

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING (CITY HALL) July 24, 2024; 4:00 PM Woodcreek, Texas

#### **MEETING NOTICE**

The City Council of the City of Woodcreek, Texas will conduct a meeting at Woodcreek City Hall, 41 Champions Circle, Woodcreek, Texas. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

The public may watch this meeting live at the following link:

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Meeting ID: 922 5335 2690; Passcode: 402874

A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request. This notice, as amended, is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act (Vernon's Texas Codes Ann. Gov. Code Chapter 551).

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speech disabled persons equipped with telecommunications devices for the deaf may call 7-1-1 or may utilize the statewide Relay Texas program at 1-800-735-2988.

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

It is anticipated that members of other City Boards, Commissions, Panels and/or Committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other City Boards, Commissions, Panels and/or Committees. Notice is hereby given that this meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the other City Boards, Commissions, Panels and/or Committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the City Boards, Commissions, Panels and/or Committees may participate in discussions on the items listed on this agenda, which occur at this meeting, but <u>no action</u> will be taken by those in attendance unless such action item is specifically listed on an agenda during a regular or special meeting for the respective Board, Commission, Panel and/or Committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The City Council may retire to Executive Session any time during this meeting, under Texas Government Code, Subchapter D. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

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Any citizen shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any and all meetings of the Governing Body in regard to: (1) any and all matters to be considered at any such meeting, or (2) any matter a citizen may wish to bring to the Governing Body's attention. No member of the Governing Body may discuss or comment on any citizen public comment, except to make: (1) a statement of specific, factual information given in response to the inquiry, or (2) a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting per Texas Local Government code Sec. 551.042.

Citizen comments will be allowed at the beginning of every meeting, or alternatively, before an item on the agenda upon which the citizen wishes to speak is to be considered. All citizens will be allowed to comment for **three (3) minutes** per person and shall be allowed more time at the Mayor or Chair's discretion. In addition, citizens may pool their allotted speaking time. To pool time, a speaker must present the names individuals present in the audience who wish to yield their three(3) minutes. Citizens may present materials regarding any agenda item to the City Secretary at or before a meeting, citizens attending any meeting are requested to complete a form providing their name, address, and agenda item/concern, but are not required to do so before speaking and presenting it to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of such meeting. Comments may only be disallowed and/or limited as per Government Code § 551.007(e).

Submit written comments by email to woodcreek@woodcreektx.gov by **NOON**, the day <u>prior</u> to the meeting. Please include your full name, home or work address, and the agenda item number. Written comments will be part of the official written record only.

#### **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

MOMENT OF SILENCE PLEDGES

ROLL CALL and ESTABLISH QUORUM PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of Amended Regular City Council Meeting Minutes From June 26, 2024.
- 2. Approval of Special City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes From July 3, 2024.
- 3. Approval of Special City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes From July 10, 2024.
- 4. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes From July 10, 2024.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COUNCIL LIAISONS

#### 5. Report by Parks and Recreation Board Liaison.

Report of Progress to City Council from the Parks and Recreation Board to include plan changes that have been made, both additions and deletions in design, to be forwarded to POSAC.

#### 6. Report by Tree Board Liaison

- a. Judy Newton has joined the Tree Board
- b. We have started working in sub-committees to make progress on the Woodcreek Tree Care Management Plan
- c. Arbor Day 2025 has been scheduled for April 4th
- d. They have comprised a list of trees on City property that are in serious decline and need attention/removal.
- e. The Tree Board will start hosting a second event every Fall, a 5k "Run for the Trees"
- f. Oak wilt RFP has been sent out to local arborists

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

- Workshop for the two-way communication of Council's Advisory Boards and Council. (Grummert)
- 8. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the two-way communication of Council's Advisory Boards and Council. (*Grummert*)
- 9. Discuss and take appropriate action to select a municipal administration consultant and direct Mayor and Staff to enter into an agreement for professional services. (Rasco)
- 10. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Updating the Comprehensive Plan, Including but not Limit to Creation of a Survey, and Updating the Demographics Section with the most Recent Census Data. (Grummert)

#### COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS AT NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ADJOURN

#### **POSTING CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the above notice was posted on the 18th day of July, 2024 at 12:30 PM

By:

Suzanne J. MacKenzie, City Secretary

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#### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING (CITY HALL)** June 26, 2024; 4:00 PM Woodcreek, Texas

#### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rasco Called the Meeting to Order at 4:05PM.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE **PLEDGES**

#### **ROLL CALL and ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Mayor Jeff Rasco Council Member Linnea Bailey Council Member Chrys Grummert Council Member Bob Hambrick Council Member Krista Richardson

#### **ABSENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Debra Hines

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT

City Secretary, Suzanne Mac Kenzie City Attorney, Charles Zech,

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comments were made by:

- \_ a) Jose Tormo on Item #6 and drainage.
- \_b) Jake Jacobsen on Item #6. \_c) Cami<mark>lla</mark> Shedd on Item #18.

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#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes From June 12, 2024.
 Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to move the minutes out of the Consent Agenda. With no objections, the Mayor moved the item into the Regular Agenda.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COUNCIL LIAISONS

- Report by Parks and Recreation Board Liaison presenting the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendation regarding the installation of a single stall restroom at Creekside Park. (Hambrick)
- Report by Infrastructure and Mobility Panel Liaison in relation to the May 21 and May 29
  meetings, topics including but not limited to concerns of the Panel's scope based on
  their formation document, Ordinance 24-332. (Bailey)

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes From June 12, 2024.

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to accept the minutes from June 12, 2024, Council Meeting as edited by Council. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Council Member Grummert made an amendment to his motion that it comes back to Council. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the Amended Motion.

<u>Voting Yea</u>: Council Member Richardson, Council Member Grummert, Council Member Bailey

Voting Nay: Council Member Hambrick

Motion Passed: 3-1-0.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the Main Motion.

<u>Voting Yea</u>: Council Member Richardson, Council Member Grummert, Council Member Bailey

Voting Nay: Council Member Hambrick

Motion Passed: 3-1-0.

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	Motion Passed: 4-0-0.			

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3. Discussion and possible action approving a final design and plan for	Formatted: Font: 7 pt
improvements at The Triangle for the 2023-2024 annual beautification project.  (Hines)	
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Motion was made by Council Member Richardson to table this item. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.	
Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.	
Motion Passed: 4-0-0.	
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15. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action To Recommend City Staff Post A RFP For A Certified Arborist That Is Oak Wilt Qualified To Survey All Existing City Property (Referenced In Tree Ordinance 22-308 Chart Map 98.19) For Oak Wilt Disease With Treatment Recommendations, With a Budget Reallocation From the General Fund Line Item 10-510. (Richardson)

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Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

16. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the Roles of Council Liaison's including Possible Reassignments for Council Liaisons for Council's Advisory Boards. (Grummert)

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Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to remove Council Member Hambrick as the Liaison for Parks Board and instead nominate him to the HOT Committee (Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee) Liaison position, replacing their current liaison.

No second was received.

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17. Discussion and possible action to change the position of Staff Support Specialist from hourly pay to a full-time (32 hours per week) salaried position. (Rasco)

Motion was made by Mayor Rasco to change the position of Staff Support Specialist from hourly pay to a full-time, 32 hours per week salaried position at the rate of \$33,500 annually. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

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Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

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Public Comment was made by Camilla Shedd.

18. Discussion and possible action to change the position of Code Deleted: ¶ Administrator/Planner 1 from hourly pay to a full-time (40 hours per week) salaried position. (Rasco) Formatted: Font: 9 pt Motion was made by Mayor Rasco to change the position of Code Administrator/Planner 1 from hourly pay to a full-time, 40 hours per week salaried position at an annual salary of \$60,000. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert. Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands. Motion Passed: 4-0-0. COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS AT NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL Deleted: ¶ MEETING i. Introduced by Mayor Jeff Rasco a. Proposals for City Administrator Consultants b. Budget Workshops on July 3rd and July 10th c. Tabled Items for Next Meeting ii. Introduced by Council Member Grummert a. Update to Procurement Policy b. Update to Fund Balance Policy iii. Introduced by Council Member Bailey Report from Infrastructure and Mobility Panel Formatted: Indent: Left: 1.5", No bullets or iv. Introduced by Council Member Richardson Report from <u>Tree Board</u> **Deleted:** Infrastructure and Mobility Panel Formatted: Indent: Left: 1.5", No bullets or Introduced by Council Member Hambrick V. Update on Bid Package Formatted: Indent: Left: 1.5", No bullets or ANNOUNCEMENTS Deleted: ¶ Fourth of July Parade and Free Evening Event with City of Wimberley at the VFW with music and fireworks. August 18th Free CYJ Event – 40th Anniversary

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Mayor Rasco Adjourned the Meeting at 6:04 PM.	
Jeff Rasco, Mayor Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secr	etary
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#### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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## MOMENT OF SILENCE PLEDGES

#### **ROLL CALL and ESTABLISH QUORUM**

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Jeff Rasco Council Member Linnea Bailey Council Member Chrys Grummert Council Member Bob Hambrick Council Member Krista Richardson

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#### CITY STAFF PRESENT

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Voting Yea: Council Member Richardson, Council Member Grummert, Council

Member Bailey

Voting Nay: Council Member Hambrick

Motion Passed: 3-1-0.

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No second was received.

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Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

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Public Comment was made by Lydia Johns.

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert that Council send a preliminary replat of Lot 9A & 11A of the Oak Orchard Enclave to Planning and Zoning. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hambrick.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

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Per Mayor Rasco, Mayor Pro Tem Hines requested that with Council approval to not pick up this item and if there were no objections, to move it to the next agenda.

Council Member Bailey objected.

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to table this item until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

In-Person and Emailed Public Comments recorded, but not permitted:

- a) Lydia Johns
- b) Jackie Jacobsen
- c) Camilla Shedd

Per the City Attorney, once an item is tabled, Public Comments cannot be heard.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Voting Yea: Council Member Richardson, Council Member Grummert

Mayor Rasco voted last as the tiebreaker

Voting Nay: Council Member Bailey, Council Member Hambrick

Motion Passed: 3-2-0.

7. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of a commissioner to fulfill the remainder of a vacated term on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Woodcreek. (Rasco)

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Motion was made by Mayor Rasco to appoint Russell Scott to fulfill the remainder of the second term of Colonel Davenport's term expiring December 2024, and to extend Mr. Scott's term to next year in December 2025, in alignment with the current Ordinance 24-330, which seeks to align P&Z terms with election terms. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands. Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

8. Discussion and possible action to remove alternate Jake Buckner from the City of Woodcreek Tree Board. (Richardson)

Motion was made by Council Member Richardson to remove Jake Buckner as an alternate from the Tree Board. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hambrick.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

9. Discussion and possible action to post a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a City Administrator for The City of Woodcreek. (Hines)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to post the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a City Administrator for the City of Woodcreek. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

10. Discussion and possible action on the posting of a Request for Proposals/Bids (RFP) for a Land Management Service Contract for the City of Woodcreek. (Hines)

Motion was made by Council Member Hambrick to enter into discussions and take possible action on the posting of an RFP for a Land Management Service Contract for the City of Woodcreek. Motion was seconded by Council Member Bailey.

An Amended Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to post the RFP for Land Management Contract Services. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the Amended Motion.

Voting Yea: Council Member Richardson, Council Member Grummert, Council

Member Hambrick

Voting Nay: Council Member Bailey

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the Main Motion.

Voting Yea: Council Member Richardson, Council Member Grummert, Council

Member Hambrick

Voting Nay: Council Member Bailey

Motion Passed: 3-1-0.

11. Discussion and possible action on an overlay layout and cost estimate from Freeland Turk regarding the East to West leg of Deerfield and resurfacing improvements related to the 2023 Road Bond funds. (Hines)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to take action on the overlay layout and cost estimate from Freeland Turk regarding the East to West leg of Deerfield and resurfacing improvements related to the 2023 Road Bond funds. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

An Amended Motion was made by Council Member Bailey to include a cost estimate up to \$150,000 for construction costs and site prep. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the <u>Amended Motion</u>.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the Main Motion.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

12. Discussion and possible action on road surface patch work on the North to South section of Deerfield utilizing street maintenance funds. (Hines)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert that we take action on road surface patchwork on the North to South section of Deerfield utilizing Street Maintenance Funds. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hambrick.

An Amended Motion was made by Council Member Bailey that we send this recommendation to the Infrastructure and Mobility Panel for their review and recommendation. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the <u>Amended Motion</u>.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the Main Motion.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

13. Discussion and possible action approving a final design and plan for improvements at The Triangle for the 2023-2024 annual beautification project. (Hines)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to table this item until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hambrick.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

14. Discussion and possible action on removing the current City Arborist Request for Proposals/Bids (RFP), edit, repost for the 2024-2025 budget year, and add direct solicitation action with a minimum of five(5) local vendors by City Staff. (Hines)

Motion was made by Council Member Richardson to table this item. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

15. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action To Recommend City Staff Post A RFP For A Certified Arborist That Is Oak Wilt Qualified To Survey All Existing City Property (Referenced In Tree Ordinance 22-308 Chart Map 98.19) For Oak Wilt Disease With

### Treatment Recommendations, With a Budget Reallocation From the General Fund Line Item 10-510. (Richardson)

Motion was made by Council Member Richardson recommend City Staff post RFP for a Certified Arborist that is Oak Wilt Qualified to survey all existing City Property (Referenced in Tree Ordinance 22-308 Chart Map 98.19) for Oak Wilt Disease with Treatment Recommendations, with a Budget Reallocation from the General Fund Line Item 10-5104. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

16. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the Roles of Council Liaison's including Possible Reassignments for Council Liaisons for Council's Advisory Boards. (Grummert)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to remove Council Member Hambrick as the Liaison for Parks Board and instead nominate him to the HOT Committee (Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee) Liaison position, replacing their current liaison.

No second was received.

17. Discussion and possible action to change the position of Staff Support Specialist from hourly pay to a full-time (32 hours per week) salaried position. (Rasco)

Motion was made by Mayor Rasco to change the position of Staff Support Specialist from hourly pay to a full-time, 32 hours per week salaried position at the rate of \$33,500 annually. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

< Handout Provided and Attached to Minutes >

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

Public Comment was made by Camilla Shedd.

18. Discussion and possible action to change the position of Code
Administrator/Planner 1 from hourly pay to a full-time (40 hours per week)
salaried position. (Rasco)

Motion was made by Mayor Rasco to change the position of Code Administrator/Planner 1 from hourly pay to a full-time, 40 hours per week salaried position at an annual salary of \$60,000. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

### COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS AT NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Introduced by Mayor Jeff Rasco
  - a. Proposals for City Administrator Consultants
  - b. Budget Workshops on July 3rd and July 10th
  - c. Tabled Items for Next Meeting
- ii. Introduced by Council Member Grummert
  - a. Update to Procurement Policy
  - b. Update to Fund Balance Policy
- iii. Introduced by Council Member Bailey
  Report from Infrastructure and Mobility Panel
- iv. Introduced by Council Member Richardson Report from Tree Board
- v. Introduced by Council Member Hambrick
  Update on Bid Package

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fourth of July Parade and Free Evening Event with City of Wimberley at the VFW with music and fireworks.

August 18<sup>th</sup> Free CYJ Event – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Rasco Adjourned the Meeting at 6:04 PM.

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Jeff Rasco, Mayor	Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP (CITY HALL) July 03, 2024; 4:00 PM Woodcreek, Texas

#### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rasco Called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 PM.

#### **ROLL CALL and ESTABLISH QUORUM**

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Jeff Rasco
Mayor Pro Tem Debra Hines
Council Member Linnea Bailey
Council Member Chrys Grummert
Council Member Bob Hambrick
Council Member Krista Richardson (via Zoom)

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT

City Secretary, Suzanne Mac Kenzie

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Workshop to discuss the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, City of Woodcreek Annual Budget. (Rasco)

Workshop Opened at 4:00 PM Workshop Closed at 4:54 PM.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

#### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Rasco Adjourned the Meeting at 4:54 PM.				
Jeff Rasco, Mayor	Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secretary			

# SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP (CITY HALL) July 10, 2024; 4:00 PM Woodcreek, Texas

#### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rasco Called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 PM.

#### **ROLL CALL and ESTABLISH QUORUM**

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Jeff Rasco Mayor Pro Tem Debra Hines Council Member Linnea Bailey Council Member Chrys Grummert Council Member Bob Hambrick Council Member Krista Richardson

#### **CITY STAFF PRESENT**

City Secretary, Suzanne Mac Kenzie

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments were offered.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. ,	Workshop to di	iscuss the 202	4-2025 Fiscal Ye	ar, City of Woodcreek	ː Annual Budget. (Rasco)
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Workshop Opened at 4:01 PM Workshop Closed at 6:22 PM.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

#### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Rasco Adjourned the Meeting at 6:22 PM.	
Jeff Rasco, Mayor	Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING (CITY HALL) July 10, 2024; 6:30 PM Woodcreek, Texas

#### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rasco Called the Meeting to Order at 6:30PM.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE PLEDGES

#### **ROLL CALL and ESTABLISH QUORUM**

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Jeff Rasco
Mayor Pro Tem Debra Hines
Council Member Linnea Bailey
Council Member Chrys Grummert
Council Member Bob Hambrick
Council Member Krista Richardson

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT

City Secretary, Suzanne Mac Kenzie City Attorney, Charles Zech

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments were offered.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of Amended Regular City Council Meeting Minutes From June 12, 2024.
- 2. Approval of City Council Budget Workshop Minutes From June 26, 2024.
- 3. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes From June 26, 2024.
- 4. Approval of the Ordinance Previously Adopted On June 12, 2024, Ordering An Election of the City of Woodcreek For Three(3) At-Large Council Member Positions in the November 5, 2024 General Election To Include Bilingual Requirements of Election Code 272. (Staff)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to approve Items 1, 2 and 4 of the Consent Agenda and move Item 3 into the Regular Agenda. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hines.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COUNCIL LIAISONS

- 5. Report by Infrastructure and Mobility Panel Liaison. (Bailey)
  - Panel Recommendation regarding road surface patchwork on North to South leg of Deerfield

Drive.

- 6. Report by Parks and Recreation Board Liaison. (Hambrick)
  - A. Bid package request ADA bathrooms at Creekside Park
  - B. Summary for Augusta Park and POSAC details
- 7. Report by the Planning and Zoning Commission Liaison. (Grummert)
  - a) Resignation of Chairperson Davenport
  - b) Re-Zoning "The Triangle" From A Right-of-Way to A City Park and possible Joint Public Hearing
  - c) Preliminary Replat of Lots 9A and 11A in the Oak Orchard Enclave.
  - d) Biennial Review of the City of Woodcreek's Comprehensive Plan, Adopted October 12, 2022
- 8. Report by City Staff. (Burton)
  - a) Texas Division of Emergency Management/ Federal Emergency Management Agency

Funds, expenditures and reimbursements related to the 2023 Winter Ice Storm Event

b) Update on Finances - Check Registers

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

3. (Moved from Consent Agenda) Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes From June 26, 2024.

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to approve the meeting minutes from June 26, 2024, with edits. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

9. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the Recommendation From the Infrastructure and Mobility Panel Regarding the Performance of Road Surface Patchwork On The North to South Section of Deerfield Drive, Utilizing Street Maintenance Funds. (Bailey)

Motion was made by Council Member Bailey that we take action to approve the recommendation from the Infrastructure and Mobility Panel regarding the performance of Road Surface Patchwork on the North to South section of Deerfield Drive, not to exceed \$6,000. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

An Amended Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hines to direct Freeland Turk to develop the bid package for this scope of work. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the <u>Amended Motion</u>.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the Main Motion.

10. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the Recommendation From the Planning and Zoning Commission to Approve the Preliminary Replat of Lot 9A & 11A in the Oak Orchard Enclave. (Grummert)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to combine Items 10 and 11 and accept the Planning and Zoning recommendation and that Council approve the preliminary replat of Lot 9A & 11A of the Oak Orchard Enclave. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hines.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

11. Discuss and possible action on a request for approval of a preliminary replat of Lot 9A & 11A of the Oak Orchard Enclave. (Burton)

This item was combined with Item #10, above.

12. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the Recommendation From the Planning and Zoning Commission To Hold A Joint Public Hearing with City Council For the Possible Re-Zoning of the "Triangle" From A Right-of-Way to A City Park (P-1). (Grummert)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert that Council hold a Joint Public Hearing with Planning and Zoning for the possible re-zoning of the Triangle from a right-of-way to a city park. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hambrick.

An Amended Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to ask Staff to work with P&Z Chair and the Mayor to set the date and time of this Joint Public Hearing to coincide with the August P&Z meeting and begin the required process associated with holding a Public Hearing. No second was offered.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

13. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the Recommendation From the Planning and Zoning Commission Regarding the Comprehensive Plan Biennial Review. (Grummert)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to accept the Planning and Zoning Comprehensive Plan Biennial Review. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

14. Discussion and possible action approving a final design and plan for improvements at The Triangle for the 2023-2024 annual beautification project. (Hines)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hines to approve the final design and plan for improvements at the Triangle, with the proposal of an increase in the budget to \$3,000, utilizing \$1,000 from the P.O.S.A.C. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

15. Discuss and Take Possible Action To Adopt An Ordinance Establishing The Public Information Policy For The City of Woodcreek, Texas, As Amended By Council On May 8, 2024. (Staff)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to adopt amending Ordinance 24-333 establishing the Public Information Policy for the City of Woodcreek, Texas. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hines.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

16. Discussion and possible action on removing the current City Arborist Request for Proposals/Bids (RFP), edit, repost for the 2024-2025 budget year, and add direct solicitation action with a minimum of five(5) local vendors by City Staff. (Hines)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hines to remove the current City Arborist Request for Proposals, edit and repost for 2024-2025 budget year and add a direct solicitation action with a minimum of five(5) local vendors by City Staff. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

An Amended Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hines to post the current edit starting on page 81 now. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the <u>Amended Motion</u>. Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the <u>Main Motion</u>. Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

17. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Update the Policies and Procedures as it relates to the two-way communications between Council's Advisory Boards and Council. (Grummert)

Motion was made by Council Member Grummert that we take action to update the policies and procedures as it relates to the two-way communications between Council's Advisory Boards and Council. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Council Member Grummert moved to suspend the rules as it relates to discussion on this item because we may need more free flowing. Receiving no objection, this action was approved by Mayor Rasco.

An Amended Motion was made by Council Member Grummert to postpone this to a workshop at a future date. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the <u>Postponement</u>. Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

18. Discuss and take appropriate action to engage in a professional services agreement with a municipal administration consultant to provide the city with guidance on the appropriate roles and duties of the city administrator for a city like Woodcreek, to provide direct guidance to Staff and Mayor, and to serve as part-time municipal administration advisor. (Rasco)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hines that you select Michael Boese and Brian McDougal for Staff to consider and have a one-on-one. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grummert.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

19. Discussion and possible action to assign Council Members to individual appointees, Karen Duncan and Jim Miller, on the Planning and Zoning Commission thereby tying these appointments to election cycles per ordinance. (Hines)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hines that Karen Duncan's term on the Planning and Zoning Commission be assigned to Krista Richardson for purposes of aligning appointments on the P&Z with that of an election cycle, per ordinance. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hines that Jim Miller's term on the Planning and Zoning Commission be assigned to Debra Hines for purposes of aligning appointments on the P&Z with that of an election cycle, per ordinance. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands.

20. Discussion and possible action to accept a proposed budget for fiscal year 2024 - 2025 and direct City Staff to post on the City website before the July 20th 2024 deadline for such posting (Rasco)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hines to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 and direct Staff to post on the City website before the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 deadline for such posting. Motion was made by Council Member Hambrick.

An Amended Motion was made by Council Member Hambrick to amend the budget with all the things that we have just spoken about and move forward with this new budget amount of \$23,685 as the negative, as amended. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the <u>Amended Motion</u>. Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

Mayor Rasco Called for the vote by Show of Hands on the <u>Main Motion</u>. Motion Passed: 5-0-0.

### COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS AT NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Introduced by Council Member Grummert
  - a. Two-Way Communications as possible Workshop
  - b. Possibly the Fund Balance Policy and Procurement Policy
- ii. Introduced by Council Member Richardson
  - a. Tree Board Report
- iii. Introduced by Mayor Pro Tem Hines
  - a. Rainwater Collection on City Properties
  - b. Bathroom at Creekside Park

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hog Wild Event Invitation from Charlie Zech

#### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Rasco Adjourned the Meeting at 9:14 PM.

Jeff Rasco, Mayor

Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secretary





#### Mayoral, Staff or City Council Member **Agenda Item Submission**

DATE: 4/14/24	*Click HERE To Select A Date From The Calendar
то:	City of Woodcreek City Council Members
FROM:	Bob Hambrick, Council Member
REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM:	Report of Progress to City of Woodcreek from the Parks and Recreation Board, to include plan changes that have been made, both additions and deletions in design changes, to be forwarded to POSAC

#### TITLE / SUBJECT of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM:

Report by Parks and Recreation Board Liaison

Report of Progress to City of Woodcreek from the Parks and Recreation Board, to include plan changes that have been made, both additions and deletions in design changes, to be forwarded to POSAC

#### BRIEF SUMMARY / BACKGROUND of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM: (3-4 sentences, max):

#### STATE YOUR INTENDED MOTION:

"I move..... (Copy Text From First Table Field)

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

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**LIST ATTACHMENTS**: (In the Order that you want them under your Agenda Item)

1. Any pertinent attachments to be in the form of any handouts at the 7/24/24 city council meeting.

PREPARED BY: Suzanne J. Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

Reviewed by: City Manager, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Attorney



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### Mayoral, Staff or City Council Member Agenda Item Submission

DATE: 07/15/24*Click HERE To Select A Date From The Calendar	
то:	City of Woodcreek City Council Members
FROM:	Krista Richardson, Council Member
TITLE / SUBJECT of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM:	Report by Tree Board Liaison
(Re-Typed From Below)	

#### TITLE / SUBJECT of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM:

Report by Tree Board Liaison

#### BRIEF SUMMARY / BACKGROUND of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM: (3-4 sentences, max):

- 1. Judy Newton has joined the Tree Board
- 2. We have started working in sub-committees to make progress on the Woodcreek Tree Care Management Plan
- 3. Arbor Day 2025 has been scheduled for April 4th
- 4. They have comprised a list of trees on City property that are in serious decline and need attention/removal.
- 5. The Tree Board will start hosting a second event every Fall, a 5k "Run for the Trees"
- 6. Oak wilt RFP has been sent out to local arborists

#### STATE YOUR INTENDED MOTION:

"I move..... (Copy Text From First Table Field) N/A

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

PREPARED BY: Suzanne J. Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

Reviewed by: City Manager, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Attorney

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#### Mayoral, Staff or City Council Member Agenda Item Submission

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PREPARED BY: Suzanne J. Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

Reviewed by: City Manager, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Attorney



#### Mayoral, Staff or City Council Member **Agenda Item Submission**

DATE:	ect A Date From The Calendar
TO:	City of Woodcreek City Council Members
FROM:	Chrys Grummert, Council Member
TITLE / SUBJECT of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM: (Re-Typed From Below)	Discuss and Take Possible Action to Update the Policies and Procedures as it relates to the two-way communications between Council's Advisory Boards and Council.

#### TITLE / SUBJECT of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss and Take Appropriate Action

Discuss and Take Appropriate Action to Update the Policies and Procedures as it relates to the two-way communications between Council's Advisory Boards and Council.

BRIEF SUMMARY / BACKGROUND of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM: (3-4 sentences, max): The liaison policy is council's statement of intent to facilitate the two-way communications between our advisory boards and council. This policy may need more detailed information as to how this is accomplished or an exploration on what can be done to improve the communications between council and their advisory boards. The Communication Report Form is also an element of this process, and could also be considered for an update.

#### STATE YOUR INTENDED MOTION:

"I move..... (Copy Text From First Table Field) I move that council Updates the Policies and Procedures as it relates to the two-way communications between Council's Advisory Boards and Council.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

n/a Click HERE To Select An Option From The Drop-Down List

**LIST ATTACHMENTS**: (In the Order that you want them under your Agenda Item)

PREPARED BY: Suzanne J. Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

City Manager, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Attorney Reviewed by:

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#### Mayoral, Staff or City Council Member Agenda Item Submission

- List of possible considerations regarding 2-way communications.docx
- 2. Council Liaison policy 2022-1.pdf
- 3. Example of communication form.jpeg

PREPARED BY: Suzanne J. Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

Reviewed by: City Manager, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Attorney



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Item to Forward to City Council: (Select one box	<i>(</i> )				
Report to City Council (i.e. Response to City Council	cil Requesting Action on an Item )				
Advisory Body Request for Item to be Considered	by Council				
Advisory Group Sending Report or Request to Ci	ity Council: (Select one box)				
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Workgroup	Parks and Recreation Board				
Hotel Occupancy Tax (H.O.T.) Committee	Planning and Zoning Commission				
☐ Infrastructure and Mobility Panel	☐ Tree Board				
Ordinance Review Committee					
Meeting Date Advisory Group Voted to Reach Of Subject of Report OR Request for Item to be Co					
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Date Original Received at City Hall:					
Received by (City Staff Member- PRINT):					
Date Reviewed/Signed by City Manager:					
Date of Next City Council Meeting:					

SUMMARY / HIS	TORY of Item under Review:	(This is a text box.	Click inside to type.)	Item 7.
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Submitted by:	SIGNATURE of Chairperson			
Date of Submission	า:			
City Manager: (Signature)			<del></del>	



#### Request from City Council for Action on an Item

Meeting Date City Council Voted to Reach Out to Advisory Group:  Subject of Item Requested to be Considered:		
<b>Item Sent for Consideration <u>TO</u></b> : (Select one box)	)	
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Workgroup	Parks and Recreation Board	
Hotel Occupancy Tax (H.O.T.) Committee	☐ Planning and Zoning Commission	
☐ Infrastructure and Mobility Panel	☐ Tree Board	
☐ Ordinance Review Committee ☐ Other: _		
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Date Reviewed/Signed by City Manager:		
Date of Next Advisory Group Meeting:		

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Submitted by:		
	SIGNATURE of Chairperson	
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City Manager: (Signature)		

Possible questions council may consider.

- -What is the best way to ensure that the exact communication between council to advisory boards and advisory boards to council is facilitated? (the intent of this question is to entertain the goal, as though no policy has yet been created, including the idea that perhaps having individual council liaisons might not be the best solution. Let's explore all possibilities, even if we still arrive at having individual council liaisons as the best solution)
- -Should council consider creating a policy that specifically outlines the duties for advisory boards in their process of making recommendations to council? A policy that is meant to be read and understood from their perspective?
- -Should staff be more or less involved in ensuring the communication is accurate?
- -Should individual council members be more or less involved in ensuring the communication is accurate?
- -What is the most successful way to understand such a policy? Do we need a more detailed step by step explanation of the two-way communication process? More visual/graphic explanations? Is the format of the Liaison Policy successful in explaining council's expectations for communications between council and advisory boards?
- -Does the policy need more detail as it pertains to the laws that govern this communication, such as specifically outlining what TOMA allows and does not allow in this communication process?
- -Does the 'report form' work or need improvement, such as possibly adding a checklist of things that are to be included, such as documents and the exact motions made?
- -When council makes a motion to send something to an advisory board, should a report form also be filled out?

I do see that the 'report/recommendation' check box needs to have those two words separated into two individual check boxes. A report is a non-actionable item on council's agenda. A recommendation must be placed on the regular agenda section of council's agenda to allow council to 'Discuss and Take Possible Action'.

- -Are there elements or steps in the existing process that hinder or make it more difficult for the communication flow? (elements that are not in service to the laws that govern this communication process)
- -What is the best way to get the *exact* motion made that sends a recommendation or project or topic back and forth between council and advisory bodies? (This is separate and different than a liaison report, which is simply a council update on what an advisory board is working on).

#### Example:

#### Council makes a motion to send X to an advisory board.

-The liaison screen shots or writes down the exact wording of the agenda item that the motion was made on.

- -The liaison gathers the packet documents from that agenda item, or any additional *existing* documents council is requesting to be sent to the advisory board as part of their approved motion. (No new documents can be *created* that council did not vote to approve sending forward. No *edits* to existing documents can be made that council did not vote to approve to be made. This is TOMA) -The liaison screen shots or writes down the exact motion made.
- -All the above is sent to the chair of the advisory board and placed in the agenda item packet for that advisory board to consider.

#### Advisory Board makes a motion to send X to Council.

- -The liaison screen shots or writes down the exact wording of the agenda item that the motion was made on.
- -The liaison gathers the packet documents for that agenda item, or any additional *existing* documents the advisory board is requesting to be sent to council. (No new documents can be *created* that the advisory board did not vote to approve sending forward. No *edits* to existing documents can be made that the advisory board did not vote to approve to be made. This is TOMA)
- -The liaison screen shots or writes down the exact motion made.

All the above is submitted as an agenda item for council consideration.

#### **Council Liaisons 411**

#### Goal:

To facilitate two-way communication between City Council and all City boards, panels, committees, and commissions.

#### Role:

Working in coordination with the chair of the board, panel, committee, or commission, assist in generation of agenda items and packet materials for both City Council meetings and the meetings of the respective board, panel, committee, or commission.

Attend designated board, panel, committee, or commission meeting to answer questions during discussion or clarify motions and requests sent by Council.

Provide discussion and reports on items sent from their respective boards, panels, committees, and commissions to City Council.

#### **Guidelines:**

ALL City boards, panels, committees, and commissions shall function autonomously. They will set their own agendas and run their own meetings. Liaisons are NOT to be running their assigned boards, panels, committees, and commissions, nor are they to be setting agendas. They are to be resources to their respective City body.

Liaisons shall NOT influence voting or sway discussion beyond factual statements or clarification on items sent from Council. Liaisons are NOT members of the board, panel, committee, or commission; nor are they "ex officio." Liaisons do not have any voting power beyond their role on City Council.

Liaisons should share only the discussion, concerns and/or requests from the full body of Council on an item sent to their designated board, panel, committee, or commission. Their representation on the board is not to be used to pursue their own goals or as a second chance to voice their concerns or opinion on an item beyond a City Council meeting.

If asked, liaisons are permitted to share their own opinion or judgement-based information during a meeting or on an agenda item, but they should refrain from offering this type of advice or influence without being first requested.

When representing their respective board, panel, committee, or commission to City Council in the form of a report or while answering questions on an item sent to Council, liaisons shall remain objective and factual. Councilmember liaisons shall work to support the efforts of their board, panel, committee, and commission and advocate for their work, but are not obligating their vote on City Council in support or against any item simply because they are the Council liaison for the board, panel, committee, or commission from which it came.

#### **Communication Flow:**

Agenda packets, and the materials included, are a primary focus for liaisons.

The chair of any board, panel, committee, or commission shall make every effort to send a draft of their proposed upcoming agenda to their designated liaison so that the liaison can collect and provide additional information and materials as needed. The purpose of this collaboration is to improve and facilitate communication on items that are sent between said boards, panels, committees, and commissions and the City Council. If desired, the Chair may ask assistance in drafting the agenda.

Liaisons shall remind the chair of their designated board, panel, committee, or commission about pending business sent from Council and in turn shall monitor any items sent from their designated board, panel, committee, and commission to be placed on the Council agenda.

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City Staff will be responsible for communication between City Council and all boards, panels, committees, and commissions. They are responsible for tracking the flow of city business. However, the designated liaison is there to support this effort, provide additional information for packets when needed, and to help facilitate discussion during meetings. Staff, Chair, and Liaison shall work to keep all "in the loop" by copying on email and making all other efforts to keep all informed.

#### **EXAMPLE OF THIS COMMUNICATION FLOW:**

#### **Council to Board**

Councilmember A sponsors an item on Council and it is sent to the Parks Board. Councilmember A gathers their packet with edits made by Council and sends it to Councilmember B (liaison for Parks) and to staff.

Chair of Parks Board sets agenda and works with staff + Councilmember B (liaison) to make sure they have all needed materials in their packet.

During the Parks Board meeting Councilmember B (liaison) can present the item sent from Council (if requested) or answer questions as needed.

#### **Board to Council**

Parks Board makes a recommendation to Council. Councilmember B (liaison) checks
Council agenda
packet to make sure
the item is there
and that all needed
materials are
included.

Councilmember B (liaison) can present the item to Council and answer questions as needed. The Parks Board chair may also give the report and then the liaison is just there to support Council discussion.

Council may send the item back to Parks with requests. Then, the liaison would check-in with the Parks Board chair and provide information as needed and support discusson when the item is placed on a future Parks agenda.

#### Clear Career Professionals, LLC

Proposal to Provide
City Administrator Executive Consulting Services
for the

#### City of Woodcreek



Michael Boese, President 3000 Custer Rd #270191 Plano, TX. 75075 (972) 837-0916 michael@clearcareerpro.com

#### **OVERALL COST AND VALUE OF PROJECT**

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR EXECUTIVE CONSULTING SERVICES:**

Clear Career Professionals will provide a highly qualified retired Texas City Manager/Administrator to assist the City with executive consulting services for the hourly fee of:

\$60.00 per hour billed in 1 hour increments. Agreement not to exceed 80 hours per month.

\*The assigned retired City Manager/Administrator will perform requested services both remotely and in person as needed. This fee does not include the cost of housing, or travel miles which will be billed separately.





#### Education

Bachelor of Arts in History Metropolitan State University

Master of Public Affairs University of Texas Dallas

## Professional Affiliations

TCOLE Master Peace Officer,
ICMA, TCMA, NTCMA, Region
6 & 7 TCMA, GFOA, TPCA,
past member of the Texas
Police Chief's Legislative
Committee, and the
Professional Development
Committee for the Texas City
Manager Association,
Instructor at the Bill
Blackwood Law Enforcement
Management Institute of
Texas (LEMIT) Leadership
Command College

### Michael Boese, MPA President

Michael Boese, MPA, is a dedicated professional boasting a distinguished 25-year career in local government. His journey commenced in 1999 with the Plano Police Department, where he progressively ascended through various management and executive positions within the cities of Plano, Venus, Keene, and Wimberley. Notably, during his tenure in Plano, Michael exhibited exemplary leadership as the commander of the Professional Standards Unit. In this role, he spearheaded the development and execution of a comprehensive recruiting and selection strategy, notably establishing a nationally acclaimed annual Women in Law Enforcement recruiting event.

