

North Texas Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

January 29, 2025



North Central Texas
Council of Governments

RISE Coalition Website: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition>
RISE Coalition Committee Page: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/regional-integration-of-sustainability-efforts-ris>

Welcome and Introductions

- [Virtual attendance form](#) today in-lieu of sign-in sheet.
- Please keep your microphone on mute unless you are speaking.
- Use the "raise hand" feature if you'd like to speak. When called on, state your name and the entity you are representing.
- Approval of action items will still be done by a voice vote. Please only vote if you are a member of the RISE Coalition.

January 29, 2025

RISE Coalition Agenda

Welcome

- 1) Welcome and Introductions

Presentation

- 2) Texan by Nature Presentation

Action Items

- 3) Meeting Summary

Discussion

- 4) FY2025 Work Plan and Project Updates

Information Items

- 5) FY2025 Member Cost Share Commitments

- 6) Bylaws Task Force

- 7) 89th Texas Legislative Session Update

- 8) NCTCOG Regional Opportunities

Other Business

- 9) Participant Roundtable

- 10) Future Agenda Items

- 11) Next Meeting Date

Demonstrating Return on Conservation™

Joni Carswell, CEO and President,
Texan by Nature



TEXAN  NATURE™

We Exist to Advance Conservation

Texan by Nature brings **conservation** and **business** together. We connect the brightest minds and projects with the strongest resources and funding to make the biggest impact for Texans, our economy, and our natural world.

Accelerator. Strategic Resource.





Catalyze

Provide resources, recognition, thought leadership, and capacity for acceleration.

Conservation
Wrangler

Texas Water Action
Collaborative

Texan by Nature 20

TxN Certification

Convene

Bring experts, partners, and members together for action.

Conservation
Summit

Roundtables

Statewide Initiatives
(ROC, TxWAC)

Connect

Develop and broker trusted relationships.

Conservation Partner

Membership





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RETURN ON CONSERVATION™ REPORT

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Biggest Issues – TxN View

- Lack of Standard Data and Methodologies
- Lack of System Thinking
- Fragmentation / Too Many Decision Makers
- Scarcity Mindset / Budgeting
- Lack of Business Case Examples and Tools



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RETURN ON CONSERVATION™ FRAMEWORK

A framework for understanding and analyzing the return realized by investing in conservation, encompassing positive financial, human, and natural resource impact.





RETURN ON CONSERVATION™ FRAMEWORK

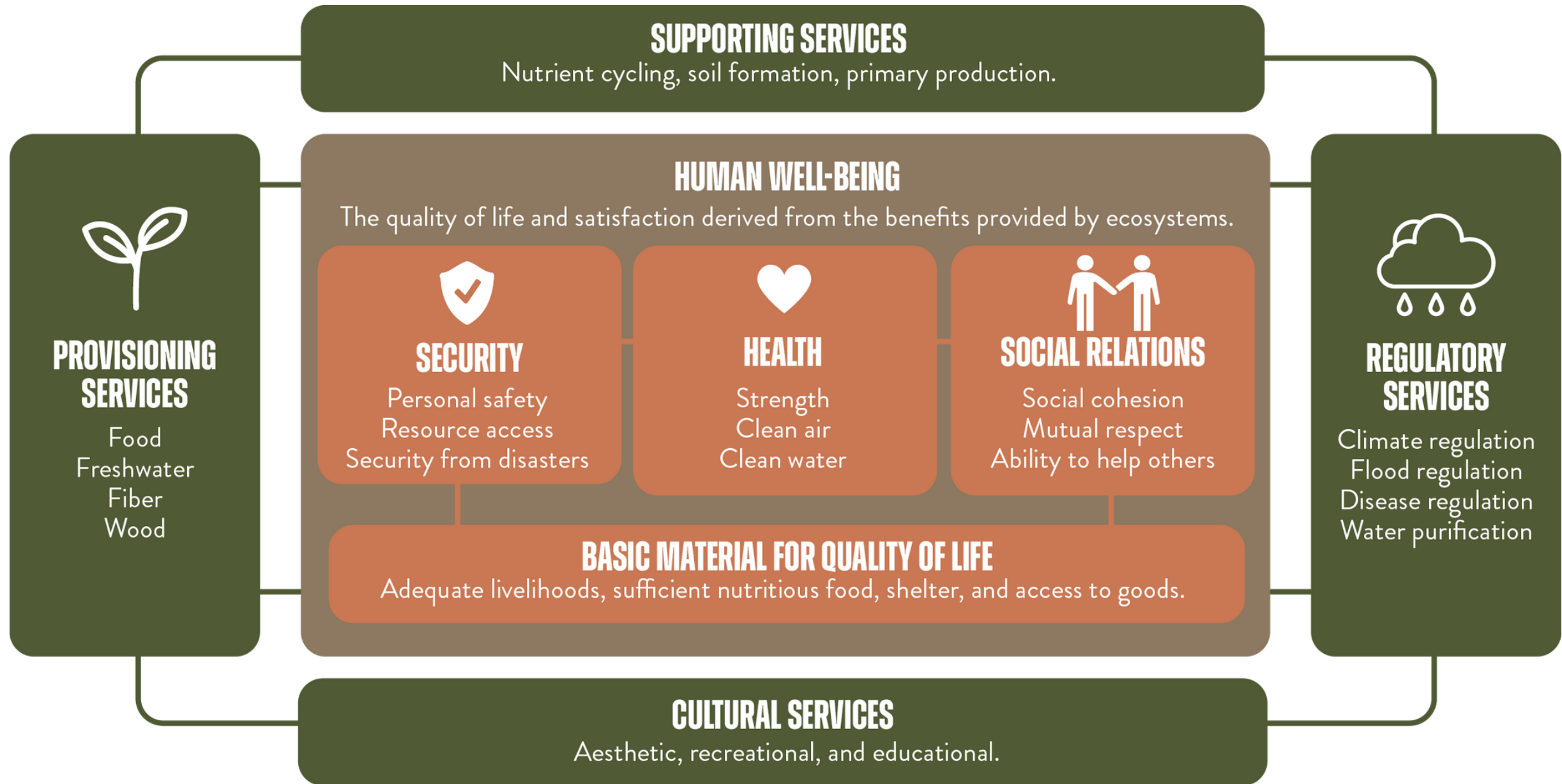
How do we evaluate projects?

