

LEWISVILLE LAKE PADDLE TRAIL PROJECT

“100 MILE CHALLENGE”

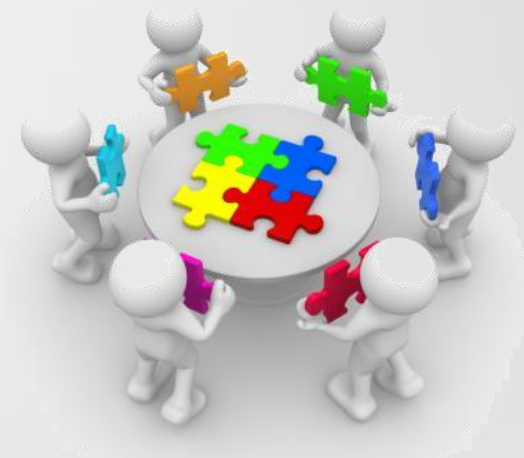


AGENDA

- I. Intro of Group Members
- II. Meeting Summaries
- III. Launch Sites
- IV. What's Next? Discussion & Gathering of Details.
 - I. Discuss naming of project and how trails will be named.
 - II. Trail Development & Research
 - III. Trail Safety Measures
 - IV. Discuss and determine signage

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MEETING TIMELINE & SUMMARY

- **Texas Parks & Wildlife, October 22, 2020**
 - Introduce concept and seek feedback.
- **Intro Meeting #1, Municipalities: December 3, 2020**
 - Introduce project, collect/confirm launch sites. Cities in Attendance: Denton, Highland Village, Little Elm ,The Colony.
- **Intro Meeting #2, Municipalities: December 9, 2020**
 - Introduce project, collect/confirm launch sites. Cities in Attendance: Hickory Creek & Lewisville.
- **Intro Meeting #3, Trinity River Coalition: December 18, 2020**
 - Has identified and surveyed different launch sites and potential routes.
 - Long-term goal is to extend the Nationally Recognized Elm Fork Trail further North through Greenbelt into Lake Ray Roberts.
 - Recommendation: Offer lake trails, river, or creek trails. Also incorporate various types of trails (Loops, Linear, Connection.)
- **Intro Meeting #4, Greenbelt Alliance: December 30, 2020**
 - Working on getting the greenbelt open through grants, volunteer awareness, and partnering with City of Denton.



PAST MEETING RECAPS – MAIN GOALS (CONTINUED)

- **Recap Meeting #2, Texas Parks & Wildlife: January 5, 2021**

- Recommend for group to identify overall trail name and subsequent names of smaller linear or loop trails in each city/area.
 - Do linear trails have a specific way to be named vs loops? Examples given: “Lewisville Lake-Old Alton Paddle Trail Loop” or “Lewisville Lake-Pilot Knoll Linear Trail”
 - Suggestions for naming include using geographical location (ex: Lewisville Lake) and/or incorporating local landmarks/history (ex: Old Alton Loop)
 - There is not a designated way this has to be named, but it would be best to agree on how to name individual smaller trails within the larger 100-mile trail so that a similar, cohesive system can be created for all partners
- Recommend to work on safety forms.
- Decide how application will be submitted and submit application.

- **Intro Meeting #5, US Army Corp of Engineers: January 22, 2021**

- Received additional locations for potential launch sites with area information.
- Received federal boundary lines of USACOE property.
- Anything that will be permanently placed in the lake will need to be approved.
 - Ex: Will routes require buoys, what type of signage/trail markers.
- When type of signage has been identified. Send proofs to USACOE.
- Establish a maintenance agreement regarding installation, upkeep, etc.
- Really like the project and the opportunity to help out with safety out in the lake because of the sign markers, etc...

