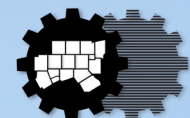


# Community Development Webinar

April 18, 2024

Hosted by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) in partnership with the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Community Development Block Grant Program



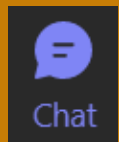
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# The Community Development Webinar will begin shortly

## A few reminders...



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This webinar will be recorded



# Agenda

- **Welcome & Purpose**

Erin Blackman, NCTCOG

- **Opportunities to Improve Quality of Life through Community Gardening & Enhancing Bicycle/Pedestrian Access & Safety**

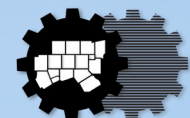
Sydnee Mangini, NCTCOG

- **Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Success Stories**

Christina Derr, City of Springtown; Danny Miller, City of Strawn; Mike Sims, City of Terrell

- **Work Force Development Support & Impact in Rural Communities**

Kirsten Jakowitsch, Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas

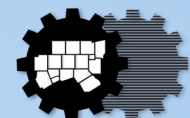


# Welcome & Purpose

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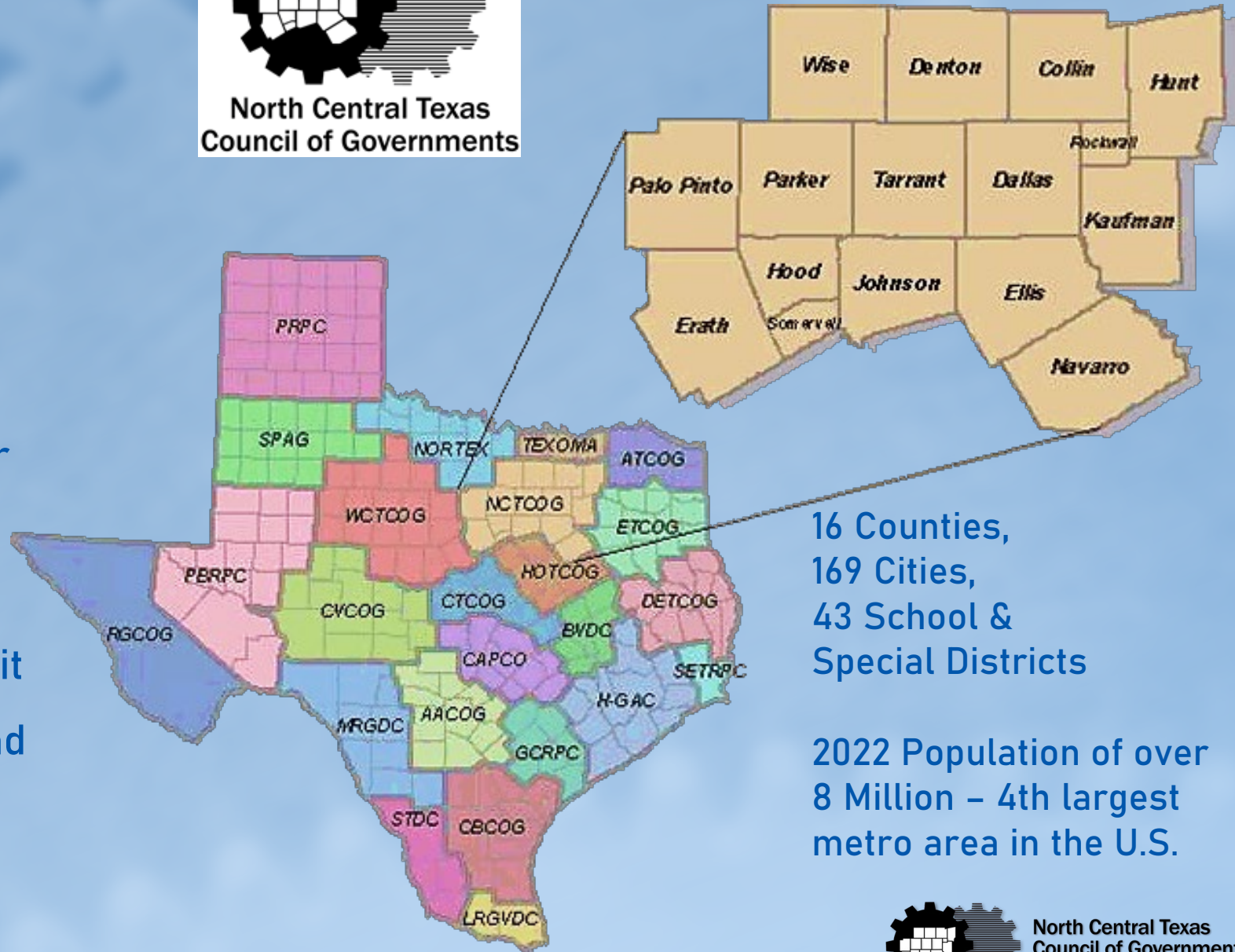
# About NCTCOG

Voluntary association of member governments

A political subdivision of the state – non taxing entity

Established in 1966 to assist member governments in:

- Planning for common needs
- Cooperating for mutual benefit
- Strengthen their individual and collective power
- Coordinating for sound regional development



16 Counties,  
169 Cities,  
43 School &  
Special Districts

2022 Population of over  
8 Million – 4th largest  
metro area in the U.S.

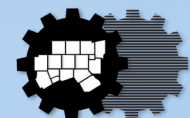
# Happy Community Development Week & Fair Housing Month!

- Recognize and bring attention to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
- Affordable housing, public services, infrastructure, other valuable resources
- Equal opportunity in housing



# Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG)

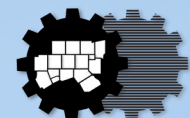
- CDBG for rural Texas is the TxCDBG Program
- Administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
- NCTCOG assists TDA at the regional level
- TxCDBG Community Development Fund provides grant funding to smaller communities for various public improvements
- More information: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/community-development>



# CDBG Goals

1. Improve public facilities to meet basic human needs
2. Improve housing conditions
3. Expand economic opportunities by creating or retaining jobs
4. Provide assistance and public facilities to eliminate conditions hazardous to the public health and of an emergency nature

...principally for persons of low-to-moderate income





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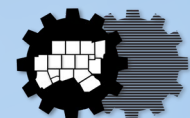
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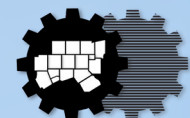


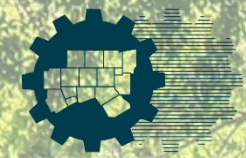
# Opportunities to Improve Quality of Life through Community Gardening & Enhancing Bicycle/Pedestrian Access & Safety

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Transportation Planner

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# Opportunities to Improve Quality of Life through Community Gardening and Enhancing Bicycle/Pedestrian Access and Safety

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TxCDBG Community Development Webinar | April 18, 2024

# Today's Agenda

1. NCTCOG Sustainable Development
2. Community Gardens Public Program Guide
3. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program



# NCTCOG Sustainable Development

# North Central Texas Council of Governments

## Description and Purpose

**Established in 1966 as a voluntary association assisting local governments in North Central Texas region:**

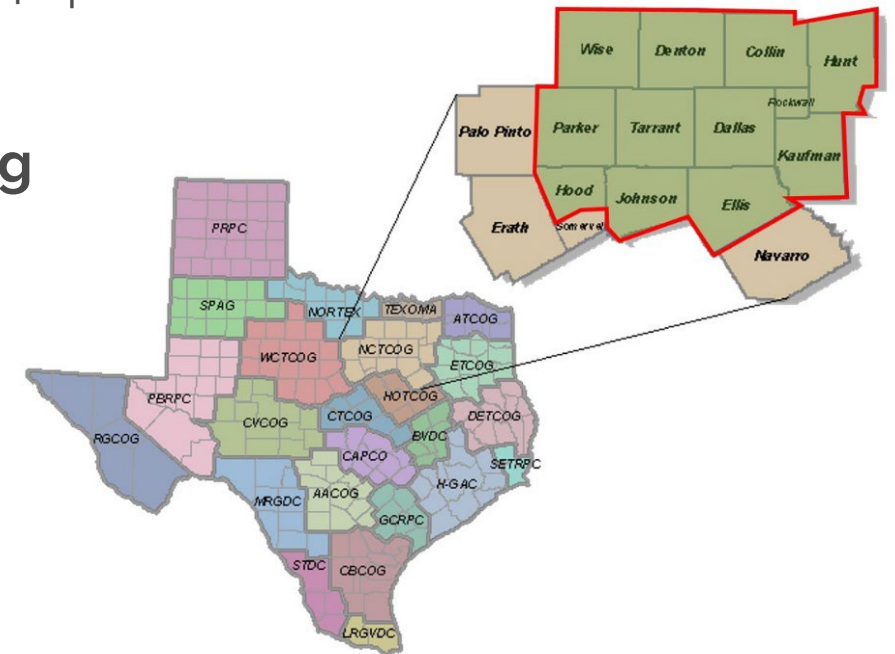
PLANNING for common needs, COOPERATING for mutual benefit, and COORDINATING for sound regional development

228 Members – 16 Counties, 169 Cities, 19 School Districts, and 24 Special Districts

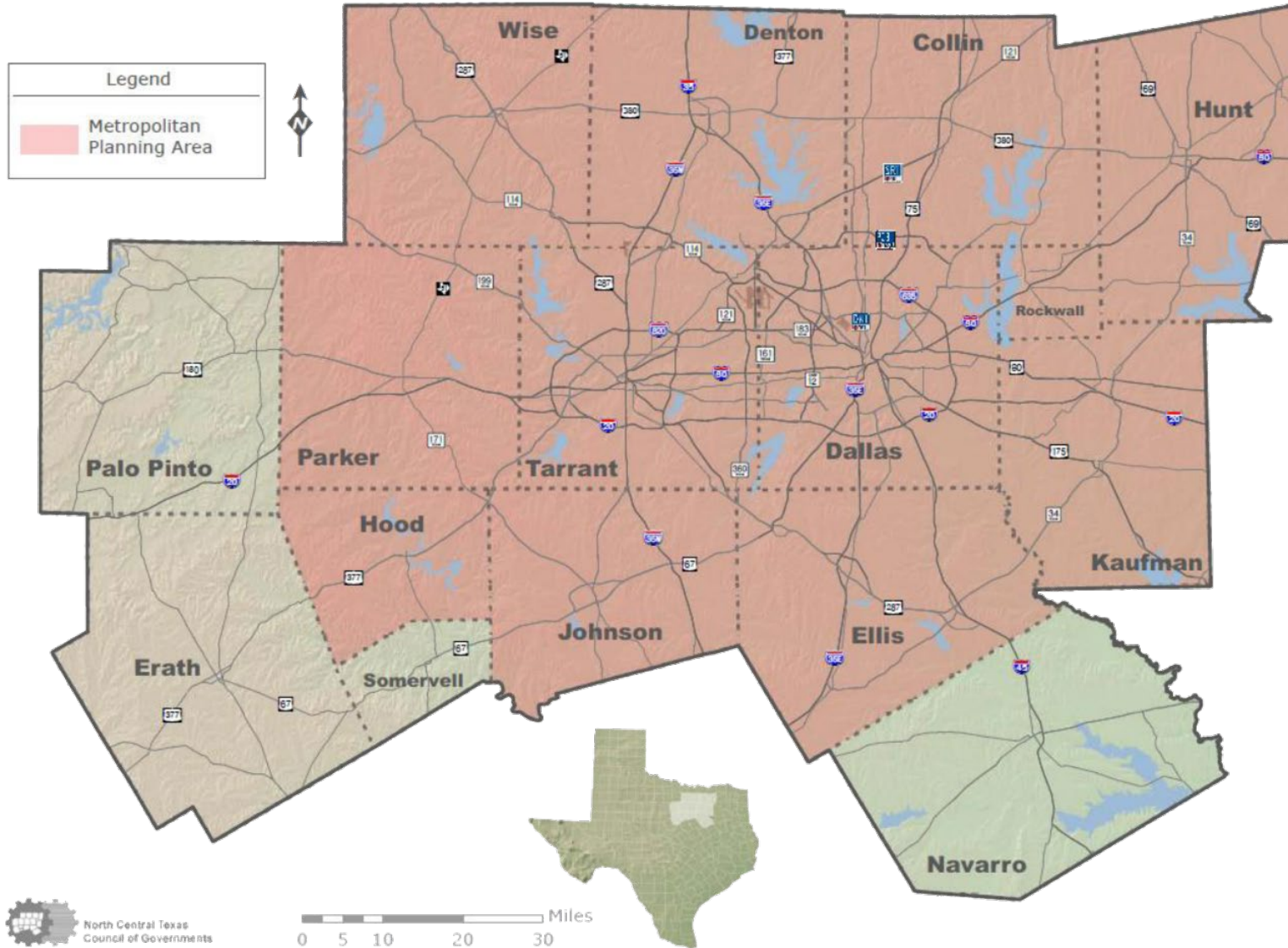
**Federally designated as region's Metropolitan Planning Organization in 1974:**

Regional Transportation Council (RTC) – Policy Authority  
*(44 members – 37 elected officials and 8 transportation providers)*

