

# City of Dallas Bachman Lake Area Projects Frequently Asked Questions

The City of Dallas has several improvement projects underway or in the design phase at Bachman Lake, including the Bachman Lake Dredging and Dam and Spillway Rehabilitation Projects, Aquatics Center and Skate Park projects. City departments including Dallas Water Utilities and Dallas Park and Recreation continually coordinate on these projects to ensure the best outcome for the community. Below are project updates in response to questions from the Neighbors in the Know meeting held on February 2, 2022.

## How do Dallas Water Utilities and Aviation coordinate water quality testing of runoff from Love Field?

The departments of Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) and Aviation coordinate on surface water quality concerns which might impact areas outside of Love Field Airport and both departments also communicate through a service request system. In addition, DWU also performs monthly inspections at Bachman Lake to oversee any surface water quality concerns. The Aviation Department is responsible for maintaining its Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Texas Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (TPDES) Permit and have environmental staff to oversee the storm sewer system in the Love Field Airport. Dallas residents are encouraged to call 3-1-1 for City service requests or concerns.

## Update on City wide litter within open spaces and waterways removal programs.

A multi-department approach has been created to combat the increase litter throughout the city and focusing on enforcement and prevention. Residents can report overflowing trash, in waterways, private and public land and illegal dumping which contribute to negative impacts on by calling 3-1-1.

The City established work groups to assess new technologies for litter removal in waterways, open spaces and is considering additional litter booms. In addition, re-launch litter free programs and piloting plans are being considered for upcoming budget years. Marketing materials for neighborhood groups on litter free programs are anticipated to be available later this year.

## Could the City utilize technology to capture sediment upstream of the lake, preventing or decreasing future sedimentation accumulations in the lake?

The City of Dallas is currently studying the feasibility of a sedimentation basin upstream of the lake. The purpose of the study is to investigate the possibility of constructing a basin to trap sedimentation prior to entering the lake. DWU has hired a consultant to perform the feasibility study and prepare a report. The report is expected to be completed this summer and will be shared at that time.

## Update on the Aquatics Center / Skate Park sites based on valley storage requirements.

Dallas Parks understands the need for the Aquatics Center and the Skate Park projects to comply with the City of Dallas Floodplain Regulations while addressing the possible impacts to existing trees. Parks and DWU continue to coordinate and evaluate alternatives to comply with the City's floodplain requirements and will make every effort to preserve existing trees.

## Trail connectivity in association with Bachman Lake area projects.

Dallas Parks acknowledges the community's desire for trail connectivity between the Aquatics Center, Skate Park and Bachman Trail. Parks continues to evaluate trail opportunities and is coordinating with the Aquatics Center, Skate Park, and Lake Dam / Spillway improvements projects.

## How is DWU coordinating with the NCTCOG transportation/land use study for the Bachman Lake/Northwest Highway area?

DWU is coordinating with City liaisons on the NCTCOG planning efforts. DWU is in the early stages of the dam design and continues to coordinate with planning efforts to improve the trails, including the opportunity to improve the Bachman Lake Trail across the dam. Other trail opportunities will be evaluated and coordinated with City liaisons in conjunction with NCTCOG planning efforts.

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Thank you for your interest in the Bachman Lake Area Projects. Please contact the following City staff for inquiries regarding these projects.

- For questions regarding the Bachman Lake Dam and Spillway and Lake Dredging Improvements Project please contact Dallas Water Utilities Project Manager, Mark S. Mihm, P.E., CDT, ENV SP at 214-670-4271 or [mark.mihm@dallascityhall.com](mailto:mark.mihm@dallascityhall.com)
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- For questions regarding the Bachman Aquatics Center and Bachman Skate Park please contact Dallas Parks and Recreation Project Manager, David J. Mills, Senior Architect at 214-670-1805 or [david.mills@dallascityhall.com](mailto:david.mills@dallascityhall.com)