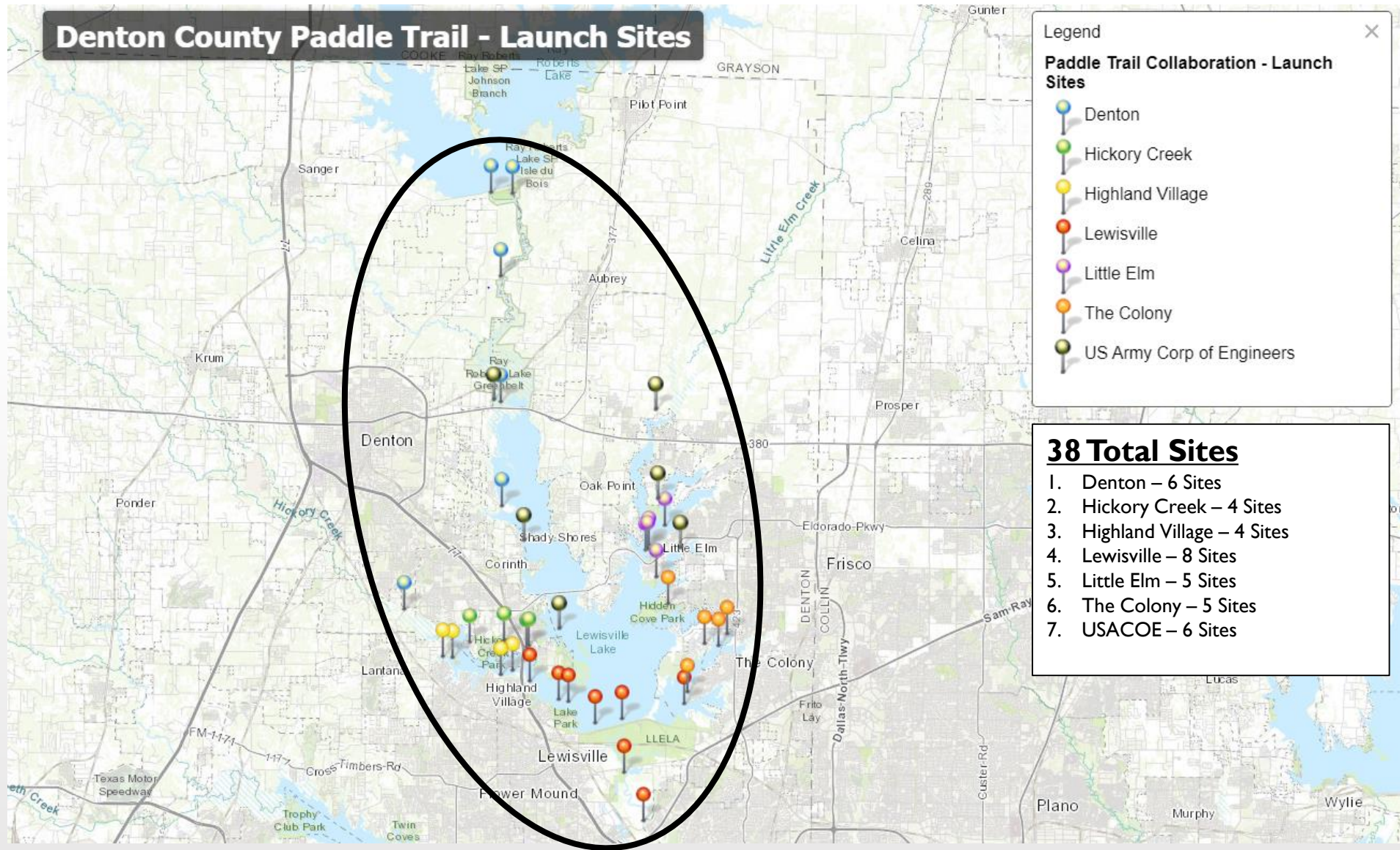


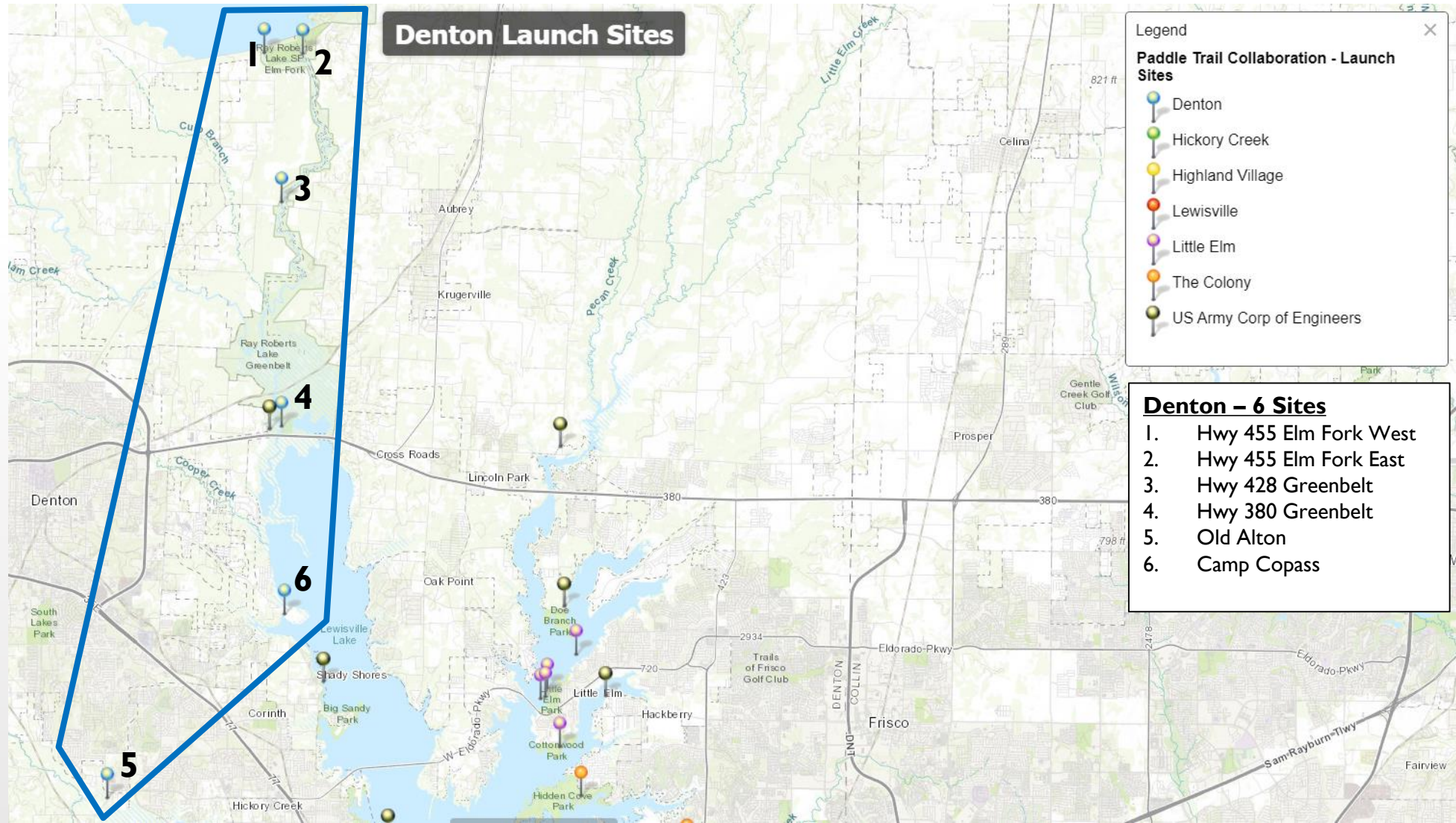
LAUNCH SITES

- Master List in Smartsheets ([View Access](#))
 - Total Sites – 38 Sites
 1. Denton – 6 Sites
 2. Hickory Creek – 4 Sites
 3. Highland Village – 4 Sites
 4. Lewisville – 8 Sites
 5. Little Elm – 5 Sites
 6. The Colony – 5 Sites
 7. USACOE – 6 Sites
- Maps in next few slides.