Executive Board – Fiduciary Agent *(18 members – elected officials)*



# Metropolitan Planning Area



# Sustainable Development Program

## Regional Initiatives to Promote Great Urban Places

Sustainable Development, Land Use  
and Transportation Planning

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

Community Schools and Transportation





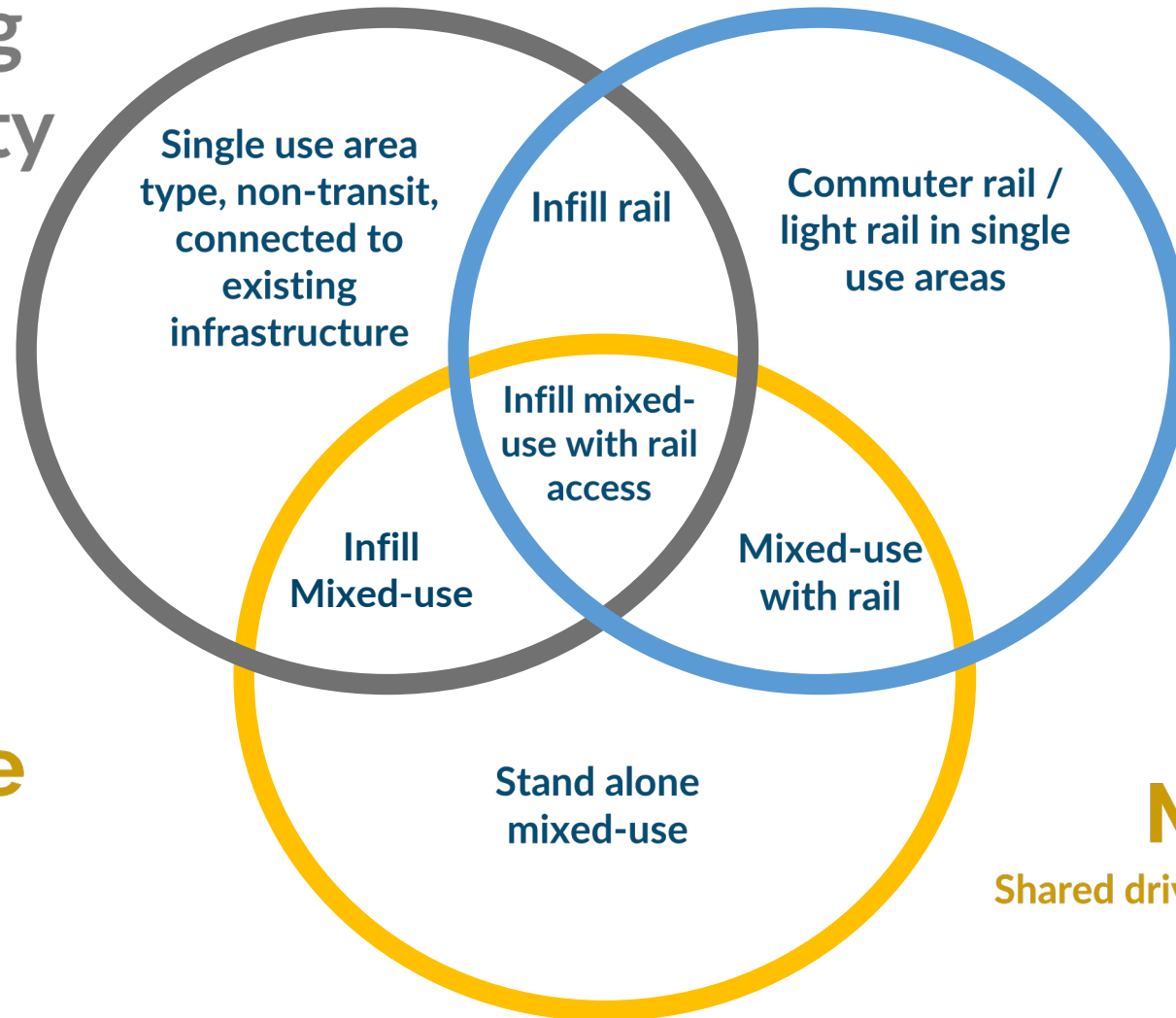
# Regional Transportation Council Sustainable Development Policy

**Utilize Existing  
System Capacity**

**Improve  
Rail Mobility**

**Promote  
Mixed-Use**

**Improve  
Access  
Management**



Shared drives/parking, spacing of turns/signals

A photograph of a community garden. In the foreground, there is a large, well-maintained green lawn. Behind the lawn, several raised garden beds are visible, some containing various plants and flowers. A paved walkway runs through the garden. In the background, there are several large, leafy trees and residential houses under a clear blue sky. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title text.

# Community Gardens Public Program Guide

# Project Background and Activities

## Project goals:

- Provide solutions and frameworks for addressing issues related to food deserts and food access through publicly-led community gardens programs
- Encourage location of potential community garden sites on public land near transportation infrastructure near multimodal transportation
- Act as a resource for conversations between local governments and community stakeholders

## Project History:

- Inspired by project from the NCTCOG Blue-Green-Grey funding initiative in 2019
- Project converted unused parcels in a DART-owned right-of-way into community garden
- Community garden is in a food desert near transit center and farmers' market



DART Hatcher Station Community Garden



# Community Garden Public Program Guide



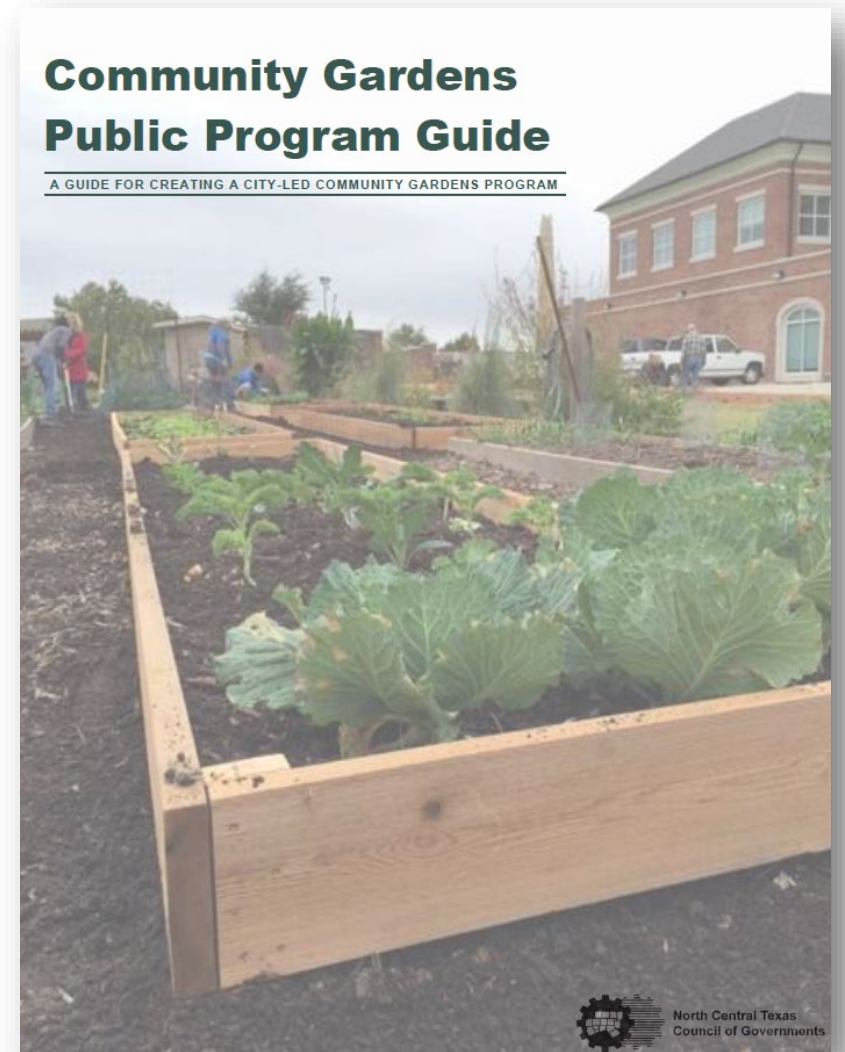
## Guide components

- Introduction to community gardens
- Community gardening in the region
- Overview of food access
- Challenges/solutions for garden programs
- Steps to start up a program



## Appendix

- Program tools/resources
- Example agreements/templates
- Garden start-up resources
- Other information/resources



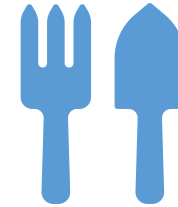
# Local Government-Led Programs

## Public programs can:

- Have dedicated staff, funding, and resources for the program
- Identify plots of land for gardens which can be a strategy for low-cost redevelopment
- Provide consistent maintenance/upkeep
- Manage the regulatory aspect of plots/land use
- Support collaboration through established relationships and partnerships
- Provide city-wide educational opportunities

## The guide focuses on:

- Implementing city-led garden programs (likely plot gardens) near transit with bicycle and pedestrian access
- Cities initiating, implementing, and managing the garden program



Locations can be urban, suburban, or rural

Managed or owned by various types of organizations



Consists of either communal or individual plots



# Program Considerations

## Recommendations:

- Ensure you have a dedicated staff member/person for program
- Establish stakeholder group
- Select the framework and goals that work best for your city and stakeholders
- Engage the public/promote the program

## Challenges:

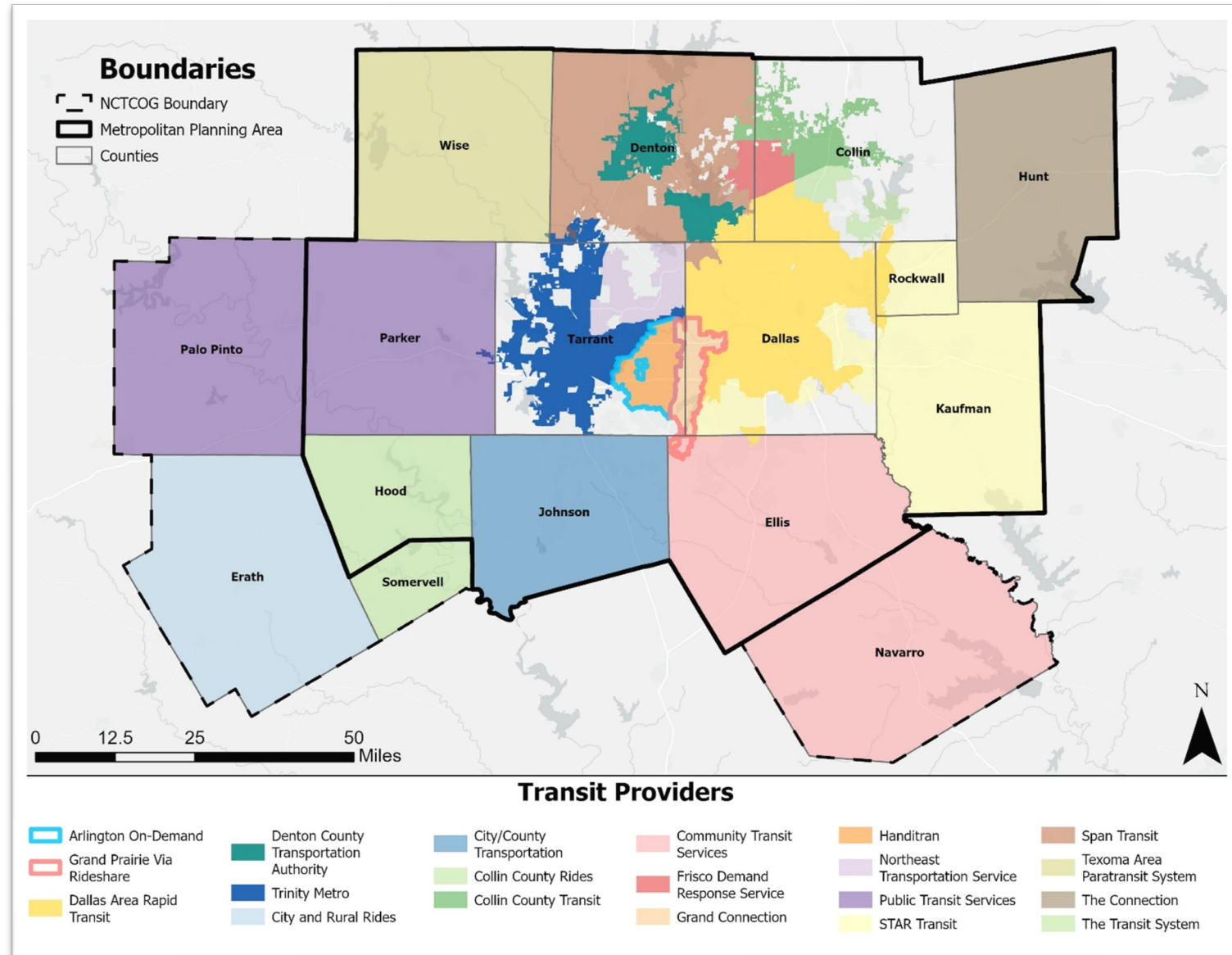
- Funding/budget constraints
- Garden locations/use conflicts
- Lack of staff time/availability
- Consistent maintenance and upkeep
- Regular coordination