Michael's career trajectory reached new pinnacles when he undertook the position of Chief of Police for the City of Venus, Texas. Subsequently, he further distinguished himself by holding dual roles as the city manager and chief of police, showcasing his adeptness in managing intricate administrative functions. Continuing his executive journey, he assumed the mantle of city manager for the municipalities of Keene and Wimberley, Texas, accumulating over seven years of experience as a city manager. Through these roles, Michael refined his acumen in executive recruitment processes, cementing his proficiency in organizational leadership.

Michael also serves as an instructor at the Leadership Command College (LEMIT), where he imparts knowledge on pivotal issues in police legitimacy and career advancement for law enforcement executives.

In 2022, Michael co-founded Clear Career Professionals LLC, a testament to his dedication to effecting positive change within local government. Under his stewardship, Clear Career Professionals has successfully overseen numerous recruitments for municipal entities of varying sizes, offering top-tier services, city council retreats, all while ensuring that candidates receive due recognition for their individual contributions to the profession. Michael stands as a dynamic leader who leverages his extensive experience to shape the future of local government through strategic recruitment practices and a commitment to organizational excellence.

#### McDOUGAL & ASSOCIATES, LLC



June 12, 2024

Hon. Mayor Jeff Rasco City of Woodcreek 41 Champions Cir Woodcreek, TX.78676

#### **RE: Engagement Letter for Municipal Consulting Services**

#### Dear Mayor Rasco:

We are pleased to present the following letter, which outlines the terms and conditions under which we will provide assistance to your interim City Administrator and the City in the form of budgeting, finance, and other municipal administrative support as may be requested by the City. This engagement letter formalizes the agreement between McDougal and Associates, LLC and the City of Woodcreek, ensuring clarity and mutual understanding for a successful consulting relationship.

- 1. Scopes of Work will be developed as needed and, upon execution by both parties, will be incorporated into this document as attachments.
- 2. McDougal & Associates Responsibilities
  - a. Perform the services outlined in attached Scopes of Work with professionalism and due care.
  - b. Communicate regularly with the City of Woodcreek regarding the progress of the services.
  - c. Provide deliverables as specified in the Scope of Work.
- 3. City of Woodcreek Responsibilities
  - a. Provide access to necessary data, personnel, and information required to perform the services.
  - b. Facilitate communication and coordination between our team and relevant stakeholders.
  - c. Review and approve deliverables promptly.
- 4. Fees and Payment Terms
  - a. Our fees for services provided will be detailed in each Scope of Work.
  - b. Please see the rate schedule as compensation for any services billed at an hourly rate or services performed on an as needed basis.
  - c. Invoices will be issued monthly and are payable within 30 days of the invoice date. Statements will be payable to McDougal and Associates, LLC.
  - d. 2024 Rate Schedule:

#### 2024 Rate Schedule

Principal \$ 155.00

5.	Duration and Termination  This engagement will commence on and will continue until it is terminated by either party. Either party may terminate this engagement upon 30 days written notice. In the event of termination, the City of Woodcreek will be responsible for payment of all services rendered and expenses incurred up to the date of termination.			
6.	Confidentiality  We acknowledge that in the course of this engagement, we may have access to confidential information. We agree to treat all such information as confidential and to use it solely for the purpose of performing the services described herein.			
7.	Indemnity  McDougal and Associates agrees to indemnify and hold harmless The City of Woodcreek from any claims, liabilities, damages, or expenses arising out of or in connection with our performance of this engagement, except to the extent caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the City of Woodcreek.			
8.	Dispute Resolution  Any disputes arising out of or relating to this engagement shall be resolved through negotiation in good faith. If a resolution cannot be reached, the dispute will be submitted to mediation before pursuing any other legal remedies.			
9.	<ul> <li>Acceptance         Please indicate your acceptance of this engagement by signing below and returning a copy to us.         We look forward to working with the City of Woodcreek and are committed to providing services that meet your expectations.     </li> </ul>			
exp	We appreciate the opportunity to assist you and complete a project that successfully meets your vision and expectations. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or if I can provide additional information.			
Sin	cerely,			
Bri	an McDougal			
A	Agreed to, this date:Client:City of Woodcreek			
E	By, (please print):Title:			
S	Signature:			



#### Mayoral, Staff or City Council Member Agenda Item Submission

DATE:	*Click HERE To Select A Date From The Calendar	
TO:	City of Woodcreek City Council Members	
FROM:	Chrys Grummert, Council Member	
TITLE / SUBJECT of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM: (Re-Typed From Below)	Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Updating the Comprehensive Plan, Including but not Limit to Creation of a Survey, and Updating the Demographics Section with the most Recent Census Data.	

#### TITLE / SUBJECT of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM:

\*Click HERE To Select The Beginning of Your Agenda Item From the Drop-Down List

Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Updating the Comprehensive Plan, Including but not Limit to Creation of a Survey, and Updating the Demographics Section with the most Recent Census Data.

BRIEF SUMMARY / BACKGROUND of REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM: (3-4 sentences, max): At the July 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, council accepted the P&Z recommendation/review of the Comprehensive Plan. This item is to allow council to consider taking further action regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update.

#### STATE YOUR INTENDED MOTION:

"I move..... (Copy Text From First Table Field) I move that Council takes Action to Update the Comprehensive Plan, including creating a citizen survey and updating the Demographics section using the most recent census data.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Click HERE To Select An Option From The Drop-Down List

Possible costs associated with 3rd party survey.

**LIST ATTACHMENTS**: (In the Order that you want them under your Agenda Item)

PREPARED BY: Suzanne J. Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

City Manager, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Attorney

Reviewed by:

Item 10.



#### Mayoral, Staff or City Council Member Agenda Item Submission

- IN THE MIDST OF THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY
- 1. 2022 WOODCREEK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (FINAL).pdf
- 2. JOHNS Action area from Comp Plan Review.pdf
- 3. Working Draft of Citizen Survey for Comp Plan Update 2024.pdf
- 4. 2020 Census snap shot.pdf

PREPARED BY: Suzanne J. Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

Reviewed by: City Manager, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Attorney

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## City Of Woodcreek Comprehensive Plan 2022

Nestled amid the unique Texas Hill Country, the City of Woodcreek is a growing, family-oriented community tucked around an 18-hole golf course, with an inherent dedication to celebrating natural beauty and the culture of the surrounding area. Citizens seek to preserve the peaceful, rural feel of this community through sustainable land management, responsible planning, quality infrastructure management, and thoughtful development practices. Residents chose Woodcreek as home for its safety, convenient location, recreational opportunities, and high quality of life. Intentional communication and community spirit will preserve Woodcreek's enduring charm.

A comprehensive plan is a policy document that establishes a community's aspirations and lays out a road map to achieve those goals. The core philosophy of the Woodcreek Comprehensive Plan, as directed by the citizen survey, will be to preserve the character of Woodcreek and its quality of life for residents. The tenets driving the plan are to promote a sense of community; to preserve and protect our natural beauty and wealth of resources; and to ensure that the rural character of Woodcreek carries on even as the Wimberley Valley experiences unprecedented growth.



Image 1: Woodcreek Golf Course

- I. Introduction
- II. Acknowledgements
- III. Plan Creation
- IV. Overview of Woodcreek
- V. Current Conditions
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  - b. Environmental Analysis
  - c. Natural Systems
  - d. Physical Systems
  - e. Fiscal
  - f. Land Use

#### **VI.** Citizen Survey Focus Areas

- a. Overview
- b. Key Areas of Focus

#### VII. Vision for Woodcreek

- a. Natural Systems
- b. Physical Systems
- c. Fiscal
- d. Land Use
- VIII. Implementation
  - IX. Woodcreek and the Wimberley Valley
  - X. Summary of Key Action Items
  - XI. Glossary
- XII. Appendix: Image Credits

The City of Woodcreek Comprehensive Plan serves as a vision for the future of the city. As a policy guide, it directs long-term planning across the city and its Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). This plan builds upon past vision plans and utilizes existing plans, like the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, to form a complete picture for the Woodcreek community. Development, sustainability, preservation of its character, infrastructure maintenance, protecting natural resources, supporting local business, and all other aspects ensure a community will flourish.

The Comprehensive Plan creates a framework for allocation of city resources to achieve community goals and plan for improvements, as well as basis for future land use and development in the ETJ. The Plan integrates the wants and needs of the community's stakeholders. Its workgroup consists of a representative from each of the three commercial enterprises located within the city limits, a diverse group of citizens, two elected Councilmembers, and a member each from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Parks & Recreation Board, all with the assistance of a City Planner from K. Friese. The plan is driven by citizen input through surveys and focus groups. Periodic updates will ensure that the Plan stays relevant and reflective of changing needs over time.

#### Chapter 213 – Texas Local Government Code

<u>Chapter 213 of the Texas Local Government Code</u> provides the basis for comprehensive planning in Texas. This chapter reads in part:

Sec. 213.002. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- (a) The governing body of a municipality may adopt a comprehensive plan for the long-range development of the municipality. A municipality may define the content and design of a comprehensive plan.
- (b) A comprehensive plan may:
  - (1) include but is not limited to provisions on land use, transportation, and public facilities;
  - (2) consist of a single plan or a coordinated set of plans organized by subject and geographic area; and
  - (3) be used to coordinate and guide the establishment of development regulations.
- (c) A municipality may define, in its charter or by ordinance, the relationship between a comprehensive plan and development regulations and may provide standards for determining the consistency required between a plan and development regulations.

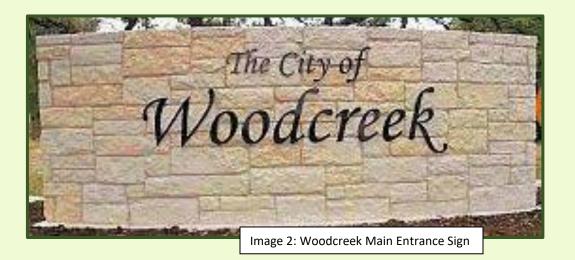
  (d) Land use assumptions adopted in a manner that complies with Subchapter C, Chapter 395 may be incorporated in a comprehensive plan.

A primary way that a municipality regulates the development of land within its jurisdiction is through a zoning ordinance. Here again, the comprehensive plan serves as the basis upon which all zoning decisions are made. Chapter 211 of the Local Government Code requires that all zoning decisions be consistent with a municipal comprehensive plan. That chapter reads in part:

#### Chapter 211 – Texas Local Government Code

#### Sec. 211.004. COMPLIANCE WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- (a) Zoning regulations must be adopted in accordance with a comprehensive plan and must be designed to:
  - (1) lessen congestion in the streets;
  - (2) safety from fire, panic, and other dangers;
  - (3) promote health and the general welfare;
  - (4) provide adequate light and air;
  - (5) prevent the overcrowding of land;
  - (6) avoid undue concentration of population; or
  - (7) facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewers, schools, parks, and other public requirements.



We would like to acknowledge the many individuals who gave a significant amount of their time and energy to drafting this Comprehensive Plan for the City of Woodcreek.

The following lists of people from the City of Woodcreek have been directly or indirectly involved in the completion of this plan, and they are listed below to acknowledge and thank them for their time spent in service to the community.

#### Comprehensive Plan

#### Current:

Aurora LeBrun, Co-Chair
Debra Hines, Co-Chair
Justin Camp
Jason Donaldson
Lydia Johns
Jerry Moore
Tomas Palm
Greg Posey
Pat Rawlings
Danny Ross
Bill Tarwater

#### Previous:

Amanda Erwin, Chair Diane Stewart Pat Rawlings

#### City Administration

#### Current:

Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secretary Maureen Mele, Administrative Assistant Bud Wymore, City Attorney

#### Previous:

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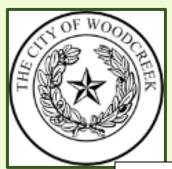


Image 3: City Seal

#### City Council

#### Current:

Jeff Rasco, Mayor Aurora LeBrun, Mayor Pro-Tem Chrys Grummert, Councilmember Debra Hines, Councilmember Joe Kotarba, Councilmember Brent Pulley, Councilmember

#### Previous:

Gloria Whitehead, Mayor Judy Brizendine, Councilmember Bob Hamrick, Councilmember

#### Planning and Zoning

#### Current:

Andy Davenport, Chairperson Lydia Johns, Vice-Chair Tomas Palm, Commissioner Chris Sonnier, Commissioner Tamara Robertson, Commissioner Carson Bledsoe, Alt. Commissioner Josh Erwin, Alt. Commissioner

#### Previous:

Joe Kotarba, Chair Larry Alford, Commissioner Jack Bose, Commissioner Kathy Maldonado, Commissioner Rogers Holt, Alt. Commissioner

A special thank you to our city staff, past and present, who provided answers to questions and vital information as this plan came together, in addition to, setting up each meeting, tracking minutes, posting communications for public engagement and the distribution of the citizen surveys. This endeavor would not have been possible without the direct support of the City of Woodcreek staff.

#### Planning and Development Consultant - Pegasus

#### Civil Engineering Firm - K. Friese

- Brandon Melland
- Selina Angel
- Adrian Frias
- Carolyn LaFollette

Important acknowledgement goes out to the K. Friese staff members who assisted in:

- Collecting and compiling survey results,
- Analyzing the survey results,
- Producing reports,
- Advising in the creation of the Comprehensive Plan document,
- Hosting the Future Land Use workshop,
- Developing all the visuals for that event,
- Providing charts and maps for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan.

#### Parks and Recreation

#### Current:

Pat Rawlings, Chair Karen Poe, Vice-Chair

Cody Abney Ruth Ann Gilbert Elizabeth Maurer

Previous:

Jane Little

#### Tree Board

#### Current:

Cindy Jones, Chair
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Iris Ramos
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Nan Simpson, Alternate
Terri Burney-Bisett, Alternate

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Joe Green Ed Fleming Jill Bloom

#### Ordinance Review

#### Current:

Emma Davenport,

Chair

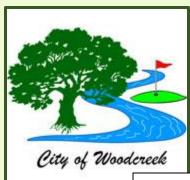
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Chair

Randy Renter Karen Duncan Steve Passalacqua

Previous:

**Carroll Wilson**, Chair **Peg Wolfe**, Vice-Chair



The City of Woodcreek Comprehensive Plan is the result of an extensive process involving:

- o analysis of existing conditions,
- o engaging the public for input,
- drafting recommendations for future goals.

Meetings were open to the public, advanced notice was published, and in most cases, meetings were recorded and posted on the city website.

#### Phases in Process

- 1. Formation of the Comprehensive Plan Workgroup and the creation of the Comprehensive Plan Survey of Summer 2021 involved gathering a diverse group of citizens and stakeholders together as the official advising body to work on the Comprehensive Plan. This group would see the plan to its finish and was initially responsible for producing the first citizen survey that would serve as the foundational source of information for the first iteration of the City of Woodcreek's Comprehensive Plan.
- 2. Review of Survey results and the creation of an outline utilizing focus groups marked the start of the writing of the Comprehensive Plan. The city of Woodcreek hired K. Friese to collect, process and analyze the citizen survey results. From their report, and with on-going counsel from K. Friese staff, the Comprehensive Plan Workgroup identified key focus groups from which the plan could derive its basic outline: Natural Systems, Physical Systems, Fiscal Systems and Land Use. During this time the introductory portions of the plan were written and edited.
- 3. Focus group meetings, discussions, and the Future Land Use Workshop served to further fill out the plan establishing existing conditions and identifying future goals as expressed in citizen input. The Future Land Use Workshop was an interactive event with significant attendance. It served as an educational event and involved gathering more citizen input through additional survey questions and boards for stakeholders to provide feedback for their vision of Woodcreek's future. Providing multiple opportunities for citizen engagement, the bi-weekly meetings of the Comprehensive Plan Workgroup have proceeded through each focus group individually filling out large portions of the existing conditions and vision sections of this document.



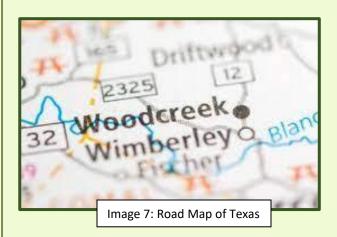
**4.** Final drafting of the plan and review by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council is the last step in the process. Once approved by the City Council, the Comprehensive Plan becomes a document to guide policy and planning. It is backed by City ordinance and can directly influence the expenditure of funds and future development agreements. Planning and Zoning will be directly responsible for future updates of the plan and for ensuring stated goals are carried out.



The City of Woodcreek, located in Hays County, was incorporated into a municipality in 1984 and became a General Law Type A city in 1989. It originally began as a golfing resort community with many vacation homes and has grown to be a thriving and diverse community of long-term residents. With its narrow streets lined by ancient oaks, park-like setting, larger-than-average lot sizes, varied fauna, and views of Cypress Creek, Woodcreek feels more like a quaint, rural neighborhood than a city.

#### Woodcreek

- Consists of approximately 696 acres of land
- More than 900 residences
- 1,750 residents
- Nestles in the Cypress Creek
   Watershed of the Blanco River
   Basin
- Sister city to Wimberley, relying on basic consumer, recreational and education needs
- City limits bordered by Cypress
   Creek to the west and south, Ranch
   Road 12 to the east and Mountain



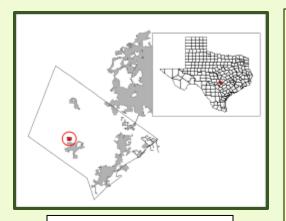


Image 8: Hays County Cut Out

The City of Woodcreek has just three non-residential entities: Double J Ranch Golf Club (formerly Quicksand Golf Course), Camp Young Judaea, and Hill Country Spirits. Woodcreek is known for its championship 18-hole golf course dating back to the 1970s. Quicksand winds throughout the entire city and serves as a beautiful scenic backdrop to the residents' daily lives, making this an idyllic spot for retirement and raising children alike.

#### Growth

The City of Woodcreek has seen a steady growth rate of about one percent annually for the past decade, with a 21% increase between 2010 and 2020. The city saw a dramatic increase in population in 2017 due to the Woodcreek Apartments complex.



Image 9: Population Graph

#### Statistics

- The median income matches the average for the County and is nine percent higher than the State average.
- The median age has hovered in the low to mid 60s for most of the City's history but has been shifting in recent years to include more young families.
- Houses and property have typically remained affordable in Woodcreek. However, Hays County's status as the fastest growing county in the nation with a population of 100,000 or more has caused Woodcreek property values to increase significantly over the last five years.

# Current Conditions

#### Demographics

The median age of Woodcreek is 59, and the population distribution is shown in the charts below.



Age of Woodcreek Population 522 Below 50 Above 50 Image 11: Demographics Graph 2

Changes in this make-up are expected as there has been an increase in younger home buyers and those with adolescent children moving into the area. This is due in part to the new Blue Hole Primary School opening in the ETJ but can also be tied to the relative worth and low cost of the homes in this area. Woodcreek is one of the last affordable neighborhoods in the area.

The 2020 Census results have not been released yet, but demographics reported in the Comprehensive Plan Survey match trends in previous census data. The survey results were only indicative of about half the population of Woodcreek but given the large sample size are still considered significant for gathering resident preferences. The 2020 census data will shine greater light on current population trends in Woodcreek and the plan shall be updated once those are released.

#### Housing and Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

- The housing market within the city limits has seen an increase in home values since 2020 as a more mobile workforce has migrated into rural communities.
- The rising housing costs in the closest major cities have caused home buyers seeking proximity to Austin to look in a much broader radius into the surrounding hill country and places like Woodcreek.
- Around 70 homes are long-term rentals in Woodcreek.
- Much of the land within Woodcreek City limits is built out and remains residential.
- There are less than 120 lots available for new construction.
- The ETJ remains widely undeveloped and will be the site of any significant future growth for the city.
- Woodcreek hosts a diverse housing market with everything from apartments and townhomes to duplexes and single-family residences, both on small lots and acreage.

