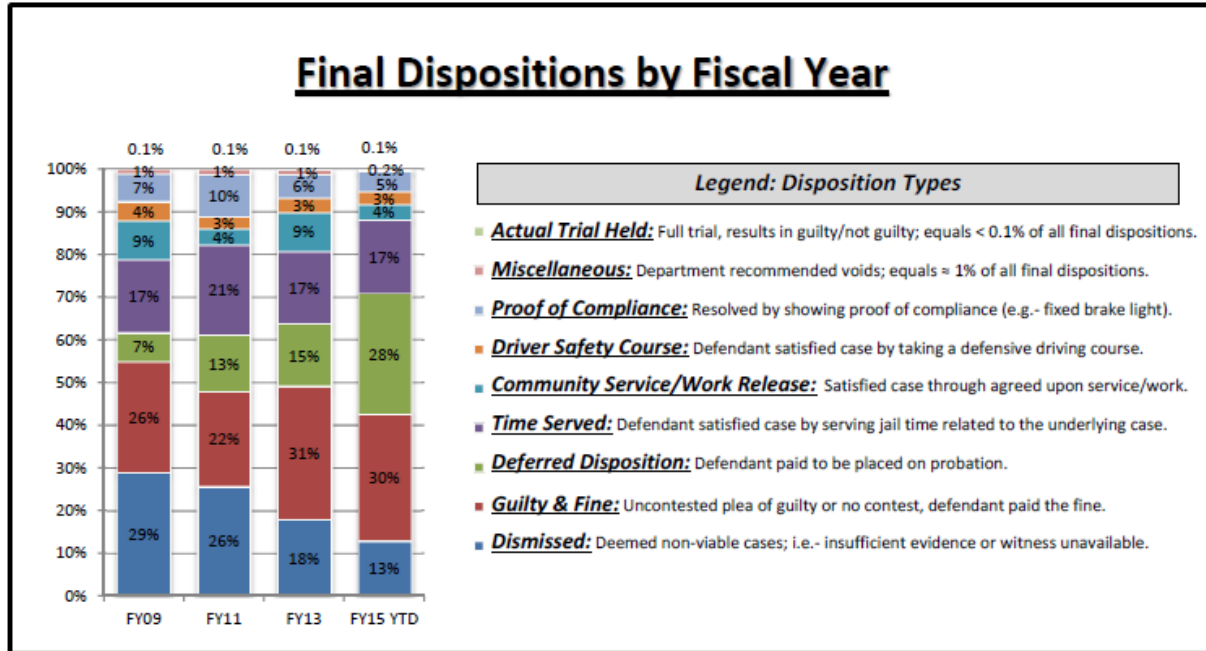
There is no service reduction for Community Outreach in the proposed FY16 budget. The service maintains the same number of civilian and sworn FTEs. The \$17K variance shown in the June 24th briefing document is primarily due to departmental allocations in salary related costs. The Police Department is still in the process of developing the FY16 budget and departmental allocations. Additional adjustments are still being made and the final budget will be recommended in early August.

7) Why do we have so many fees as opposed to just eliminating the fee and work?

As part of the Sunset Review process, ordinances related to Code Compliance are being reviewed (by Quality of Life Committee) for possible changes or repeal. If a given ordinance is changed/repealed, the fee could be eliminated. Examples of ordinances/fees that have been identified for potential elimination are the Electronic Repair License and Wood Vendor Permit.

8) Provide information about municipal court cases and how cases are disposed.

The Dallas Municipal Court adjudicates Class C misdemeanors and fine only offenses. Below are two charts showing both current and historical disposition types and collection per citation rates in comparison to other Texas cities.



9) What is the timeline for Lean/Six Sigma program and how will this address opportunities found in Sunset Review?

Lean Six Sigma uses a structured methodology to problem solving. The methodology that is used is based on five phases. These phases are Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve and Control. Lean Six Sigma is different from other methodologies in that it identifies the true root cause of an issue and fosters innovative solutions to the problem. Typically a Green Belt will have approximately 140 days to complete assigned projects. A Green Belt will work about 20% of time on projects, therefore, projects that fall in line with the Green Belt's normal job duties are identified and assigned. A Black Belt is full time and will typically have approximately 90 days to complete a project. The first two weeks of Green Belt training has been completed. Five of 22 projects currently identified for the first wave of training are associated with the Sunset Review Process. As more individuals are trained and experience gained, work on 24 other Sunset Review opportunities will begin.

10) Why are there only \$1.5m savings included after Sunset Review looked at departments totaling \$505m?

Sunset Review was initiated by City staff for the first time beginning in the fall 2014. This is a new initiative and will take time before the full benefit is realized. During the first year, seven departments/offices were reviewed. They included police, courts, judiciary, emergency management, code compliance, 311, and parts of the attorney's office. The budget for these departments/offices is \$505m or 25% of the total FY15 operating budget.

Through the review, 67 potential opportunities were identified. The initial savings for potential opportunities that could be included in the FY16 budget were about \$1.5m as reported in the June 24th briefing. This number will continue to be refined prior to recommending the FY16 budget on August 11th. Most of the 67 potential opportunities are projects that are being referred to the new Center for Performance Excellence (CPE) and will go through the Lean/Six Sigma program to identify efficiencies and savings to include in a future year budget. This is an ongoing process that will involve identification of projects through Sunset Review and process improvement implementation through CPE's Lean/Six Sigma program.

Of the \$505.0m, salary and benefits for employees of the police and code departments total \$417.7m. These costs were excluded from significant consideration since staffing levels within police and code are considered critical to the delivery of their services and increases, not reductions are requested. Additionally, within the \$505.0m for the seven departments/offices, \$41.3m is an allocation for Communication and Information Services (CIS) for information technology and for Equipment Services (EBS) for fleet and fuel. EBS is scheduled to be reviewed as a whole in FY16 and CIS is scheduled to be reviewed as a whole in FY18.

If police and code personnel (\$417.7m), and technology and fleet/fuel (\$41.3m) are backed out of the \$505.0m, the remainder is \$46.0m. The preliminary reduction of \$1.5m represents 3.2% of the budget that was available for consideration. Savings will be increased as the 67 potential opportunities continue to be reviewed. In addition, savings beyond these are being considered during the FY 2015-16 budget process that will be presented to Council on August 11th.

11) Provide positions and budget that City has for Children and Youth Services. Include both services provided by staff and services contracted.

Park and Recreation

The Park and Recreation Department's FY16 preliminary budget for children and youth services is \$8,547,230. This includes 620 full-time, part-time and seasonal positions. Services include youth sports, Send a Kid to Camp, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) after school programs, summer camp, recreation center children/youth programs, Mayor's Youth Fitness Initiative, community pools, Bahama Beach and Bachman pool.

Dallas Police Department

The Youth Outreach Unit (YOU) is responsible for managing the youth engagement programs of the Dallas Police Department, including: Police Explorer Program, Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL), Junior Explorer Program, Junior Police academy, and the Blue In The School (BITS) Program. This unit includes 43 positions and a budget of \$3,828,914.

Library

The Library's Outreach Services division, Bookmarks at NorthPark Center and Children's Center at the Central Library include 15 positions that are solely dedicated to children, citizens with children and youth services. In addition, 31 branch library employees at 27 branch library locations are tasked with promoting, coordinating and leading weekly children's storytimes and youth programs. This includes four DISD funded children's Librarians and customer service representatives at the two DISD co-locations, Hampton-Illinois and Arcadia Park branch libraries. Through grants, corporate donations, the Library's volunteer program and partnership with DISD; Library Outreach and branch staff are able to offer various literacy and early literacy programs for children and youth throughout the year, organize the Mayor's Summer Reading Club on an annual basis and storytime events each week. These services are provided through 46 total full-time and part-time positions at a total budget of \$2,404,121.