# Community Gardens in Rural Areas

## Opportunities/Strategies:

- Establish gardens near local bus transit, bikeways and trails, downtown areas
- Partner with 4H, FFA, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, food banks, schools, etc.
- Regional Bikeways: <https://shorturl.at/lwJS3>



# More Information

Guide and Resources available at:  
[www.nctcog.org/greeninfrastructure](http://www.nctcog.org/greeninfrastructure)

Interactive map featuring potential garden sites along light rail transit systems and existing bikeways:  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/477eface0e4e474fa27ebb55f0063585/page/Project-Background/>



Hatcher Station Community Garden Pilot Project







# Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program



# Overview

## Program Information

Federal funding program

Funds distributed through calls for project typically every two to three years

There is an NCTCOG program and a separate program through TxDOT

NCTCOG typically awards funding for active transportation and safe routes to school projects

## Program Focus Areas

Active Transportation  
Network Implementation

Safety Improvements

Americans with Disabilities  
Act (ADA)



# Eligible Project Activities

## May include:

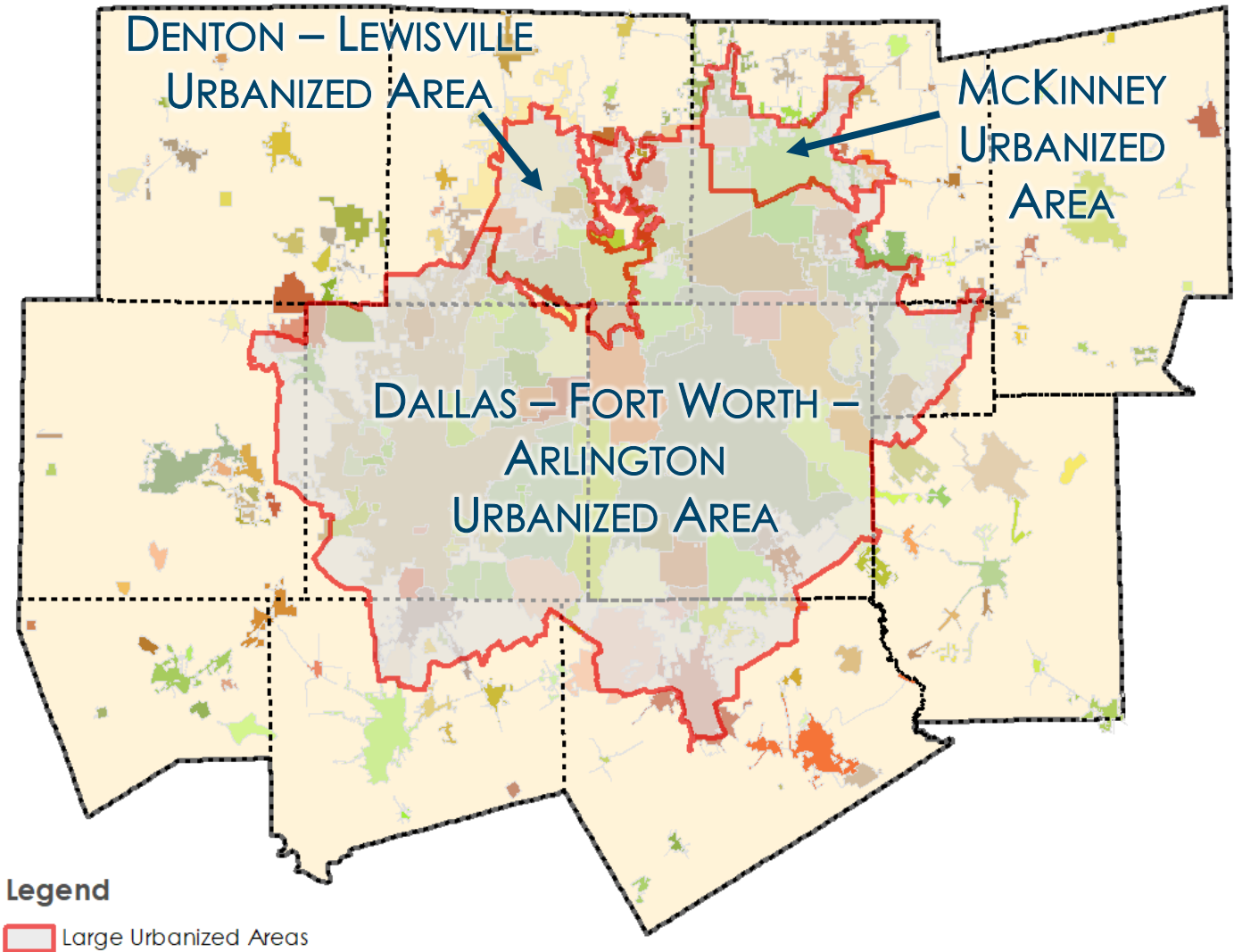
- Shared-Use Paths (Trails)
- On-Street Bikeways
- Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Curb Ramps
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Countermeasures and Technology
- Protected Intersections
- Other infrastructure improvements supporting active transportation or safe routes to school



# Eligible Project Areas

**NCTCOG Program:** All proposed projects must be within one of the three urbanized areas (exceeding 200K population)

**TxDOT Program:** Available statewide



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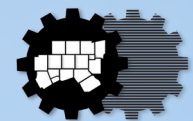


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## Transportation Alternatives Program



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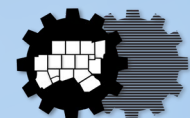
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# Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Success Stories

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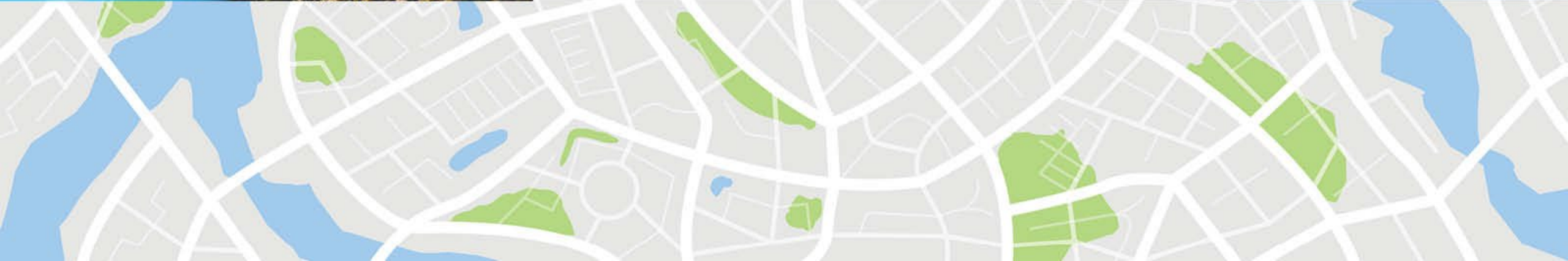
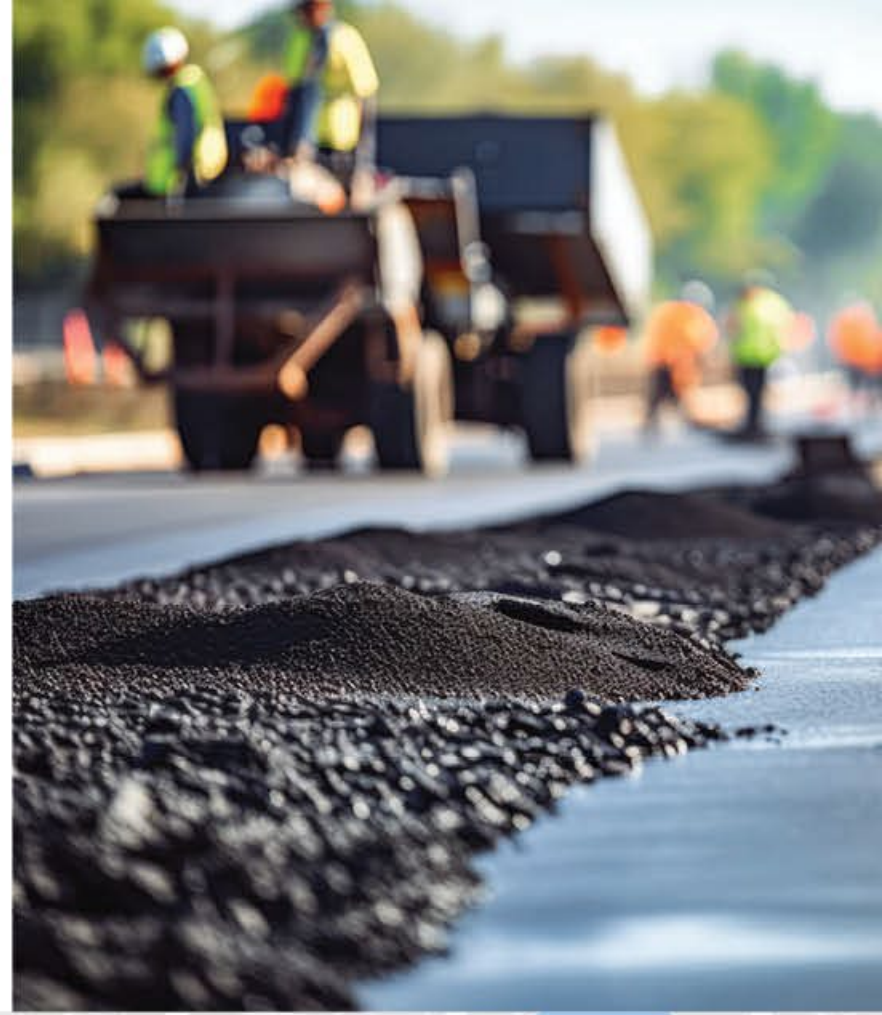
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# City of Springtown TxCDBG Projects 2014, 2020, 2021







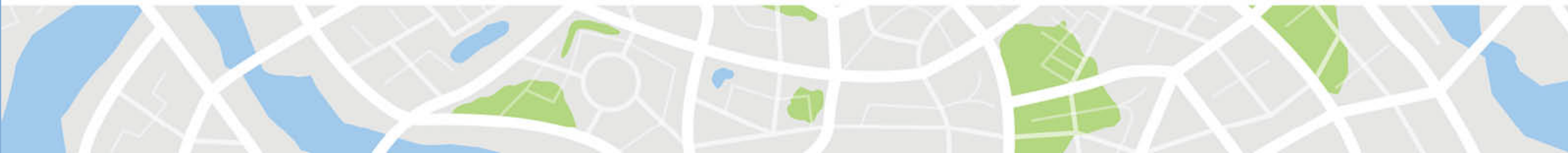
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## Overview of Springtown:

**Fastest growing City in Parker County (Parker County was ranked the 8th fastest growing county in the country for 2022.) Current City Limits Population: Est. 4,000 (up from 2,200 in 2015 -- an increase of 81 percent in less than 10 years). In addition to growth in the corporate limits, Parker County Pct. 1 (the precinct where Springtown is located) has over 70 active new subdivisions.**