How do we achieve the greatest impact?

How do we measure success?

How do we report in a way that is most beneficial and widely understood?





\$639 MILLION

IN CONSERVATION INVESTMENT

\$2.8 BILLION

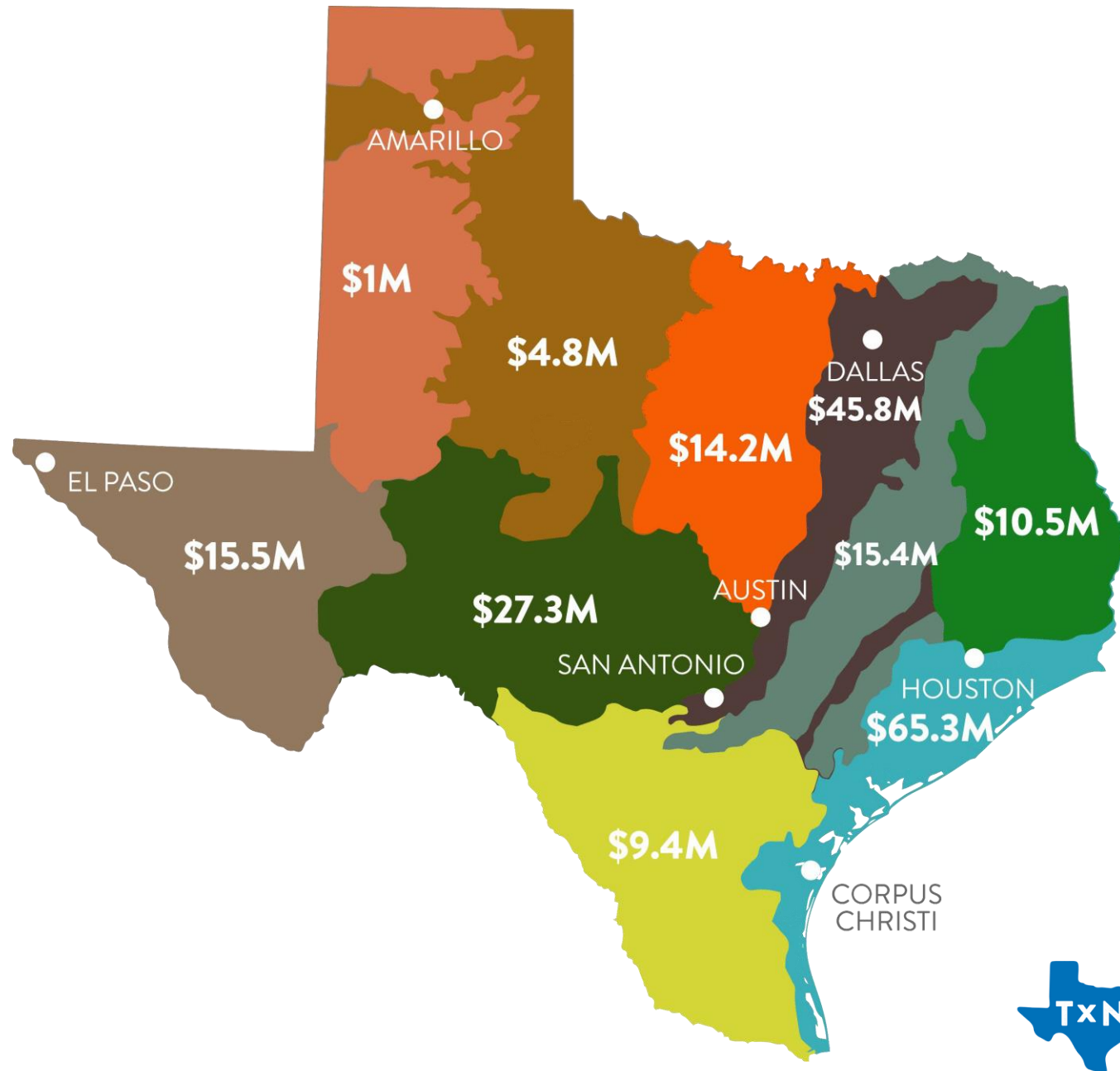
IN RETURN ON CONSERVATION™ VALUE IN FY 2019.

