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Dallas' Trinity River Corridor Project receives American Institute of Architects highest award

DALLAS - The City of Dallas' Trinity River Corridor Project has received the American Institute of Architects (AIA) 2007 Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design. The award was given for the Trinity River Project's "Balanced Vision Plan" that will guide development and appropriate land use along the Trinity Corridor. Recipients will be honored in May at the AIA 2007 National Convention and Design Exposition in San Antonio.

"We were impressed by the vast scale of this proposal," according to a statement from the nominating panel. "They've taken a significant physical and environmental barrier and transformed it into a regionally scaled public domain that stitches together the surrounding urban areas and unifies the city. The design concept returns the river to its innately sinuous state and draws on the natural features of the terrain. Its emphasis on natural systems and sustainability addresses basic human needs," the panel said.

"We were extremely honored to be recognized by the AIA," said Rebecca Dugger, Director, Trinity River Corridor Project. "It's a great feeling to know that a project of this magnitude is receiving accolades from top professionals in the urban design field."

The Trinity River Corridor Project is the largest public works project in the city's history. When completed, it will provide flood damage reduction, recreational amenities and environmental benefits, improve traffic congestion in the downtown area, as well as encourage development of the land along the river.

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