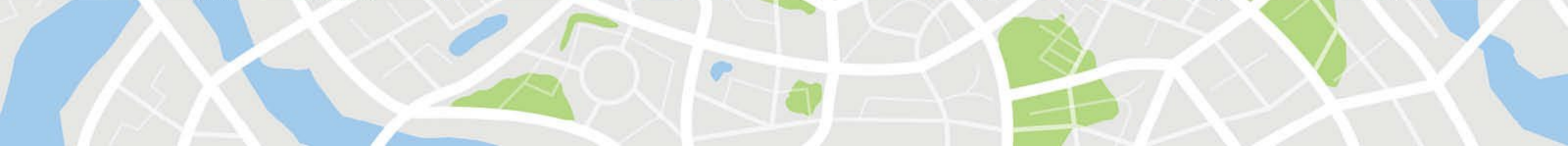
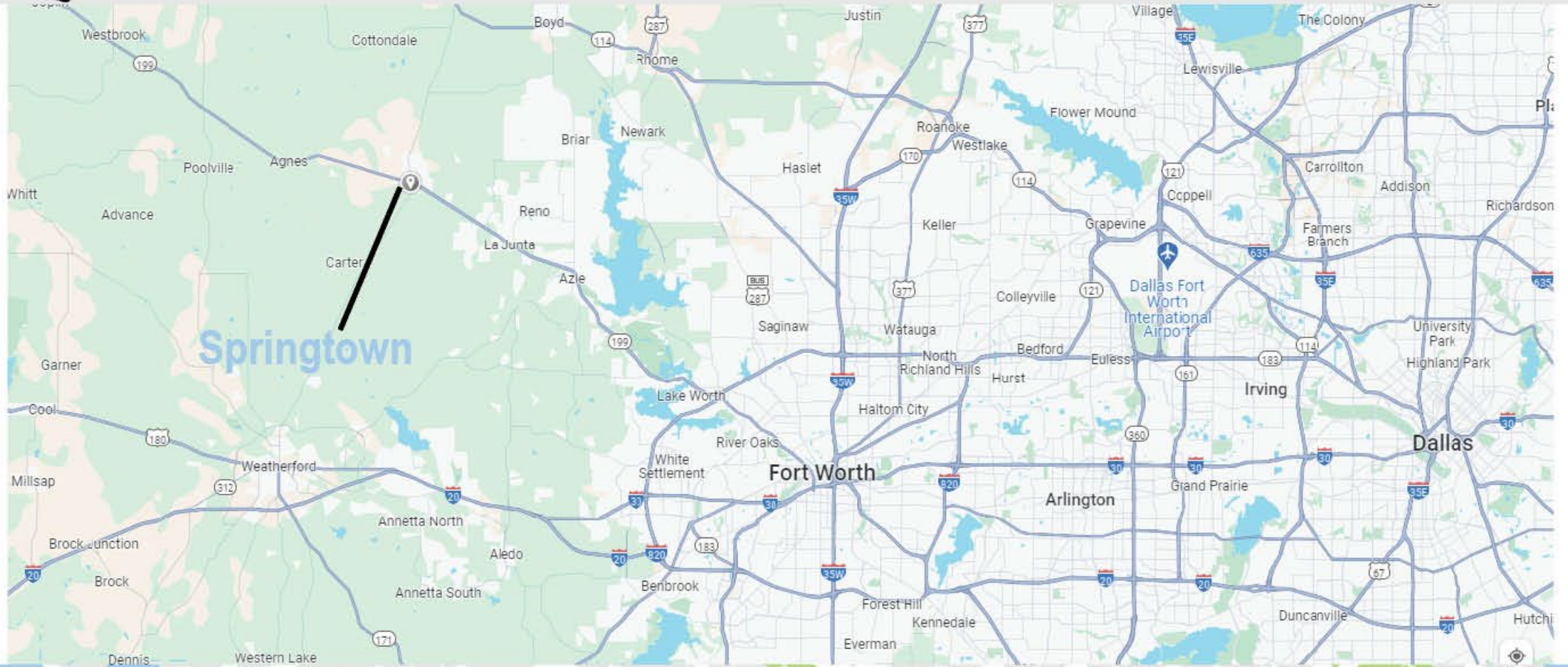
**Springtown is situated in North Central Parker County (between Weatherford and Decatur approximately 30 miles northwest of downtown Fort Worth and encompasses approximately 3.5 square miles.**

**Prior to 2015, the City struggled to fund day-to-day operations, let alone large infrastructure projects and had very little planning or oversight for coming development.**





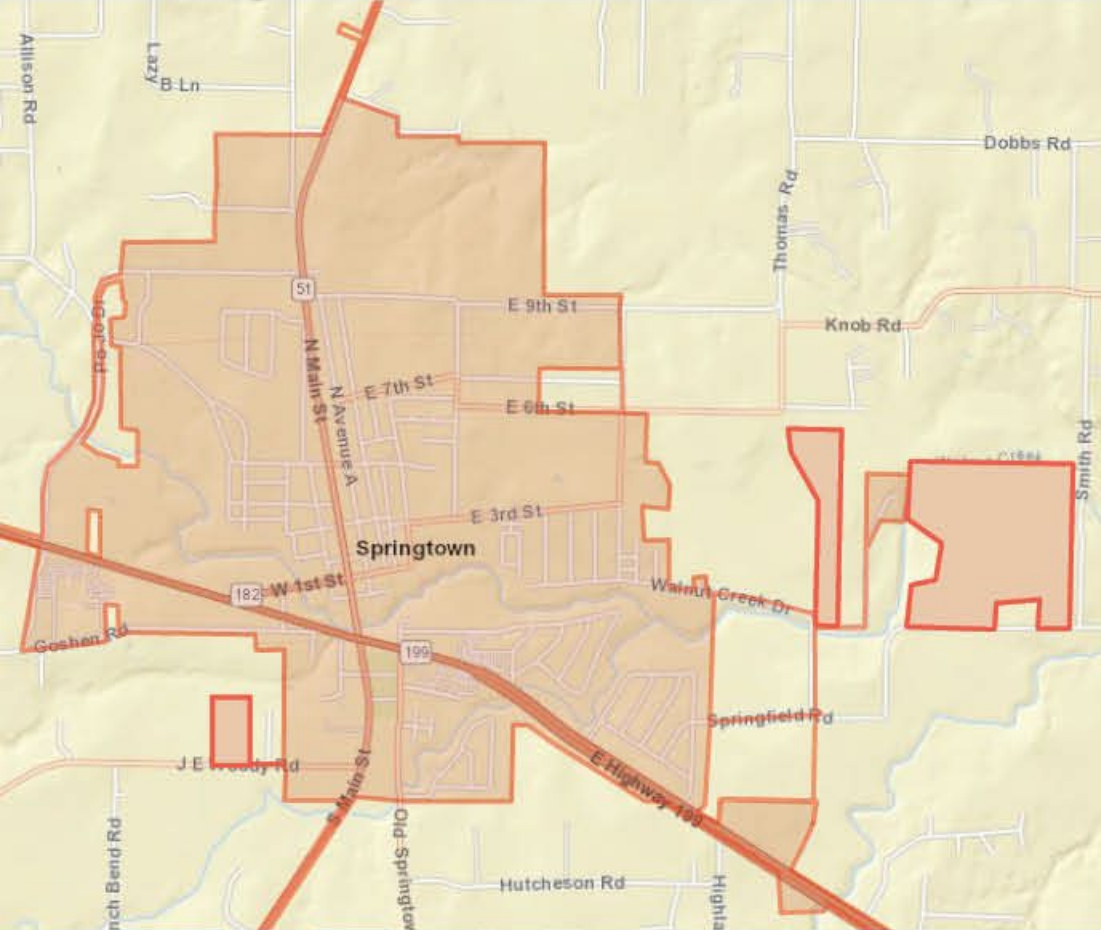
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# City of Springtown • TxCDBG Projects

## Major Infrastructure Projects 2014-2024



**Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation (2014) CDBG-funded**  
*Rehabilitation of 150,000 gallon water storage tank*

**Roy Lane Construction (2016) Bond-funded**  
*Construction of new roadway to improve access to post office*

**Street Rehabilitation (2019) Bond-funded**  
*Reconstruction of nine city streets plus drainage improvements.*

**TxDOT FM 51 Project (2019) (City portion bond-funded)**  
*Widening of FM 51 (Main Street), new bridge of Walnut Creek, upgrade of water and sewer lines within project scope.*

**IT infrastructure upgrades - Admin (2020) CARES Act-funded**  
*Upgrade of servers and workstations at City Hall*

**City Hall remodel (2020) CARES Act-funded**  
*Remodel of City Hall and council chambers to accommodate social distancing*

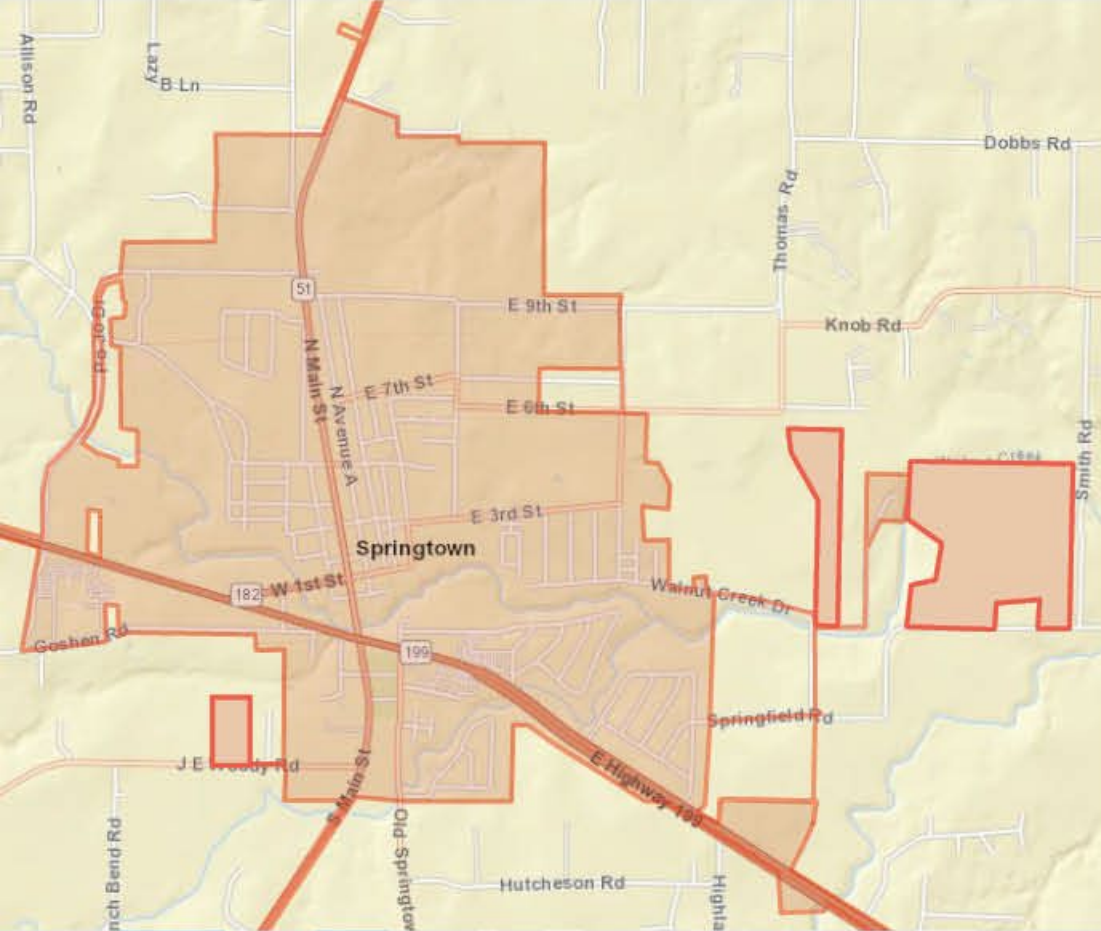
**IT infrastructure upgrades - Public Safety (2021) OOG Grant funded**  
*Upgrade of CAD software, servers and workstations at Police Department*

**IT infrastructure upgrades - Library (2021) OOG Funded by operating funds**  
*Upgrade of servers and public-facing workstations at Springtown Public Library*



# City of Springtown • TxCDBG Projects

## Major Infrastructure Projects 2014-2024



**Reconditioning of water storage tanks (2022) *Funded by reserves***  
*Reconditioning of multiple storage tanks to prolong life of tanks*

**Avenue D Water and Sewer Improvements (2022) *CDBG-funded***  
*Replacement of 1000 LF of water and sewer utilities along Avenue D between 5th and 7th Street.*

**Water supply line upgrade (2022) *Impact fee-funded***  
*Upgrade approximately 1100 LF of existing 6-inch water line to 12-inch water line*

**Avenue C Roadway Reconstruction and Water Improvements (2023) *CDBG-funded***  
*Reconstruction of approximately 500 LF of Avenue C between 5th Terrace and 7th Street and replacement of approximately 500 LF water utilities.*

**Street Rehabilitation Project (2023) *Reserves, bond proceeds, County partnership.***  
*Reconstruction or rehabilitation of three streets highly impacted by detour from TxDOT project*

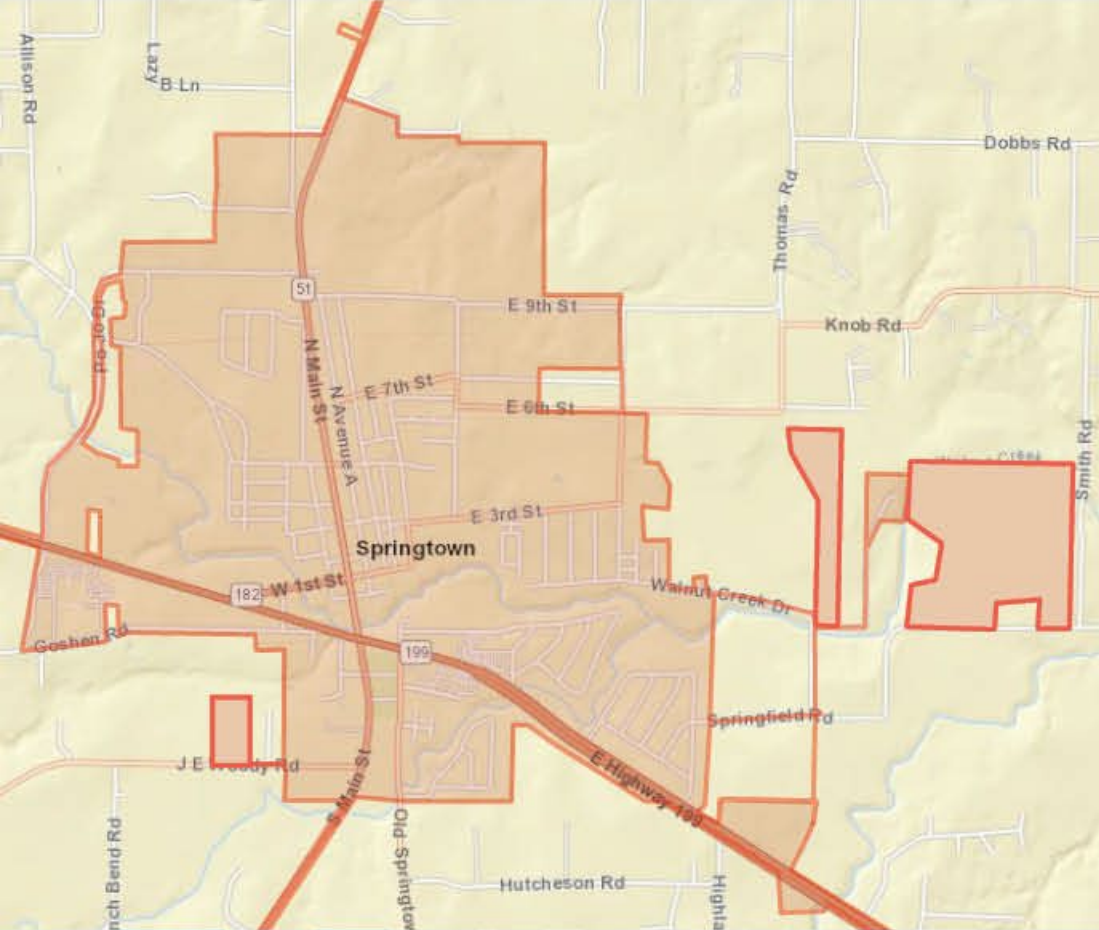
**Animal Shelter Renovations (2023) *Funded by reserves***  
*Remodel of animal shelter double number of enclosures available for animals.*

