



TRINITY RIVER  Audubon
CENTER

Connecting People with Nature



Park and Recreation Board
November 5, 2015

Trinity Audubon Center



Audubon's Mission

To conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.



Features

- 120 acres
- 22,000 sq. ft. building
- 5 miles of accessible hiking trails
- Aquariums, terrariums, and interactive exhibits
- Children's Discovery Garden
- Educational wet labs
- Trinity River Overlook
- Photo blinds
- Event space for rent



Sustainable Features

- Recycled and sustainable building products
- Green roof & native plants
- Permeable pavement
- Rainwater harvesting
- On-site septic treatment
- High-efficiency HVAC
- LEED Gold certified



Significance

- Gateway to the 6,000-acre Great Trinity Forest
- A destination on the county spine trail with projected connectivity from Audubon to Arboretum
- First LEED-certified building constructed by the Dallas Park and Recreation Department
- A resource for greater understanding of – and involvement in - the Trinity River, local ecosystems, and the natural world.

Our Goals

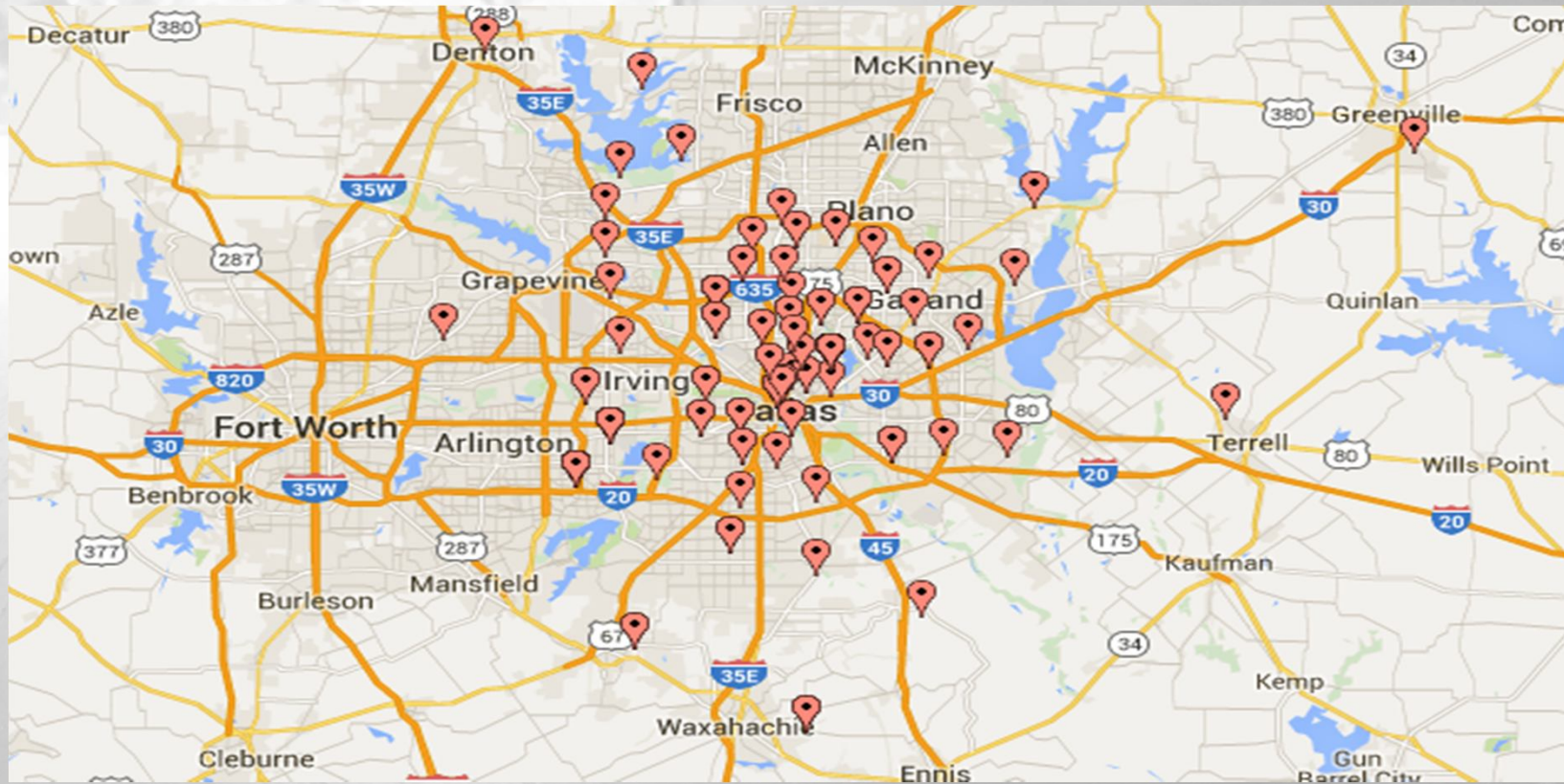
- Open 20,000 + new eyes to nature
- Be a gateway to careers in conservation
- Build a culture of conservation
- Strengthen communities by encouraging hands-on interactions with nature for people of all ages and backgrounds