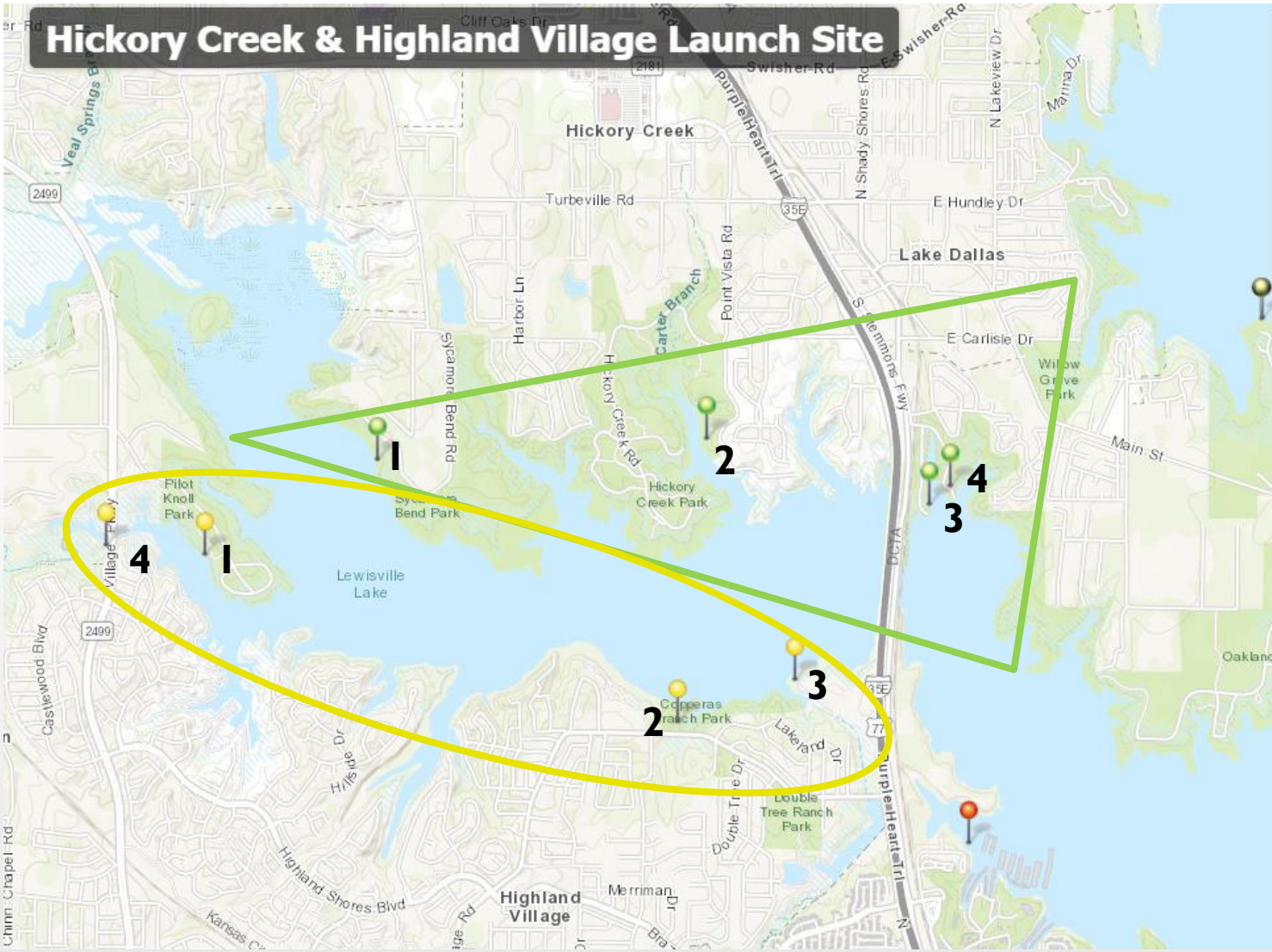


Denton County Paddle Trail - Launch Sites





Hickory Creek & Highland Village Launch Site



Legend

Paddle Trail Collaboration - Launch Sites

