

Quick Take

What:

Sustainable Development Funding Program

Significance:

Sustainable development attempts to meet the needs of residents today without compromising the ability of future generations to address their own needs. This multidisciplinary focus integrates environmental, economic and social development policies.

Program History :

Since 2001, the program has funded three Calls for Projects (CFP), programming approximately \$120 million for infrastructure, land banking and planning projects to support sustainable development throughout the region.

By the Numbers

Regional Transportation Council Sustainable Development Investments Since 2001

Year	Awarded	Projects
2001	\$40.8 million	21
2005-06	\$40.6 million	42
2009-10	\$44.8 million	35

An Alternate Route to Regional Mobility

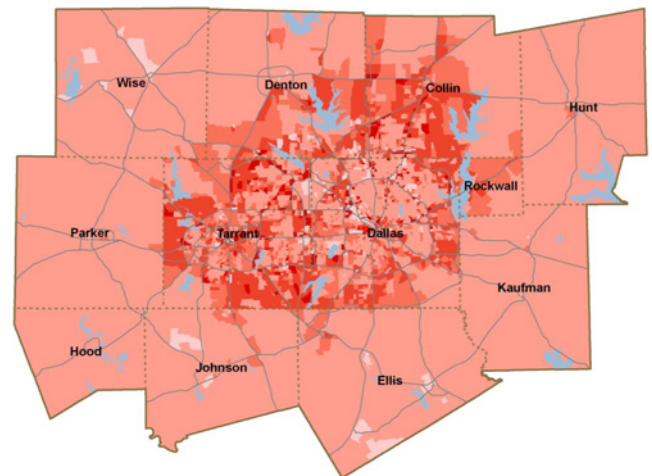
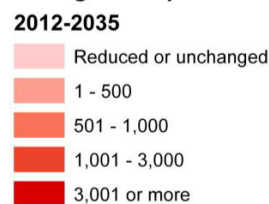
Dallas-Fort Worth is one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the country, adding strain to what is already a congested roadway system. While suburban cities have grown exponentially in recent years, the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Sustainable Development Funding Program promotes infill development to revitalize urban core, to plan for efficient growth that accommodates the needs of today's residents while making it possible for future generations to enjoy what the region offers.

From 2000 to 2010, the population in the North Texas region grew 20 percent to 6,371,773. The population is projected to grow an additional 54 percent to 9.8 million by 2035. Accommodating this growth with an efficient and effective transportation system is important to maintaining a high quality of life. However, considering the financial constraints associated with funding additional transportation capacity, the Sustainable Development Funding Program was created to encourage viable, efficient and affordable alternative modes of transportation and support compact mixed use, infill and transit-oriented developments to meet the region's future transportation demand.

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) created the Sustainable Development Funding Program in 2001 to help local governments with the infrastructure landbanking and planning costs associated with creating mixed-use and transit-oriented developments and infill development and redevelopment in historic downtowns. The program is also focused on reducing vehicle miles traveled and promoting economic development through public-private partnerships.

Legend

Change in Population 2012-2035

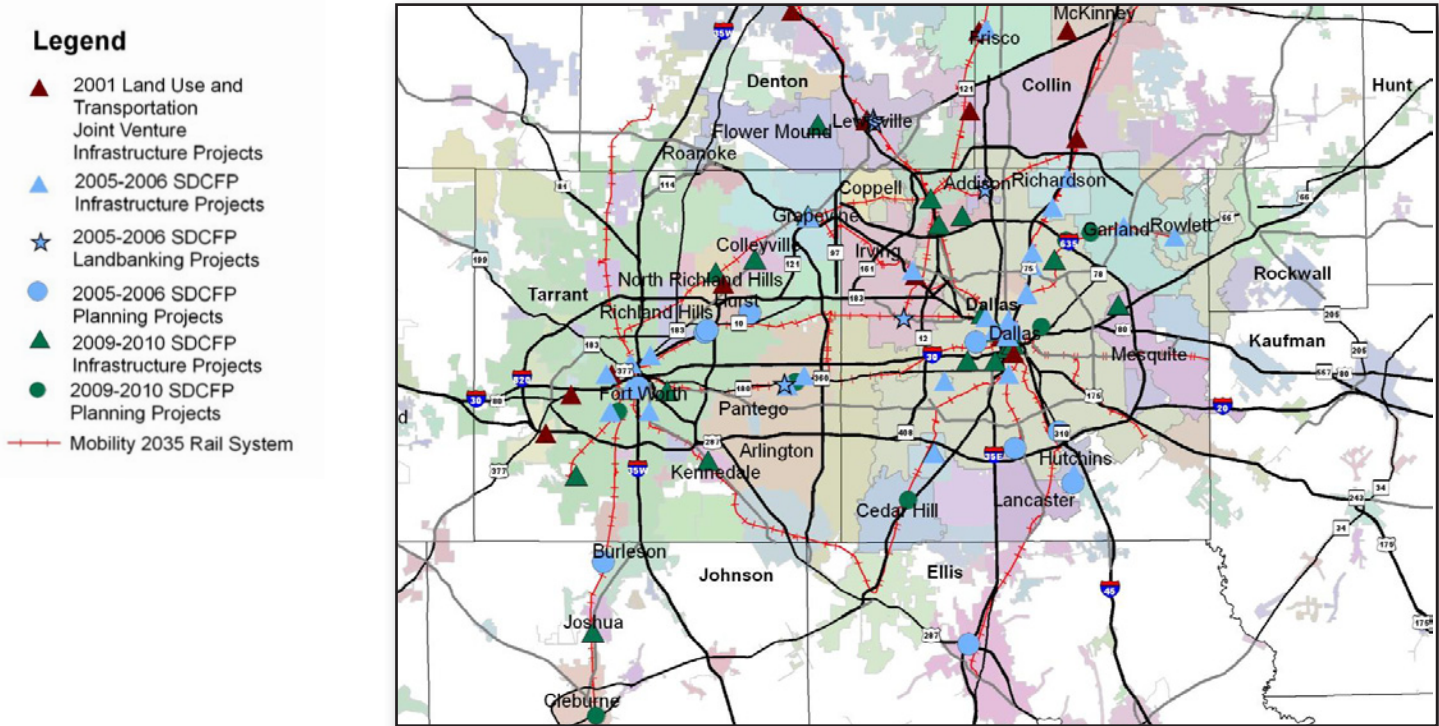


The Goals of Sustainable Development

To help the region develop in a more sustainable manner, the NCTCOG Sustainable Development Program established the following goals:

- Land use and transportation practices that promote economic development while efficiently using limited resources
- Transportation decision-making based on the effect on land use, congestion, vehicle miles traveled and the viability of alternative transportation modes
- Planning efforts that seek to balance access, finance, mobility, affordability, community cohesiveness and environmental quality

Funded Sustainable Development Projects



IN FOCUS: Garland's 5th Street Crossing

The city of Garland opened 5th Street Crossing, its first mixed-use transit-oriented development, in 2009. The multi-story development is adjacent to downtown Garland's Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) light rail station and has approximately 190 apartments, 13,500 square feet of retail space and a parking garage on one city block. The development received \$1.85 million from NCTCOG's

2005-2006 Sustainable Development Call for Projects, with the city of Garland providing additional funding for pedestrian infrastructure in the area. NCTCOG funded infrastructure improvements including pedestrian amenities such as sidewalks, street lights, attractive landscaping, signalization and street construction. These improvements were made on Walnut Street, Sixth Street and Austin Street connecting downtown Garland and 5th Street Crossing to the rail station.

Before



After



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