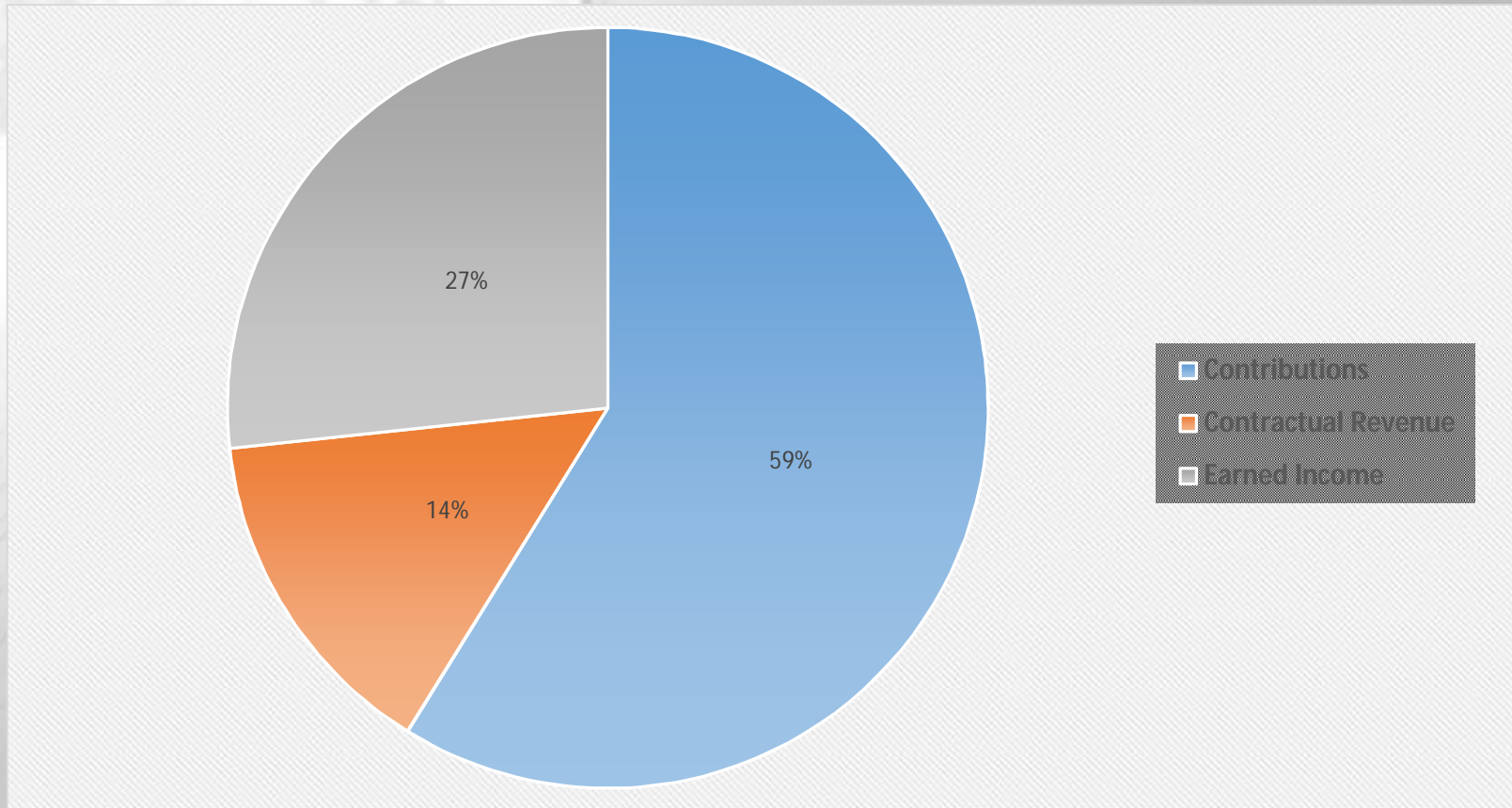
Programming at TRAC

- Eco-Investigations
- River Investigations
- Schoolyard investigations (Lakewood Elementary and Cochran Elementary)
- Custom programming for schools
- Audubon TREKS
- Robust volunteer program
- Free events such as Owl-O-Ween and Celebrate Birds
- Guided hikes
- Free Admission during 2015 summer
- Free Admission for 75217 residents

Program Participation By Zip Code



TRAC Funding Sources



Upcoming Projects

- Floating Classroom
- Climbing/Hawk Observation Tower
- Revamped river programs
- Technology update to improve data collection and analysis
- Focus on increasing programming for secondary education and adults
- Renewed focus on outreach to 75217