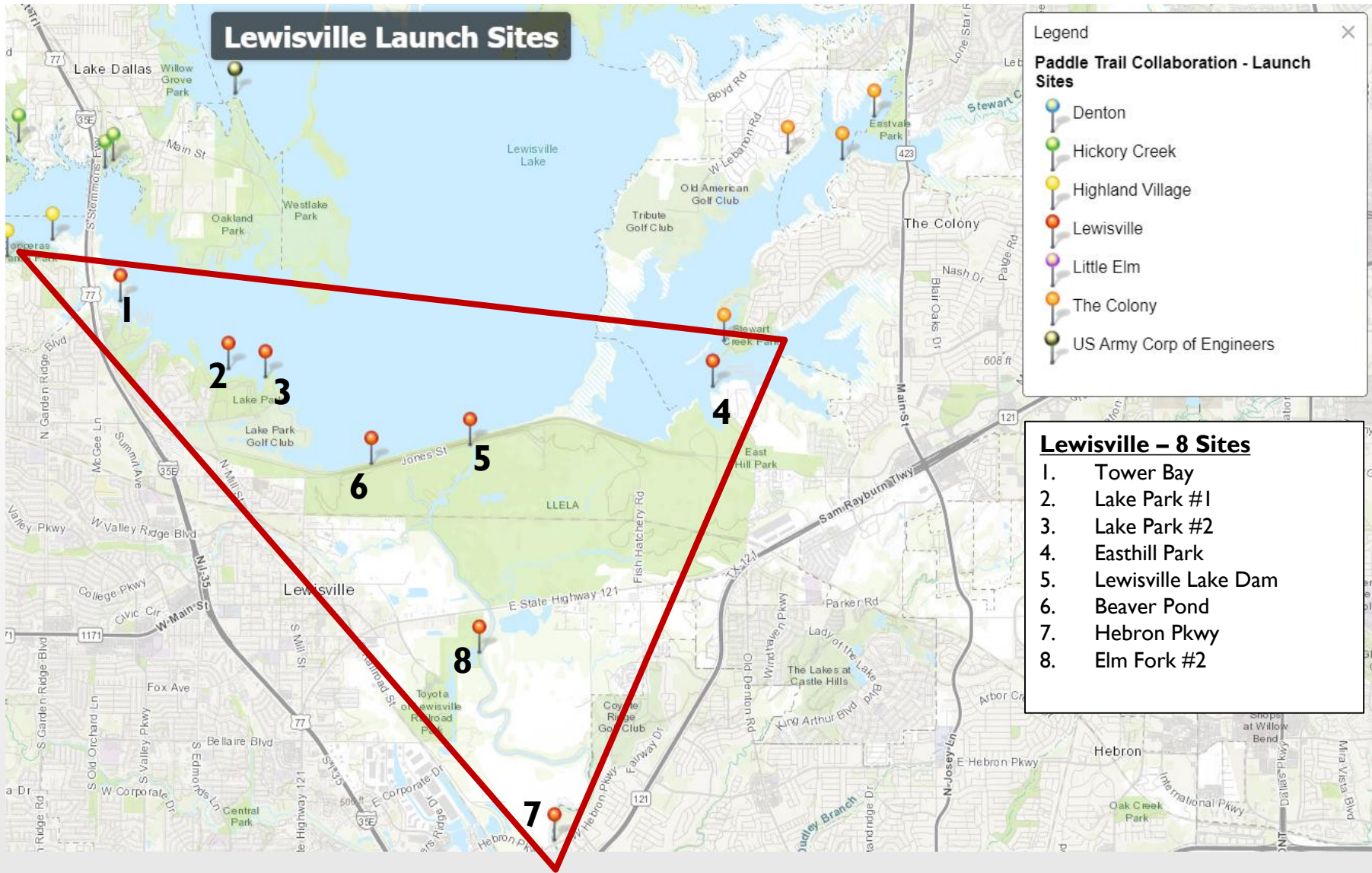
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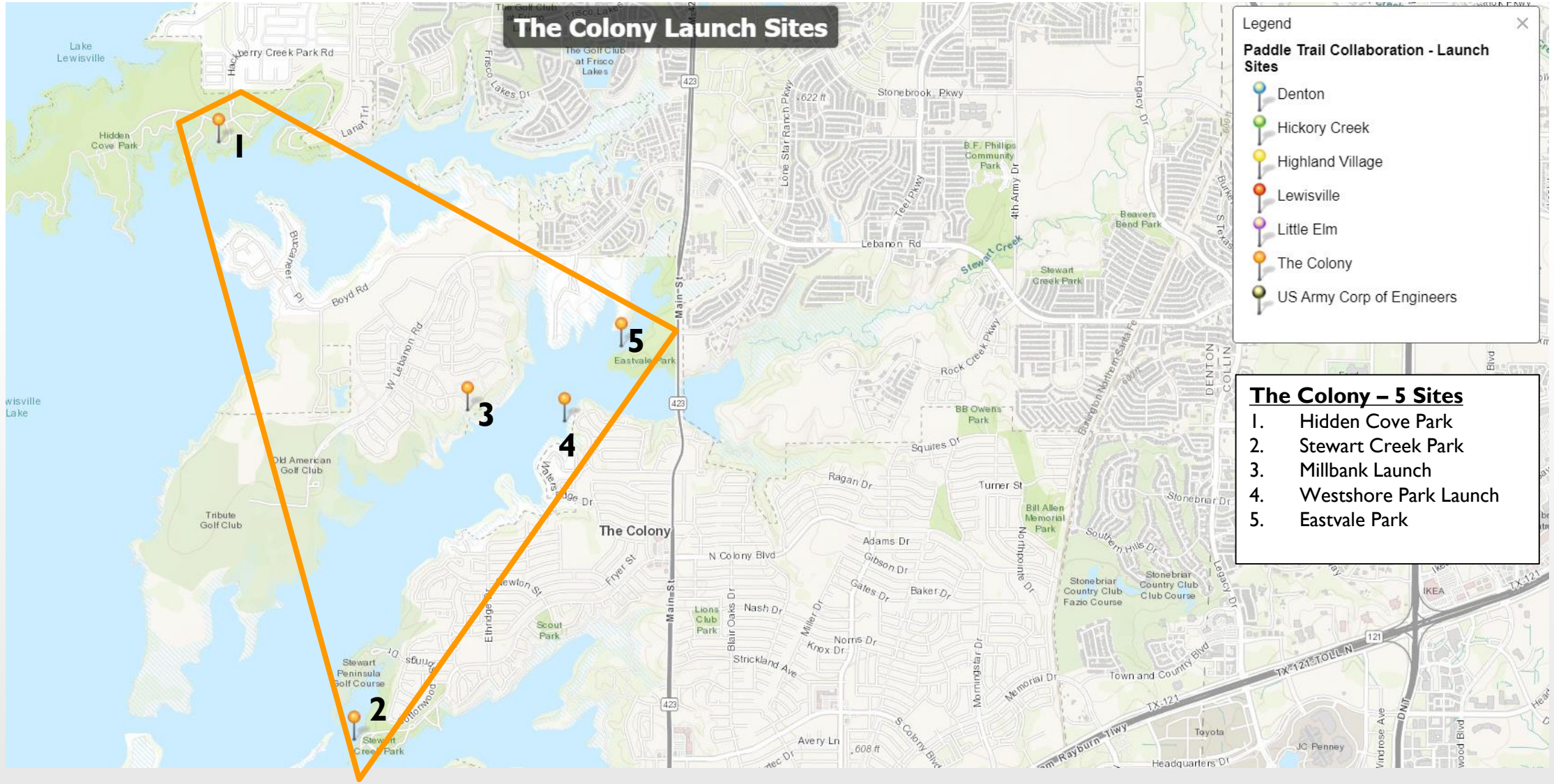
Hickory Creek – 4 Sites