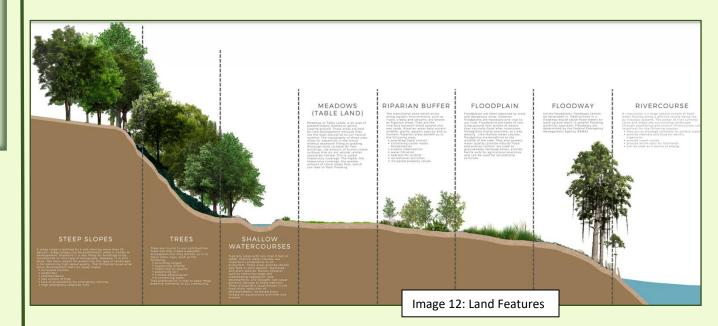
#### Commercial Enterprises

#### There are only three major non-residential enterprises within the city.

- Double J Ranch Golf Club (formerly Quicksand Golf Course) and Hill Country Spirits bring in significant sales tax income for the city.
- The third major business is Camp Young Judaea, a nonprofit children's summer camp, and is the second largest private landowner in Woodcreek behind the golf course.
- There are a handful of other small, home-based, businesses operating throughout the community.

#### Environmental Analysis

Woodcreek has several environment features determined to be of critical value for the protection of water quality such as flood plains, a nearby fault line, riparian corridors, karst features, groundwater management zones, cave like rock features, seeps, and natural springs. These features, when protected and managed, help to lessen the impact of floods and drought.



#### Steep Slopes

A steep slope is defined by a site slanting more than 25 percent. Steep slopes can be problematic when it comes to development, therefore it is less likely for buildings to be constructed on this type of typography. However, it is still done. The main reason for preserving this type of landscape is for obtaining high water quality. The following issues arise when development disturbs steep slopes:

- Increased erosion
- Landslides
- Sedimentation
- Less control of fires
- Lack of accessibility for emergency vehicles
- High emergency response time

#### Trees

Trees are crucial to our communities. Trees not only create a peaceful atmosphere, but they benefit us in so many other ways, such as the following:

- Providing oxygen
- Supporting wildlife
- Improving air quality
- Preserving soil
- Climate amelioration
- Conserving water

Tree Preservation is vital to keep these essential elements in our community.

#### Shallow Watercourses

Typically, areas with less than 6 feet of water. Shallow water courses are important components to an ecosystem. These areas provide shelter and food to both aquatic, feathered, and plant species. Human impacts such as removing snags and overhanging vegetation, new development, and drought can cause extreme damage to these habitats. These disruptions cause breaks in the food chain, reduction of photosynthesis, increased toxin release on aquaculture activities and erosion.

#### Meadows (Table Land)

Meadows or Table Lands, is an area of predominately leveled or gently sloping ground. These areas are best for new development because they are the least disruptive to our natural systems. The topography of these sites allow for expansion in the future without excessive filling or grading. Although most suitable for new buildings, the amount of human-made surfaces that do not absorb rainfall should be limited. This is called impervious coverage. The higher the impervious coverage, the greater amount of storm water flow, which can lead to flash flooding.

#### Riparian Buffer

The transitional zones which occur along aquatic environments, such as rivers, creeks, and streams are known as Riparian Areas. They are the interface between dried upland and wetlands. Riparian areas benefit us in the following ways:

- Providing flood control
- Containing cooler water temperatures
- Erosion stabilization
- Water filtration
- Habitats for wildlife
- Recreational activities
- Increased property values

#### Floodplain

Floodplains are often depicted as scary and dangerous areas. However, floodplains are necessary and vital to our lives Floodplains are areas of low-lying ground near bodies of waters that naturally flood after rainstorms. Floodplains evolve over time, as cities densify. Like shallow water courses, floodplains are beneficial to the wildlife of the area. They also protect water quality, provide natural flood and erosion control, are used as groundwater recharge zones, provide fertile soils for agricultural practices, and can be used for recreational activities.

#### Floodway

Unlike floodplains, floodways cannot be developed in. Obstructions in a floodway would cause flood waters to back up and result in greater flooding potential upstream. Floodways are determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

#### Rivercourse

A rivercourse is a large natural stream of fresh water flowing along a definite course being fed by tributary systems. The power of river currents carve and shape the surrounding landscape through weathering and erosion. Rivercourses are important for the following reasons:

- They act as drainage channels for surface water
- Provide habitats and food for earth's organisms
- Provide travel routes
- Provide fertile soils for farmlands
- Can be used as a source of energy



#### Influences on the local environment:

- Increased population in the area has put a strain on the local watershed.
- Human development changes the natural landscape, increases impervious coverage, and magnifies resource consumption by residents and businesses.
- Protecting groundwater recharge in the local watershed in which Woodcreek is located will work to preserve water quality and availability for future residents.
- Additionally, it will ensure the character of the valley endures for generations to come.

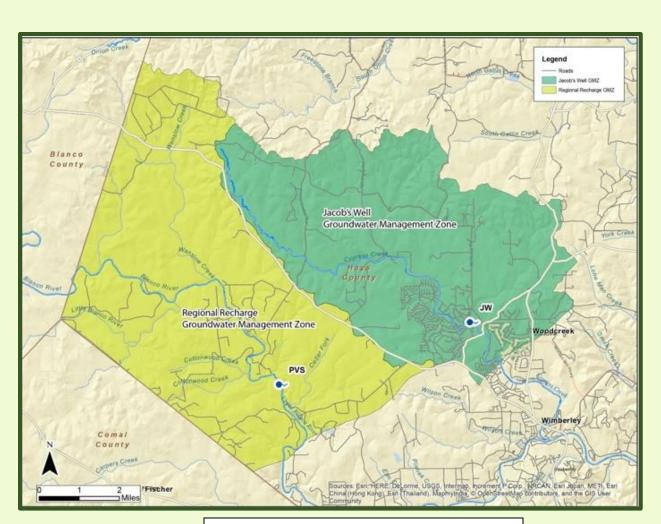


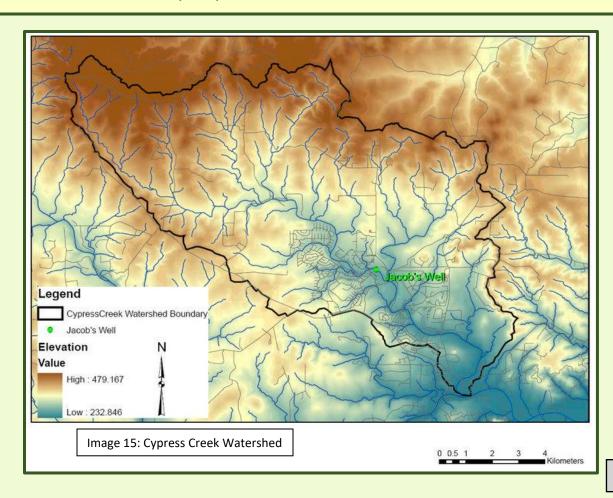
Image 14: Regional Groundwater Management Zones

Woodcreek lies within the Wimberley Valley which follows the course of the Blanco River and Cypress Creek. This area is in the Blanco River basin where the land and all water tributaries (streams and creeks) slowly drain any rainfall into the Blanco River, acting like a giant sink basin.

On a larger scale, Woodcreek sits on top of the Trinity aquifer – the sole source of our water supply - which is a network of underground limestone water channels. Karst features (i.e. sinkholes, fissures and caves) on the surface level allow direct access for rain and runoff into the aquifer.

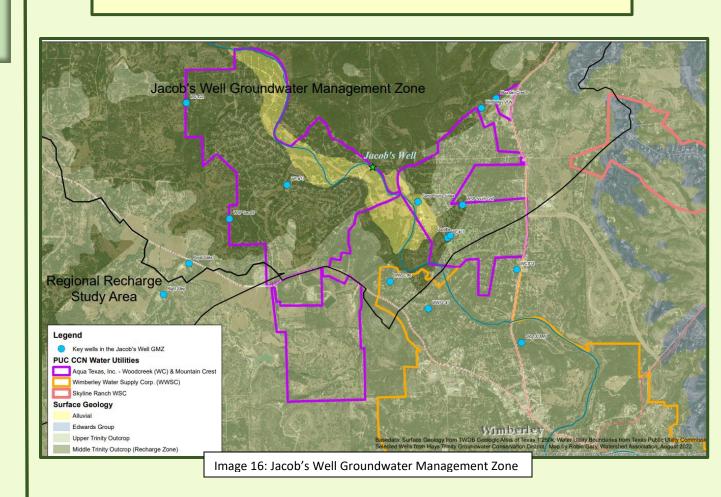
Woodcreek sits inside the Cypress Creek Watershed (black outline in map below). All surface water in the Woodcreek area flows downward towards the creek, and any surface pollutants from our community can quickly impact surface and groundwater quality. Woodcreek has allied with the City of Wimberley and the Meadows Center at Texas State University to improve and preserve the water quality and quantity of Cypress Creek and the Trinity aguifer.

Cypress Creek and portions of the Blanco River are part of only 22 remaining segments of waterways in the State of Texas that are still considered pristine and without toxic levels of phosphorous.

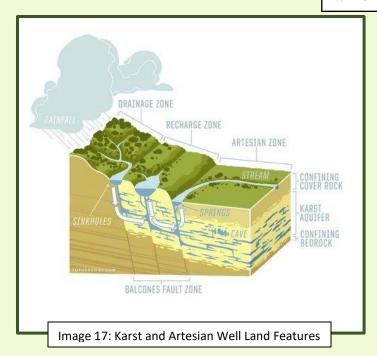


Part of Woodcreek, specifically the northwest part of the city limits, a large segment of Brookmeadow, and much of the northwest portion of the ETJ are in the Jacob's Well Groundwater Management Zone (yellow and green map below). This is a sensitive area where aquifer pumping is reduced during periods of drought to help maintain spring flow.

This zone serves as a catchment that feeds water into Cypress creek. Some of the outer limits of the ETJ intersect the Jacob's Well recharge zone (sinkholes and caves) where water is percolating down into the aquifer that feeds the spring.



Jacob's Well is a karst spring located in the Cypress Creek watershed about one mile northwest of Woodcreek. The spring is situated on a fault which delivers artesian flow (water under pressure) to the creek and provides a unique habitat for aquatic species. The spring is a great indicator of the health of the Trinity aquifer, our drinking water supply.



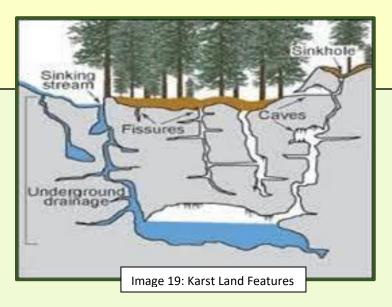
Efforts to protect this natural resource area are paramount to the Woodcreek community. Maintaining spring flow from Jacob's Well into Cypress Creek and the Blanco River is essential for our local economy and for the health of our regional ecosystems.

Pumping of nearby wells drawing from the same aquifer can influence the flow from Jacob's Well. While it traditionally flows year-round, the combination of periodic drought and increased groundwater pumping have led to periods of low-to-no flow at Jacob's well.



The karst features of Woodcreek and the greater Wimberley valley provide it with a unique character and charming landscape. In addition, it provides the community a cherished groundwater resource.

Conversely, karst geology also makes the groundwater more susceptible to contamination and damage through over consumption and excessive development, so conservation is essential.







Woodcreek does not have much in the way of drainage infrastructure and so during heavy rains, water travels in surface level sheet flows through our community primarily down our streets, and directly into Cypress Creek.

Hog Creek flows towards a dam located at Woodcreek Drive creating a stormwater retention pond. This not only creates significant pollution hazards if unmanaged, but it also contributes to erosion as well. Studies show that traditional "gray infrastructure" or concrete like culverts do not do well with limestone karst features.

The city has, in alliance with the Cypress Creek Protection Plan, been implementing nature-based infrastructure such as rain gardens to slow and collect water allowing it to soak into the ground rather than rapidly washing away into the stream and out of the area.

These efforts will help restore and protect groundwater levels and help to reduce surface water pollutants during periods of flooding and heavy rains.



In 2018, the Cypress Creek Project team installed the above 5,000 gallon polyethylene cistern at the Woodcreek Golf Course. The cistern is collecting water off of a 2,700 square foot roof, which allows for the harvesting potential to be approximately 45,000 gallons annually. The rainwater harvested from this cistern is being used to clean golf carts at the facility.



Work continued at the Woodcreek Golf Course in the summer of 2019, with the installation of this rain garden. Rain gardens are installed downslope of hills to capture stormwater. The bottoms are often planted with native plants to further treat the water before it recharges the aquifer.

Image 24: Rain Garden on Golf Course at Installation

# PRESERVING THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND WATER QUALITY OF CYPRESS CREEK FOR GENERATIONS TO COME







Image 25: Cypress Creek Watershed Protection Project

Some areas of Woodcreek's ETJ are at risk of "groundwater under influence" because the source of drinking water or groundwater travels close to the land surface. This presents the possibility of surface water mingling with the groundwater and this risks microbial contamination as the surface water has not gone through the natural filtrations of the limestone. This means greater filtration and sanitation efforts for the water systems in those areas.

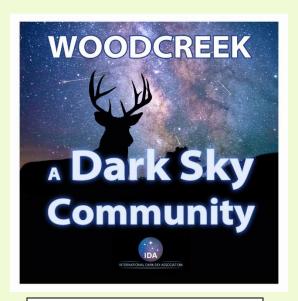


Image 26: Dark Skies Community Sign

### International Dark Skies

We are a designated
International Dark Skies
Community with ordinances
backing this effort and
reinforcing the commitment
to reduce light pollution to
protect the clear night skies
for which rural communities
are so well known and
loved.

Ashe Junipers (colloquially called "Cedars" in this area) serve as habitat for the Golden Cheek Warbler bird which is Native to Central Texas and an endangered species.

Substantial amounts of these trees can be found in the Woodcreek ETJ and undeveloped areas within the city limits.

These trees not only serve to provide habitat for this beloved bird species, but they also diversify our tree canopies, and contribute to soil production as they drop significant amounts of debris on the ground.



### Oak Wilt

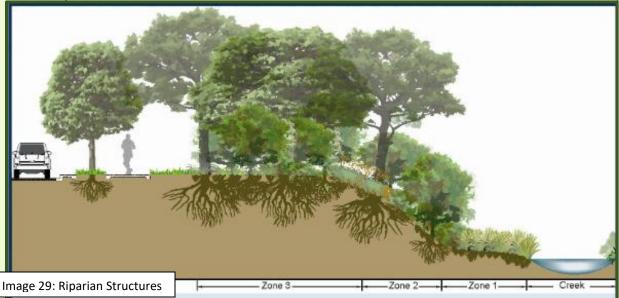
Oak Wilt is a fungal disease that impacts specific species of oak trees, many of which can be found within Woodcreek and serve as representation of the namesake of the community.

There is no known cure for oak wilt. Efforts can be made to prevent and protect trees, but once infected all further efforts turn to containment and extending the life of the tree until a replacement canopy can mature.

Woodcreek does currently have documented Oak Wilt in various areas of the community and so strong ordinances and education efforts remain a priority for leadership here as trees are a great asset for the community.



Much of Woodcreek is part of a riparian corridor that serves protect Cypress Creek. The plants in this land belt running adjacent to the creek protect the water quality and prevent erosion and flooding damage to homes nearby by providing a water break and buffer.



Mature Riparian Structure: Unique hydrologic conditions make different zones of the streamside suitable for distinct plant types. The soil in Zone 1 is always wet and frequently underwater. Zone 2 is underwater during most storm events but dries out afterwards. Zone 3 is a transitional area receiving its moisture from rainfall and large storm events.

## Air Quality

Air quality remains good in Woodcreek and the Wimberley Valley currently. Protecting this from over-development, excessive traffic, and industrial production will need to be a focus for the community as the Wimberley Valley grows.

## Light Pollution

Light pollution is a growing concern as more concentrated and commercial development grows in the valley. Preserving unadulterated night skies by limiting outdoor lighting benefits wildlife and brings a greater quality of life for human residents. Outdoor lighting at night should be avoided or specific fixtures that reduce glare, light trespass, and sky glow should be utilized where lighting is desired or needed.

## Noise Pollution

Noise pollution from major roads like Ranch Road 12 will only increase, and the community can take steps to address this by raising fence lines alongside the road and planting vegetation as a noise break.

Additionally, the material used for the reconstruction of streets within the city limits will need to be carefully considered as many residents are reporting the concrete of Brookhollow to be louder than the previous asphalt street, thereby producing a load hum as cars travel down the road.

# Natural Systems

These are open systems whose elements and boundaries exist outside of human control. There are four main natural systems: land, water, life, and air. Humans rely on the natural systems to survive and must work to protect them.

# Land: Parks and Greenspaces

There are a handful of parks and greenspaces in Woodcreek with only a few amenities for citizens to use. The Parks Board is seeking grants to improve existing parklands. The city does have a current Parks Master Plan and there is an existing budget for park maintenance and improvements. Protections exist for trees located on all public land.

### Augusta Park

Augusta Park is at the north corner of where Augusta Lane and Augusta Drive meet. It features a rain garden, bocci ball court, and a couple of cement picnic tables.



#### Veteran's Memorial Plaza

Veteran's Memorial Plaza is located at the intersection of Woodcreek Drive and RR12 on the north side of Woodcreek Drive just behind the main entrance sign. This park features a small memorial to Veterans and a stone table with benches.



#### Creekside Park

A new park named Creekside is the center for discussions about a playscape and nature walk on Brookhollow alongside Hog Creek.

#### Champions Circle Park

1 Champions Circle across from Veteran's Memorial Plaza on the southside of Woodcreek Drive and RR12 intersection remains undeveloped but is zoned for a public park.

#### The Triangle

The Triangle, is often thought of as a park by the community but is designated a right-of-way greenspace. It features a single bench, some landscaping and an unused flagpole.

#### Greenspaces

There are several other greenspaces throughout the community. These include street trees, the Brookmeadow planter, the Par View cul-de-sac median, a median on Woodcreek Drive near The Triangle, a small lot located alongside La Rocca Lane, a wooded area next to City Hall. There are protections in place for trees located in these areas and some have varying levels of landscaping or maintenance that is performed.



