

## TURTLE CREEK ASSOCIATION, TURTLE CREEK CONSERVANCY, AND CITY OF DALLAS TO RESTORE EIGHT HISTORIC BRIDGES

*“Bridges of Turtle Creek” project to restore and enhance eight historic bridges,  
with backing from City of Dallas*



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**DALLAS, June 17, 2025** – The Turtle Creek Association (TCA), Turtle Creek Conservancy (TCC), and City of Dallas are launching a new revitalization initiative, *The Bridges of Turtle Creek*. The project will preserve the neighborhood’s historic bridges at a time of significant new development – more than two dozen residential and commercial projects worth \$2 billion are underway in the Turtle Creek community – and aims to enhance the Turtle Creek corridor for all who live, work, and enjoy the area.

Reflecting a shared commitment to preserving and enhancing Turtle Creek’s beloved landscape, the initiative focuses on eight bridges originally built nearly a century ago:

- Stonebridge Drive
- Blackburn Avenue
- Lemmon Avenue bridges (both bridges)
- Hall Street
- Bowen Street
- Fairmount Street
- Maple Avenue

“Bridges are more than just structures; they are vital arteries that link communities, enhance accessibility, and eliminate the gaps between us,” said TCA President and CEO, J.D. Trueblood.

Project committee members will ensure that each bridge is thoughtfully integrated with its surrounding environment and urban setting. By utilizing sustainable materials, the completed bridges will require minimal ongoing maintenance, preserving their beauty and functionality for years to come.

“*The Bridges of Turtle Creek* aims to be an enduring asset, enriching community life for current and future residents,” said TCC President and CEO, Tiffany Divis. “We intend to strengthen the Turtle Creek neighborhood by enhancing accessibility and fostering deeper connections with Uptown, Oak Lawn, and the wider Dallas region. This improves the overall quality of life for residents and visitors by providing safer, more beautiful, and engaging routes for pedestrians and cyclists.”

As of June 17th, the project has received enthusiastic support from the City of Dallas, including City Council and key departments involved in infrastructure, public works, and parks. Council Member Paul Ridley, District 14, praised the initiative, stating:

“This collaboration exemplifies the power of public-private partnership in preserving Dallas’ historical and architectural legacy. Restoring the Turtle Creek bridges is not only an investment in infrastructure but also in community identity and continuity. I’m proud to support a project that will enhance safety, beauty, and connectivity for generations to come.”

*The Bridges of Turtle Creek* initiative will serve as a model for future public-private partnerships, demonstrating how diverse organizations can collaborate to improve the urban environment. By joining forces, the Turtle Creek Association, Turtle Creek Conservancy, and the City of Dallas — including the departments of Transportation, Dallas Water Utilities, and Parks and Recreation — are combining expertise and resources to create a lasting, positive impact on the neighborhood and beyond.

“This restoration will not only improve the aesthetic appeal of Turtle Creek, it will create better connections within the entire community,” said City of Dallas Director of Transportation and Public Works Ghassan Khankarli. “The ultimate goal of *The Bridges of Turtle Creek* initiative is not just to revitalize and enhance these eight historic bridges, it is to transform them into vibrant, connecting landmarks that enrich the city of Dallas.”

A dedicated committee will oversee the project. Along with Trueblood, this panel will include Ann Stuart, Ken Reese, and Wayne Smith from TCA; Tiffany Divis, Bob Kriscunas, Peter Dauterman, and Wendy Messman from TCC; and City of Dallas representatives Jared White (Parks and Recreation), Eduardo Valerio (Dallas Water Utilities), and Algaisi Ahmed (Transportation Department), and facilitator Deborah Stanford.

### **About *The Bridges of Turtle Creek Initiative***

*The Bridges of Turtle Creek* is a groundbreaking public-private partnership between the Turtle Creek Association (TCA), the Turtle Creek Conservancy (TCC), and the City of Dallas that will redefine the landscape and spirit of the Turtle Creek community by aesthetically restoring and enhancing eight historic Turtle Creek bridges while reinforcing and reimagining the connections these structures facilitate.

**The Turtle Creek Association (TCA)** is a nonprofit dedicated to being the primary guardian, advocate, and champion that leads in the preservation, enhancement, and protection of the Turtle Creek Corridor.

**The Turtle Creek Conservancy (TCC)** is a nonprofit organization committed to the conservation, preservation, and exceptional care of Turtle Creek Park and Arlington Hall, while creating public space for physical and mental wellness, connection, entertaining, and educational programs.

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