Center Schedule and Admission

- Hours

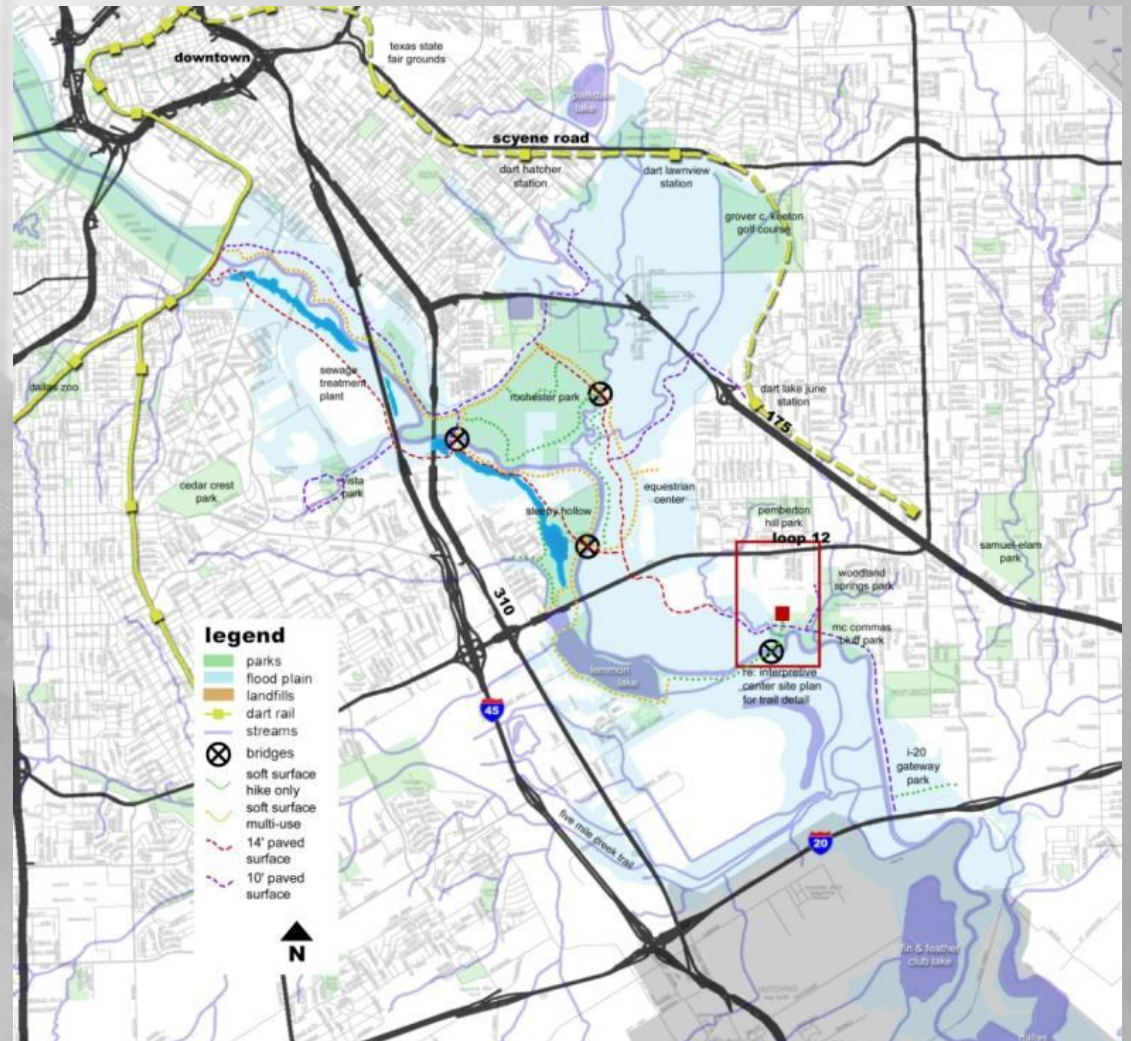
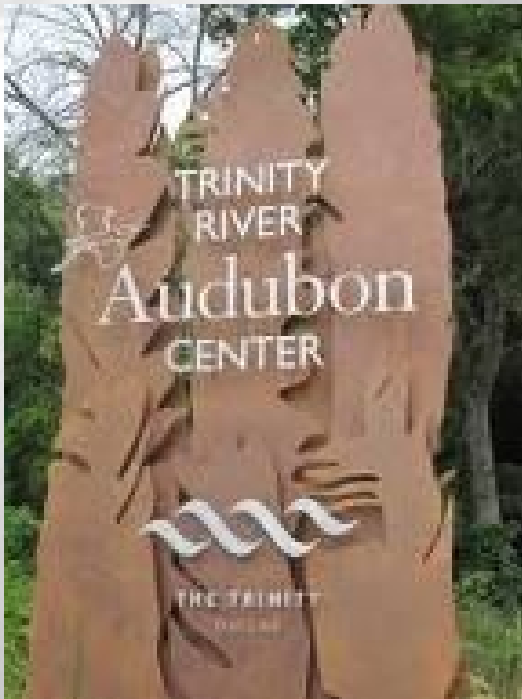
- Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday: open for field trips only
- Tuesday-Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Admission

- \$6 adult
- \$3 child
- \$4 senior



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