Housing and Community Services

The Housing and Community Services Department includes 3 positions and \$299,697 budget for City Child Care Services. Additionally, there are contracted services and \$198,129 budget for a Child Care Services Program. Both programs are funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The City's Child Care Services Program through partnership with non-profits agencies, provides childcare subsidies for low-to-moderate-income working parents and teenage parents who are attending high school and do not qualify for any other form of public assistance.

12) Provide information on all vacant positions in Code Compliance, especially Animal Services.

There are a total of 63 general fund positions vacant in Code Compliance. Of these, 35 are vacancies not in Animal Services, and key positions include code inspectors, and sanitarians. Fourteen code inspectors were recently hired and will graduate from the Code Academy on August 14. Three sanitarian vacancies were reclassified to senior positions and are in the hiring process.

The Animal Services division has 28 vacancies as of July 2015, and has filled 15 positions but lost 13 through attrition this fiscal year. Key vacancies include 10 animal officers, 6 animal keepers, 2 customer service representatives, and 2 supervisors. Five animal officer positions have been reclassified into senior positions and are currently advertised, as are the animal keeper vacancies. All of these key positions are scheduled to complete hiring in September and October.

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SUBJECT Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate

This morning, we received the final tax rate calculations from Dallas County Tax Office. The below table shows the calculated effective and roll back tax rates compared to the FY 2014-15 adopted tax rate and the FY 2015-16 rate that will be proposed in the City Manager's recommended budget.

FY 2014-15 Adopted Rate	FY 2015-16 Proposed Rate	Calculated Effective Rate	Calculated Roll Back Rate
\$0.7970	\$0.7970	\$0.7599	\$0.8041

The effective tax rate is the rate that generates the same amount of revenue in the new fiscal year on property that was taxed in the previous fiscal year. New construction values are not included in this calculation. The rollback tax rate is the effective general fund rate plus 8%, plus the tax rate required to pay debt service.

A record vote and two public hearings are required to consider a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the effective tax rate and the roll back rate.

The City Manager's recommended budget will be provided to you late next week and presented on Tuesday, August 11th. A briefing providing additional information about the tax rate calculations and a vote to consider adopting a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th.

Please let me know if you need additional information.


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SUBJECT **City Council Calendar Amendments**

A voting item has been placed on the August 5, 2015, Council Briefing Agenda for consideration of amendments to the City Council Calendar to accommodate attendance at the Texas Municipal League annual conference and the observance of Yom Kippur. A memo was distributed on July 28, 2015, with proposed changes.

The proposed calendar for consideration includes:

- Move the vote to adopt the budget on the first reading from Wednesday, September 9 to Wednesday, September 2;
- Move the Council Budget Amendments Workshop from Wednesday, September 16 to Tuesday, September, 8 at 3:00pm and Wednesday, September 9 (as needed);
- Move the vote to adopt the budget on the second reading and all associated actions from Wednesday, September 23 to Wednesday, September 16; and
- Move the remainder of the September 23rd City Council agenda meeting from Wednesday, September 23 to Wednesday, September 30.

Based on feedback from the July 28th memo, we have also inquired with your staff as to any conflicts with moving the remainder of the September 23rd meeting to Monday, September 21st rather than Wednesday, September 30th. At the time of this memo, 2 councilmembers have confirmed conflicts on Monday, September 21st and 3 councilmembers have conflicts with the September 30th date.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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Jeanne Chipperfield
Chief Financial Officer

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SUBJECT **Aquatic Facilities Master Plan Update**

On Wednesday, 5 August 2015, the Park and Recreation Board would like to request a deferral of the briefing, Aquatic Facilities Master Plan Update. The briefing was requested by Council to be briefed the first meeting in August; however, the Board and staff would like to request that Council defer until all staff are present and available for questions.

Please contact John Jenkins at 670-4073 if you have any questions.


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SUBJECT West Nile Virus Update

Earlier today, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) announced eleven (11) additional mosquito samples that were positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) in addition to four (4) mosquito samples that tested positive earlier in the week. Ground spraying will be conducted today, July 31, 2015 through Monday, August 3, 2015 (see attachments).

There has been one confirmed case of a person infected with WNV this season in Dallas, but the increase in positive traps raises the potential for additional human infections in the coming weeks. Public information and outreach continues on radio, billboards, social media, and community meetings and at www.dallascityhall.com.

City and County staffs continue monitoring these developments and closely tracking the potential of new cases in the coming weeks. The City's mosquito control program is continually evolving to address the threat of WNV. The attached media releases provide additional information on efforts to educate the public, as well as to monitor and abate mosquito populations.

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Areas in Dallas to be sprayed for West Nile Virus

Dallas – Mosquito pools were confirmed positive for West Nile Virus in the 75229 zip code of Dallas. Weather permitting; the areas delineated below are scheduled for mosquito control spraying on Friday, July 31, 2015 and Saturday, August 1, 2015 between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on each night.

Control Area: The areas to be sprayed are within the following general boundaries:

4500 College Park: **Forest Lane** on the north **Dwarfs** on the west, **Leachman** on the east and **Royal Lane** on the south.

10100 Cromwell: **Galahad** on the north, **Harwell** on the west, **Betty Lane** on the east and **Kinkaid** on the south.

5500 Northaven: **Forest Lane** on the north, **Strait** on the west, **Preston Road** on the east and **Pebblebrook** on the south.

4400 Northcrest: **Meadowdale** on the north, **Gooding** on the west, **Strait** on the east and **Beechwood** on the south.

While the insecticide is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for treatment, residents in the above areas should avoid contact with the spray by staying indoors. Persons inside a vehicle while trucks are actively spraying should remain in their vehicles with the windows up and the air conditioner on until the trucks pass and the spray is no longer visible. Persons out during the scheduled spraying time should be alert for trucks and should not follow them. Residents who come in contact with the spray are advised to wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water. The spray breaks down quickly in the presence of sunlight and has no residual effect.

Protection against mosquito bites

Dallas residents are urged to take precautions against mosquito bites by reducing outdoor activity during evening and nighttime hours. Residents who are outside during these times should cover their arms and legs and use a mosquito repellent.