1. Sycamore Bend
2. Point Vista
3. Arrowhead 1
4. Arrowhead 2

Highland Village – 4 Sites

1. Pilot Knoll
2. Copperas Branch
3. Lakeside Park
4. Marauder Park





The Colony Launch Sites

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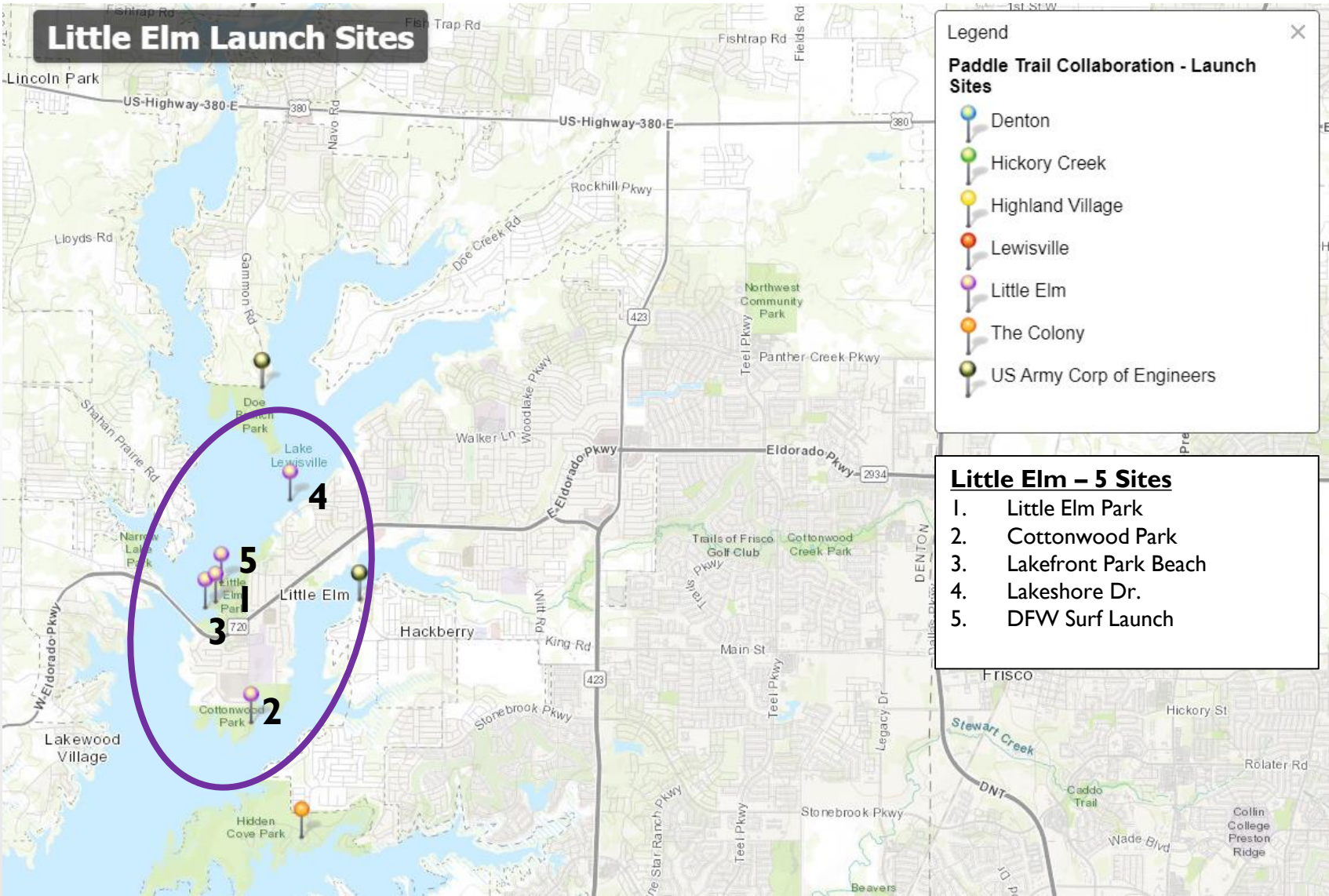
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The Colony – 5 Sites

