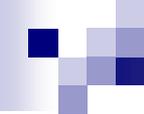


# Burnet County Comprehensive Plan



# What Is the Comprehensive Plan?

This is a county strategic plan that will focus on the areas where the county government can optimize opportunities to improve the quality of lives in Burnet County.



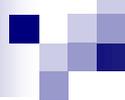
# Role of County Government

- Infrastructure – Roads, Solid waste, flood control
- Subdivision Regulation – limited
- Environmental Protection
- Economic Development
- Justice System
- Elections

# Burnet Growth

- Since the 2000 Census, Burnet County has increased population by over 7,000 new residents and nearly doubled since 1990
- Trend is expected to continue through the end of the decade

	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Change 00-07</b>
<b>Population</b>	<b>22,677</b>	<b>34,147</b>	<b>41,219</b>	<b>21%</b>



# Housing Characteristics

## Total Housing Units

<b>2000</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2013</b>
15,933	20,456	23,605

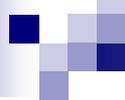
## Median Value

<b>2000</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2013</b>
\$85,942	\$128,435	\$141,284

# Population Projections

## Texas Water Development Board

<b>Scenario</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>2060</b>
<b>Burnet County</b>	<b>34,147</b>	<b>41,924</b>	<b>51,044</b>	<b>60,382</b>	<b>69,271</b>	<b>78,981</b>	<b>90,263</b>
Bertram	1,122	1,307	1,524	1,746	1,958	2,189	2,458
Burnet	4,735	5,625	6,668	7,736	8,753	9,864	11,154
Granite Shoals	2,040	2,489	3,015	3,554	4,067	4,627	5,278
Marble Falls	4,959	5,604	6,361	7,136	7,874	8,680	9,616
Meadowlakes	1,293	1,821	2,440	3,074	3,678	4,337	5,103



# Increased Water Usage

## Texas Water Development Board

	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
Irrigation	989	1,044	928	824	733	651	578
Livestock	918	918	918	918	918	918	918
Manufacturing	11	15	18	21	24	27	29
Mining	12	14	15	16	17	18	18
Municipal	4,643	6,306	7,898	9,222	10,555	11,926	13,328

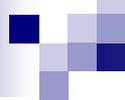
# Planning Process

- **Internal Assessment – Workshop and Interviews with elected and appointed officials from the County**
- **Town Hall Meetings**
  - Meadowlakes
  - Highland Haven
  - East Lake Buchanan
  - Hoover Valley
  - Bethel / Joppa
  - Marble Falls
  - Oakalla
  - Spicewood
  - Smithwick
  - Bertram
  - Burnet
- **Steering Committee guided the Process**



# Key Issues from Citizens

- Why do you live in Burnet County?
  - Rural Character
  - Lower cost of living
  - Good place to retire
  - Good place for families
  - Proximity to Austin and other cities
  - Lakes, Scenic Beauty
  - Born and Raised
  - Good School



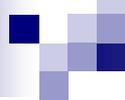
# How to Preserve those Qualities?

- Manage Growth
- Plan for Water and Wastewater
- Update Subdivision Ordinance
- Youth Activities
- Maintain Public Safety Resources with Growing Population
- Economic Development
- Require water and traffic impact studies with new development



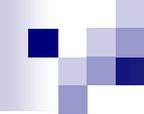
# What is County Doing Well?

- Open and Accessible Elected Officials
- Support for Volunteer Fire Departments
- Road Maintenance is Good
- Libraries
- Communications with Citizens
- Strong Schools



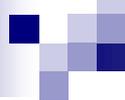
# What are the Challenges?

- Transportation congestion, increased truck traffic, speed, etc.
- Growth of Lake Traffic
- Affordable Housing
- Economic Development
- EMS and Sheriff Response to all parts of County
- Health and Medical Services
- Rail Line



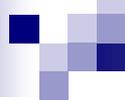
# What are the Challenges (cont.)?

- Protecting Open Space / Agricultural Lands
- Animal Control
- Protecting Water Quantity and Quality
- Managing Growth
- Access to Recycling
- Lack of Retail
- Illegal Dumping



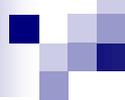
# What Can be Done?

- Growth Management policies (increase County authority?)
- Continue support for VFD's
- Increase public safety patrolling on roads and lake
- Encourage sustainable practices
- Water Conservation policies (rainwater harvesting, etc.)



# What Can be Done (cont.)?

- Maintain open government and fiscal responsibility
- Economic Development / Job Creation
- Signage Control (billboards)
- Master Naturalist / Master Gardener Programs
- Encourage and Strengthen Property Owner Associations



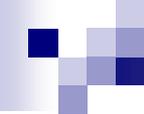
# How is Growth Affecting You?

- Longer Commutes, increased traffic
- Truck Traffic, esp on County roads
- Loss of open space / rural character
- Increased noise and light pollution
- More Shopping Opportunities



# How is Growth Affecting You?

- Need for Regional Sports Complex
- Need for Convention Center
- Rising prices and land values
- Loss of sense of community



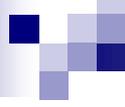
# Steering Committee

- Helped turn the list from citizens into 4 broad categories
- List of Goals and Objectives developed within the 4 categories
- Each Goal has specific action steps to accomplish



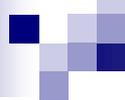
# Plan Recommendations

- Growth Management
- Infrastructure
- Housing and Economic Development
- Quality of Life



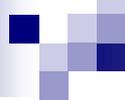
# Growth Management

- Ensure Subdivision Ordinance Update Incorporates Best Practices
- Identify Environmentally Sensitive and Significant Agricultural and Ranch Lands and Work to Protect Them



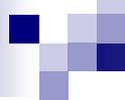
# Growth Management

- Ensure Public Safety Funding Tracks Growth in Population
- Use All County Authority to Protect Water Quality and Quantity



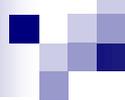
# Infrastructure

- Identify and Address Critical Road Safety Issues



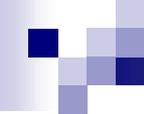
# Housing and Economic Development

- Continue Support of Higher Education Opportunities
- Develop County-wide Incentive Policy
- Support Development of a Regional Convention Center



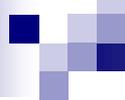
# Housing and Economic Development (cont.)

- Identify What, if any, Assistance Can Be Provided to Developers to Build Affordable Housing



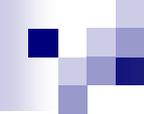
# Quality of Life

- Continue Funding Animal Control
- Enhance Enforcement Against Illegal Dumping
- Support the Development of Additional Recreational Facilities



# Quality of Life (cont.)

- Support Anti-Billboard Efforts
- Continue Fiscal Discipline and Transparency



# Next Steps

- Plan is not just for County government, opportunities for citizens and other groups to be involved
- Citizens must stay active and keep the plan at the front of County action
- Check County website for opportunities to get and stay involved!!