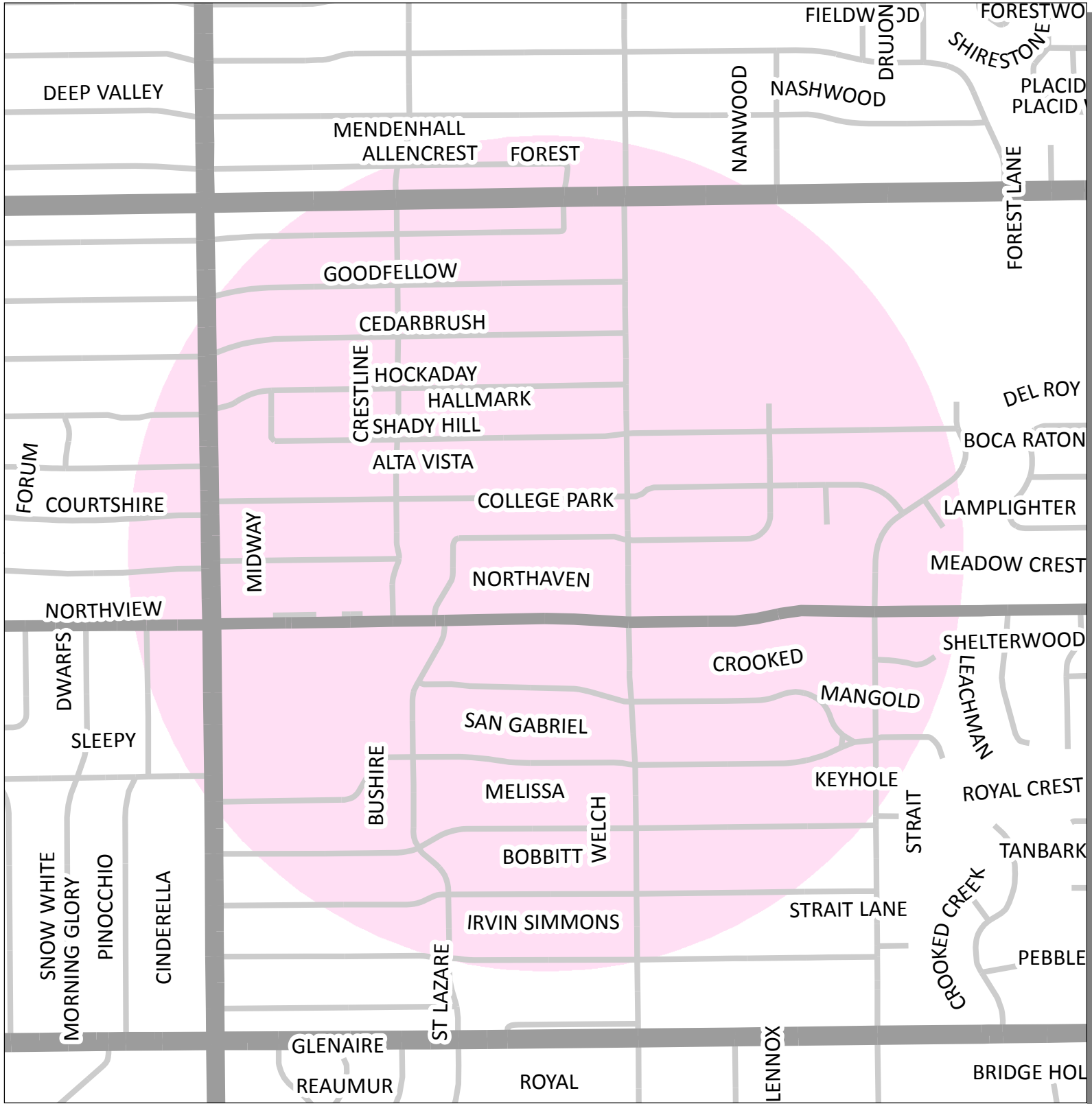
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rain gutters and French drains. Standing water should be eliminated promptly, as mosquitoes can grow from egg to adult in as little as seven days.

To report standing water or mosquito problems Dallas residents should call 3-1-1. For additional information on Mosquito Control visit www.dallascityhall.com.