**Water Treatment and Distribution System Improvements (Ongoing) *Bond Funded***  
*Improvements to the raw water intake station, water treatment plant, booster station, including electrical improvements and installation of generators. Improvements will increase treatment/distribution capacity by 50 percent.*



# City of Springtown • TxCDBG Projects

## Major Infrastructure Projects 2014-2024



**Wastewater Treatment System Improvements (Ongoing) Bond Funded**  
*Improvements to improve safety and efficiency at wastewater treatment plant*

**Roy Lane Reconstruction (Ongoing) Bond-funded**  
*Due to drainage issues, the street was completely reconstructed with subsurface drainage infrastructure*

**Automated Meter Infrastructure (Ongoing) Bond-funded**  
*Installation of AMI system-wide. EPA Lead & Copper survey occurring with installation.*

**Wastewater Manhole Rehabilitation (Ongoing) APRA-funded**  
*Rehabilitation of all manholes to address inflow and infiltration issues (I&I)*

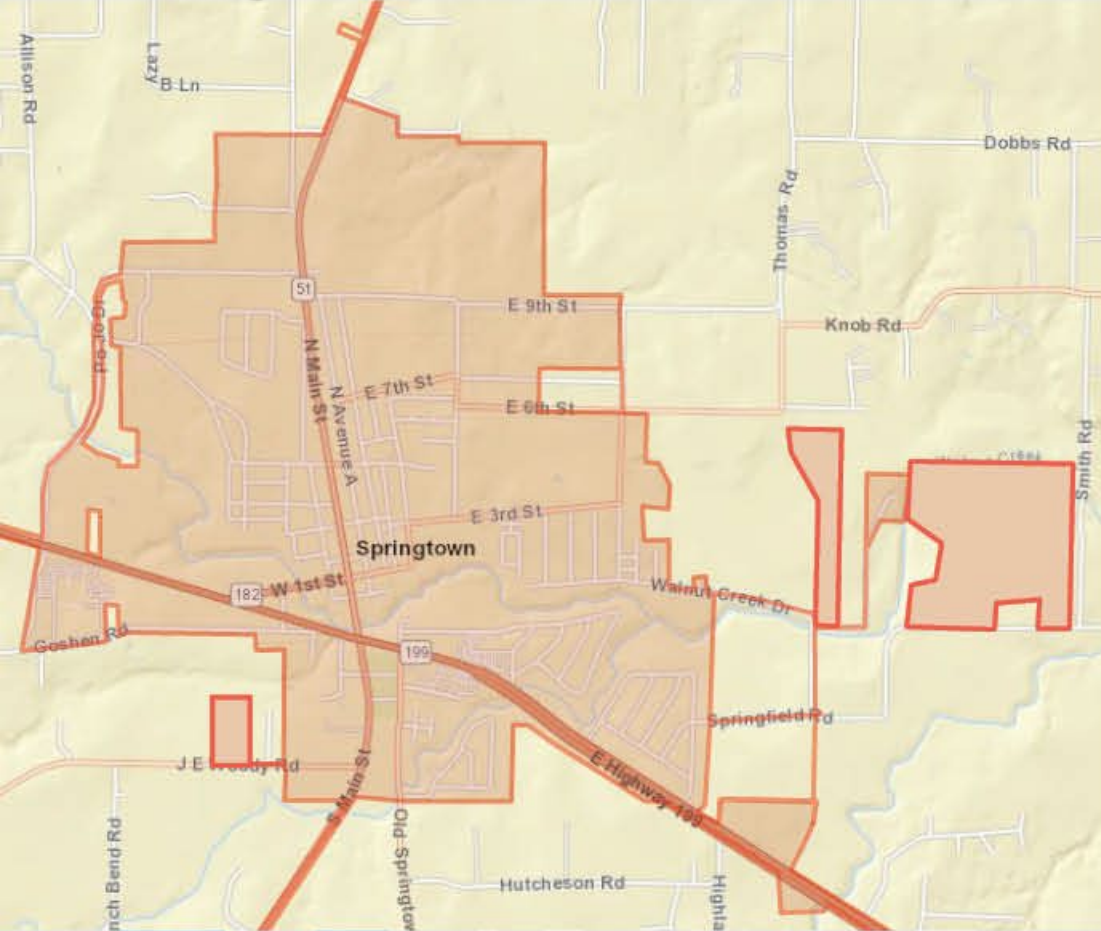
**Playground Improvements (Ongoing) Funded by reserve funds**  
*Installation of new surfaces and shade covers at playgrounds*

**Public Safety Radio System Upgrade (Ongoing) Funded by reserve funds**  
*Upgrade of all in-car and handheld radios and consoles to a digital system.*



# City of Springtown • TxCDBG Projects

## Major Planning Projects 2014-2024



### **Comprehensive Plan (2014) CDBG-funded**

*Creation and adoption of a comprehensive plan for the City of Springtown*

### **Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (2019) Funded by operating funds**

*Created and implemented in partnership Parker County OES*

### **Capital Improvements Plan/Impact Fee Study (2019) Funded by operating funds**

*Updated our Capital Improvements Plan and Impact Fees for Water and Sewer*

### **Parks Master Plan (2022) Funded by operating funds**

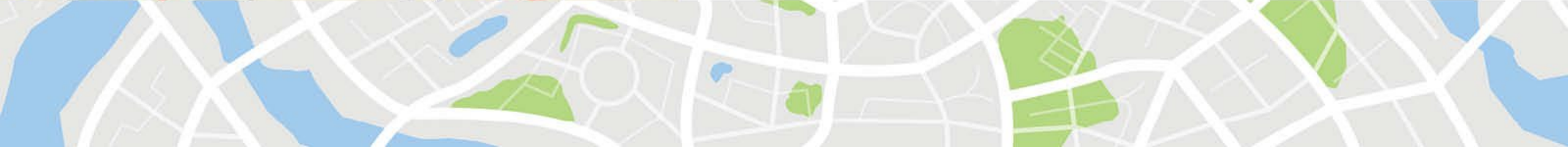
*Creation and adoption of a Parks Master Plan (none previously existed)*

### **Comprehensive Zoning Update (2022) Funded by operating funds**

*Overhaul and update of zoning ordinance and map*

### **Comprehensive Plan Update (Ongoing) CDBG-funded**

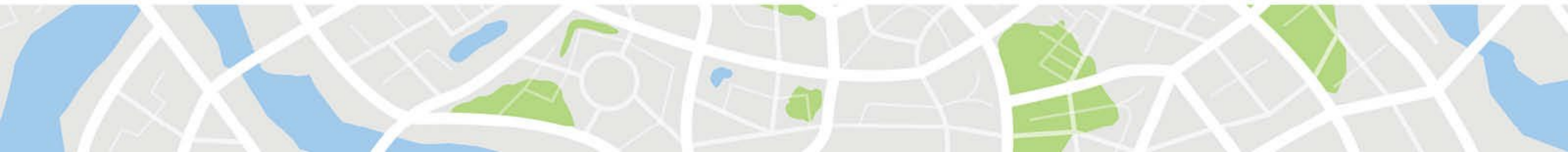
*Currently in application process for Resilient Community Program grant through CDBG*





# City of Springtown • TxCDBG Projects

<b>2014-</b>	<b>Replacement of Ground Storage Tanks</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>
	<b>Comprehensive Plan</b>	<b>\$54,405</b>
<b>2020-</b>	<b>Avenue D Improvements (Water, Sewer, Paving Repair)</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>2021-</b>	<b>Avenue C Improvements (Water, Roadway Reconstruction)</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
<b>2024-</b>	<b>Comprehensive Plan Update through Resilient Communities Program (pending application)</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>





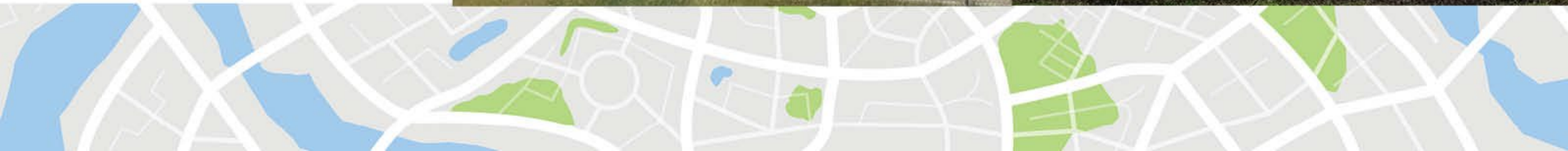
# City of Springtown • TxCDBG Projects

## TxCDBG Project #7214430 -- Replacement of Ground Storage Tank

**Project Engineer: Freese and Nichols Grant Administrator: Public Management**

**Beneficiaries: 2,182**

**Grant: \$275,000**







# City of Springtown • TxCDBG Projects

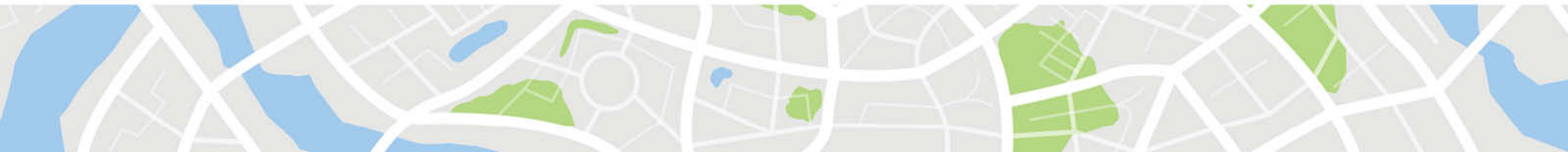
## **TxCDBG Project #712064 -- Comprehensive Plan**

**Project Planners: Public Management Grant Administrator: Public Management**

**Beneficiaries: 2,182**

**Grant: \$54,405**

**Project included the creation of a comprehensive plans comprised of multiple planning documents including a capital improvements plan, master thoroughfare plan, and land use plan.**





# City of Springtown • TxCDBG Projects

## TxCDBG Project #7220449 -- Avenue D Improvements

**Project Engineer: Pacheco Koch**

**Grant Administrator: Public Management**

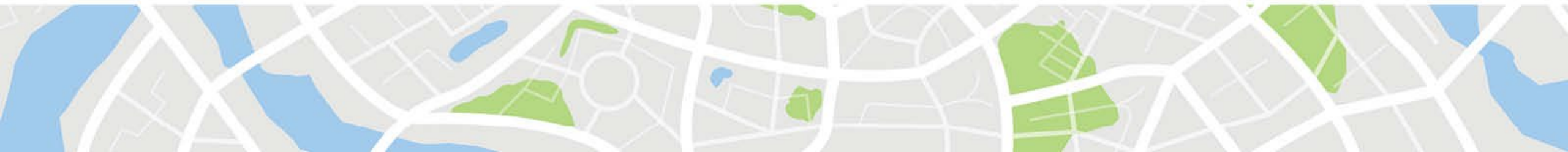
Grant: \$500,000

Match: \$50,000

Total Budget: \$550,000

**~1000 LF of water and sewer line replacement**

*Original project design included sidewalks, subsurface drainage, and pavement reconstruction. Due to increase in construction costs from OPCC, project was scaled down.*