1. Hidden Cove Park
2. Stewart Creek Park
3. Millbank Launch
4. Westshore Park Launch
5. Eastvale Park

Little Elm Launch Sites



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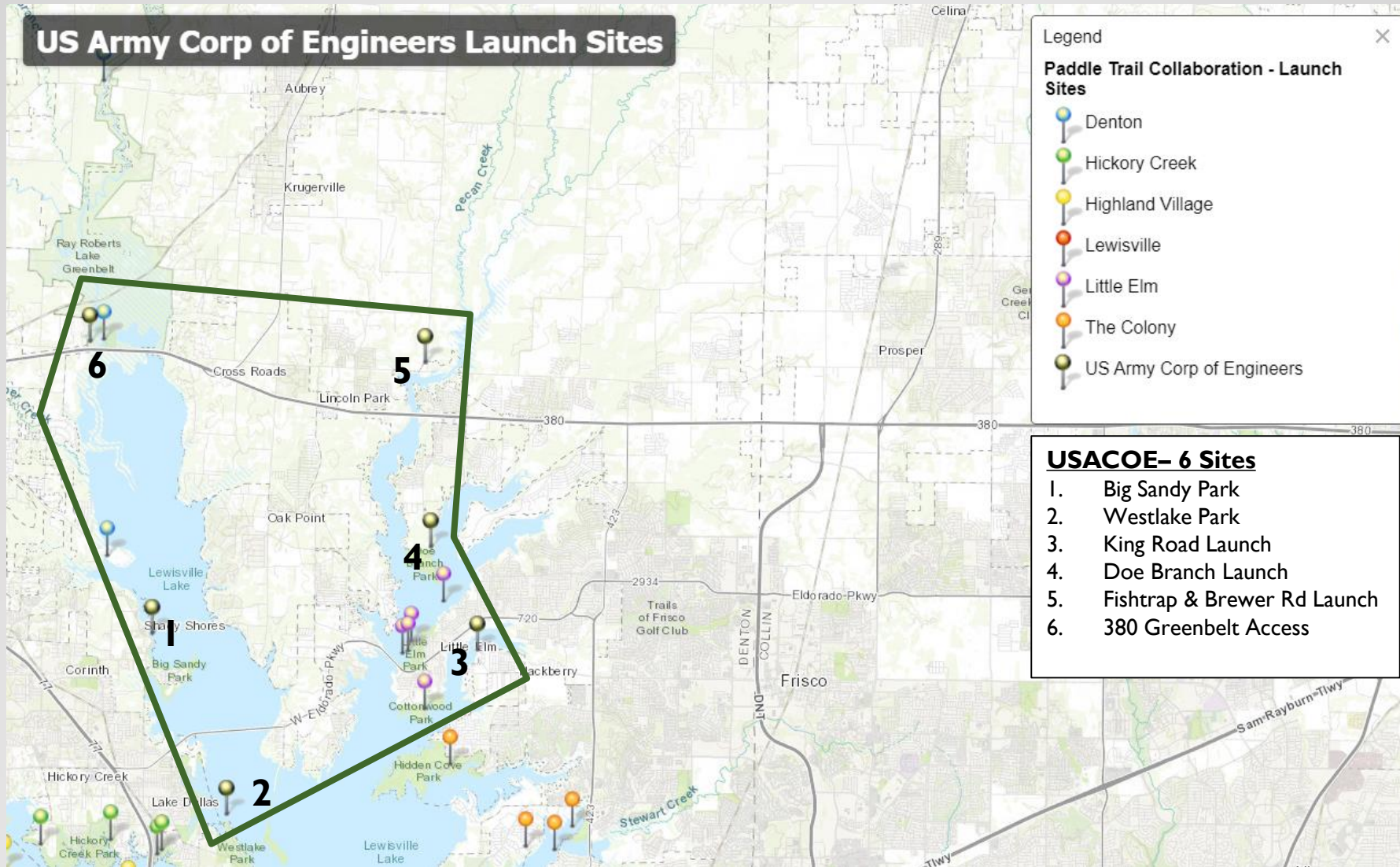
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Little Elm – 5 Sites

1. Little Elm Park
2. Cottonwood Park
3. Lakefront Park Beach
4. Lakeshore Dr.
5. DFW Surf Launch

US Army Corp of Engineers Launch Sites



USACOE- 6 Sites

1. Big Sandy Park
2. Westlake Park
3. King Road Launch
4. Doe Branch Launch
5. Fishtrap & Brewer Rd Launch
6. 380 Greenbelt Access

NEXT STEPS:TO-DO LIST

- Adopt mission & vision statement to promote to local management and boards.
- Decide on routes & survey routes.
- Discuss & decide on naming of collaboration project.
- Decide on type of signage we would want to do.
- Create safety plans.
- Distribute work-load and assign focus groups.
- Get buy-in from our city management and boards.
- Discuss any future barriers, CIP Projects, ideas.

ADOPT VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Vision

- To collaborate with municipalities and organizations to establish nationally recognized paddling trails along Lewisville Lake, its tributaries and corridors.