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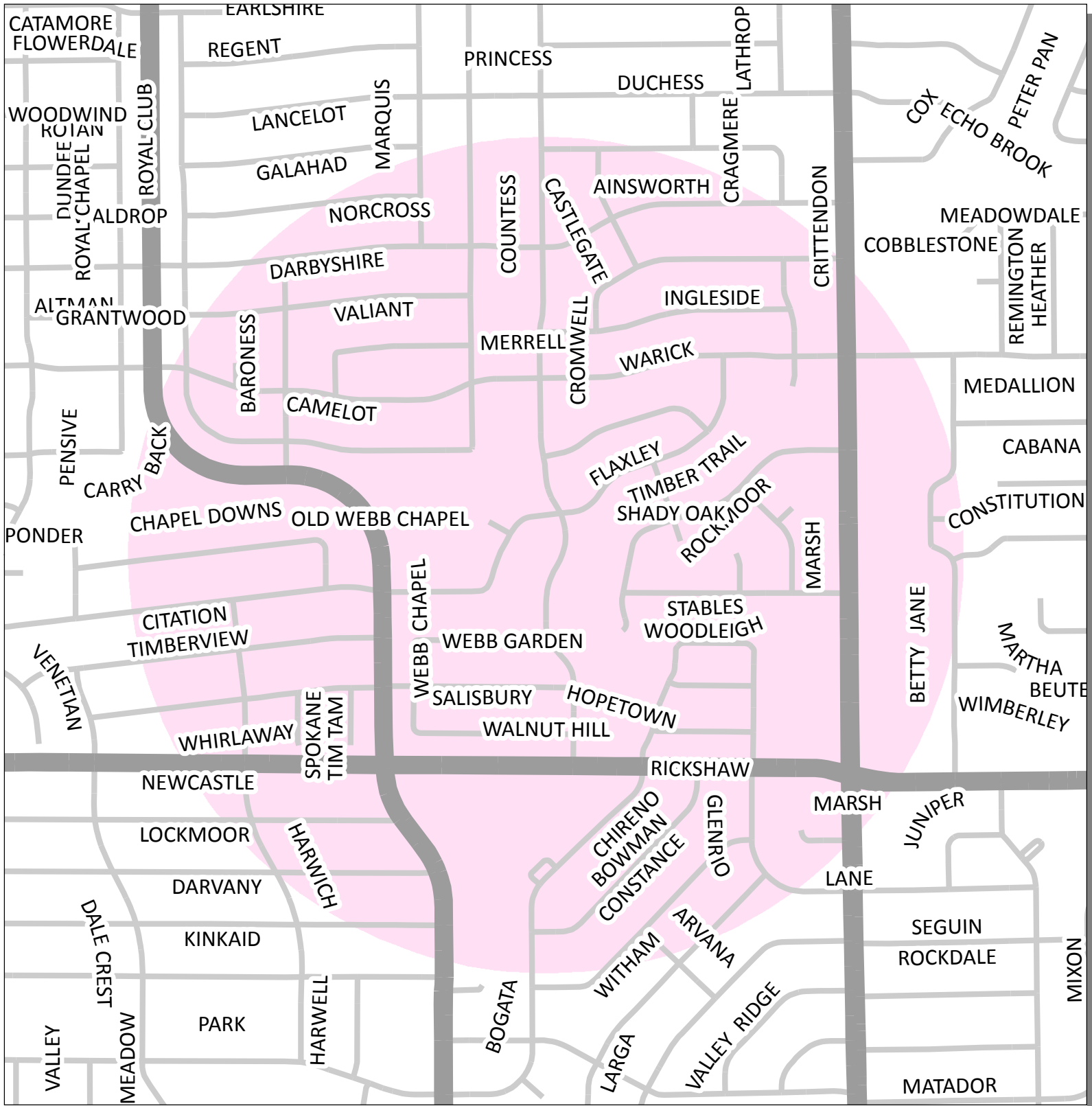
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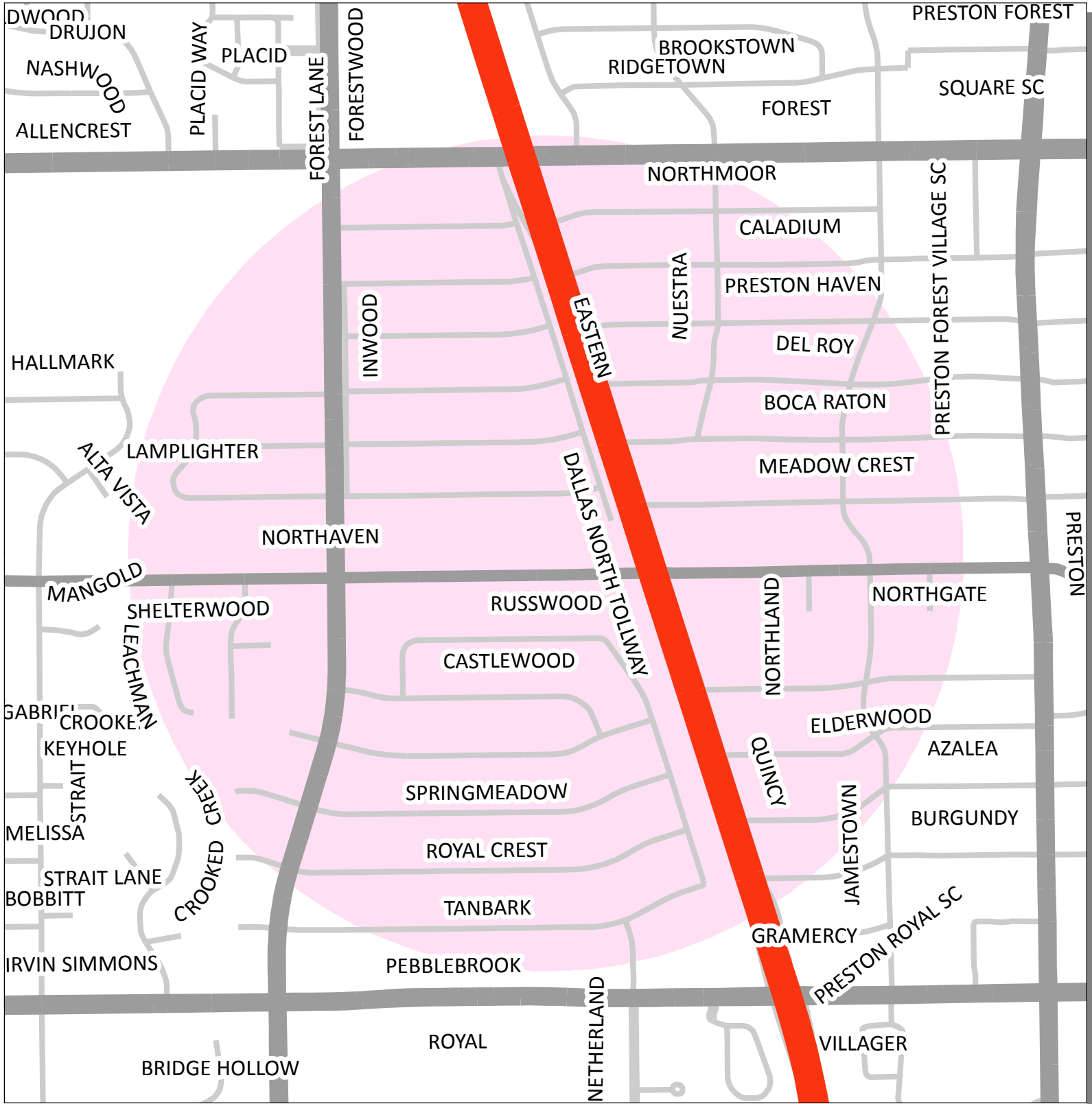
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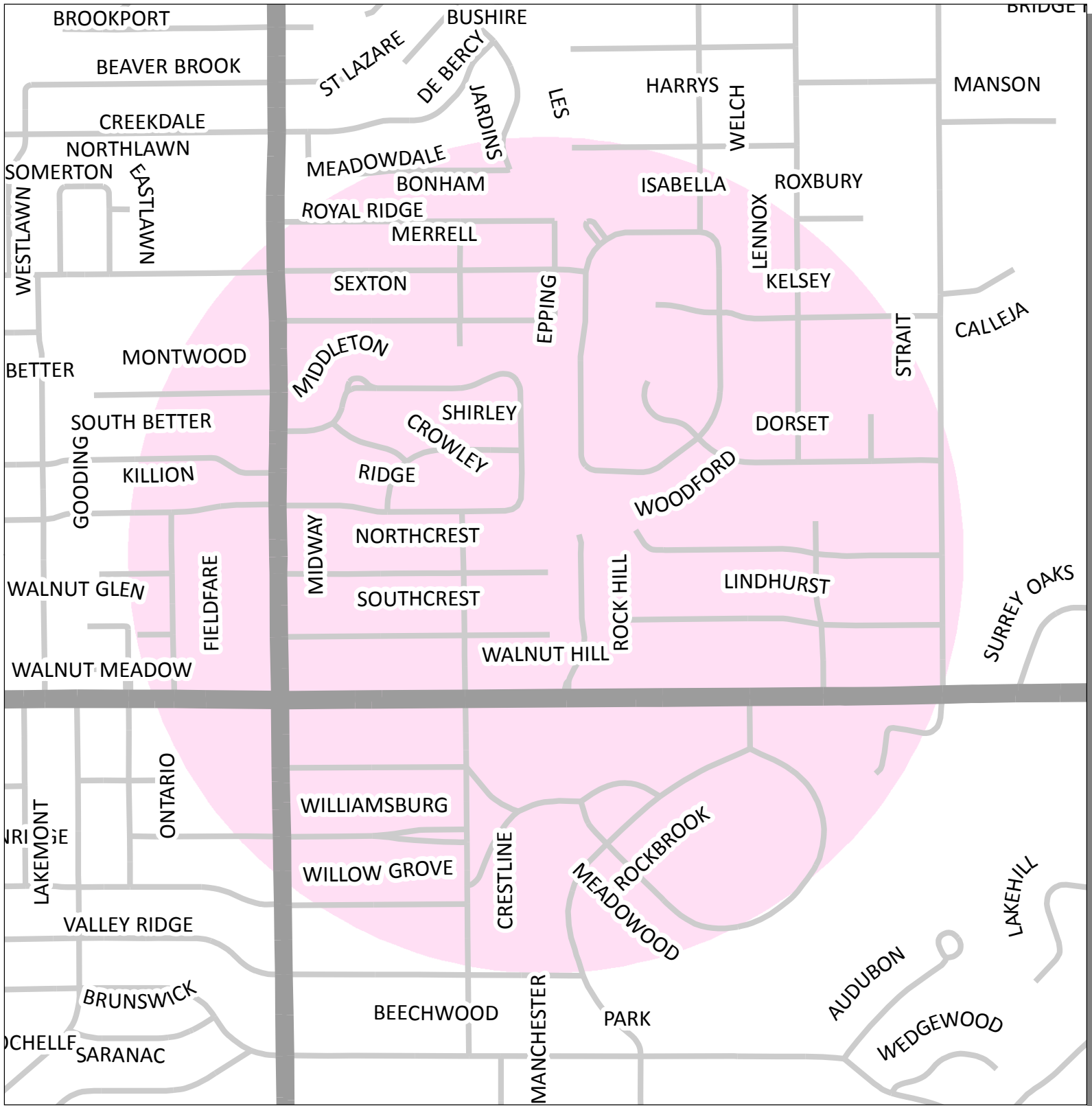
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Control Area: The areas to be sprayed are within the following general boundaries:

300 North Gail: **Susan** on the north, **Tillery** on the west, **Counts** on the east and **Arcadia** on south.

2700 Lawrence Street: **Oakland Cemetary** on the north, **Leland Avenue** on the west, **Peary Avenue** on the east and **Anderson Street** on the south.

