



**DALLAS
WATER
COMMONS**



The Dallas Water Commons
is a public–private partnership between
the City of Dallas and The Dallas Wetlands
Foundation made possible by the 2017
Bond Election, the Park & Recreation
Department and Dallas voters.



Inspired

by the 2013 City of Dallas-sponsored
Connected City Design Challenge

The Idea:

Create public greenspace around City-owned land & stormwater ponds, help polish the water and link the area to existing amenities.

The Project area is approximately 17 total common acres (public and private combined).

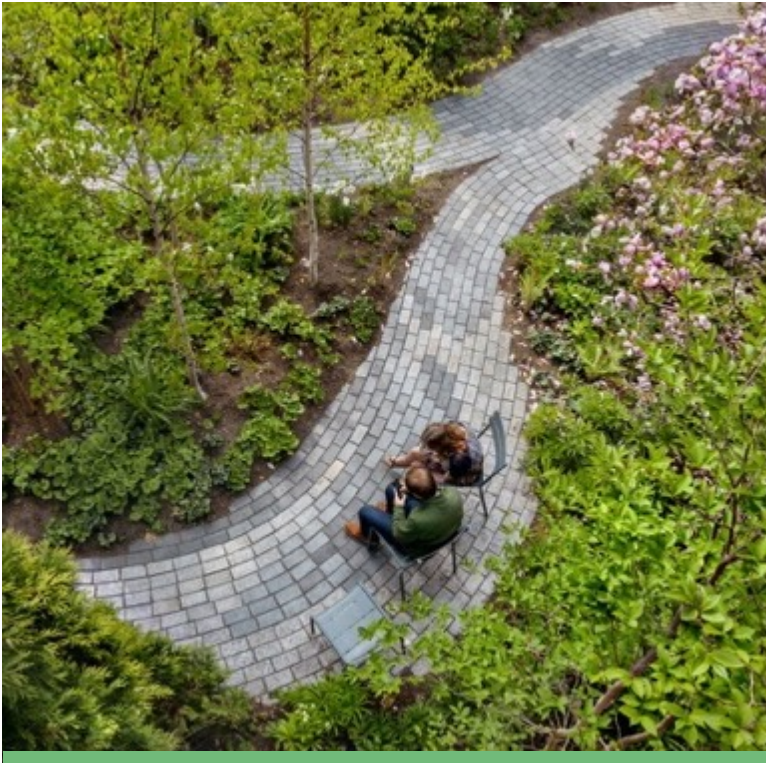




**The Dallas Water Commons,
an urban oasis, will provide a public
green space for recreation and
enhance a nature-based hydrology
solution in the urban core of one of
the **fastest growing U.S. cities.****

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GATHERING PLACE OF NATURAL BEAUTY



RECREATION & LEARNING



FLOOD PREVENTION & FILTRATION



HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS



- The water path of the Dallas Water Commons is old. It “dates back to the time of Moses...”
- 2013 City of Dallas Connected City Design Challenge entries proposed utilizing the old sumps as public amenity and water enhancement area
- North Central Texas Council of Governments (COG) provided \$350K grant to run initial schematic, hydraulic and engineering viability studies
- 2016 A brief on the Dallas Water Gardens (the project’s previous name) given to Dallas Park & Recreation Board
- 2017 Dallas Wetlands Foundation formally created to nurture the project, convene stakeholders / support and the COG grant bids vetted and scope of work determined
- November 2017, City of Dallas Bond Election grants \$7.5M in matching Park funds to the Foundation for the project then known as the “Dallas Water Gardens”
- 2018-2019 COG Engineering Feasibility Study commences and is completed by Tetra Tech
- 2019 / 2020 Additional Technical Partners sought and Design Development begins



**GREEN SPACE
DESTINATION**

**FILTERS 650M+ WATER
GALLONS ANNUALLY**

**LIVING
CLASSROOM**



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CLEANSSED WATER
RELEASED TO NORTH POND