Image 32: Brookmeadow Sign Median

# Greenspaces within Woodcreek

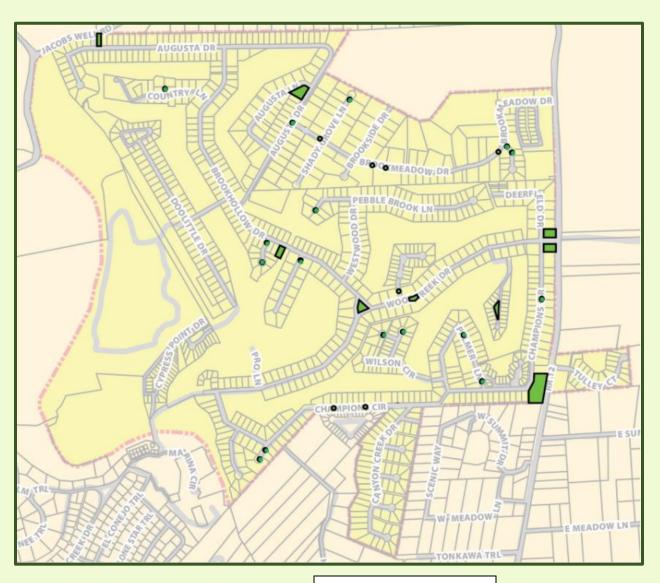
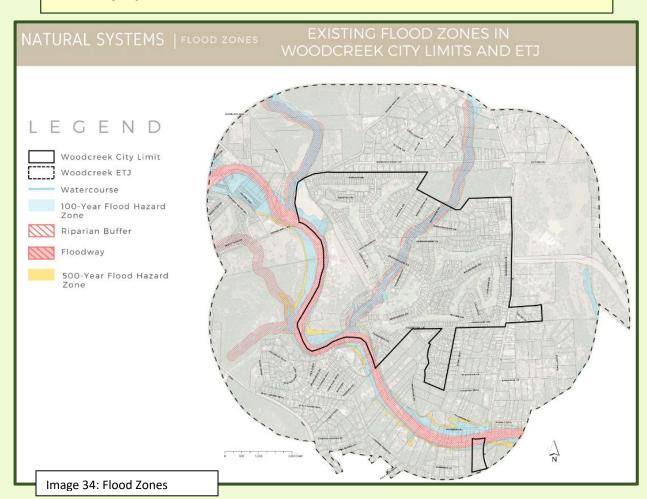


Image 33: Greenspaces Map

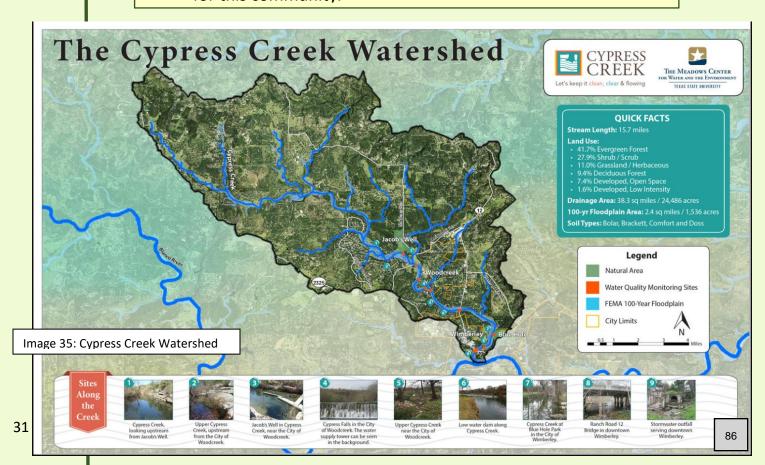
## Water: Drinking, Regulation, Quality Management

- Woodcreek is a groundwater dependent community. While some rainwater catchment systems exist, the community is linked to a public water utility system serviced by Aqua Texas. They control drinking water quality, drought curtailment enforcement, and oversee the treatment of effluent then used for watering the Quicksand Golf Course grounds. Some private septic systems still exist.
- Hays Trinity Groundwater Management is the state regulatory body responsible for permits and water management in this area. Woodcreek relies on the Middle Trinity Aquifer for meeting community potable water needs.
- There are two natural waterways within Woodcreek city limits and its ETJ. These are Cypress Creek and Hog Creek. There are several ponds on the golf course grounds and a large retention pond located at the dam on Woodcreek Drive east of Cypress Point.



## Water: Drinking, Regulation, Quality Management

- Environmental protection efforts have increased in the past 30 years resulting in the creation of efforts like the Cypress Creek Watershed Protection plan which seeks to preserve Cypress Creek as a pristine stream, implement waterwise conservation systems, and help to educate residents on water issues.
  - The Meadows Center based in San Marcos has been in partnership with this effort along with the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association, who was instrumental in the effort to preserve Jacob's Well, the headwaters of Cypress Creek.
  - Woodcreek has engaged in water conservation efforts through the creation of the Water Quality ordinance and by setting strict impervious coverage guidelines.
  - There are no rainwater collection incentives offered by the city at this time, but rainwater collection is allowed and there are some guidelines that exist in the City's code.
- Rain gardens can be used to trap rainwater and help it soak into the ground. Augusta Park and Quicksand Golf Course both have these features. Rain gardens can be utilized to control drainage as a method of natural based infrastructure.
- Sizeable portions of Woodcreek and its ETJ fall in the Middle Trinity Aquifer recharge zone and the Jacob's Well Management zone. Limiting impervious coverage in these areas is essential for the preservation of the aquifer and maintaining its ability to recharge and provide potable water for this community.



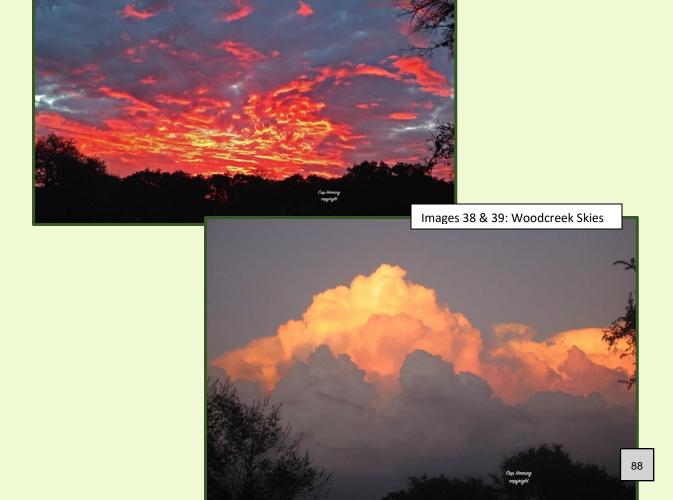
# Life: Plants and Animals

- A Tree Board has been created as an official government body and a city tree inventory is in the process of being completed. The city has substantial amounts of Heritage and Protected Trees. Ordinances passed in 2022 seek to protect those trees.
- Oak Wilt has been documented within the City's jurisdiction for over 30 years.
  - Texas A&M Forestry Services keeps a record of documented Oak Wilt cases and provides testing services.
  - Oak Wilt is a collective problem as it spreads easily across property lines.
  - The loss of trees can reduce property values by up to 20%.
  - Some preventative treatments exist, but there is no cure for the disease.
  - Once infected, trees will experience a "failure to thrive" and in most cases will die.
  - Early identification and removal or containment are the best options for stopping the spread of this infectious disease.
- Golden Cheek Warblers are an endangered species that breed in Central Texas. Protection of their habitats, such as dense ashe juniper stands and some types of oaks, has become increasingly important for the protection of this species.
- Overpopulation of deer brings concerns of disease and large predators moving through the area.



# Air: Visibility, Quality, and Pollution

- Light pollution at night threatens both wildlife migratory patterns and quality of life for residents of Woodcreek. Efforts to reduce outdoor lighting at night have been a focus for the valley-wide community. Residents can assist by turning lights off or buying fixtures that comply with recommendations for outdoor lighting that minimize glare, light trespass, and skyglow.
  - International "Lights Out" for migratory bird protection seeks to reduce light pollution in the skies that can disorient birds while flying at night. Central Texas sees about 1/3 of the national migratory birds move through the area twice a year.
  - International Dark Skies Initiative is a commitment from the community to reduce outdoor lighting at night to promote visibility of the night sky.
- As the area grows in population, it brings more traffic on the county roads around Woodcreek. Efforts to reduce noise pollution are increasing in popularity.
- Currently, Woodcreek and the Wimberley Valley typically have good air quality with very little pollution. Occasional fires can change this and there have been periods of dust from the Saharan Desert causing the particulate matter to increase.
- There are no large-scale industrial or manufacturing plants in the area that typically bring noise pollution and air quality concerns.



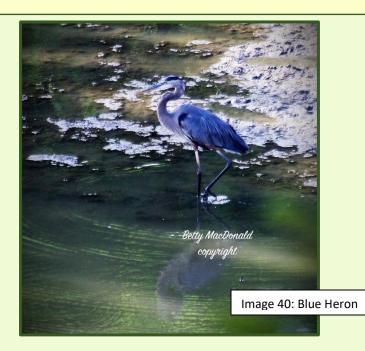
# Physical Systems

Physical Systems, often called infrastructure, are the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities needed for the operation of a society.

### Public Facilities

The City of Woodcreek does not own the utilities that serve its citizens. These services are provided by private entities through franchise agreements granting the service provider the right to offer, sell, or distribute services specifically identified in the agreement. Fees collected through these franchise agreements create supplemental income for the city.

- Electricity Pedernales Cooperative
- Water and Sewer AQUA Texas
- Cable/Internet Spectrum
- Telephone Spectrum and Frontier
- Trash and Recycling Waste Connections



## Infrastructure

#### Roads:

- There are thirty-four roads with a total of 10.95 miles in the City of Woodcreek.
- Road conditions throughout the City have been described as poor or in need of repair.
- Extensive engineering and pavement assessments have been completed.
- Road conditions have consistently been rated as a top priority concern for citizens.
- Some traffic calming in the form of speed monitoring signage exists, but there is no widespread traffic calming infrastructure or design plan in place.



Image 41: Citizen Survey Graph 1

# Road Conditions

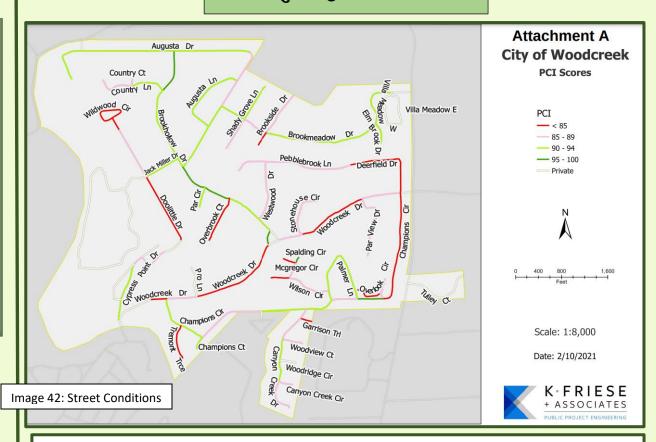


Table 2. PCI Rating Scale

PCI Rating	Range	Definition	Maintenance Classification
Good	100 - 85	Pavement has minor or no distresses and requires only routine maintenance.	Preventative
Satisfactory	84 - 70	Pavement has scattered low-severity to medium distresses that need only routine maintenance.	Preventative
At risk	69 - 50	Pavement has low, medium, and high severity distresses that may cause a reduction in ride quality.	Rehabilitation
Poor	49 - 25	Pavement has predominantly medium and high severity distresses that cause noticeable reduction in ride quality and pavement life span.	Rehabilitation
Serious	24 - 0	Pavement has mainly high severity distresses that cause significant reduction in ride quality and pavement life span. Immediate repairs are needed.	Reconstruction

Image 43: Street Condition Rating Scale

## Infrastructure

#### Drainage:

- There is no official drainage infrastructure that is consistently implemented in the city.
- Most areas rely on the street surfaces to convey excess water which contributes to the further erosion and degradation of these structures.

# Infrastructure

### Trails, Pedestrian and Other Alternative Forms of Mobility:

- There are no public walking trails in the City of Woodcreek, nor are there bike lines or any alternative transportation options available.
- Currently, Hays County has outlined a system of trail improvements for the Wimberley Valley. Some of this plan may include connectivity for Woodcreek to existing and future trails.
- There is a portion of the Winters Mill and Blue Hole Walking Trail located in Woodcreek's ETJ.
- Addressing pedestrian safety and mobility has been listed as a high priority for citizens.



Image 44: Blue Hole Walking Trail

## Infrastructure

#### City Hall:

- The City of Woodcreek owns the land and constructed the building that currently houses the daily operations of the city and hosts most City meetings.
- There have been some on-going discussions about expansion to accommodate a larger meeting space in the future.



# Infrastructure

## Water Hydrants and Flush Valves:

- The system of water hydrant flush valves is owned and maintained by AQUA Texas.
- These hydrants will not be directly used in the event of a fire as there is not enough pressure in the system and some of the lines are too small to conduct sufficient water.
- These valves can and are used to fill water tank trucks for the local fire department.
- The system is also utilized to flush water to maintain water quality as needed. AQUA is responsible for performing regular checks and maintenance on this system.

#### Fiscal

#### **Ad Valorem Dependency:**

- Woodcreek is heavily dependent on ad valorem tax income.
- Only an estimated 14% of the City's total income comes from sales tax and other retail taxes.
- About 33% of the City's total income is derived from franchise agreements

#### **Land Availability Concerns:**

- Within the city limits there is little land left for development of any kind.
- There is little to no commercial zoning inside the city limits.
- Annexation into the city limits must be on a voluntary basis or can be a part of a development agreement for future construction projects in the ETJ.
- Aquifer availability and groundwater management zones can limit future development possibilities.

#### **Financial Stability:**

- The City's income is stable as ad valorem income is not as susceptible to market fluctuations as other forms of income such as sales tax.
- The City maintains healthy reserves, utilizes investment accounts to generate passive income, and has strong financial policies to protect from overspending.
- The City maintains a strong credit rating and has only one debt service account for a tax note issued in 2017 for the repair of Brookhollow. There are only two more years of payments left on this note.

#### **Project Funding Realities:**

- Funding current projects on projected future growth is not a viable or sustainable financial policy. Thus, planning for future growth in property values, increases in the territory of the city limits, or the construction of new homes and businesses cannot be relied upon to fund desired projects.
- The City must look to grants and other sources of funding like a General Bond or additional tax notes to fund infrastructure and other desired projects.

#### Land Use

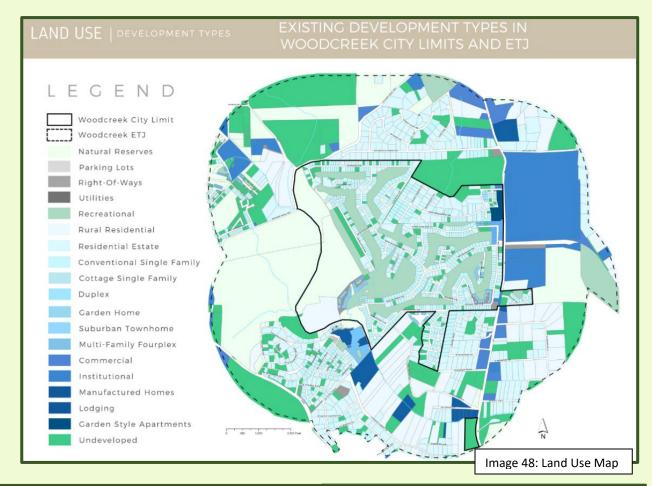
The City of Woodcreek is a collection of residential neighborhoods forming one large subdivision. There is no town center or central district. There is one small retail area within the City Limits at the north entrance to Brookmeadow.

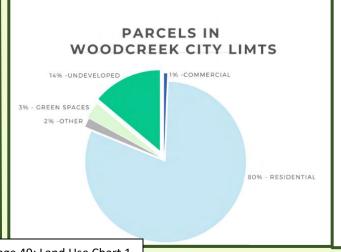
Woodcreek boasts a diversity in housing choices with high-density options like apartments, duplexes, town homes, condominiums, and a pending fourplex planned development district to a wide variety of low-density single-family options with a significant range in lot sizes from 6,500 square feet to multiple acres. Most of these housing options being that of single-family residential lots with an average size of around or just above a quarter of an acre.

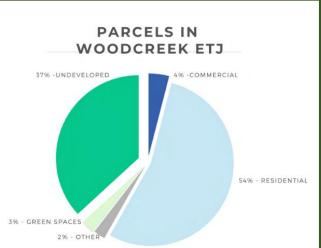




Vast portions of the city are zoned recreational for Quicksand Golf Course and Camp Young Judaea. The city has a handful of pocket parks and right-of-way greenspaces scattered throughout the neighborhoods. There is one small nature preserve tucked in the upper northwest corner within the city limits.







# Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

- The ETJ is largely undeveloped
  - Blue Hole Primary School and the First Baptist Church are the largest non-residential landholders in that area.
  - Woodcreek has one Planned Development District outside the contiguous city lines, The Enclave, which is located on the Eastside of Ranch Road 12 opposite City Hall.
  - There is a conservation district South of the city across Cypress Creek resting on the southern bank of the creek closer to Wimberley.
  - There are many residential homes in Woodcreek's ETJ, including the Mountain Crest and Eagle Rock POAs.
  - There are also several commercial short-term lodging operations,
    - The Lodge at Cypress Falls
    - Cypress Creek Cottages
    - Messina Inn
    - Cypress Creek Vacation Homes
  - There are two bars
    - Casa Vindemia
    - The Tavern
  - A restaurant, The Falls, located in the wedding venue complex of Cypress Falls alongside The Lodge.
  - There are a handful of office spaces and other retail enterprises in the ETJ located along Ranch Road 12.
  - The ETJ envelops portions of three major throughfares for the Wimberley Valley
    - o Ranch Road 12
    - Winter's Mill Parkway
    - o FM 2325.
  - The road, Woodcreek Drive, which cuts through the heart of Woodcreek, crosses Cypress Creek and links Ranch Road 12 to FM 2325 sees significant through traffic from residents of the greater valley area, specifically those traveling between Blue Hole Primary and Jacob's Well Elementary for school pick-ups and drop off.

# Citizen Survey

A total of 911 surveys were distributed, one per household within the city limits. Of those, 411 were returned.

- A majority of the participants were property owners and residents, with less than 25% being renters.
- The responses were equally distributed throughout the four geographical zones designated in the survey.
- A slight majority, 54%, of the responses came from houses with two residents.
- 29% percent came from houses with a single resident.
- The remaining 17% from homes with three or more.
- Age demographics in this survey showed a slight majority, 64%, were 65 and older. This holds steady with previous census data of the area.
- A large majority of respondents, 84%, do not have children under the age of 18 living in their homes.

The five aspects of Woodcreek that participants valued most were (in order):

- natural beauty
- o peace and quiet
- location
- safety
- o rural setting.

It was found that 42% of participants have lived or worked in Woodcreek for over ten years, with 22% in the five-to-ten-year range, another 22% in the two-to-five-year range, and 14% for less than two years.

While less than half of the surveys were returned, the sample size and response was significant and represents many of the residents since the total number of individuals living within the households that responded represents about one half of the total population at a conservative estimate of 798 citizens based on the household occupancy question.

# Most Pressing Issues

#### **Roadway Improvements**

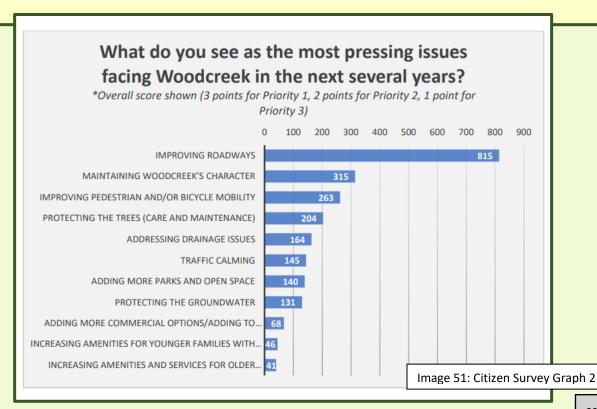
Roadway improvements received the most support of any topic in the survey and have been identified as a key priority for immediate planning in the city. A Platinum Panel with representation from city residents has been formed and is addressing this issue. The Panel will develop a master transportation plan and is working on funding options that include addressing all forms of mobility for the city. A follow-up survey on funding options was conducted and helped identify citizen preferences for funding road improvements.

