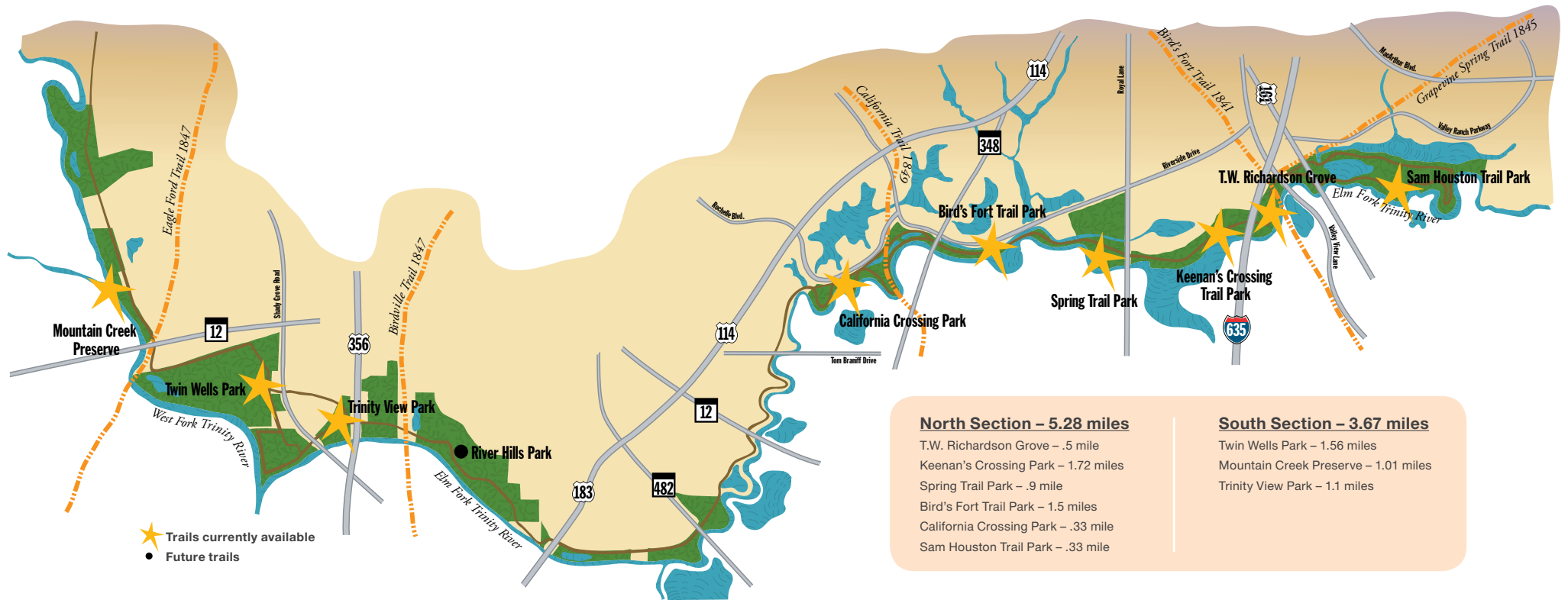


# Grant Funds Campi3n Trails Development, Extension



Through a partnership with Dallas County, the city has successfully secured more than \$3 million in grant funding to further develop Campi3n Trails. These open space grant funds are being used to construct five additional trail miles and city leaders expect to procure even more grant funding for the trails in the future.

As a core component of a greenbelt system that involves 16 counties in North Texas, Irving's Campi3n Trails offers walkers, runners, cyclists and equestrian riders more than seven miles of 12-foot-wide concrete trail for enjoyment and exploration.

Campi3n Trails is a master planned greenbelt trail system, which will eventually extend from Valley Ranch, along the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, along the eastern boundaries of the city, westward along the West Fork to Running Bear Park in Irving's southwest section. Trail amenities include water fountains, ample running and biking space, picnic pavilions and play areas for families. The next addition will provide a second levee trail crossing to connect the trails to Valley Ranch.

"Usage numbers of Irving's Campi3n Trails continue to grow as we add more trail length," said Capital Improvement Program Director Casey Tate. "Ultimately, Campi3n Trails will provide residents and visitors with 22 miles of recreation trails, and thanks

to the trail grants, we expect nearly two-thirds of the trail system will be finished by summer 2011."

Originally planned as a quality-of-life amenity for Irving residents, Campi3n Trails has quickly become a regional attraction. In 2009, the trails were the site for eight major walking and fun run events. The trails also serve as a site for a variety of city-sponsored events such as Cool Nights at Campi3n, where interpretive naturalists guide small groups on a free evening hike to experience nature in its purest form.

### Lake Carolyn Connection

Campi3n Trails will link into the pedestrian-friendly promenade that now circles Lake Carolyn in Las Colinas via a concrete sidewalk at California Crossing Road. Work on the first phase of the Lake Carolyn Promenade, which began last year, has been completed.

The Lake Carolyn Promenade includes four new boat landings along the lake for use by future water taxis.

Bench seating and trash receptacles line the public path, and the promenade is well lit to provide a safe environment for visitors.

"The promenade concept is fairly new to the North Texas region, and completion of the first phase of the Lake Carolyn Promenade says a lot about Irving's commitment to modernization and originality," said Tate.

For residents, visitors and businesses, the Lake Carolyn Promenade also will offer easy access to the DART Orange Line that will ultimately connect downtown Dallas to DFW International Airport.

"It provides an attractive area that's easily accessible to customers," said Senior Landscape Architect Gene Moulden. "That's an important feature businesses look for when choosing a location."

The first phase of the Lake Carolyn Promenade was completed under budget for a total of \$2.2 million. ■