# City of Springtown • TxCDBG Projects

## TxCDBG Project #7220449 -- Avenue C Improvements

Project Engineer: Pacheco Koch

Grant Administrator: Public Management

Grant: \$350,000

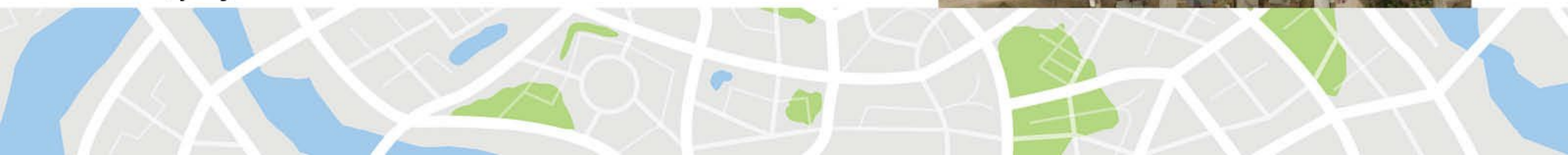
Match: \$35,000

Over-match: \$67,630

Total Budget: \$452,630

**~500 LF of water line replacement and roadway reconstruction (asphalt)**

*Original project design included sidewalks, subsurface drainage, and pavement reconstruction. Due to increase in construction costs from OPCC, project was scaled down.*





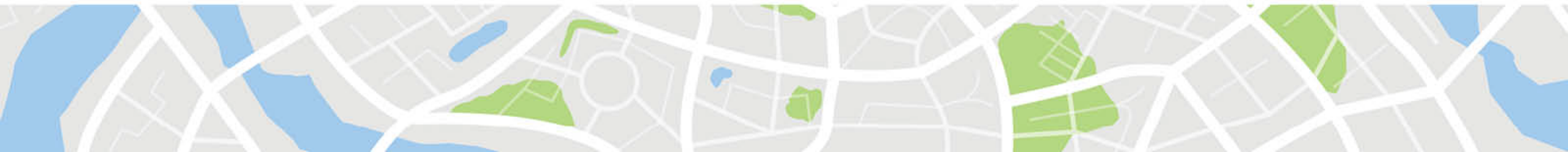
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## **Challenges:**

**Growth of city resulted in change in demographics. It was difficult to find an area where the beneficiaries met the income requirements. For the Avenue C project, we surveyed the beneficiaries for six different project areas before identifying one that met the income requirements.**

**Attempting to survey during the COVID-19 pandemic presented its own challenges.**

**Increases in construction costs led to a reduction in project scope as well as an over-match from local dollars being required. Both the Avenue D and Avenue C projects were bid multiple times due to cost concerns.**





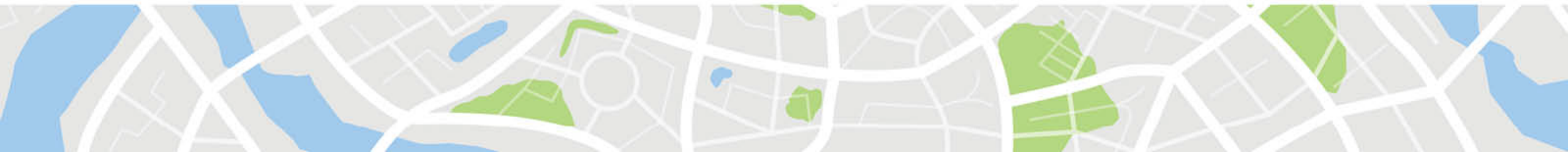
# City of Springtown • TxCDBG Projects

## Suggestions:

**Use resources.** If possible, use a grant management firm or dedicated grant manager on staff. The reporting requirements and grant regulations are on par for any federally funded program.

**Be flexible.** Understand that due to today's construction environment, it may be necessary to change the project scope and/or increase the budget by adding local funds as an over-match.

**Plan ahead.** Identify projects in advance that may be good candidates for future CDBG funds.



# City of Strawn

Population 926

Area: .8 Square Miles

Located in Southwest Palo Pinto county

# Strawn has received 4 TxCDBG grants in last 15 years.

- 1. Water main replacement along Highway 16 completed in 2011.
- 2. Water main replacement looping the south side of Strawn completed in 2014.
- 3. Water well, pump equipment and pipeline completed in 2018.
- 4. SCADA update at Water treatment facility and wellsite, water main replacement under historical brick streets completed in 2024.

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# Wellsite Project

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- Joint Project between City of Mingus and City of Strawn. Received funding from TxCDBG, Texas Water Development Board DWSRF, USDA Rural Development and Texas Parks and Wildlife



# Wellsite Pump Room in Desdemona, Texas







# Desdemona Standpipe



City of  
Strawn



GROUNDWATER SUPPLY LINE IMPROVEMENTS

TWDB DWSRF Project No. 62677

DWSRF Project Cost: \$525,120.34

**CITY OF STRAWN GROUNDWATER  
SUPPLY-PUMP STATION**

Owner: CITY OF STRAWN  
118 HOUSLEY STREET,  
STRAWN, TEXAS 76475  
Engineer: JACOB & MARTIN, LLC,  
Contractor: TTE, LLC



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Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture

# New SCADA system at water treatment plant





# CITY OF TERRELL CDBG SUCCESS





# Terrell, Texas

- Founded in 1873
- 20,000 population
- 14,000 jobs
- Retail and employment hub of the fastest growing county in the United States
- Development Plans submitted to the city account 80,000 new residents



# Total Solar Eclipse Highlights



- Canada
- Norway
- Mexico
- San Francisco
- Wyoming
- Pittsburg
- New Orleans
- Alabama
- NY



# DOWNTOWN LANDSCAPE PROJECT

- **MOORE AVE. MEDIAN**



- **STREETSCAPE & PLANTERS**



# CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- Store front planters on-order; delivery estimated 2-3 weeks
- Sidewalk & street planter covers on-order; delivery estimated 2-3 weeks (will deliver and install 1-city block each week upon delivery)



# Sneak Peek



TERRELL TACO FESTIVAL

May 4, 2024

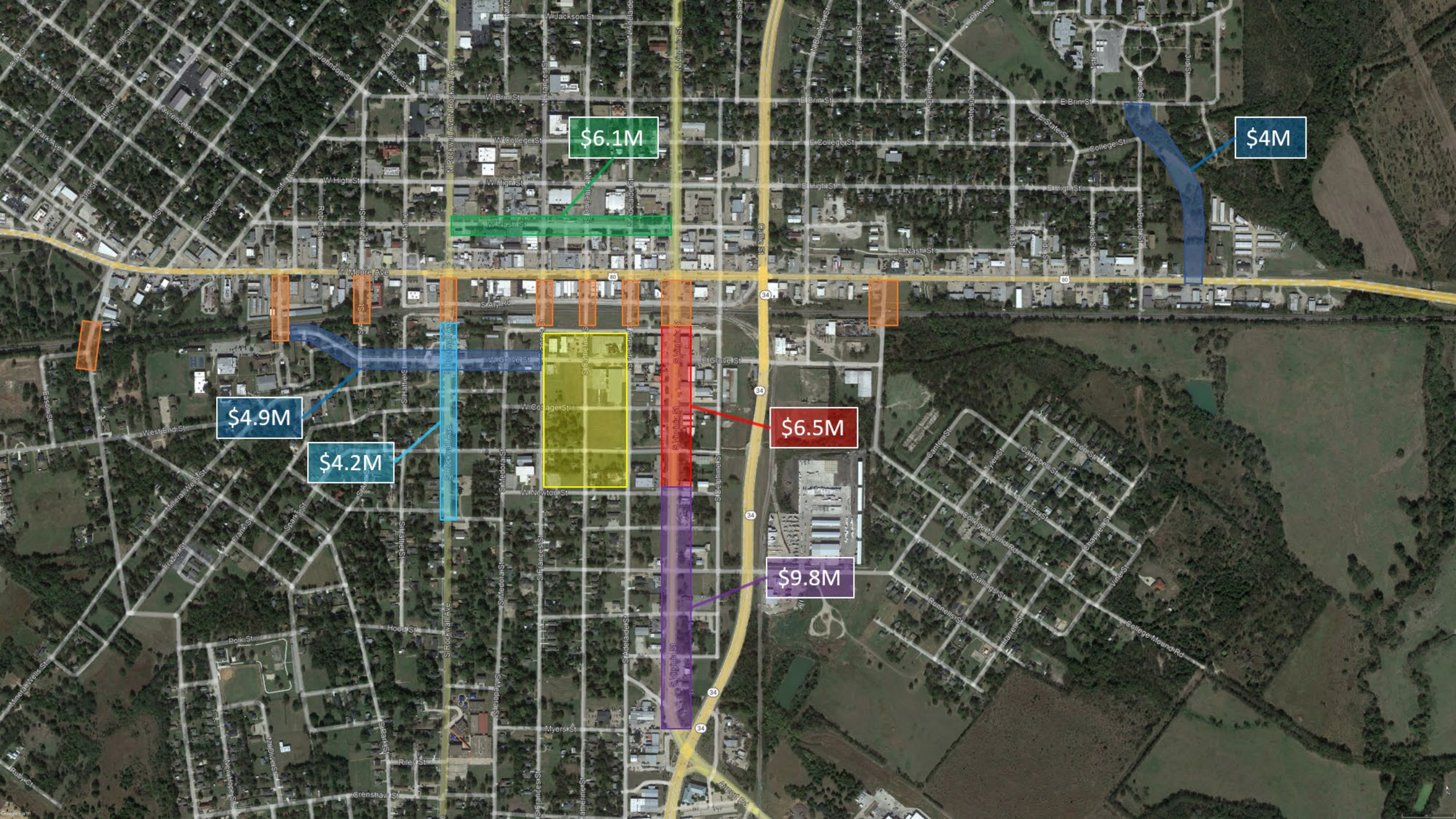


Free ad in Texas Town and City Magazine  
March 2024



## CDBG PROJECTS

1. 18 CDBG projects between 1975 & 1995, generally core Terrell
2. Project 11-03 - 20" Waterline -- CDBG Grant 20" Waterline located in Pacific / College
3. Project 13-01 - 30" Sanitary Sewer line -- CDBG 30" Sewer Bachelor Creek Phase 3
4. 2018 Texas Community Development Block, Grant Program - TCF Downtown Revitalization Program (Contract No. 7218002). Adelaide sidewalks
5. 2020 - N Blanche sewer - \$500,000 grant, Project 22-03 N. Blanche CDBG 2019-20 Sewer Improvements
6. TERRELL MEDORA-COTTAGE SIDEWALK TXCDBG NO. 7220232,
7. Project 24-07 CDBG- Poetry RD/SH 34 Water Line – In progress



\$6.1M

\$4M

\$4.9M

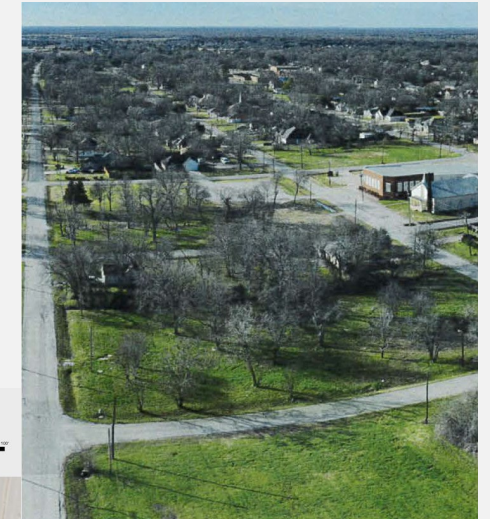
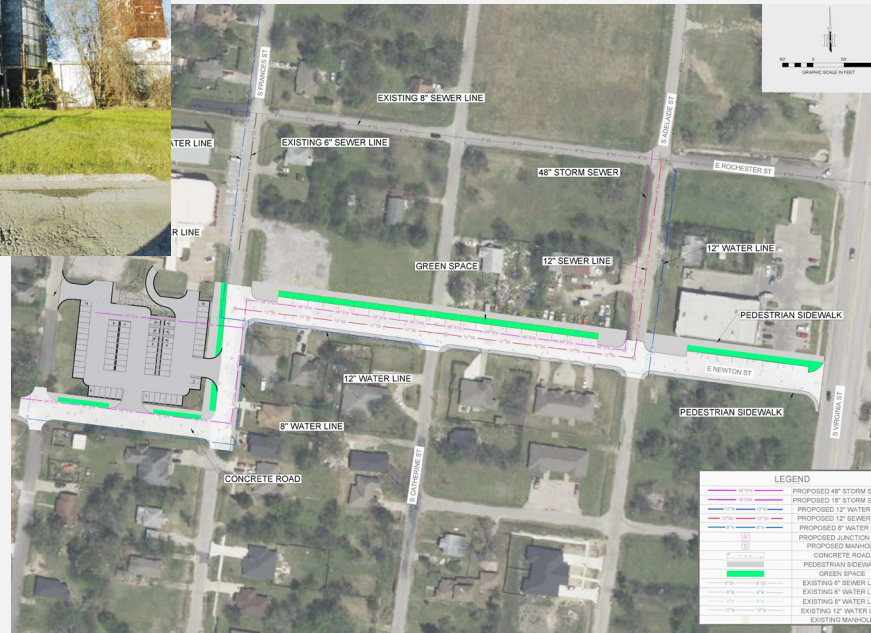
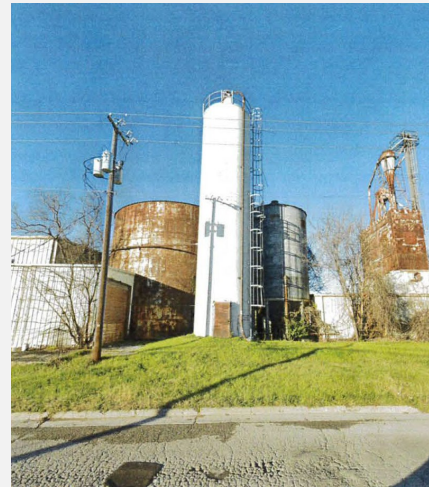
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\$6.5M