#### **Pedestrian Safety and Mobility**

Pedestrian Safety and Mobility were ranked as high priorities; falling among the top four issues identified by respondents. Specifically, residents listed pedestrian safety along roadways as a major concern and area for improvement.

#### **Tree Preservation**

Tree Preservation also landed in the top four pressing issues facing Woodcreek residents. Protection for heritage trees, preventing oak wilt, tree planting, and education are areas the city will focus on to address tree preservation.



# Future Development Goals

- Limited to no commercial development was a theme throughout the survey results. Residents would like Woodcreek to remain rural and noted that many needed commercial services are already provided in Wimberley.
- Needing more restaurants, a coffee shop, and/or food trucks were popular responses regarding what type of development would be desirable. These have the benefit of building community and boosting sales tax income.
- Maintaining Woodcreek's character was in the top four pressing issues and was mentioned in open comments as something residents supported.
  - When considering why residents chose Woodcreek to live, it becomes apparent that the quiet, peaceful, and rural setting are large factors in their decision.
  - This general concept was a common thread running through most responses.
  - Aside from road improvements, if there was one thing that united respondents it would be the desire to protect Woodcreek's charm as a residential community with significant natural features.
  - Respondents were against growth and commercial development.
- Parks and greenspaces received neutral to dissatisfied ratings indicating residents could be interested in additional parks, park improvements, and additional community amenities. The top-rated choices for new amenities were a community pool and playground.



Image 52: Double J Ranch Golf Club

# Addressing Mobility

- Traffic calming received significant support, falling among the top three desired improvements in mobility for the city.
- Improving trails and connections to Wimberley was frequently mentioned. This may be in support of or as a response to the larger Wimberley trails projects being proposed. It should be noted that citizens supported this concept of interlocking trails connecting Woodcreek with the rest of the Valley.
- Implementing walking space (sidewalks or trails) along roadways was mentioned as a pressing issue and as a top priority for improving mobility in the City. Citizens cited walking on the golf course, which is technically not permitted, as an alternative or that they are simply walking in the road. These open comments point to a community that has a significant population of residents who appreciate taking walks and other similar activities. The city would do well to address providing safe spaces for the residents to support this preference.



# Natural Systems

## **GOAL:** Preserve Woodcreek's natural, rural setting

### Strategy One: Protect what exists.

- Enforce protective regulations for trees
- Community education programs
  - Rainwater collection
  - o Oak Wilt
  - Drought tolerant landscaping
  - Reducing chemicals used in landscaping
- Incentivize rainwater collection
- Protect impervious coverage limits and create strong regulations for areas of the Middle Trinity recharge zone and Jacob's Well Management Zone
- Create green building incentives
- Promote the protection of natural habitats and local ecosystems
- Participate in an annual Arbor Day Event and encourage tree planting events
- Invest in public land via tree care, planting, watering, and other efforts to beautify and improve public spaces



# Strategy Two: Increase and improve parks and greenspaces.

- Update the Park's Master Plan
- Pursue the purchase of more parkland with the plan of one acre of parkland or greenspace per 80 people and no more than a 10-minute walk to greenspace
- Negotiate parkland designations in future development to include a 15% minimum acre of suitable parkland or greenspace per acre of land to be developed or a cash in-lieu payment system.
- Revise and review the plating and subdivision codes to promote greenspace allocation in design
- Pursue grants and other funding to improve park amenities, with a playscape being the citizen's top priority
- Consider and plan on how to achieve the citizens' goal of a community pool
- Consider the placement of a dog park in an existing park as this was listed as moderately desirable in the citizen survey.

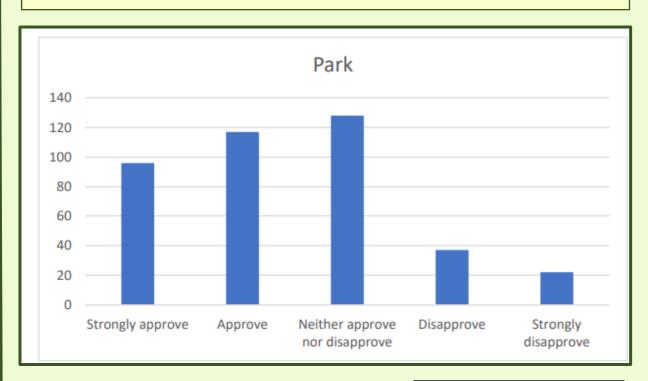
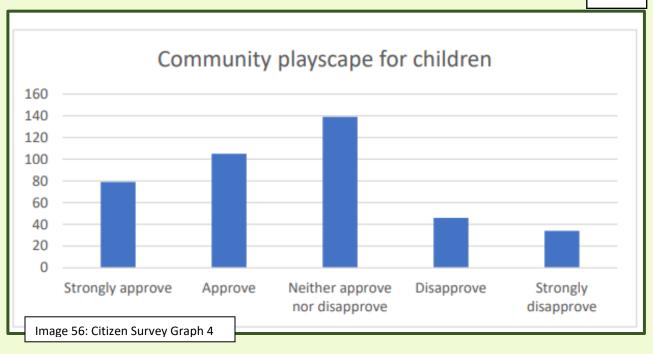
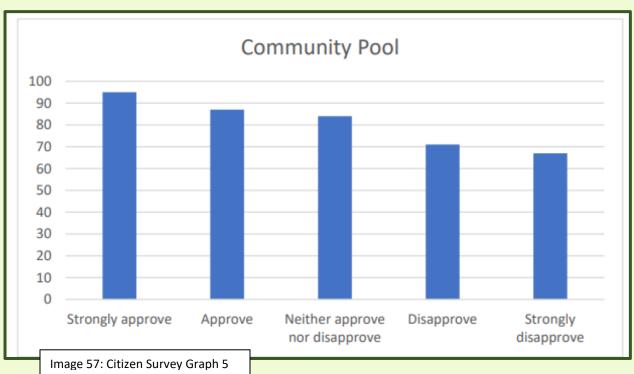
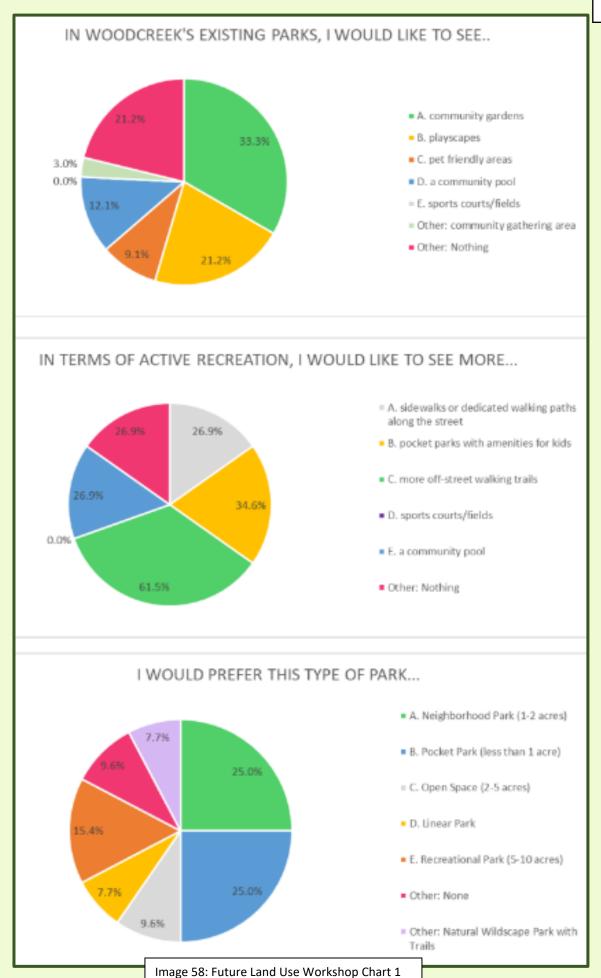


Image 55: Citizen Survey Graph 3





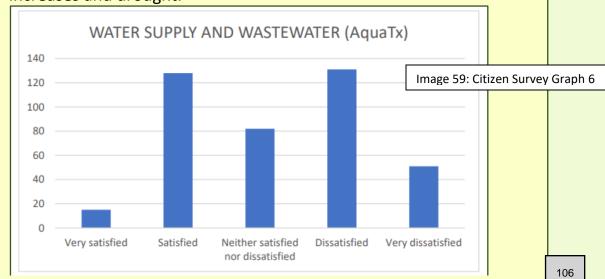


# Physical Systems

**GOAL:** Improve existing structures with a focus on roads and mobility.

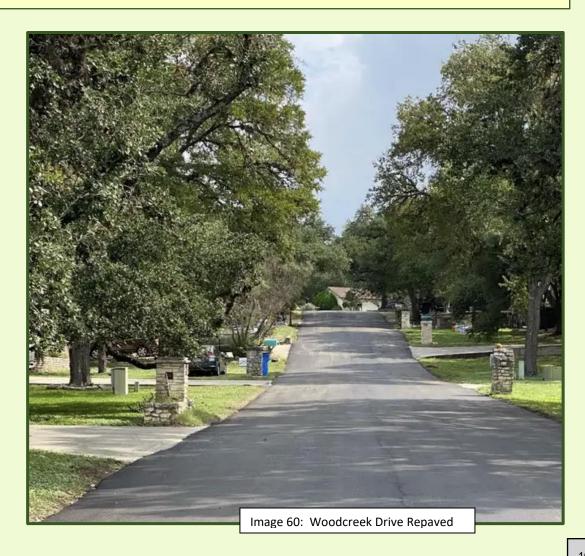
Strategy One: Re-negotiate franchise agreements to seek to lower rates and improve customer service.

- *Electricity* Residents expressed general satisfaction with the rates and customer service provided by Pedernales. As account holders, resident involvement directly with voting board members onto the co-op board and staying active in rate change discussions is the best way for PEC customers to influence this service provider. The City can and should seek advantageous improvements in the franchise agreement each time it comes up for re-negotiation.
- Water and Sewer AQUA Texas received low satisfaction ratings from citizens who completed the survey. Poor customer service, frequent outages, line breaks, and water quality were all cited as issues needing improvement. Residents would like to address rising rate increases, improving sewage treatment and the smell related to the effluent used to water the golf course. Little to no enforcement of the drought curtailment guidelines exists which can result in poor water management practices from residents due to lack of awareness and/or no consequences for non-compliance. This public utility should be seen as the highest priority for action based on citizen responses and water availability concerns due to population increases and drought.



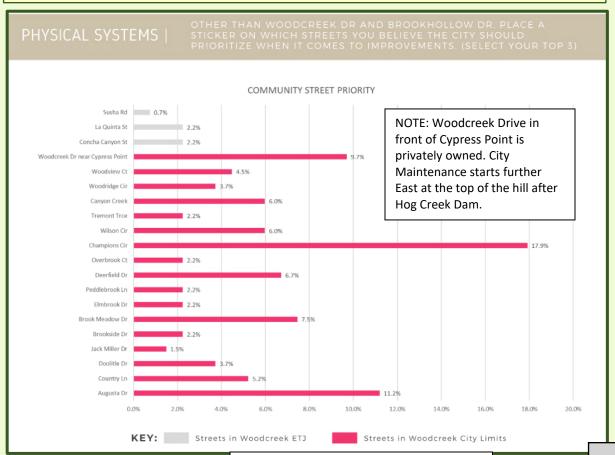
# Strategy One: Re-negotiate franchise agreements to seek to lower rates and improve customer service.

- Cable/Internet Spectrum received general satisfaction ratings, but many citizens noted slow service, rising costs, and frequent connectivity issues. The City's cable lines are aged, and an update is needed. Negotiations of the franchise agreement in the future should take this into consideration.
- **Telephone** Fewer residents are using landlines than ever. This service is dated and produces little revenue for the city.
- Trash and Recycling Waste Connections received a satisfactory rating in the survey results. However, open comments highlighted issues with pick-up regularity, rising costs, desires for bulk pick-up on the street and increases in recycling services.

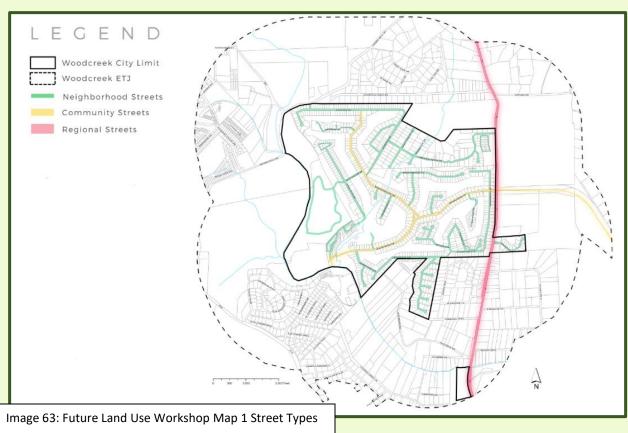


# Strategy Two: Repair all roads in the City of Woodcreek and create a long-term maintenance plan.

- Develop a Master Transportation Plan and Policy that addresses a regular maintenance schedule as part of the duty of the Platinum Panel.
- Finish the creation of a Capital Improvements Plan by the Platinum Panel which looks at capital needs as a whole and assesses fiscal capacity. The City should manage reserves and operating budgets to plan for and create the capacity for debt, while simultaneously funding some immediate projects. This plan should create a timeframe to achieve goals while balancing needs with fiscal responsibility. This plan would compile engineering studies, work through the priorities for roads to be improved, and seek final budget requests.
- Pursue grants and alternative funding
- Address drainage and traffic calming with road improvements







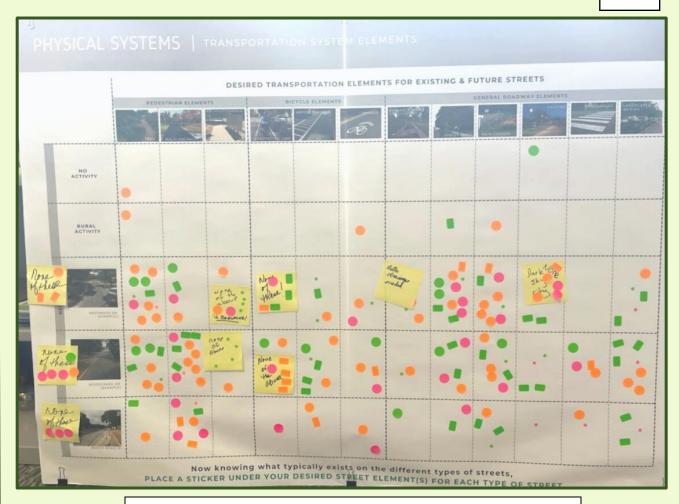
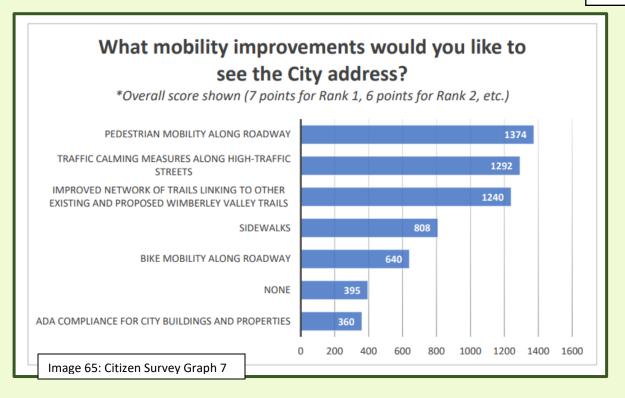


Image 64: Future Land Use Workshop Citizen Input for Graph 2 & Map 1 (Above)

# Strategy Three: Create walking trails to address pedestrian safety.

- Seek alternative funding through grants
- Work with the County on existing trails projects
- Obtain engineering studies to work on the placement of trails within the community
- Utilize citizen feedback to create a plan and prioritize routes for mobility improvements
- Create a timeline for execution of the plan and funding



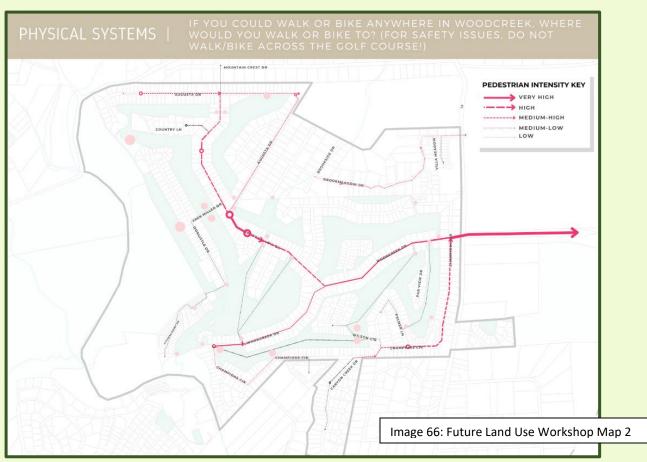




Image 67: Future Land Use Graph 4

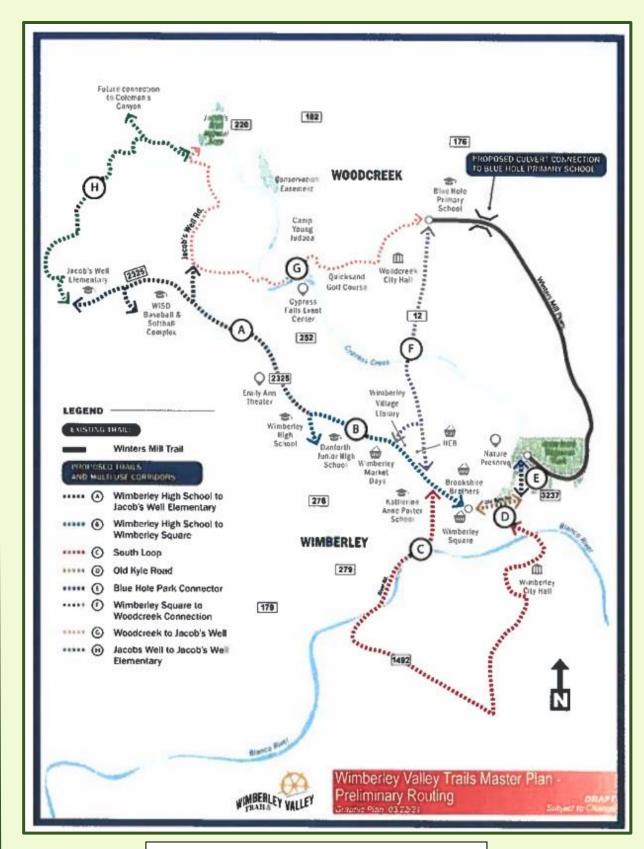


Image 68: Wimberley Valley Trails Project Preliminary Map

### Fiscal Systems

**GOAL:** Reduce the burden on taxpayers and over reliance on increasing ad valorem taxes to fund City projects.

# Strategy One: Maintain suitable reserves and manage the annual budget to reduce excess spending.

#### **Action Plan:**

- Decrease annual spending in the "Maintenance and Operation" portion of the budget to provide funds from ad valorem income for desired projects rather than drawing from reserves.
- Do not spend over \$500,000 of the Net Reserves and maintain no less than two months operating expenses set aside from the Committed Funds Balance in the General Fund.
- Utilize existing reserves, no more than half of the general fund reserves in any single year, to fund small projects rather than seeking more debt whenever possible.

