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LWTP

LAND WATER AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN



Request for Public Review of Draft LWTP

**Commissioners Court
July 1, 2014**

LWTP Documents



Growth Guidance Plan

- ✓ **Population Information**
- ✓ **Opportunities and Challenges**
- ✓ **Goals, Objectives**
- **Policies, Concepts & Map**
- **Action Plan**

Background Report

- ✓ **Natural Conditions**
- ✓ **Planning Context**
- ✓ **Public Opinion**

Select Plans, Ordinances, and Rules

- ✓ **Land**
- ✓ **Water**
- ✓ **Transportation**

Emerging Development

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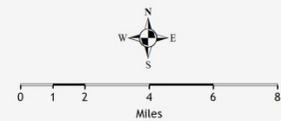
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-  Incorporated Areas
-  SH 130 Corridor
-  Preliminary Plats
-  Future Emerging Projects



TNR uses the LWTP to...



- **Guide Annual Work Plans**
- **Set Budget Priorities**
- **Set CIP Priorities**
- **Guide Policies and Practices**
- **Set Legislative Agenda**

Growth Guidance Concepts

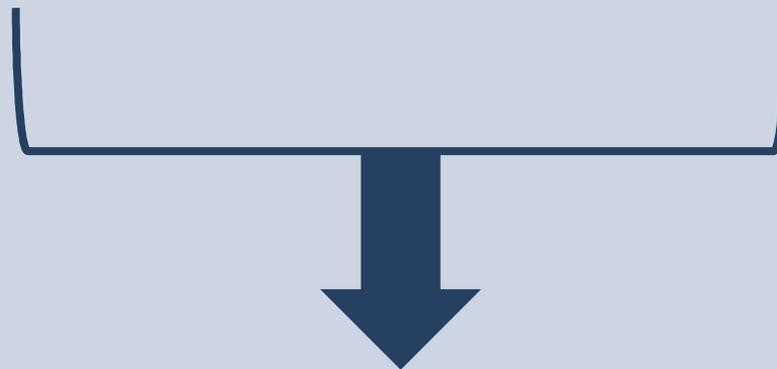


CONSERVATION CONCEPT

**Establish Conservation Areas
& River and Creek Corridors**

DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT

**Establish Activity Centers &
Transportation Corridors**



Growth Guidance Plan



Benefits – Areas*

- **Protects watershed-based drainage**
- **Minimizes habitat fragmentation**
- **Improves outdoor recreational opportunities**
- **Protects scenic & rural views**
- **Enhances property values**

***Protected, large, contiguous tracts of high priority lands**



Benefits – Corridors*

- **Slows velocity of water**
- **Preserves wildlife corridors**
- **Accommodates trails & connectivity**
- **Improves recreational access to water**
- **Enhances property values**

***Protected, minimally developed land along waterways**



Priorities - Areas



- **100-year Floodplains**



- **Prime Farmland**

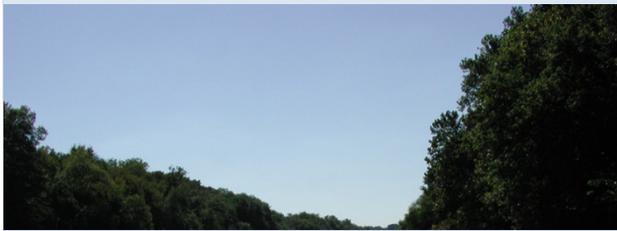


- **Post Oak Savannah**



- **Endangered Species Habitat**

- **Numerous Springs**



Priorities – Corridors

Priority 1 Corridors

- **Pedernales River**
- **Colorado River**
- **Onion Creek**
- **Gilleland Creek**
- **Wilbarger Creek**

Priority 2 Corridors

- **Cypress Creek**
- **Hamilton Creek**
- **Cow Creek**
- **Bingham/Big Sandy Creeks**

Corridor Priority Factors*



- **Directly or indirectly protects regionally significant resource**
- **Connects to Activity Center**
- **Balances Distribution of Conservation Lands in County**
- **Protects County Conservation Investments**
- **Support other Corridor plans**

*See LWTP Growth Guidance Plan, page 60 for priority rankings



Land Conservation Concept

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Shingle Hills

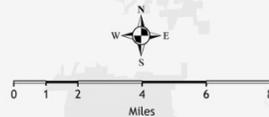
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- Incorporated Areas
- Existing Conserved Lands
(Parkland, Preserves, City of Austin
WQPL, & Travis County Non-BCP
Conservation Easement Properties)
- Conservation Corridors
(Priority 1)
- Conservation Corridors
(Priority 2)
- Springs
- Threatened &
Endangered
Species Habitat
- 100- yr Floodplain
- Prime Farmland
- Post Oak Savanna