\$9.8M

# TOWN SQUARE | PARK PLANNING - CURRENT

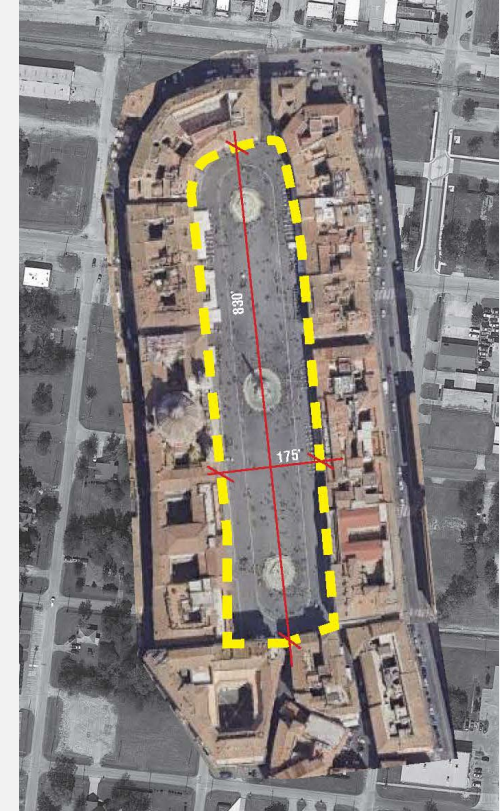
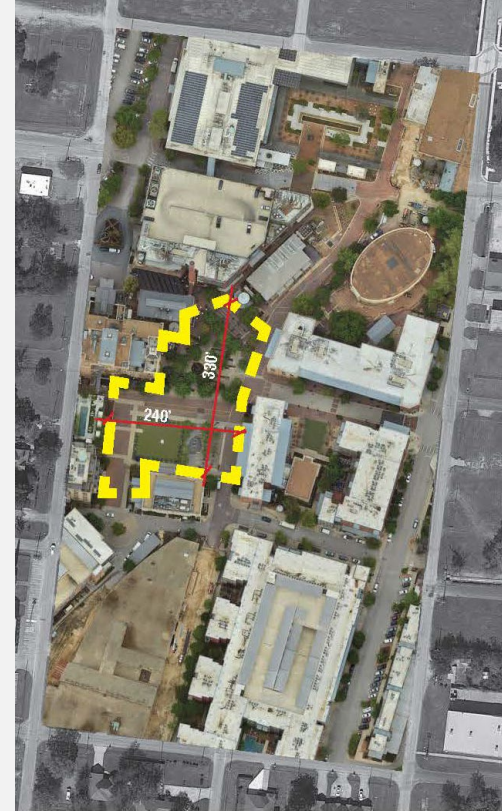
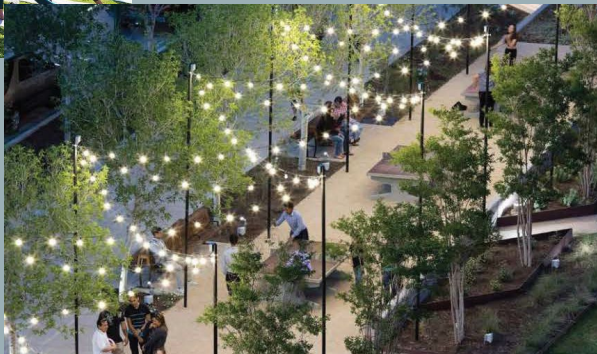
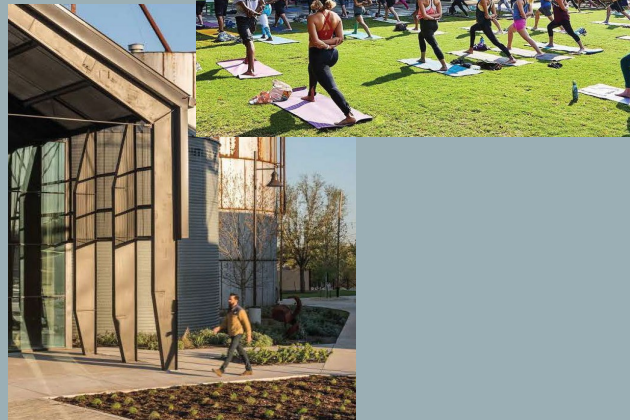
- Town Square Development Guidelines – City Council May 2024
- Newton Street Reconstruction & Bethlehem Baptist Church Parking Lot Construction
- Site clearing / demolition schedule – Summer 2024





# TOWN SQUARE | PLANNING & PHASING

- *Considerations:*
  - *Multi-year planning & build-out*
  - *Vision for future – land use & community open space*
  - *Magnitude of the overall size of the space & project*



Pearl Brewery  
San Antonio



Piazza Navona

# HIGHWAY 80 COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

## DOWNTOWN TERRELL COMPLETE STREETS

STUDY AREA 2/28/23



Kimley-Horn  
JBJ  
MANAGEMENT



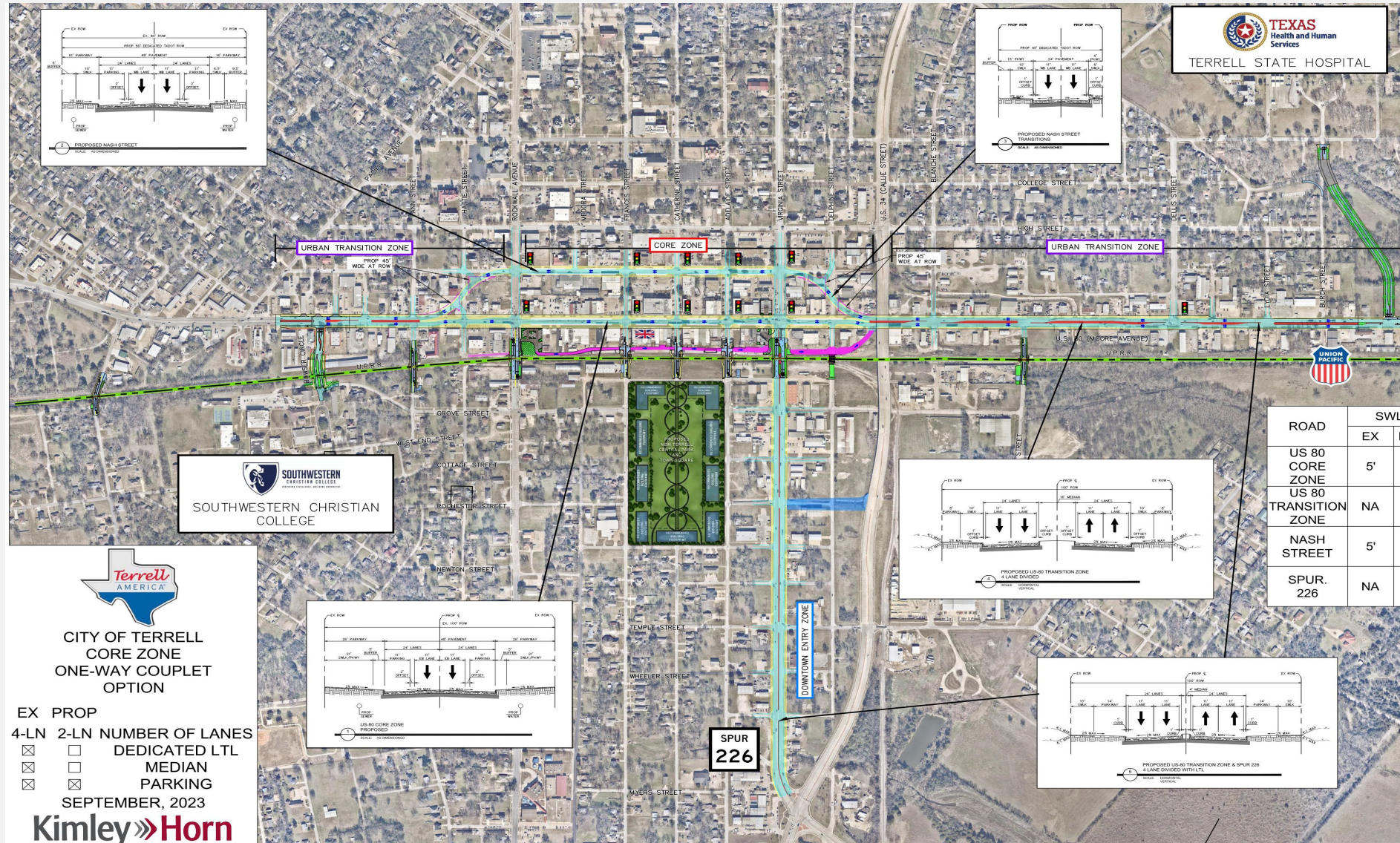
- Project Kickoff – July 2022
- PRC Meeting #1 – December 2022
- Town Hall – February 2023
- PRC Meeting #2 – March 2023
- TxDOT Concurrence Meeting – August 2023
- ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ – April 2024

## Public Feedback –

- Maintain existing on-street parking
- Increased sidewalk width
- No need for dedicated turn lanes
- Intrigued by one-way couplet

## TxDOT Feedback –

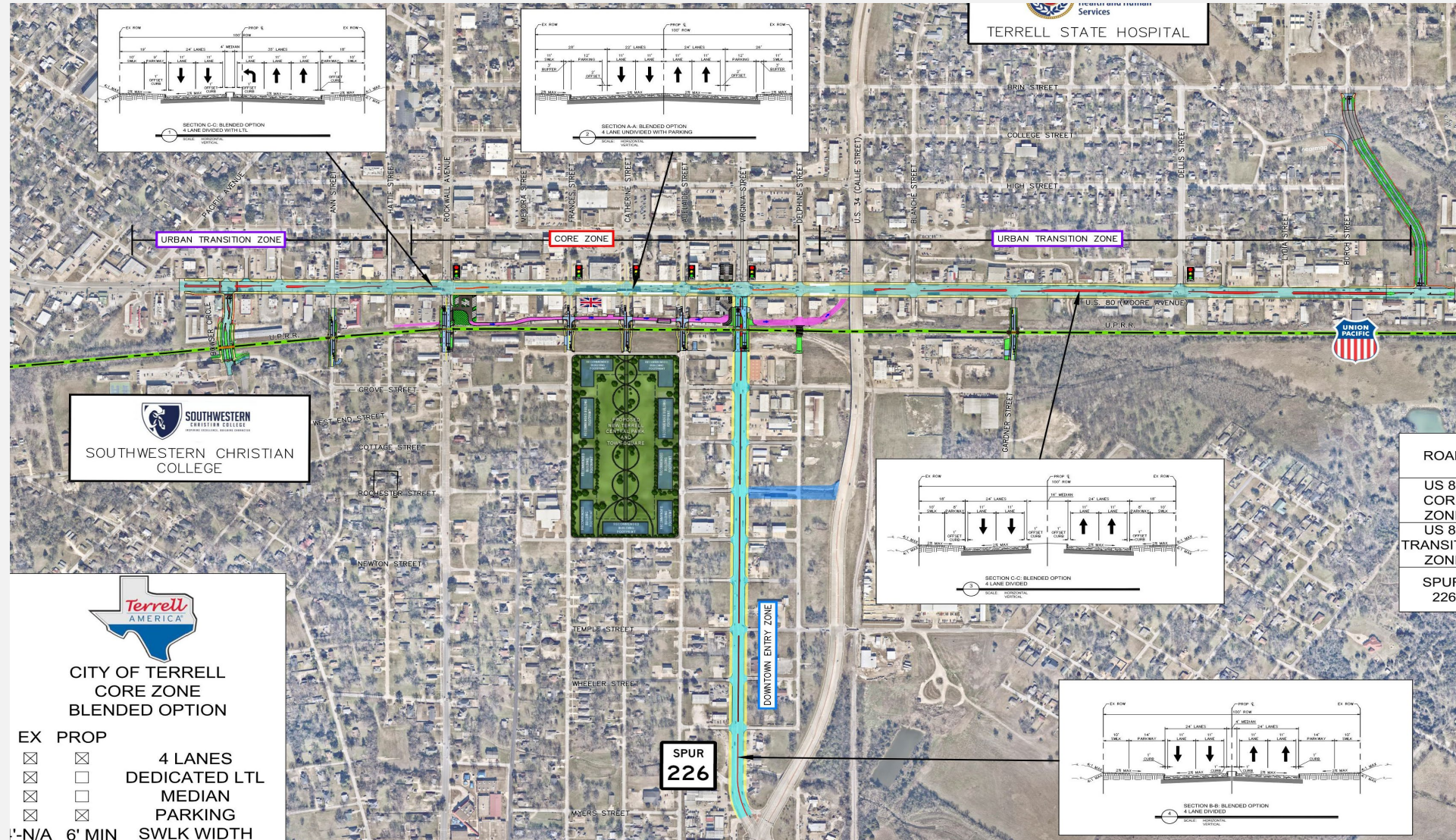
- Gave concurrence on the following:
  - Lane width
  - Sidewalk width
  - ROW border width
- One-way couplet
  - Challenging to implement
  - Cause city to maintain on-system roadway
  - Requires additional ROW