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RETURN RATIO



Texas Conservation Spend by Ecoregion 2019

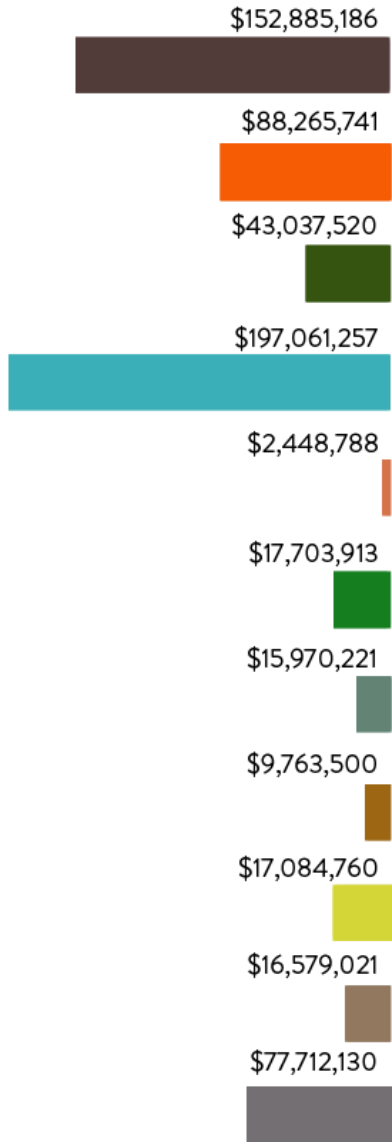


*Included: 501c3 conservation nonprofits, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Texas Forest Service