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| Parkland | Travis County, City of Austin, TPWD, LGRA | 2012-2013 |
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| GCW & BCV Habitat & Karst Zones | Travis County, City of Austin, BCCP | 1996 |
| Listed Salamander Habitat | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service | 2013 |
| Post Oak Savanna Ecotone | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | 2006 |
| Prime Farmland | USDA National Resources Conservation Service | 2002 |
| Floodplain | Federal Emergency Management Agency | 2008 |
| Springs | USGS, TWDB, Capital Environmental Services, TPWD | 2011 |
| Waterbodies, Creeks | U.S. Geological Survey NHD | 2003 |
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Land Conservation Concept

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Activity Centers and Transportation Corridors



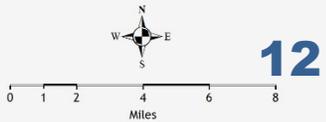
ACTIVITY CENTERS (CAMPO 2040 definition)

- **Locally approved Planning Districts**
- **Nodal or linear based**
- **Compact, mixed use developments that encourage less dependency on automobiles**
- **Form supports use of transit, bicycling and walking modes**



Activity Centers

-  Incorporated Areas
-  SH 130 Corridor
-  Activity Centers (2040 Plan - Draft)



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Activity Centers and Transportation Corridors



TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR

- **Arterials connecting or serving Centers**
- **Multi-modal (transit, bicycle, pedestrian)**





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- Incorporated Areas
- Highway
- Major Rd
- County Maintained Rd
- Railroad
- Activity Centers (2040 Plan - Draft)
- Transportation Corridors
- SH 130 Corridor



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Development Concept



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RM 620 Corridor

Comprehensive and
Development Plans

SH 130 Corridor

Developer
Agreements

Adjacency to Utilities

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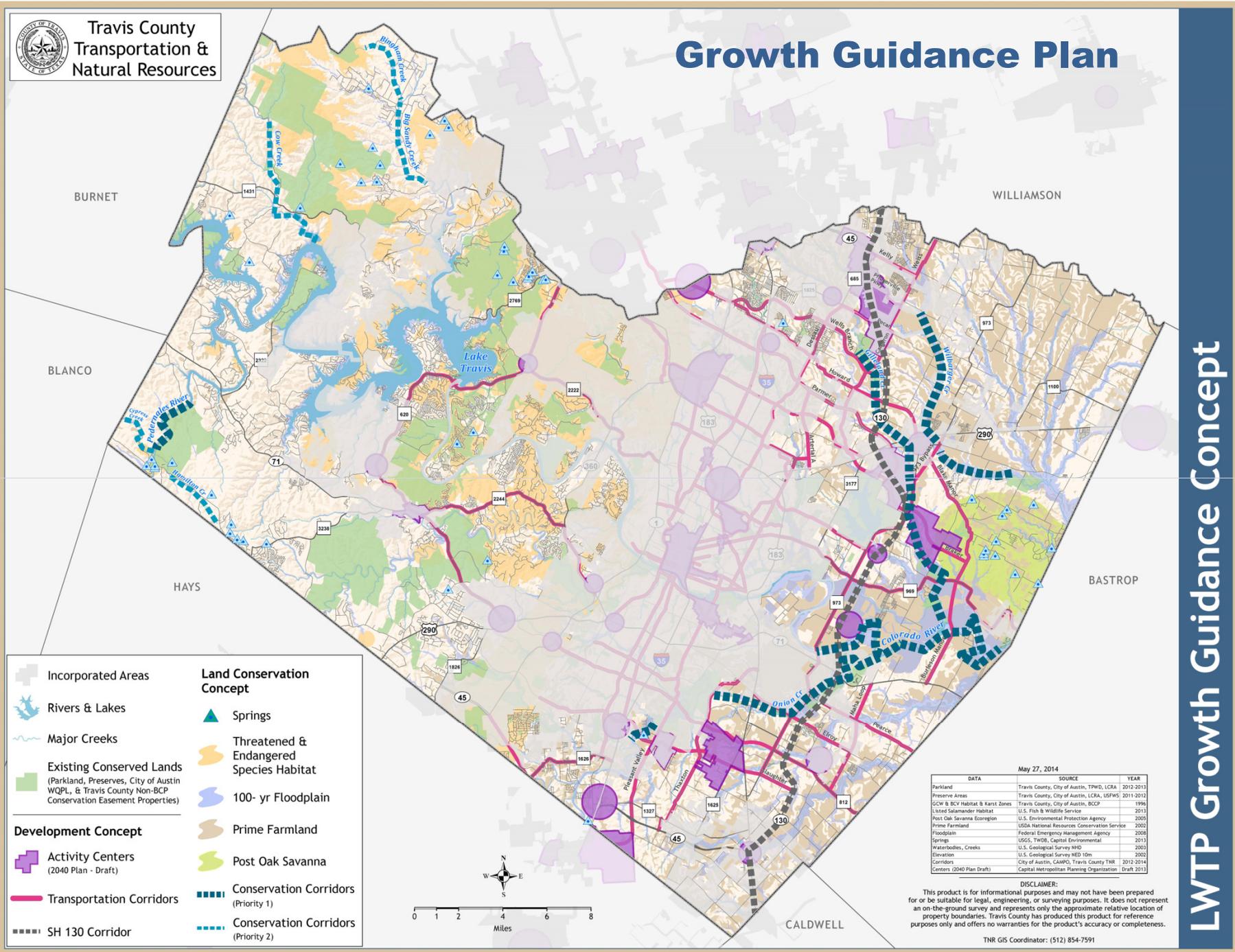
- **Environment**
 - **Minimize impacts on natural and cultural resources**
 - **Reduce number of and shorten vehicle trips**
 - **Reduces traffic congestion**
 - **Improves air and water quality**