## Moving Forward –

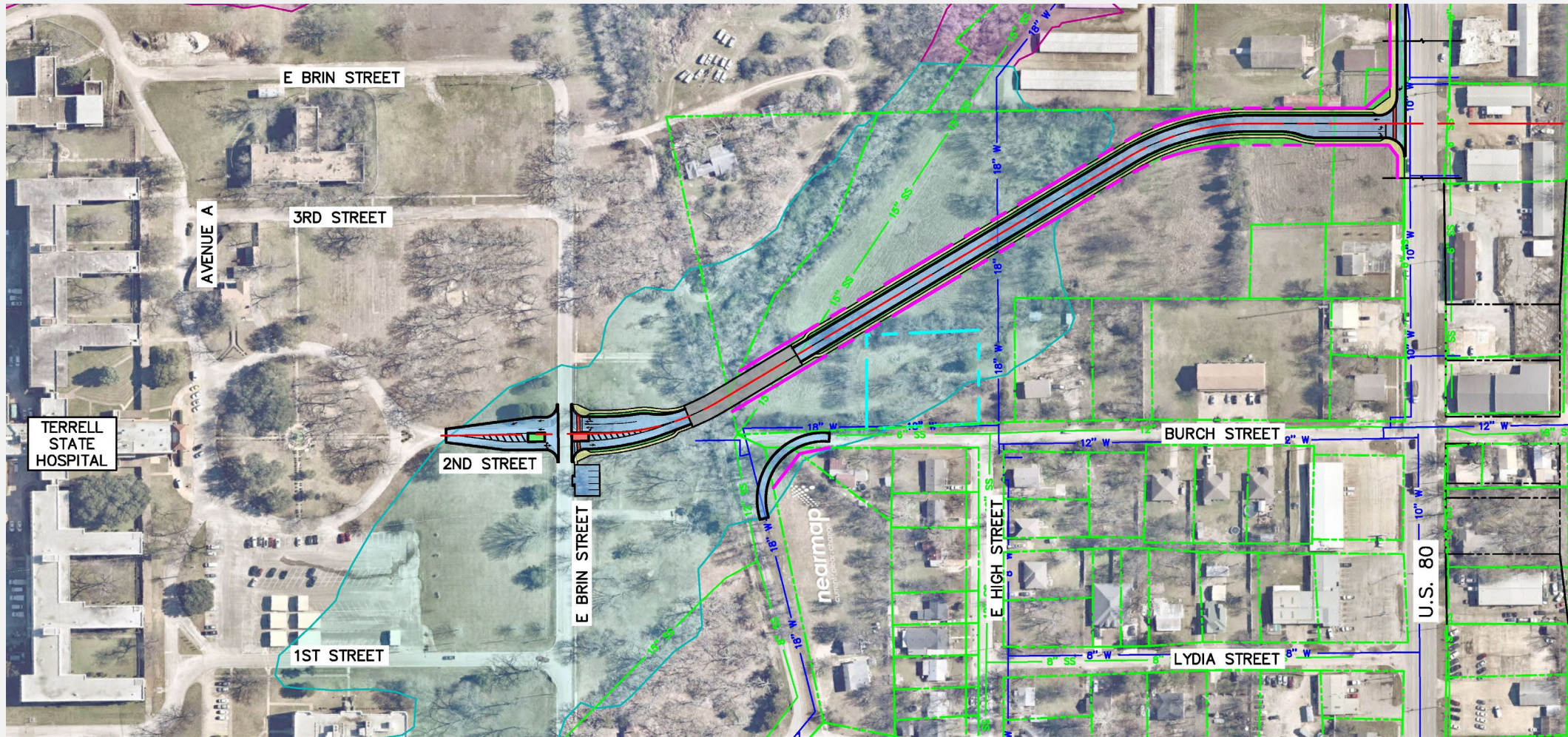
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from PRC on Blended Option (Focus):

- Spur 226
- Menu of options for City Streets
- Texas Health & Human Services Driveway
- Funding Opportunities
- Next Steps



# TERRELL STATE HOSPITAL ENTRANCE – HIGHWAY 80

- Hospital construction timeline (4-years to complete)
- City of Terrell / TSH Construction road behind Police Headquarters (Rose Street)
- TxDot approved project (full construction cost) – City of Terrell design and land acquisition



# UPRR QUIET ZONES

- Project Kickoff – July 2022
- PRC Meeting #1 – December 2022
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- PRC Meeting #2 – March 2023
- UPRR / FRA Diagnostic Testing – April 18 & 19, 2023; Final Recommendation Received May 2023
- TxDOT Concurrence Meeting – August 2023
- Full Engineering Design thru Environmental Clearance – FY 2024
- CRISI Grant Application – April 2024



## Pedestrian Safety Fencing

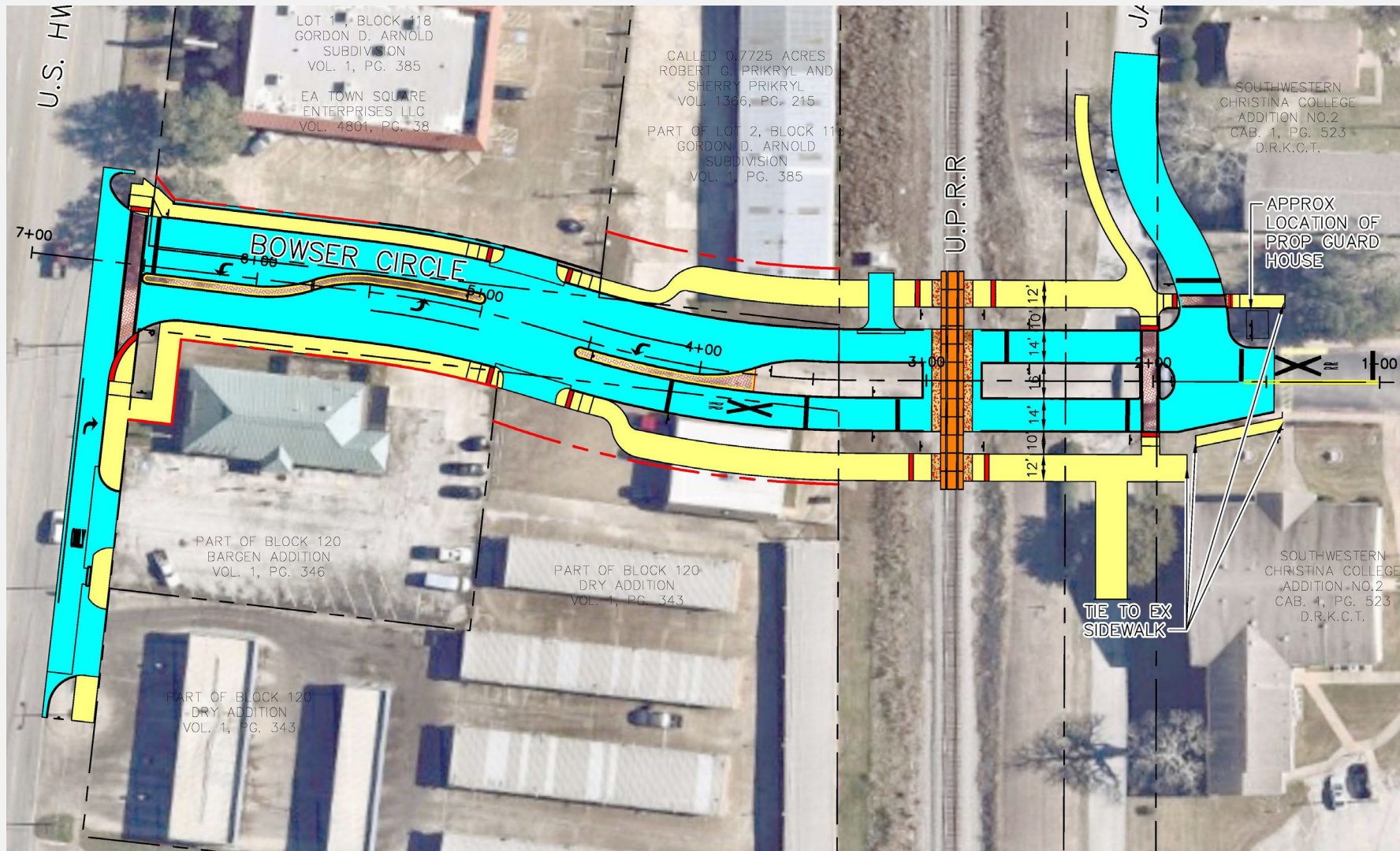


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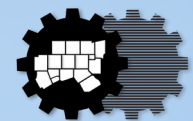
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# BOWSER STREET – RECONSTRUCTION & QUIET ZONE



# Questions?



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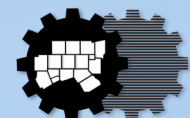


# Workforce Development Support & Impact in Rural Communities

Kirsten Jakowitsch

Senior Manager

Workforce Solutions for North Texas



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# Partnering for Community Impact

Kirsten Jakowitsch, Ed.D. | Sr. Manager Workforce Programs

April 18, 2024



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## Our Vision

The recognized leader in building tomorrow's workforce.

## Our Mission

To advance business-driven solutions that promote economic growth, opportunity and a skilled workforce.

## Our Values

**Trust:** Operate with integrity and respect  
**Leadership:** Courage to shape a better future  
**Inclusion:** Leverage our collective genius  
**Community:** We're in this together

# Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas (WSNCT) Region



# Our Ecosystem of Services



## Adult Career Seekers

- Career Coaching & Skills Training
- Educational Workshops
- Work-Based Learning\*
- Help with Child Care Costs\*
- Adult Education Literacy



## Youth & Young Adults

- Youth Career Exploration Events
- Internships and Apprenticeships
- Career Readiness Tools
- Job Shadowing & Career Days
- Summer Earn & Learn



## Veterans

- Hiring Red, White & You! Veteran Hiring Event
- Civilian Career Transition Support
- Customized Resources
- Occupational Training



## Employers

- Recruitment Assistance
- Reduced Employee Training Costs
- Economic & Labor Market Information
- Work Opportunity Tax Credits
- Fidelity Bonding



## Economic Development Organizations

- Regional Economic Trends
- Education, Skill and Wage Data
- Information to Support Business Expansion/Relocation Decisions



## Academic Institutions

- Partnerships with Community Colleges and Technical Training Institutions
- Customized Training Programs to Increase Workforce Skill Levels
- Grant Opportunities



## Skills Training

- Skills Development Training Grants
- Work-Based Learning\*
- Apprenticeships
- Tuition Support\*



## Child Care

- Reduced Child Care Costs\*
- Training and Scholarships for Early Learning Programs
- Participation in Texas Rising Star Quality Rating System



## Vocational Rehabilitation

- Partnership with Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation (formerly known as DARS)
- Access to Personal VR Counselor
- Job Placement Assistance and Other Specialized Services

Promoting Economic Growth, Opportunity and a Skilled Workforce

# WSNCT Mobile Workforce Unit

## Making our services more convenient and accessible

- Utilized for Hiring Events and as a Mobile Workforce Center where needed
- 13 computer workstations
- Laser printer
- Visual & Audio presentation capable
- Wheelchair accessible workstations with height adjustment
- Software and devices available for people with hearing and visual impairments





## WSNCT FY2023 Milestones

- Served **101,500+ career seekers, 10,000+ veterans** and **8,700 youth and young adults**
- Helped **347 individuals** gain degrees, licenses or certifications
- Supported **10,400+ employers**
- Collaborated with education, industry and community partners to bring in **\$22.5 million in grant funding** for training and CTE programs
- Ensured **7,000+ children** received quality child care while their parent or guardian worked, attended training or pursued their education

# WSNCT Strategic Plan



## Career Pathways

- Exploration Pipeline
- Digital Literacy
- Education & Skills Development



## Industry & Workforce Engagement

- Sector Partnerships
- Economic Development
- Labor Market Expertise



## Child Care Quality

- Child Care Collaboration
- Employer Engagement
- Elevating Educators



## Resource Development

- Internal Infrastructure
- Capacity Building
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

**Innovation and Collaboration are Key Elements of our Strategic Plan**



# Partner With Us!

## Promote WSNCT

Share information about WSNCT programs and services with local career seekers and community organizations

## Connect WSNCT with Employers

Mention us to your connections at Businesses, ISDs and Colleges to spur collaboration on hiring, training, upskilling and grant funding

## Include WSNCT in Initiatives at the Outset

Invite WSNCT to participate in planning sessions for your programs and initiatives to leverage our expertise, insight, partnerships and resources





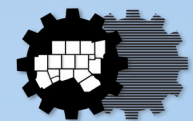
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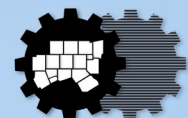


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# Thank you for attending!

The webinar recording and presentation will be posted shortly to our website:

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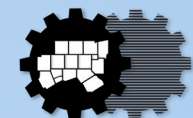
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