Mission

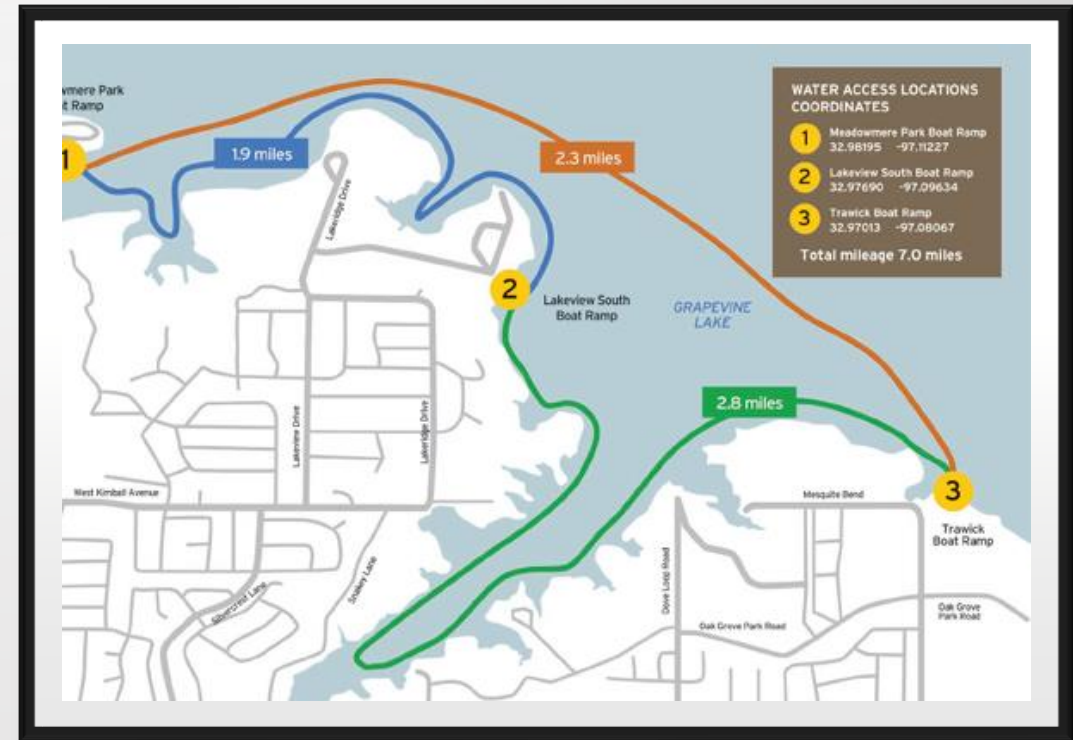
- To create trail systems that interconnect around Lewisville Lake that promotes safe recreational usage by paddlers and identify routes to connect the Trinity River Elm Fork to Lake Ray Roberts through the Greenbelt.

ROUTES

- Each city will need to identify routes.
- Do we want to start locally and phase in connections?
- Once routes are identified. Do we want to go out and survey area? Trinity River Coalition may help with this.

TPWD & Trinity River Coalition Suggestions:


- Include various types of trails & levels:
 - Loop, Linear, Connection Trails
 - Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
- Example of Existing Trails: [Grapevine Lake Paddling Trail](#), [Trinity River Elm Fork](#), [San Antonio River Authority](#), [Caddo Lake](#)



NAMING

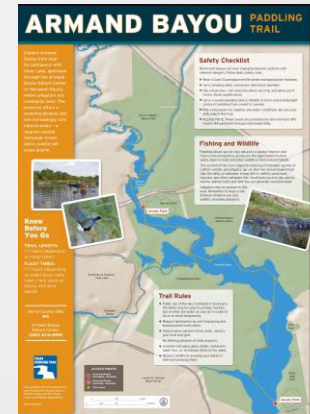
- What do we want to call the overall trail name?
 - Examples:
 - Lewisville Lake 100 mile Loop
 - Lewisville Lake Paddling Trail
 - Denton County Paddling Trail
- How do we want to identify the subsequent names of smaller linear or loop trails in each city/area?
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TPWD Suggestions:

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SIGNAGE

- Need Universal Logo with Trail Name
 - Does the logo of your city have to be in the sign?
 - What specs are required from your city?
 - Use universal language for directional signs, safety warnings, etc.
- When creating the routes, identify sign placement.
 - Directional vs. Informational Signs and locations
 - Route difficulty level
- Create maintenance plan
 - Who's responsible for sign purchase, install, and upkeep?
 - Are you able to install and/or maintenance the signs once installed?
- **USACOE Requirement:**
 - Army Corp will need to approve permanent (in-water) signage. Will create partnership on how the signs will be maintained. This will need to be identified before reaching out to them.



CREATE WORK GROUPS:

- To improve the process of gathering details. Do you have anyone who can help with the following?
 - GRANT TEAM: Establish budget needed for signs, find and apply for grants for overall project
 - SAFETY TEAM: Create safety plans, compile trail loops/linear plans, create universal language for safety on the trail, establish “Know Before You Go” information for website
 - PROGRAMMING/MARKETING TEAM: Compile information for website, Identify program opportunities, Geo-catching locations, prizes, etc. Create strategy for promotion.
 - SURVEY TEAM: physically monitors the proposed routes on each route to identify proper marker locations for safety signage/directional signs, paddler level (experience level needed to paddle each route), GIS map launch locations and emergency exit points

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Does your city have buy-in from your boards, upper management, community?
 - Conduct public meetings.
 - Resolution of support from elective officials.
- Discuss any future barriers, CIP Projects, ideas?

- Questions, Concerns, Feedback?