- **Economic**
 - **Reduce infrastructure costs (redundancy)**
 - **Reduce maintenance costs (Maint. over new capacity)**
 - **Lower household transportation costs**

- **Health**
 - **Provide transportation options (seniors, disabled)**
 - **Support healthy lifestyles and communities**



Growth Guidance Plan



LWTP Growth Guidance Concept

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| | Incorporated Areas | Land Conservation Concept |
| | Rivers & Lakes | Springs |
| | Major Creeks | Threatened & Endangered Species Habitat |
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- **Support Activity Centers and Transportation Corridor Concept**
- **Support opportunities to leverage infrastructure investments in Activity Centers**
- **Prioritize and develop transportation Corridors Connecting Centers to SH 130 and RM 620**
- **Eastern river and creek corridors serve population centers**
- **Post Oak Savannah focus of conservation east**
- **Pedernales River is focus of conservation west**

Questions and Answers



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Public Engagement Overview

July 1, 2014

Concept Development & Planning, LLC (CD&P)

Arin Gray

Goals



- Create public awareness
- Maintain open and transparent process
- Provide objective information to public
- Engage broad range of stakeholders
- Provide multiple, easily accessible opportunities for involvement
- Collect meaningful input
- Build understanding and support for LWTP

Participants



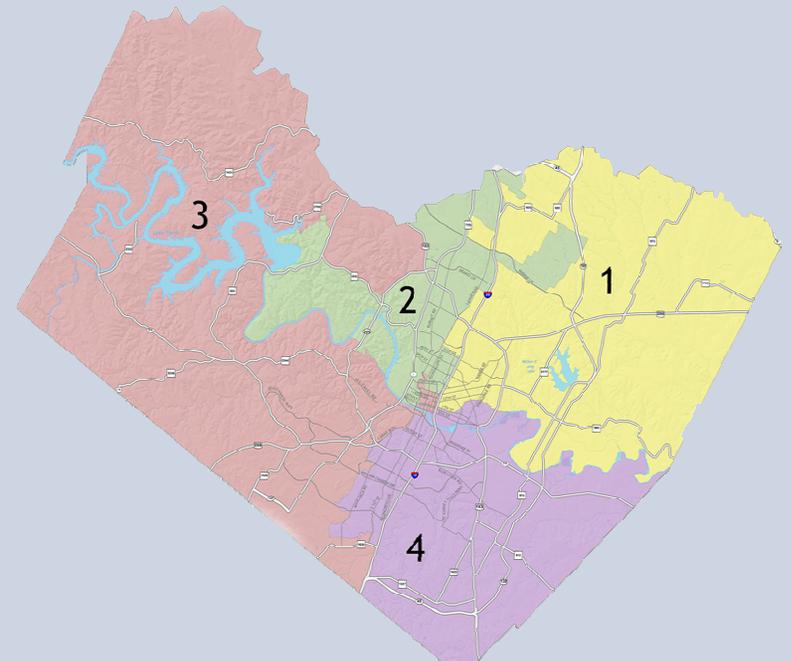
- General public
- Underrepresented groups
- Local jurisdictions
- Governmental agencies
- Interest groups



Participation Opportunities



- Community Meetings
- Public Meetings
- Jurisdictional Outreach
- Questionnaire/Survey
- General Comments