# Strategy Two: Increase income outside of ad valorem taxes.

- Promote and support local business
- Use Woodcreek as the city designation for online purchases
- Consider increasing the Hotel Occupancy Tax from 0 to create special restricted funds to promote community, tourism, and city-wide improvements within the parameters of the local governing code.

### Strategy Three: Seek advantageous development and franchise agreements.

### **Action Plan:**

- Pursue advantageous annexation agreements for any new development in the ETJ seeking businesses and residencies that represent smart growth and economic muscle.
- Consider the creation of an Economic Development Plan and Committee to oversee these action items and create a policy to ensure the City can sustain itself.

### HOW MUCH AD VALOREM REVENUE DOES EACH DEVELOPMENT TYPE GENERATE PER ACRE?

Amounts represent revenue for the City of Woodcreek only. Amounts in italics represent estimates



Ad Valorem/Acre:



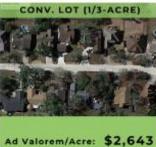




Ad Valorem/Acre: \$1,309



Ad Valorem/Acre: \$1,713





Ad Valorem/Acre: \$2,703







Image 69: Development Revenue Chart 1

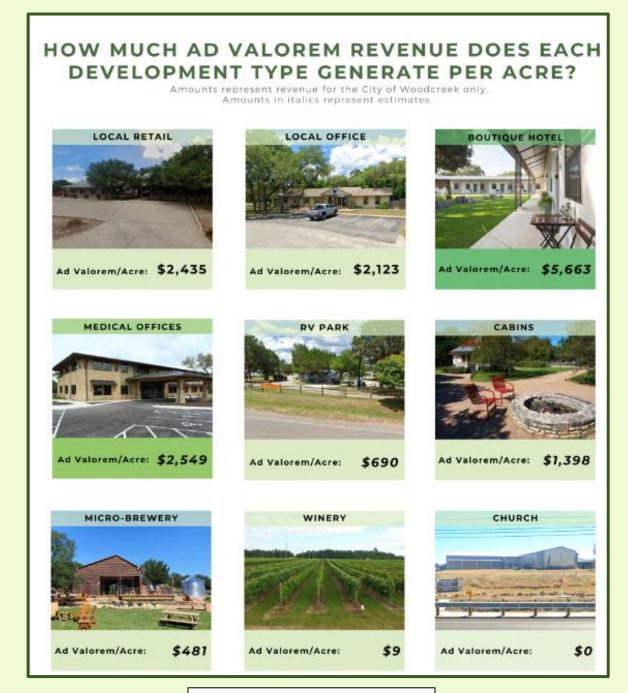


Image 70: Development Revenue Chart 2

### HOW MUCH AD VALOREM REVENUE DOES EACH **DEVELOPMENT TYPE GENERATE PER ACRE?**

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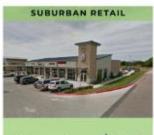


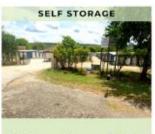
Ad Valorem/Acre: \$1,963

Ad Valorem/Acre: \$2,054

Ad Valorem/Acre: \$8,421







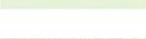












Image 71: Development Revenue Chart 3

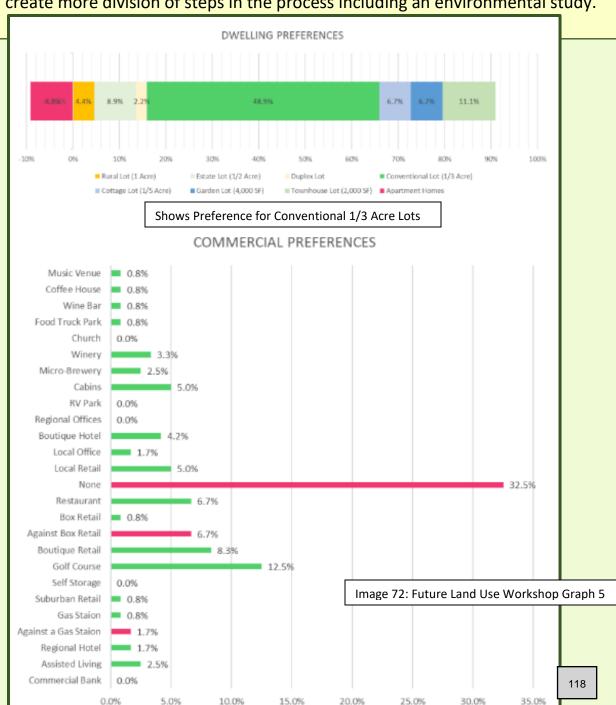
### Strategy Four: Pursue alternative and outside funding.

- Seek grants to fund desired projects rather than debt or the use of reserves.
- Encourage the Parks Board to pursue the formation of a citizenbased non-profit organization 501(c)(3) to raise funds for parks projects and walking trails.

**GOAL:** Maintain Woodcreek's character and promote sustainable resource management.

Strategy One: Preserve the rural and residential character of the community.

- Review and update building and development ordinances.
- Update the subdivision and platting requirements to make them stricter and create more division of steps in the process including an environmental study.



### Strategy Two: Protect the watershed.

- Limit impervious coverage
- Encourage sustainable building practice
- Promote water-wise landscaping practices
- Create protections in the Jacob's Well and Middle Trinity aquifer zones to limit development and minimize impervious coverage
- Utilize steep slopes and water quality management code to regulate development in the ETJ with the goal of managing impervious coverage and maintaining natural landscapes that work to reduce erosion and lessen the impacts of flooding.
- Encourage developers to utilize conservation style development in the ETJ and uphold parkland and greenspace regulations
- Enforce Heritage and Protected Tree preservation efforts

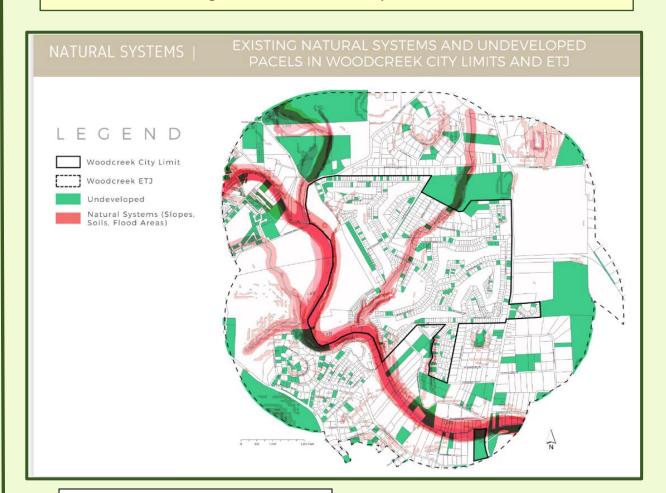
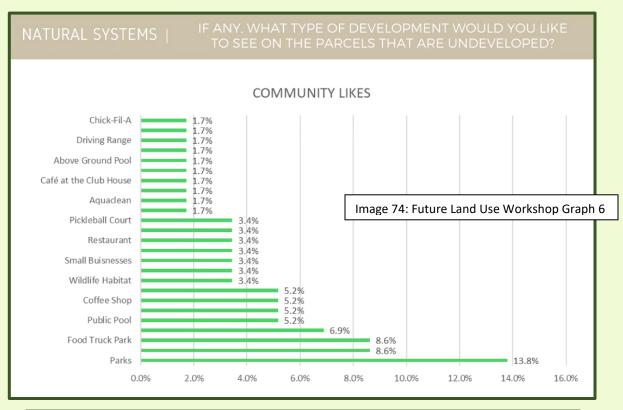
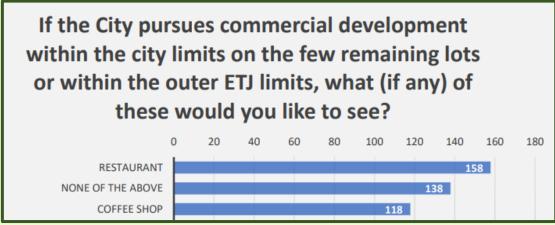


Image 73: Future Land Use Workshop Map 3

# **Strategy Three:** Seek to encourage development that aligns with resident preferences.

- Look for commercial opportunities that align with resident interests
- Do not duplicate the resources available in Wimberley
- Enforce minimal impact for resources such as water and encourage builders to utilize "one water" design principles
- Seek business that brings economic muscle: things that bring new money into the community rather than recirculating existing money or ones that take it away





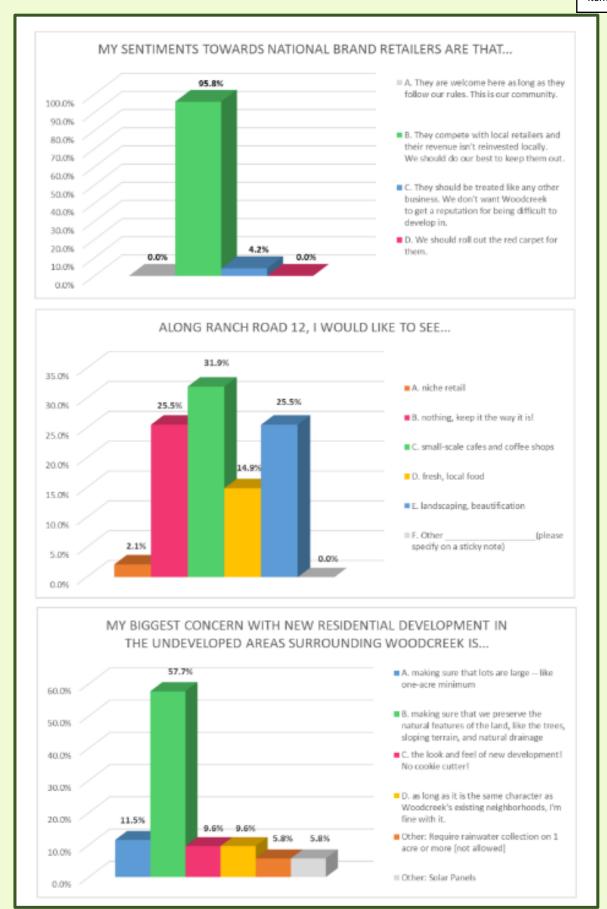
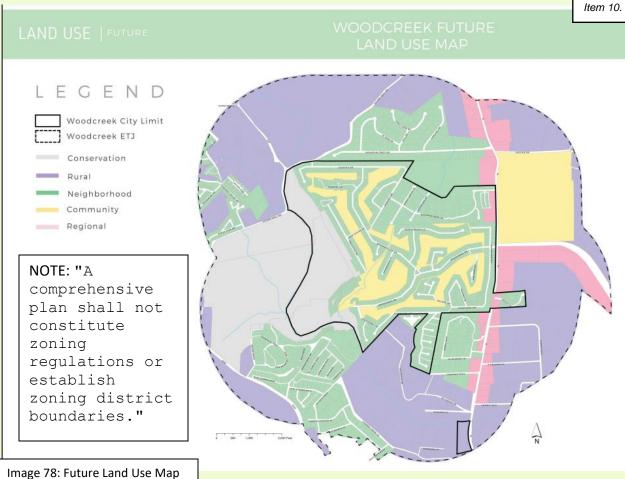
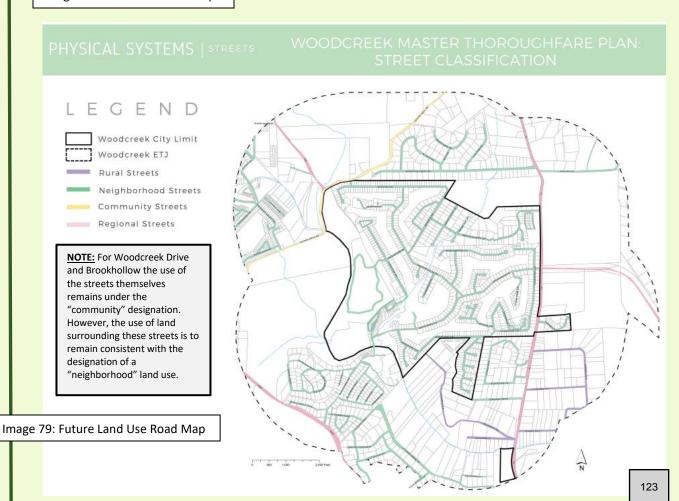


Image 76: Future Land Use Workshop Graph 7

# LAND USE TYPES: CLASSIFICATION AND TERMINOLOGY

SCALE/ LU CLASS	POSSIBLE ZONING	ACTIVITY	PRIMARY STREET FRONTAGE CLASS (Street Classification that the Majority of the Lot/Tract Abuts)			
			RURAL	NEIGHBORHOOD	COMMMUNITY	REGIONAL
NATURAL (no activity)	NWP, GB, P-I	Floodplains				
		Nature Preserves				
		Parks (unimproved)				
		Rivers				
		Wetlands				
		Wildlife Habitats				
RURAL	RR, P-I, R, CR	Agriculture				
		RV Park				
		Rural SF (>1 Ac.)				
		Outdoor Venue/Camp				
		Retreat - (Lodges/Cabins)				
NEIGHBORHOOD	SF 1-6	Estate (1/2 Ac.)				
		Conventional (1/3 Ac.)				
		Bungalow (1/5 Ac.)				
		Garden (1/10 Ac.)				
		Townhome				
	??	Manufactured Home				
	DU-1	Twin House (duplex/semi-detached)				
	NO	Neighborhood Office (>2,500 sf)				
	NC	Neighborhood Commercial (>2,500 sf)				
	MF 1	Apartment				
	G	Private School				
	4PLX	Big-House (quad-plex)				
	MF 2	Apartment				
	G	Church				
	G	Government				
COMMUNITY	R, PI, GB	City Park				
	G, U	Utility Services				
	MH 1	Manufactured Home Park				
	NC	Service & Repair (non-vehicular)				
	NC	Community Retail**/Restaurant***				
	NO	Medical/Professional Offices				
	NO	Medical Clinic				
REGIONAL	CR, R	Outdoor Entertainment & Recreation				
	CRR12	Gas Station				
	CRR12, G	University				
	TH/C, DU 1, 4PLX, MF 1, MF 2	Assisted-Living				
	CRR12	Vertical Mixed Use				
	CR	Indoor Entertainment & Recreation				
	CRR12	Service & Repair (vehicular)		<del>                                     </del>		
	CRR12, HCC	Hotel				
	NO NO	Bank		+		
	CRR12	Grocery/Market		+ -		
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	CRR13	Strip Contor				
	CRR12 CRR12	Strip Center Large Format Retail				





### Plan Roots

- Public engagement
- Reflects the priorities of Woodcreek residents
- Outlines expectations for action from city officials and staff to address these priorities
- Important for leaders to recognize that by implementing this plan, they will be serving their community and putting resources into projects identified as most needed by residents.

### Continual Review

- Important to recognize that this plan is intended to be reviewed and revised on a regular basis.
- Woodcreek and the greater Wimberley Valley are growing rapidly.
- Growth will lead to unforeseen challenges and opportunities that require a response.
- Plan provides direction and clear guidelines for how to navigate this anticipated development.
- New unanticipated issues will arise, and city leadership will need to turn to this plan for reference and guidance as they navigate each situation.
- Plan serves as a set of benchmarks for city leadership to aid in their planning and decision making.

### Framework for Decision Making

- Based on extensive public engagement
- A direct reflection of the residents
  - their demographics
  - their wish lists
  - their demands
  - o their needs
  - their priorities
- Key to successful implementation is to keep the plan in front of decision makers
- Decision makers must recognize it as a resource to guide their decisions, basing them on the priorities identified in the plan.
- When adjustments need to be made, or new priorities arise, they can be incorporated into the plan.
- The plan is a resource that serves to promote action and responsiveness from city leadership and ensures that the community collective vision for the City of Woodcreek is upheld.

### Planning for the Future

- The Comprehensive Plan shall need to be updated every four to six years.
- This will allow the community to address changes in demographics and any future needs that may arise.
- This document is not meant to be static or sit on a shelf. It is to be referenced often and updated at regular, planned intervals.
- By doing this, our community leaders are setting Woodcreek up with a foundation for success and ensuring the community thrives as a desirable place to live, work and play; a place where the local government listens to and works for its citizens.

### Implementation of Comprehensive Plan

**Phase 1:** Finalize the Comprehensive Plan, present to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review, and finally present to City Council for their review and approval.

**Phase 2:** Implement the strategies outlined under each focus group goal and fund identified projects.

**Phase 3:** Review of the Comprehensive Plan every two years by the Planning and Zoning Commission to assess the achievement of or progress towards each goal, effectiveness of strategies utilized, and to conduct an update of the citizen survey as needed. Survey updates should happen every 4 to 6 years.

**Phase 4:** Identify and reassess goals that are not being achieved or lag and adjust strategies and action plans accordingly. Additionally, on survey years, identify new goals outlined in the surveys and update the plan to address changes in the needs of the community as well as demographics.

**Phase 5:** Repeat Phases 3 and 4 every two years.

The City of Woodcreek is part of the Wimberley Valley, sharing this area surrounding the Blanco River and Cypress Creek with Wimberley and large unincorporated areas. As a predominantly residential City, Woodcreek depends on others in the Valley for public and private services: schools, medical, law enforcement, fire protection, library, entertainment, groceries, and other retail. Woodcreek residents share the challenges of growth and the impact of this growth on natural resources, primarily water supply, with all residents of the Valley. Traffic issues, overcrowding, expansions of schools, new recreational spaces, and other shared issues will be best addressed through Valley-wide efforts.

Protecting the Valley and its cherished beauty requires cooperation and information sharing among Woodcreek and Wimberley along with Hays County. When planning the future of Woodcreek, we must explore opportunities for sharing resources and services across entities. Promoting and supporting connection and community through projects like the Hays County Trails or those pending with Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission (POSAC) is important for the Woodcreek community and that of the whole Valley. The city must recognize the importance of planning as the decisions of Woodcreek impact the entire Valley. The City shall work to create liaisons with the County and Wimberley to promote this endeavor.

### Key Action Items

- Preserve the rural setting of Woodcreek by protecting trees and investing in parkland and greenspace.
- Repair roads and create a regular maintenance plan.
- Address pedestrian safety and create walking trails.
- Reduce the burden on taxpayers through an overreliance on increasing ad valorem income to fund projects.
- Improve and strengthen development regulations in order to reduce impact on the aquifer and maintain Woodcreek's character.

### Glossary

- Ad Valorem: Property taxes generated through a city's tax rate that are used for the maintenance and operation of a city in addition to debt service or they can be held in reserves.
- Annexation: the act of bring an area of land or collection of properties under the jurisdiction of a governing body. In this case, it refers to bringing land into the city limits for the purposes of taxation and to apply the City's code of ordinances. See Chapter 43 of the State of Texas Local Government Code for regulations.
- **Community Streets:** may have some commercial business mixed with residential lots, have higher volumes of traffic and may be used by non-residents to move through the area without stopping.
- **Economic development**: creation of wealth from which a community benefits and can include programs or policies that improve the economic well-being, quality of life, and financial stability of a community.
- **Economic muscle:** refers to the monetary benefits an organization brings to the community. Typically, a business that sells goods or services to non-community members and the funds remain the community has more "economic muscle" than those that send funds outside the community or only bring in business from the community itself.
- ETJ: Extraterritorial Jurisdiction is the area directly outside the City limits for which the City can enforce limited regulations. Property owners in this area can seek annexation into the City. This size of the ETJ is dependent upon the size of the City. Woodcreek's ETJ extends one half mile in all directions from the city limit boundaries.
- **Neighborhood Streets:** small, rural streets that only have residential lots and very low traffic
- **Regional Streets:** Connect the community with other communities and regions.
- **Rights-of-way:** these are typically streets but are any publicly used area of land utilized or meant for transportation which includes that of motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and other forms.
- **Riparian:** Transitional zones that occur along aquatic environments, such as rivers and creeks, that bridge the upper dried land with lower wetlands directly adjacent to the water.
- Steep slopes: site slanting by more than 25%. Preserving this type of landscape is beneficial to water quality.