ENGAGING WITH
WATER & WETLANDS

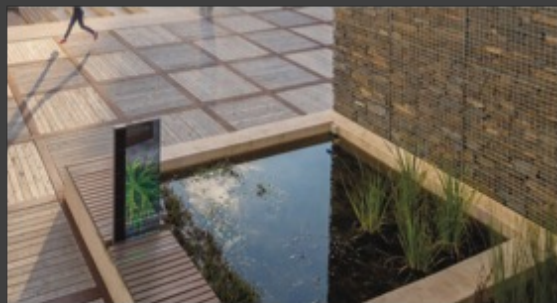
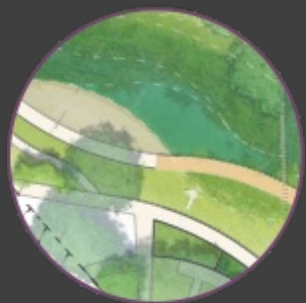
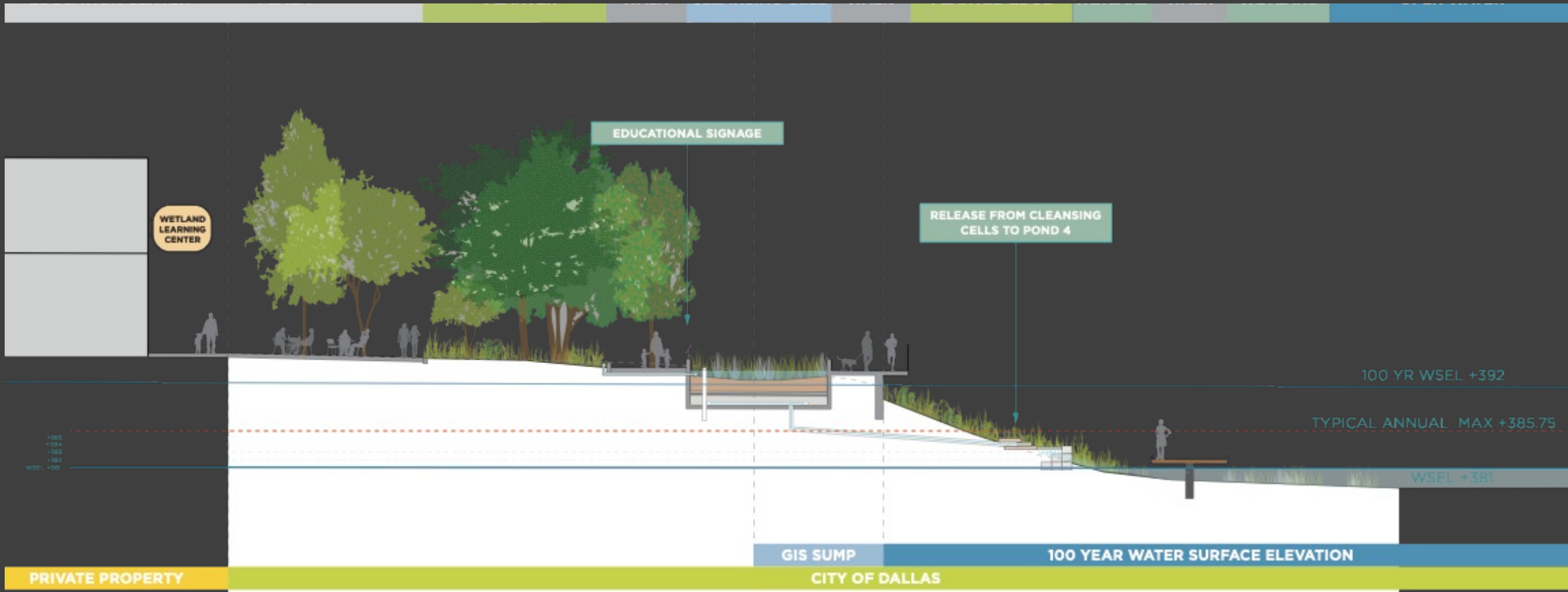
OPEN WATER
HABITAT

WATER PUMPED
FROM SOUTH POND
TO WETLANDS

DEMONSTRATION
CONSTRUCTED
WETLAND

ECOLOGICALLY
DIVERSE
WETLANDS

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Aligned with  **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



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At Northern Tip of 6,000 Acre Forest



Photo Credit: Scot Miller

DETAILS

PARTNERSHIP



The Dallas Wetlands
Foundation



Dallas Park & Recreation



City of Dallas

Public Partner



MATTHEWS SOUTHWEST

Land Contribution
& Project Manager

TECHNICAL PARTNERS



**North Central Texas
Council of Governments**

Feasibility Study Grant



PLUMMER

Wetlands Permitting



Hydraulic Engineer

studioOutside

Landscape Architect



Engineer Phase I Study

DALLAS WETLANDS FOUNDATION



Inspired in 2013 and formalized in 2017, the Dallas Wetlands Foundation, a non-profit organization, was established in order to facilitate the design, completion, maintenance and ongoing programming of The Commons.

