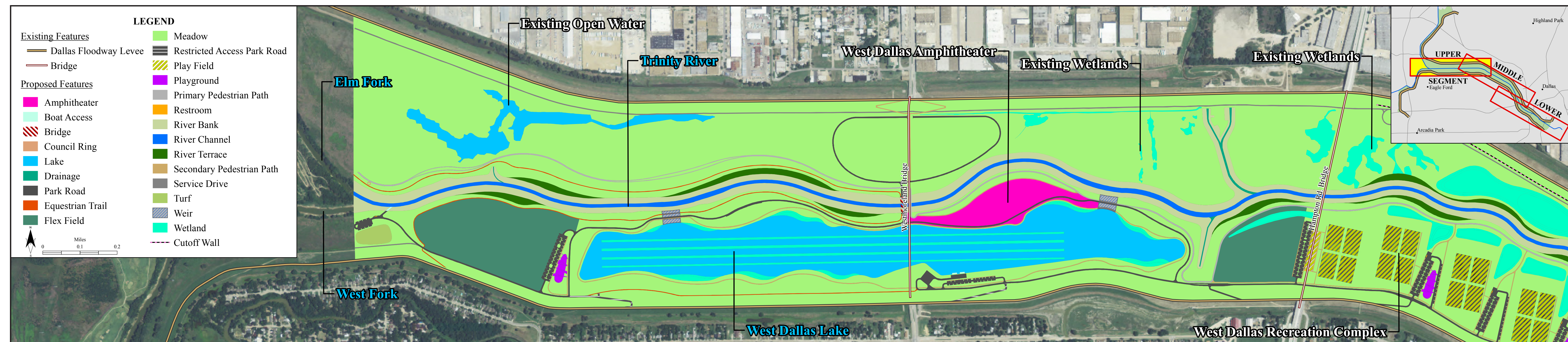


Balanced Vision Plan (BVP): Proposed Ecosystem and Recreation Enhancements (Upper Segment)

Previous projects have altered the natural habitat within the Dallas Floodway. By identifying and implementing ecologically sound ways to use available water, the BVP environmental features would maximize ecosystem benefits as well as provide secondary positive recreational benefits. The following representative environmental features would support an increase in the overall health and diversity of the Dallas Floodway. The greater Dallas Floodway area lacks sufficient recreational opportunities and access to existing recreational resources. The proposed recreation features would complement each other to increase recreation opportunities in and around the greater Dallas Floodway area.



Plan View of River Meanders



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TERRESTRIAL HABITAT

Proposed vegetation zones would provide habitat and support a diverse, annual food supply for wildlife. Collectively, diverse vegetation communities would provide a continuous migration corridor between the Trinity Forest and the West and Elm Forks of the Trinity River. Riparian habitat (e.g., trees) would also serve to lower urban stormwater runoff temperature.



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OTHER ACTIVITIES

A series of promenades, pavilions, picnic areas, plazas, water mazes, and playgrounds would populate the Dallas Floodway, providing gathering places for visitors to enjoy the area. The Natural and Urban Lakes would allow kayakers and canoeists to paddle a near continuous 4-mile water loop. In addition, a network of trails and paths would connect to existing trails in the project area that are now isolated and separated from one another.