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Action Items – Items in (RED) are input from the review process.

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 Four target areas identified – Natural Systems, physical systems, fiscal systems, and land use

#### **Natural Systems**

**Goal** - Preserve Woodcreek's natural, rural setting

#### **Strategy 1: Protect What Exists**

- a) Enforce protective regulations for trees (Created Tree Board, New Tree ordinances and protections in place, Woodcreek earned Tree City USA designation, Park clean up held for 2023 Earth Day)
- b) Community education programs for (Has not been visible to community, Area to be addressed more in future)
  - Rainwater collection
  - Oak wilt
  - Drought tolerant landscaping
  - Reducing chemical use in landscaping
- c) Incentivize rainwater collection (Being addressed)
- d) Protect impervious cover limits and create regulations for Middle Trinity and Jacob's Well Recharge Zones (Currently in Ordinances)
- e) Create Green Building initiatives (Progress pending)
- f) Promote protection of natural habitats and ecosystems
- g) Participate in Annual Arbor Day events and promote tree planting (Great progress noted)
- h) Invest in public land through tree care, planting, watering and other activities to improve public spaces (Addition of parks)

#### **Strategy 2: Increase and Improve Parks and Greenspaces**

- a) Update Parks Master Plan (Not done as of review)
- Pursue purchase of additional parkland or greenspace (Some progress)
- c) Review and revise plating and subdivision codes to promote more greenspace allocation in design (In process)
- d) Pursue grants and other funding to improve park amenities with a playscape as top priority (POSAC Granrt made improvements possible Gazebo at Triangle, Playground at Creekside and August Park game tables. Permanent bathroom at Creekside is in approval process. Gazebo has garden and possible raincollection

- in planning stage. Brookmeadow Island at Augusta is a pollinator garden)
- e) Consider and plan to achieve goal of community pool (Not at this review time)
- f) Consider placement of a dog park (Not at this review time)

#### **Physical Systems**

**Goal:** Improve existing structures with focus on roads and mobility

# Strategy 1: Re-negotiate franchise agreements to lower rates and improve customer service (City of Woodcreek has little input in rates)

- a) Electricity survey showed general satisfaction with PEC.(PEC is a coop and imposed new rates through their own process)
- b) Water and Sewer survey showed low satisfaction ratings for Aqua Texas. This public utility should be seen as a high priority for action (Working with Aqua Texas – New personnel and resources brought in. Positive changes in customer service and infrastructure repairs)
- c) Cable/Internet survey showed general satisfaction with Spectrum with noted outages, rising costs and slowness/connectivity
- d) Telephone Fewer people are using landlines
- e) Trash/Recycling survey showed satisfactory rating for Waste Connections (Working with Waste Connections during major events for bulk pick ups and other days as needed)

# Strategy 2: Repair all roads in the City of Woodcreek and create a long-term maintenance plan (Road bond passed – all roads, except Deerfield, received new surfacing. Community Block Grant awarded to Woodcreek for Deerfield area. Freeland-Turk hired to address city-wide drainage issues. City-wide signage programs being developed)

- a) Develop a Master Transportation Plan and Policy Platinum Roads Panel (Master Transportation Plan is really a Road Maintenance Plan and the Platinum Roads Panel has become the Infrastructure and Mobility Planning Board)
- **b)** Finish the creation of the Capital Improvements Plan Platinum Roads Panel (Change to Infrastructure and Mobiliity Planning Board)
- c) Pursue grants and alternative funding sources (ongoing)
- **d)** Address drainage and traffic calming with road improvements (ongoing)

Strategy 3: Create walking trails to address pedestrian safety (Assigned to Infrastructure and Mobility Planning Board – No action as of this review)

- a) Seek alternative funding through grants
- b) Work with the Hays County on existing trails projects
- c) Obtain engineering studies to work on placement of trails in the community
- d) Utilize citizen feedback to create a plan and prioritize routes
- e) Create a timeline for execution of plan, including funding

#### Fiscal Systems

**Goal**: Reduce the burden on taxpayers and over reliance on increasing ad valorem taxes to fund city projects

Strategy 1: Maintain suitable reserves and manage the annual budget to reduce excess spending (Funding and budget process has changed to a Fund Balance system to allow for individual fund balances for future projects. This is to identify specific funds rather than using a general reserve fund.

- a) Decrease annual spending in Maintenance and Operations budget area to provide funds for projects instead of using reserve funds
- b) Do not spend over \$500,000 of the Net Reserves and maintain 2 months of operating expenses from the Committed Funds Balance in the General Fund
- c) Utilize existing reserves, no more than half of the General Fund reserves in any single year, to fund small projects rather seeking more debt.

#### Strategy 2: Increase income outside of ad valorem taxes

- a) Promote local businesses (Cigar Lounge opened and new golf course owners are adding new resources – Grill and holding events
- b) Use Woodcreek as the city designation for online purchases (This has been openly encouraged)
- c) Consider increasing the Hotel Occupancy Tax from 0 to create special restricted funds to promote community, tourism and citywide improvements as allowed by governing code (HOT committee formed to review possibilities)

Strategy 3: Seek advantageous development and franchise agreements (This may be a mute point with recent legislative changes to ETJs, land owners are leaving the ETJ)

- a) Pursue advantageous annexation agreements for any new development in the ETJ
- b) Consider creation of an Economic Development Plan Committee to oversee these actions and create policy to ensure the City can sustain itself

#### Strategy 4: Pursue alternative and outside funding

- a) Seek grants to fund desired projects (ongoing Gtant Applications for rainwater collection at City Hall, Community Block Grant, POSAC grant, Aqua Texas donated a water fountain for the Triangle, Community Garden and Boy Scout/Master Gardener project at August park
- b) Encourage Parks Board to pursue a citizen based non-profit 501(c)
   )(3) to raise funds for parks projects and walking trails (In process

   Friends of Woodcreek non-profit is pending, )

#### **Land Use**

**Goal:** Maintain Woodcreek's Character and promote sustainable resource management

Strategy 1: Preserve the rural and residential character of the community (Some progress – Committee to review code revision. Brookmeadow Overlay to create 1 acre minimum lot size)

- a) Review and update building and development ordinances
- b) Update subdivision and platting requirements more strict with regard to division steps and include environmental study

Strategy 2: Protect the watershed (Water Task Force formed to address water consercvation in Woodcreek)

- a) Limit impervious coverage
- b) Encourage sustainable building practices
- c) Promote water-wise landscaping
- d) Create protections in the Jacob's Well and Middle Trinity Aquifer recharge zones to limit development and minimize impervious coverage
- e) Utilize steep slopes and water quality management code to regulate development in the ETJ managing impervious cover and maintaining natural landscapes to minimize erosion and less impact of flooding

- f) Encourage developers to utilize conservation style development in the ETJ and uphold parkland and greenspace regulations
- g) Enforce the Heritage and Protected Tree preservation efforts

### Strategy 3: Seek to encourage development that aligns with resident preferences

- a) Look for commercial opportunities that align with residents interest
- b) Do not duplicate resources available in Wimberley
- c) Enforce minimal impact for resources, such as water.
- d) Seek business that bring new money into the community rather than re-circulate existing income or one that takes away income.

### **Citizen Survey**

(DRAFT)

The City of Woodcreek is seeking to address pedestrian safety/mobility, frequently listed in surveys as an area of concern with a call for action. Funding for such projects will be sought through grants, but will likely require the allocation of tax dollars. The following questions pertain to this topic and seek to gather a better understanding of what citizens are seeking from the City to address this need.

1. Please rate the following roads in priority for addressing pedestrian mobility.
1 is the top priority, please rate ALL options
Woodcreek Drive
Brookhollow Drive
Augusta Drive
Brookmeadow Drive
Champion Circle
None / Do nothing
A road of your choice – write in response
2. To address pedestrian mobility there are an array of options for design. Please rate your preference and do keep in mind that the costs may vary significantly between choices.
1 is the most preferred, please rate ALL options
ADA compliant concrete sidewalks, one side of the road in City easement
ADA compliant crushed granite walking trails, one side of the road in City easement
Striping (paint) to create a designated walking area on the edge of the existing road
None / Do nothing
A design of your choice – write in response

# 2020 Census screen shots

An official website of the United States government



https://data.census.gov/profile/Woodcreek\_city,\_Texas?g=160XX00US4880058

Place

### **Woodcreek city, Texas**

Woodcreek city, Texas is a city, town, place equivalent, and township located in Texas.



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#### Populations and People

Total Population

1,770

P1 2020 Decennial Census



#### Education

Bachelor's Degree or Higher

48.4%

S1501 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



#### Housing

Total Housing Units

910

H1 | 2020 Decennial Census



#### Families and Living Arrangements

Total Households

1,128

DP02 | 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



#### Income and Poverty

Median Household Income

\$80,227

\$1901 | 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



#### **Employment**

**Employment Rate** 

44.5%

DP03 | 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



#### Health

Without Health Care Coverage

8.3%

S2701 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



#### Race and Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino (of any race)

176

P9 2020 Decennial Census

# **Populations and People**

### **Age and Sex**

51.9 ± 6.5

Median Age in Woodcreek city, Texas

 $35.6 \pm 0.1$ 

Median Age in Texas

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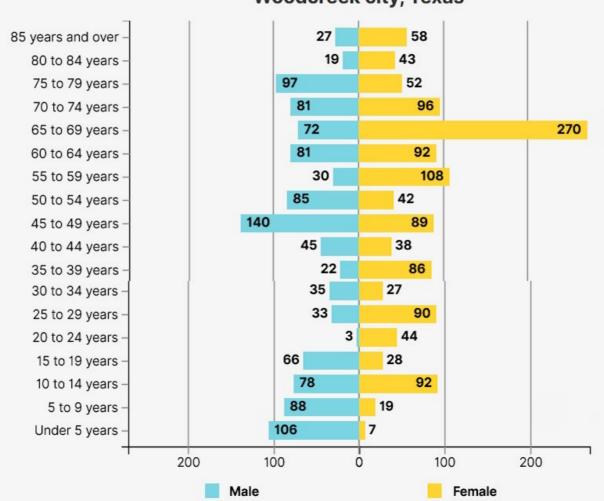


in Woodcreek city, Texas



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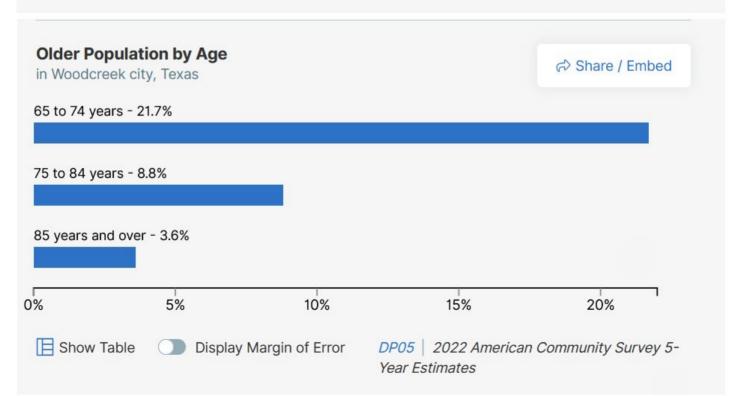
34.1% ± 9.6%

65 Years and Older in Woodcreek city, Texas

13.4% ± 0.1%

65 Years and Older in Texas

DP05 | 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



## **Income and Poverty**

### **Income and Earnings**

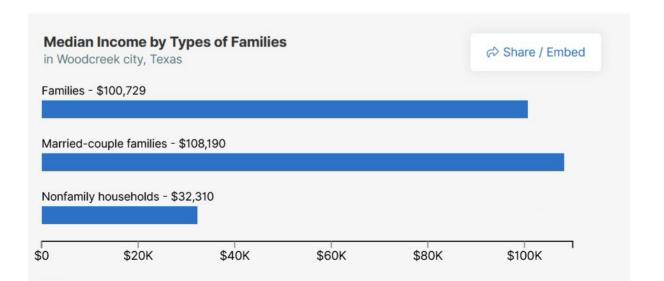
\$80,227 ± \$28,050

Median Household Income in Woodcreek city, Texas

\$72,284 ± \$443

Median Household Income in Texas

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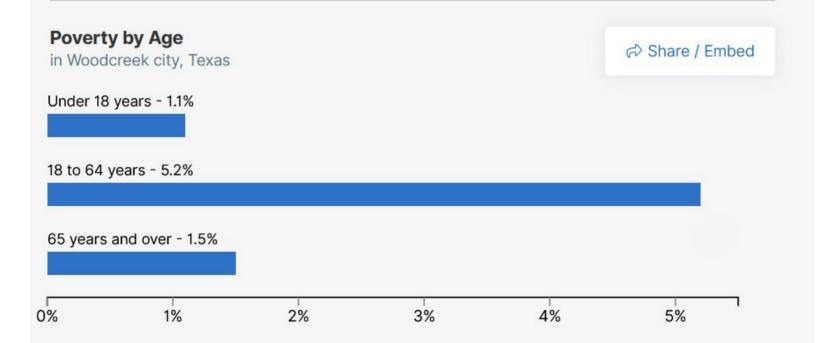
3.2% ± 2.5%

Poverty, All people in Woodcreek city, Texas

14.0% ± 0.2%

Poverty, All people in Texas

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### **Education**

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#### **Educational Attainment**

48.4% ± 11.2%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Woodcreek city, Texas

33.9% ± 0.3%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Texas

#### **Education Attainment (Population 25 Years and Older)**

in Woodcreek city, Texas

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High school or equivalent degree - 9.3%

Some college, no degree - 33.4%

Associate's degree - 3.9%

Bachelor's degree - 32.3%

Graduate or professional degree - 16.1%

### **School Enrollment**

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81.9% ± 8.4%

School Enrolled Population Enrolled in Kindergarten to 12th Grade in Woodcreek city, Texas

70.9% ± 0.3%

School Enrolled Population Enrolled in Kindergarten to 12th Grade in Texas

### School Enrollment (Population 3 Years and Over Enrolled i...

in Woodcreek city, Texas

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80%

Nursery school, preschool - 13.3%



Kindergarten to 12th grade - 81.9%

College, undergraduate - 3.3%



Graduate, professional school - 1.5%





# **Employment**

#### Class of Worker

16.6% ± 7.5%

Local, state, and federal government workers in Woodcreek city, Texas

13.9% ± 0.2%

Local, state, and federal government workers in Texas

#### Class of Worker

in Woodcreek city, Texas

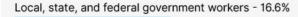
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Employee of private company workers - 50.6%

Self-employed in own incorporated business workers - 4.2%



Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers - 12.2%



Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers and unpaid family workers - 16.4%

)% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50%



30.3 ± 6.8

Average travel time to work (in minutes) in Woodcreek city, Texas

**26.7** ± 0.2

Average travel time to work (in minutes) in Texas

Means of Transportation to Work (Workers 16 Years and O... in Woodcreek city, Texas

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Drove alone - 76.5%

Carpool - 4.3%



Public transportation - 0.0%

Walked - 0.0%

Bicycle - 0.0%

Taxicab, motorcycle, or other means - 0.0%

20%

Worked from home - 19.2%

## Housing

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#### **Financial Characteristics**

\$1,745 ± \$56

Median Gross Rent in Woodcreek city, Texas

\$1,290 ± \$7

Median Gross Rent in Texas

#### **Occupied Units Paying Rent**

in Woodcreek city, Texas

Less than \$500 - 0.0%

\$500 to \$999 - 1.4%

\$1,000 to \$1,499 - 10.8%

\$1,500 to \$1,999 - 77.2%

\$2,000 to \$2,499 - 9.0%

\$2,500 to \$2,999 - 1.6%

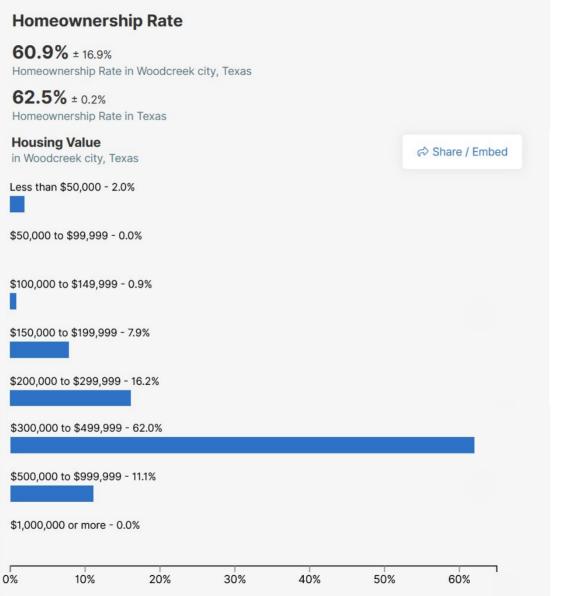
0%

\$3,000 or more - 0.0%

149

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80%



# Housing Units

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910

Total Housing Units in Woodcreek city, Texas

11,589,324

Total Housing Units in Texas

### **Housing Occupancy**

in Woodcreek city, Texas

Occupied housing units - 830

Vacant housing units - 80



200

0 400

600

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2020 Decennial Census

800

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### **Occupancy Characteristics**

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830

Occupied Housing Units in Woodcreek city, Texas

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### Owner Occupied Housing Units by Types of Households

in Woodcreek city, Texas

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Married-couple family - 389

Male householder, no spouse present - 14



Female householder, no spouse present - 45



100

200

300

### Owner/Renter (Householder) Characteristics

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2.7% ± 2.3%

Moved 2021 or Later Into Occupied Housing Unit in Woodcreek city, Texas

22.2% ± 0.2%

Moved 2021 or Later Into Occupied Housing Unit in Texas

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### Moved 2021 or Later Into Occupied Housing Unit by Type of Units

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Owner-occupied housing units - 3.9%

in Woodcreek city, Texas

Renter-occupied housing units - 0.9%

Health

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11.3% ± 4.1%

Disabled Population in Woodcreek city, Texas

12.4% ± 0.1%

Disabled Population in Texas



in Woodcreek city, Texas

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Hearing difficulty - 4.7%

Vision difficulty - 2.0%

Cognitive difficulty - 2.8%

Ambulatory difficulty - 5.4%

Self-care difficulty - 3.1%

Independent living difficulty - 4.8%

3%

4%

5%

155

### **Families and Living Arrangements**



18.7% ± 4.9%

Under 18 years old in Woodcreek city, Texas

24.8% ± 0.1%

Under 18 years old in Texas

### Children Under 18 by Age Range

in Woodcreek city, Texas

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Under 5 years - 4.7%

5 to 14 years - 11.6%

15 to 17 years - 2.4%

0% 2% 4% 6% 8% 10% 12%