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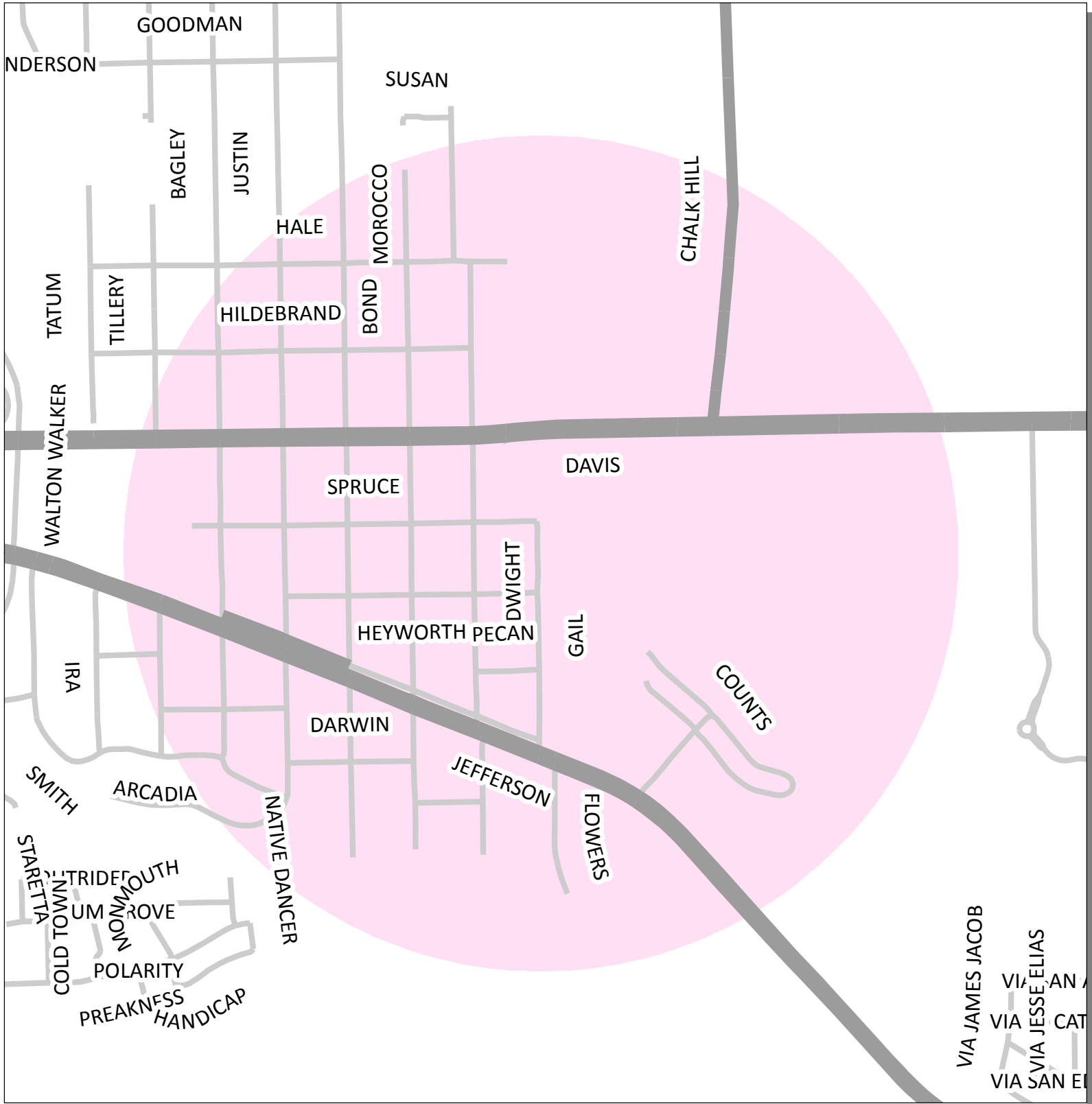
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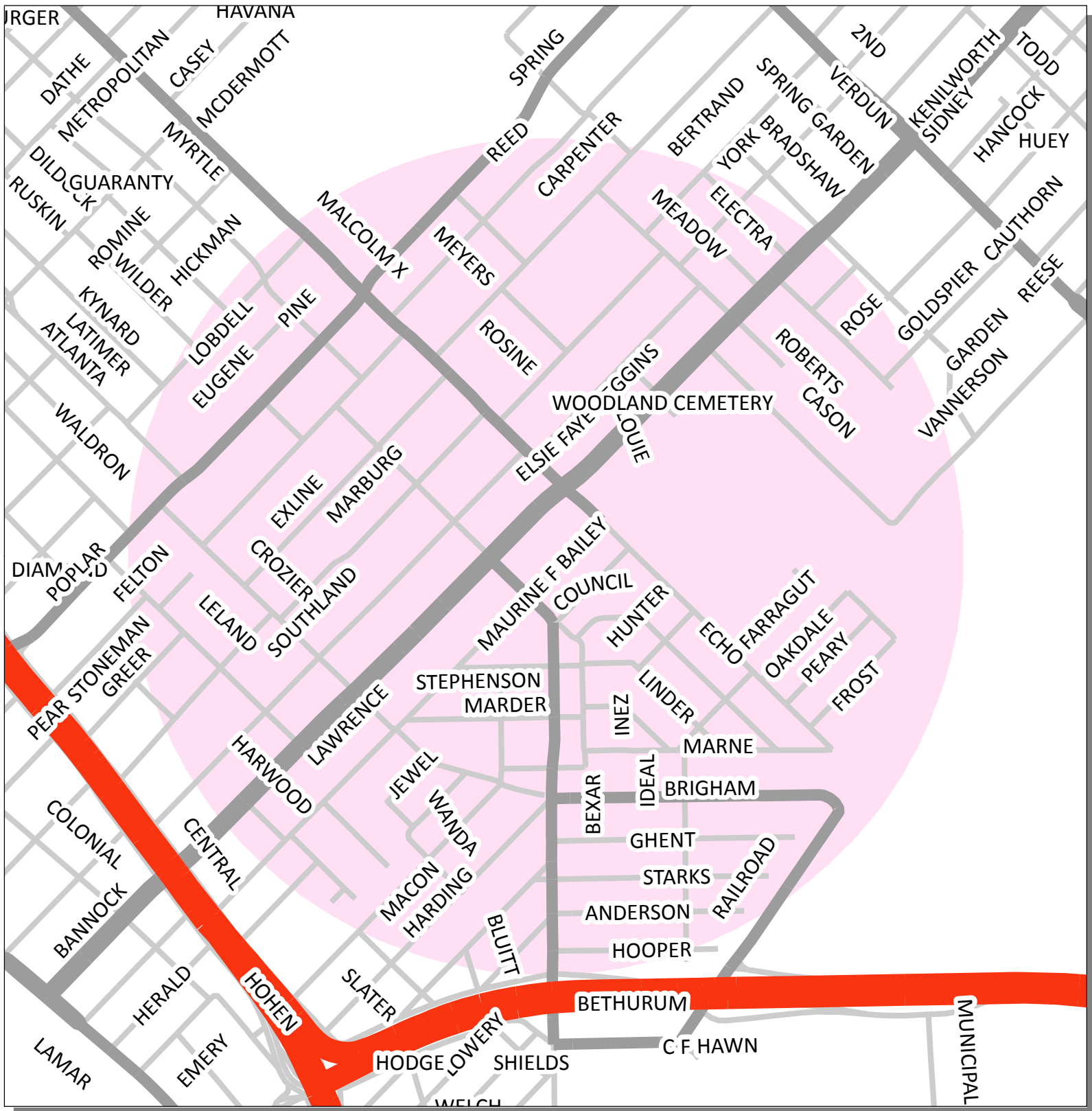
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Dallas – Mosquito pools were confirmed positive for West Nile Virus in the 75204, 75212, 75215 and the 75248 zip code of Dallas. Weather permitting; the areas delineated below are scheduled for mosquito control spraying on Sunday, August 2, 2015 and Monday, August 3, 2015 between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on each night.