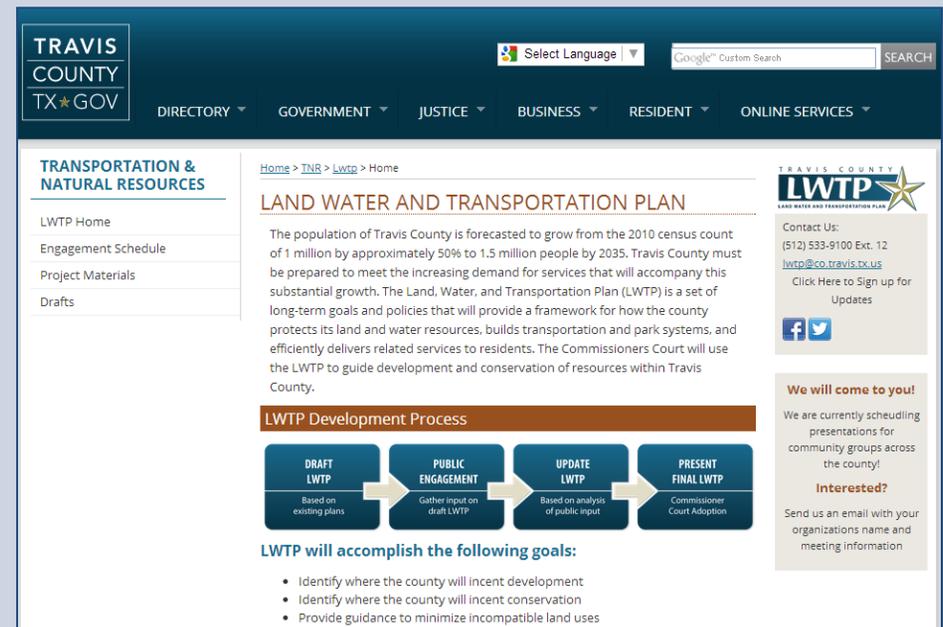
Communication Tools



- Webpage

<http://www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/lwtp/>

- Media
- Social Media
- Email Updates

A screenshot of the Travis County website's Land Water and Transportation Plan (LWTP) page. The page features a dark blue header with the Travis County logo and navigation menus. The main content area includes a sidebar with links to LWTP Home, Engagement Schedule, Project Materials, and Drafts. The central content area has a breadcrumb trail, a title for the LWTP, a paragraph of introductory text, a flowchart of the LWTP Development Process, and a list of goals. A right-hand sidebar contains contact information and social media links.

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TRANSPORTATION & NATURAL RESOURCES

Home > TNR > Lwtp > Home

LAND WATER AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The population of Travis County is forecasted to grow from the 2010 census count of 1 million by approximately 50% to 1.5 million people by 2035. Travis County must be prepared to meet the increasing demand for services that will accompany this substantial growth. The Land, Water, and Transportation Plan (LWTP) is a set of long-term goals and policies that will provide a framework for how the county protects its land and water resources, builds transportation and park systems, and efficiently delivers related services to residents. The Commissioners Court will use the LWTP to guide development and conservation of resources within Travis County.

LWTP Development Process

DRAFT LWTP → **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT** → **UPDATE LWTP** → **PRESENT FINAL LWTP**

Based on existing plans | Gather input on draft LWTP | Based on analysis of public input | Commissioner Court Adoption

LWTP will accomplish the following goals:

- Identify where the county will incent development
- Identify where the county will incent conservation
- Provide guidance to minimize incompatible land uses
- Guide resource allocation with appropriate state, federal and local...

TRAVIS COUNTY LWTP

Contact Us: (512) 533-9100 Ext. 12 | lwtp@co.travis.tx.us | Click Here to Sign up for Updates

We will come to you!

We are currently scheduling presentations for community groups across the county!

Interested?

Send us an email with your organizations name and meeting information

Schedule



| | Public Engagement Launch | Community Outreach | Public Meetings | Comment Review, Analysis, and Recommendations | Report on Public Input and Recommendations, & LWTP Adoption |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| | JULY | AUGUST - OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER - JANUARY | FEBRUARY - MARCH |
| Community Meetings | | ● | | | |
| Public Meetings | | | ● | | |
| Jurisdictional Outreach | | ● | ● | | |
| Webpage Updates | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Media Release | ● | ● | ● | | ● |
| Advertisements | ● | | ● | | |
| Social Media | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Email Updates | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Questionnaire | | ● | ● | | |
| Polling | | ● | ● | | |
| Public Comments | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |