Memorandum

DATE February 27, 2009

TO Trinity River Corridor Project Committee Members:
   David A. Neumann (Chair)
   Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Elba Garcia (Vice-Chair)
   Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway
   Carolyn R. Davis
   Linda Koop

   Pauline Medrano
   Mitchell Rasansky
   Steve Salazar

SUBJECT Student Conservation Association Update

Attached you will find a briefing entitled Student Conservation Association (SCA) that will be briefed to the Trinity River Corridor Project Committee on March 3, 2009. The SCA is the national leading provider of conservation service opportunities, outdoor skills and leadership training for young people. We are excited to continue our partnership with the SCA and look forward to working with this group as they provide the youth of Dallas educational and job training opportunities.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Jill X Jordan
Assistant City Manager

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Attachment

C: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
   Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
   Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
   Ramon F. Miguez, P.E., Assistant City Manager
   A. C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
   Forest E. Turner, Interim Assistant City Manager
   David K. Cook, Chief Financial Officer
   Deborah A. Watkins, City Secretary
   Thomas P. Perkins, Jr., City Attorney
   Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
   Judge C. Victor Lander
   Helena Stevens-Thompson, Asst. to the City Manager
   Frank Librio, Director, Public Information Office

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The Student Conservation Update

Trinity River Corridor Project Committee
March 3, 2009

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Student Conservation Association Cooperative Agreement

- Student Conservation Association (SCA) – National leading provider of Conservation Service opportunities, outdoor skills and leadership training for young people
- Entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the Student Conservation Association on June 25, 2008
  - Construct approximately 2 miles of soft surface trails at Rochester Park
  - Host maintenance events for the new trail
Conservation Leadership Corps
Kickoff/Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Saturday, January 24, 2009 8 am- 2 pm

- Partnership between City of Dallas Trinity River Corridor Project and the Student Conservation Association.
Participation

- Twelve Conservation Leadership Corps Students (ages 15-19)
- The Student Conservation Association Staff (local Program Coordinator, one program alum and two adult Crew Leaders)
- Five City of Dallas Employees
- One community volunteer
CLC Participating Schools

- Cedar Hill High School (2 Students)
- Skyline High School (2 Students)
- Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center (2 Students)
- Duncanville High School
- David W. Carter High School
- Canterbury Episcopal High School
- J. J. Pearce High School
- Richardson High School
- Dallas CAN Academy
- South Oak Cliff High School (Crew Leader)

***Six students have participated in the summer Commuter Crew program and six are new.***
Work Completed

• Cleared debris from 3.6 miles of trail surface

• Removed 20 bags of garbage from surrounding area
Media Coverage and Support

- Two news crews came to project site to film for newscast (WB33 and WFAA channel 8)
- Channel 8 newscast aired January 24th during 10 o’clock newscast.
- Article in February 5th Oak Cliff Tribune
Student Conservation Association Brave the Cold for Rochester Park Trail Maintenance

In conjunction with the Student Conservation Association, the Trinity River Corridor Project held a trail maintenance day in Dallas’ Rochester Park to commemorate Martin Luther King Day and to help the Student Conservation Association kick off their Conservation Leadership Corps. The Student Conservation Association offers programs for volunteer members to build trails, restore river and lakefront environments, conserve habitats, and attend weekend camping trips and excursions throughout the school year. In addition, high school students participating in these programs learn leadership and organization skills.

On Jan. 24, 18 student volunteers and team leaders joined City staff with rakes, hoes, shovels, cutters, clippers, gloves and trash bags to get the new Rochester Park Trail ready for spring. Leaves were cleared off the trail, brambles and branches cut back so that hiking and biking on the trail would not be impeded by them. Despite the cold temperatures of the day, the students worked tirelessly and performed the maintenance program on over 4 miles of trail.

"It was a cold start for the day but the students did not want to miss this opportunity to maintain the trail they helped build this past summer. Many of the volunteers on Saturday, were on the original trail building crew. I’m honored to work with such fine and energetic young people from all around Dallas," said Lisa Tatum, Student Conservation Association program coordinator.

Above, A dedicated group of teens and leaders. Right, Keeping the pace.
Mission Accomplished
Next Steps

• Award Supplement to the Agreement in the Amount of $145,457 on March 25, 2009
  • Extend the program for two more years
  • Construct 5 additional miles of trail & perform maintenance on new & existing trails
  • Host additional community events
Proposed Work

- Remove tight turns from GWG section; revegetate existing trail during QC; 0.5 miles
- Complete remainder of proposed loop from 2008; 0.9 miles
- Complete 3.4 mile loop along Trinity River and White Rock Creek