Control Area: The areas to be sprayed are within the following general boundaries:

3400 block of Hugo: **City Place West** on the north, **Cedar Springs Road** on the west, **Lucille Street** on the east and **Ann Williams Street** on the south

2900 block of MLK: **Robert Cullum Blvd** on the north, **Logan Street** on the west, **Dallas Street** on the east and **Atlanta Street** on the south.

3400 Pondrom Street: **S Malcolm X Blvd** on the north, **Park Row Avenue** on the west, **Oakland Cemetery** on the east and **Colonial Avenue** on the south.

3700 block of Bickers: **Canada Drive** on the north, **Pluto Street** on the west, **Westmorland Road** on the east and **Singleton Road** on the south

6600 block of Duffield: **Shell Flower Lane** on the north, **Preston Road** on the west, **Hillcrest Road** on the east and **Brentfield Drive** on the south.

While the insecticide is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for treatment, residents in the above areas should avoid contact with the spray by staying indoors. Persons inside a vehicle while trucks are actively spraying should remain in their vehicles with the windows up and the air conditioner on until the trucks pass and the spray is no longer visible. Persons out during the scheduled spraying time should be alert for trucks and should not follow them. Residents who come in contact with the spray are advised to wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water. The spray breaks down quickly in the presence of sunlight and has no residual effect.

Protection against mosquito bites

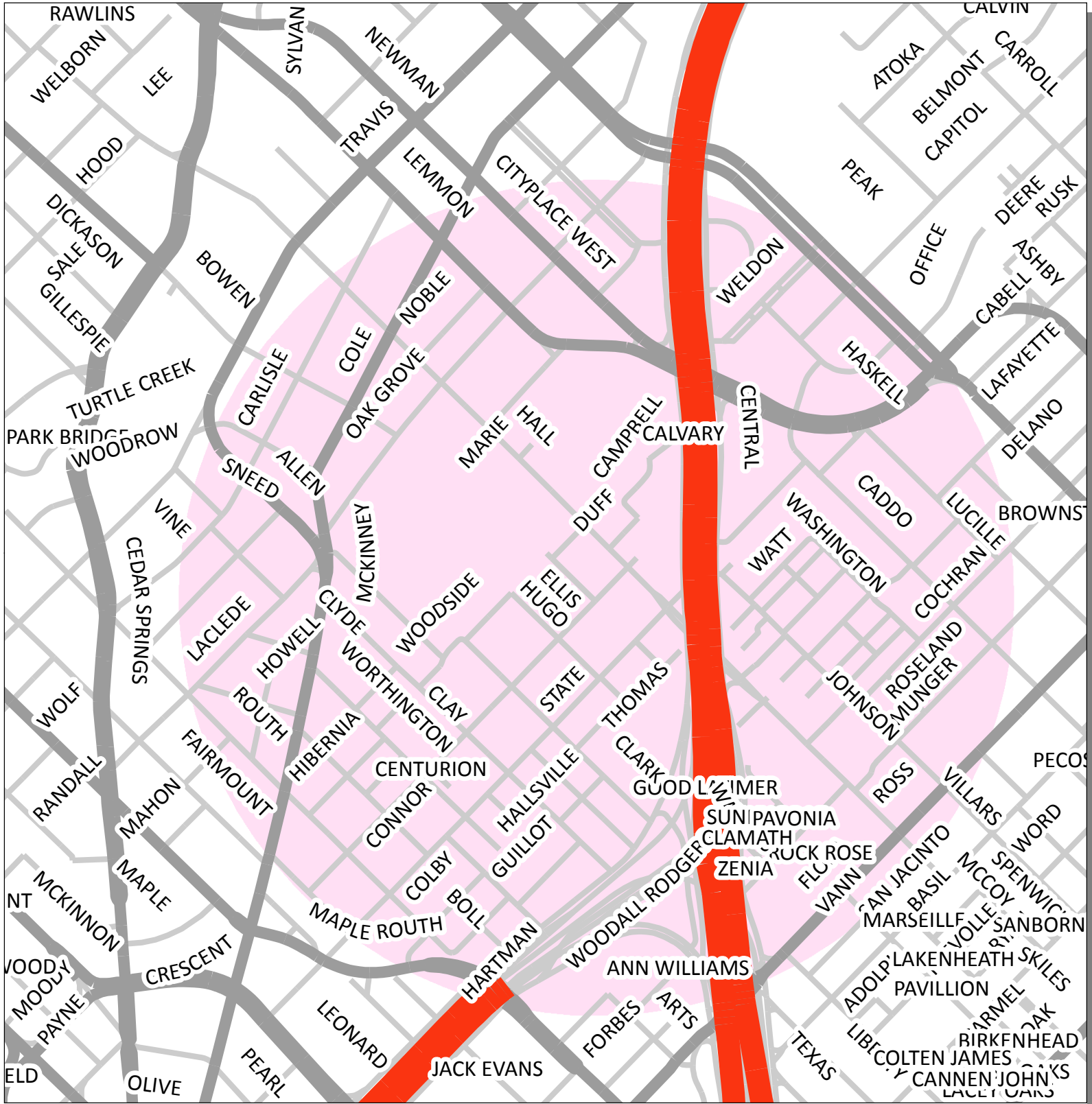
Dallas residents are urged to take precautions against mosquito bites by reducing outdoor activity during evening and nighttime hours. Residents who are outside during these times should cover their arms and legs and use a mosquito repellent.

Prevent mosquito breeding

Residents should eliminate standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of West Nile Virus. Breeding places for mosquitoes include swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant ponds, pet watering dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, toys and clogged rain gutters and French drains. Standing water should be eliminated promptly, as mosquitoes can grow from egg to adult in as little as seven days.

To report standing water or mosquito problems Dallas residents should call 3-1-1. For additional information on Mosquito Control visit www.dallascityhall.com.

