



TEXAS HORSE PARK

*A World-Class Equestrian Center in the Heart of the Nation*

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## **Texas Horse Park Slated To Be Premiere Equestrian Venue**

DALLAS, TX – The development of a world-class equestrian center is underway in the heart of the nation and slated to open in late 2008. In November 2006, Dallas voters approved the balance of \$14.5 million in bonds allowing the City, as a collaborative partner, to move a step closer to making the Texas Horse Park a reality.

The Texas Horse Park (THP), which will encompass over 500 acres of the 6,000-acre Great Trinity Forest located just 8 miles from downtown Dallas, will raise an additional \$15.5 million in private funds by late 2007 as part of its capital campaign effort.

The Texas Horse Park is designed to host national and international equestrian competitions, provide miles of beautifully preserved riding trails for the public, and offer educational and recreational opportunities through its community outreach programs. It will benefit the city and citizens of Dallas, economically and recreationally, as well as provide an unique destination for world travelers.

Preliminary architectural renderings of the Texas Horse Park's competition and show facilities include competition areas; extensive warm-up areas; permanent shed-row barns; space for temporary stalls; cross country courses from beginner novice through advanced levels; and a combined driving course. THP is consulting with other renowned horse parks and equestrian professionals to ensure that the facilities meet and surpass the criteria expected of a world-class equestrian park designed for the 21st century.

John Long, Executive Director of the United States Equestrian Federation noted that, "Horse sport is growing all across America as are the number of first class competition venues. States and municipalities have begun to understand the economic impact coming from equestrian events. The United States Equestrian Federation is excited about the potential for the Texas Horse Park and its Dallas location and we look forward to working together in the years ahead."

The Texas Horse Park will be the southern anchor of the Trinity River Corridor Project, a \$1.2 billion public works project that will create one of the world's largest urban park, revitalizing a 20-mile stretch of river; creating two downtown recreational lakes and a whitewater run; and promoting the development of an urban community of promenades, retail, and residences.

From its role as an internationally-acclaimed equestrian center to its partnership in the revitalization and redevelopment of southern Dallas, the Texas Horse Park will be a landmark of civic pride and international appeal.

More information on the Texas Horse Park is available at [www.texashorsepark.com](http://www.texashorsepark.com).

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