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CAPITAL INVESTMENT PHASE I – The Match

	\$7.5M	2017 Dallas Park & Recreation Bond Election Match
+	\$1M	Dallas Wetlands Foundation Contributed Funds To Date
+	\$2.5M	Dallas Wetlands Foundation Additional Cash Contribution
+	\$4M	Land Contribution*
=	\$15M	Phase I Capital Investment of \$44M Capital Project

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

PHASE I

\$10M

PHASE II

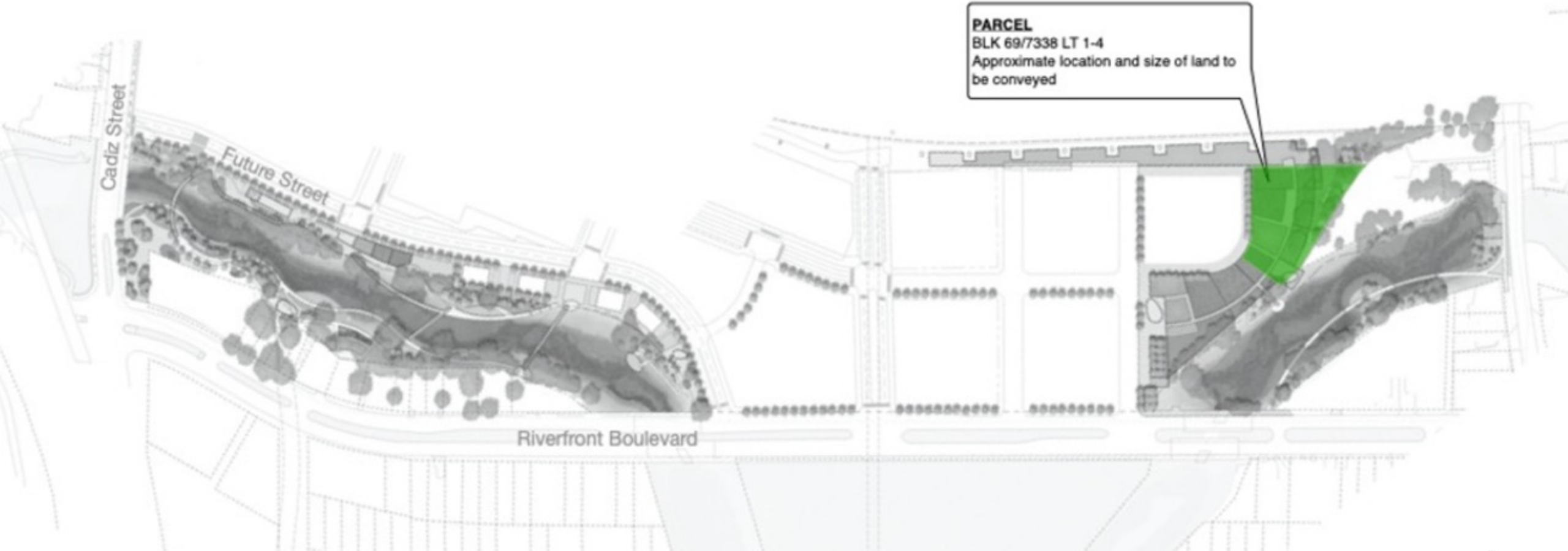
\$33M

Excludes O&M Costs & Additional Private Land



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LAND CONTRIBUTION AREA





SCHEDULE

COMPLETED

**Engineering
Feasibility**

2019

**Design
Development**

April 2021

UPCOMING

**Detailed Design
& Permitting**

2022/2023

Construction

2023/2024

SUPPORT



**Dallas Park &
Recreation Board**

Dallas County

Texas Legislature

National Public Officials

Community Leaders

Environmental Organizations, Business
Community, Neighborhood Association

**Office of Environmental
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SUMMARY

**The Dallas Water Commons
is an urban oasis – a gateway
between natural resources
and the built environment.**



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