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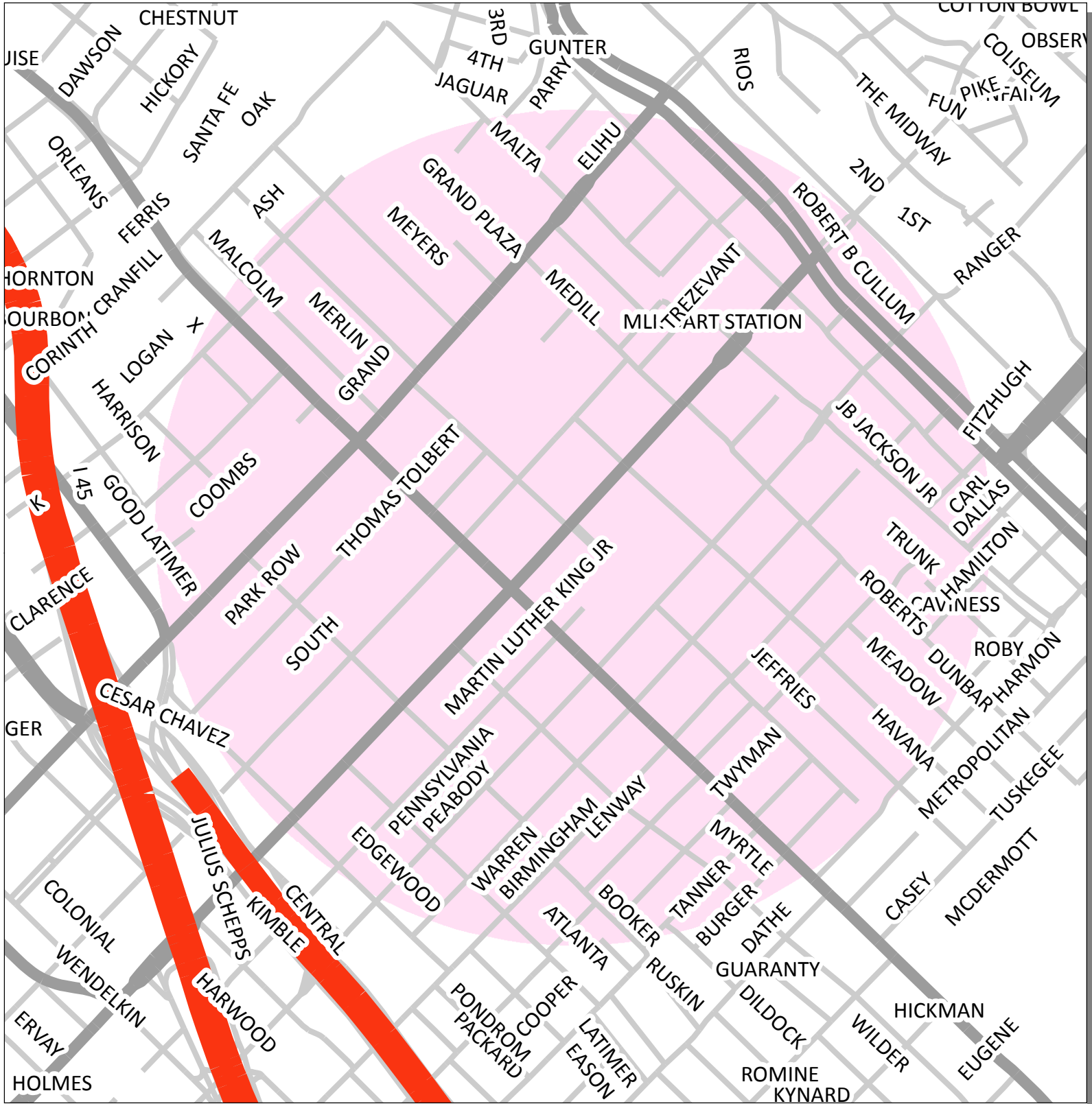
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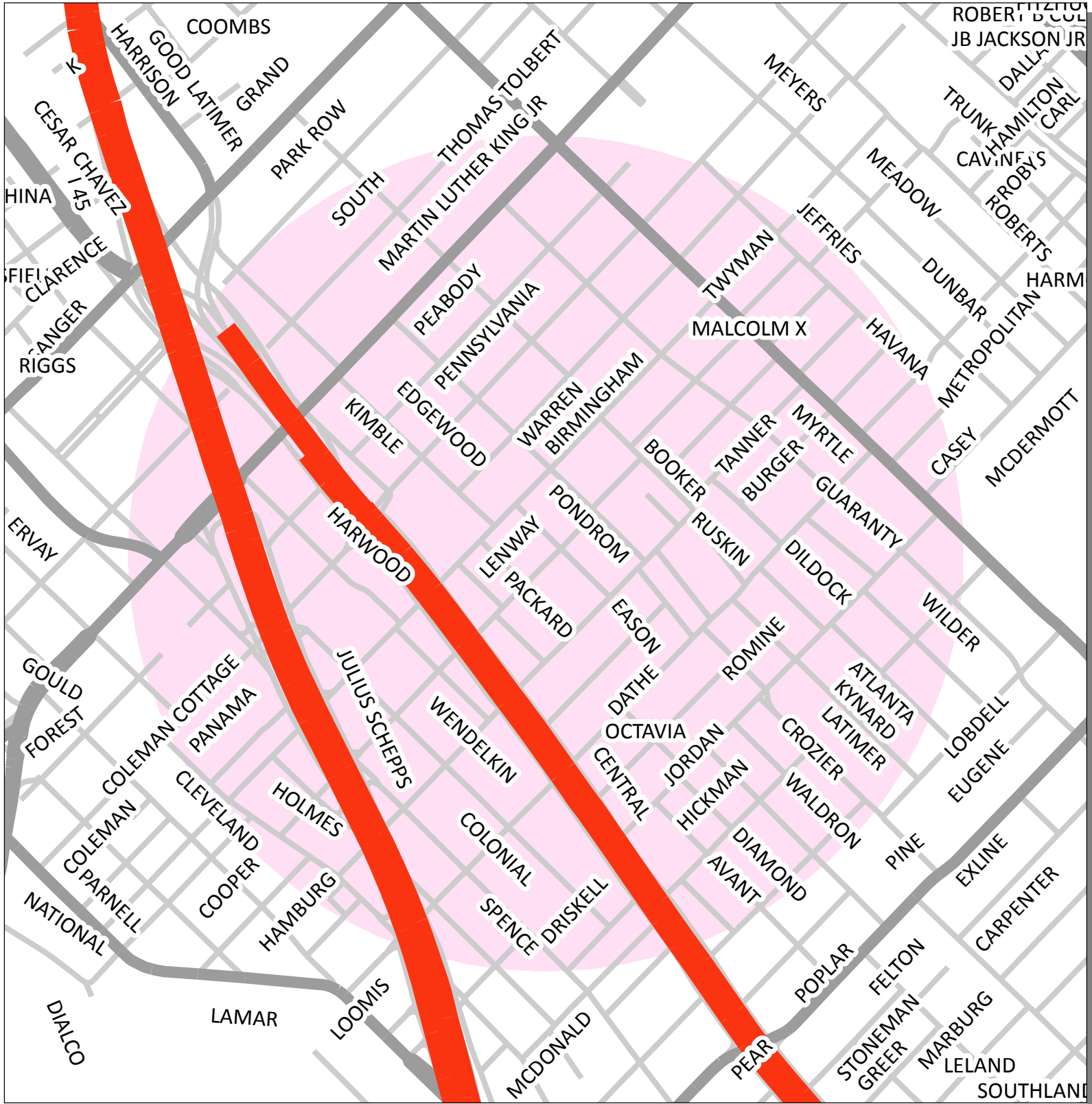
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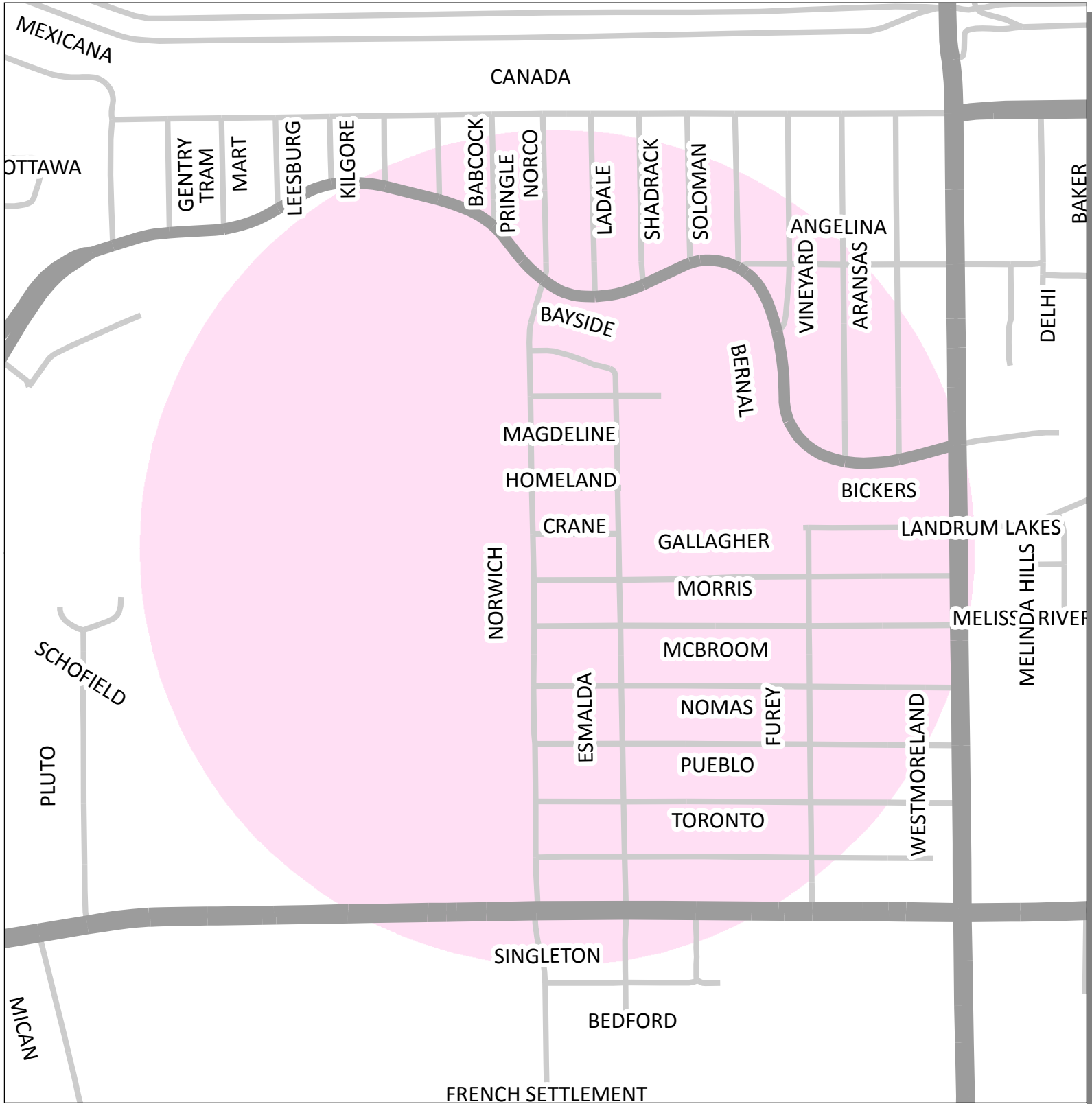
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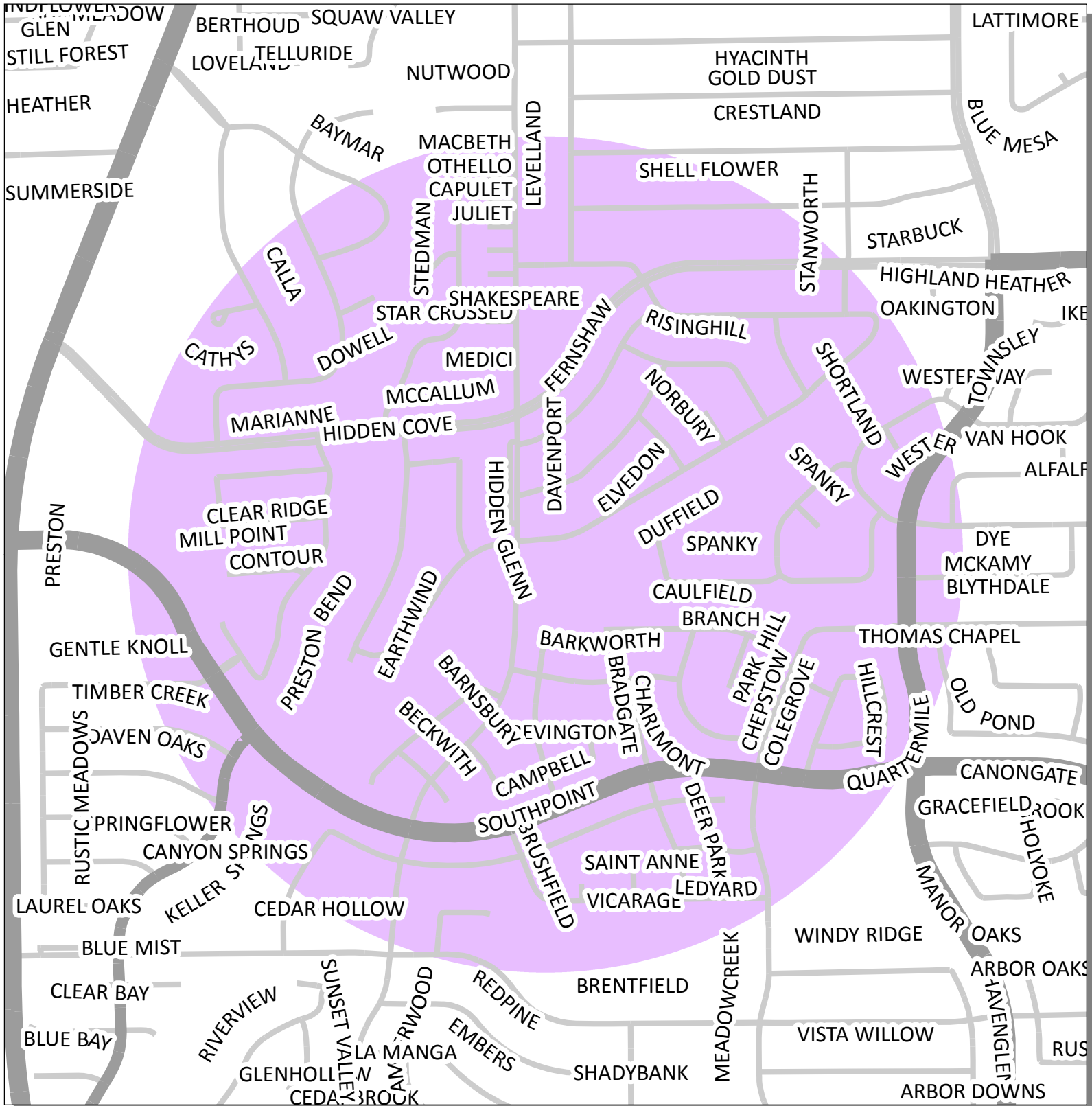
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Memorandum



DATE July 31, 2015

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Flooding Activities Update**

The City of Dallas has been actively engaged in removal of debris deposited from the flooding that occurred during May and June. Debris has been identified across the City through ongoing staff assessments and citizen reports through 311 calls. To date, over 1,200 cubic yards (or approximately 100 large truck loads) of debris has been removed. Staff will continue to remove debris over the coming weeks and are encouraging citizens to continue reporting debris in local creeks and channels so that removal can be scheduled.

Due to ongoing lake releases anticipated to occur through August and potentially September, the Dallas Floodway and Elm Fork will likely continue to collect debris in and along the river channel. Staff will continue to monitor the river conditions and routinely perform inspections of the system with the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). Upon conclusion of these releases, staff will work closely with the Corps to repair damages related to the flooding and assess debris removal needs.

Additionally, the City has received numerous requests from neighborhood and community organizations to participate in service projects related to removal of small debris and floatables. If you have constituents who would like to participate in scheduled, service events within the Trinity Corridor, please have them contact mytrinityriver@dallascityhall.com.

Please contact me should you have questions or need additional information.



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