**Not Included: Private landowners, Universities, Municipalities, National Parks

CONSERVATION INVESTMENT

\$638,512,037



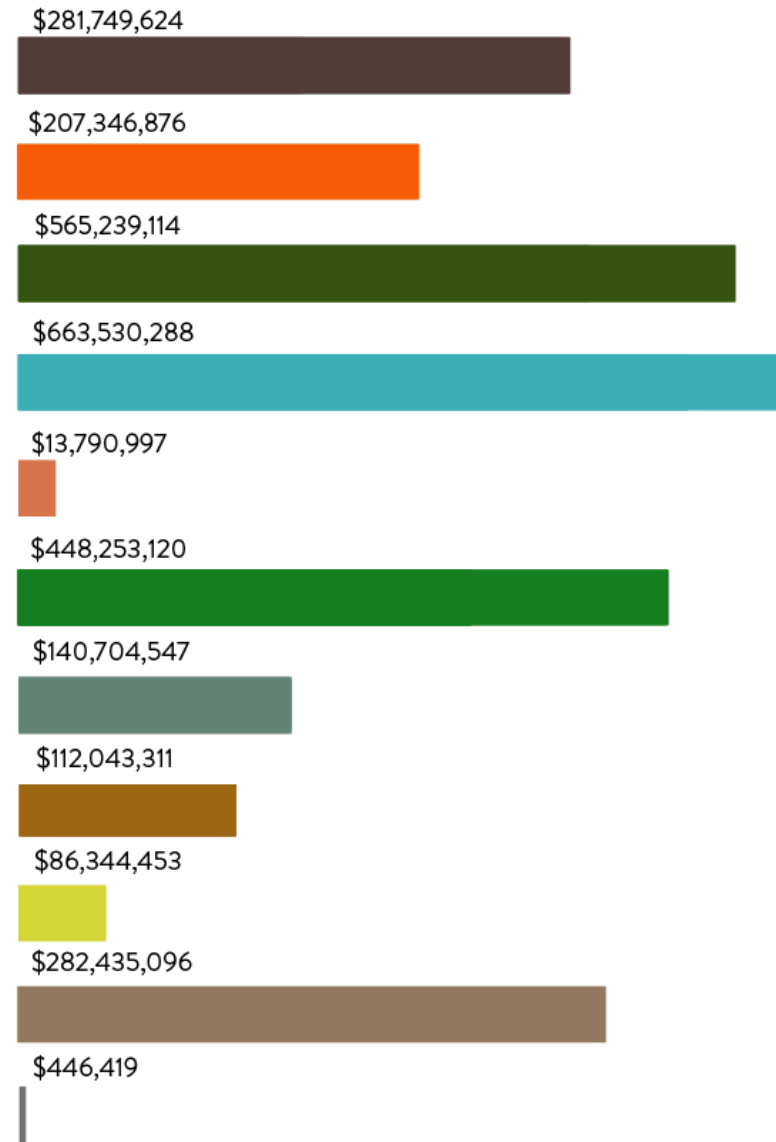
STATEWIDE RATIO

\$4.39



TOTAL RETURN ON CONSERVATION™ VALUE

\$2,801,883,846





RETURN ON CONSERVATION™ FRAMEWORK

HOW TO USE:

- Business case creation & evaluation
- Opportunity identification
- Impact forecasting / Goal setting
- Impact Reporting



Resources and Opportunities

- Utilize report and graphics: [Return on Conservation™ Report – Texan By Nature](#)
- Submit data: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ROCdata>
- Submit feedback: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ROCfeedback24>
- [Utilize the business casemaker](#)
- Talk to us about research opportunities or report use: info@texanbynature.org





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Action Items

Meeting Summary

Vote to Approve October 30, 2024, [Meeting Summary](#).

Discussion

FY2025 Work Plan and Updates

- [FY2025 Work Plan](#) was approved at the July meeting
- **Summary of FY2025 Goals:**
 - Hold up to 4 public meetings
 - Support work on Climate Action Plan
 - Establish at least 1 partnership with a local university
 - Host 2-3 webinars or workshops on key topics of interest
 - Administer FY2025 CLIDE Awards
 - Conduct Regional Sustainability Survey

Current Focus Topics



Regional Emissions Assessment



Resilience Hubs



Engaging with Communities on Sustainability



Incorporating Regional Greenspaces



2026 FIFA World Cup

Discussion

Task 3. Regional Collaboration and Capacity Building

- NCTCOG/SPEER Advancing Campus Sustainability Workshop - January 16, 2024
 - Representation from universities and colleges from throughout the region, including UTD, UTA, UNT, SMU, TCCD, and Dallas College
 - [Workshop materials posted on Conserve North Texas](#)
- CDE Newsletter – Regional Colleges and Universities Highlight
 - [December Newsletter](#) featured Southern Methodist University
 - Highlighted Sustainability and Development Program and the Hunt Institute

Discussion

Task 4. Educational Resources

Workshops/ Webinars

- Order of interest for topics, based on survey responses
 1. Engaging with Communities on Sustainability
 2. Incorporating Regional Greenspaces
 3. Resilience Hubs
- Coordinating a workshop on engaging communities in coming months
 - Specific aspects of sustainability to focus on? Specific communities?

Newsletter

- [December Newsletter](#) - Feedback on content?

Discussion

Task 5. Administer Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Awards

- Created to encourage innovative development projects, recognizing projects and programs exemplifying the [Principles of Development Excellence](#)
- Application will open on the [Center of Development Excellence website](#) **February 3rd, 2025**, and will be accepted through **February 28th**.

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CATEGORIES FOR SUBMITTAL

New Development

Projects on previously undeveloped sites exemplifying many Principles of Development Excellence.

Redevelopment

Projects that reuse or rebuild existing structures, exemplifying many Principles of Development Excellence.

Special Development

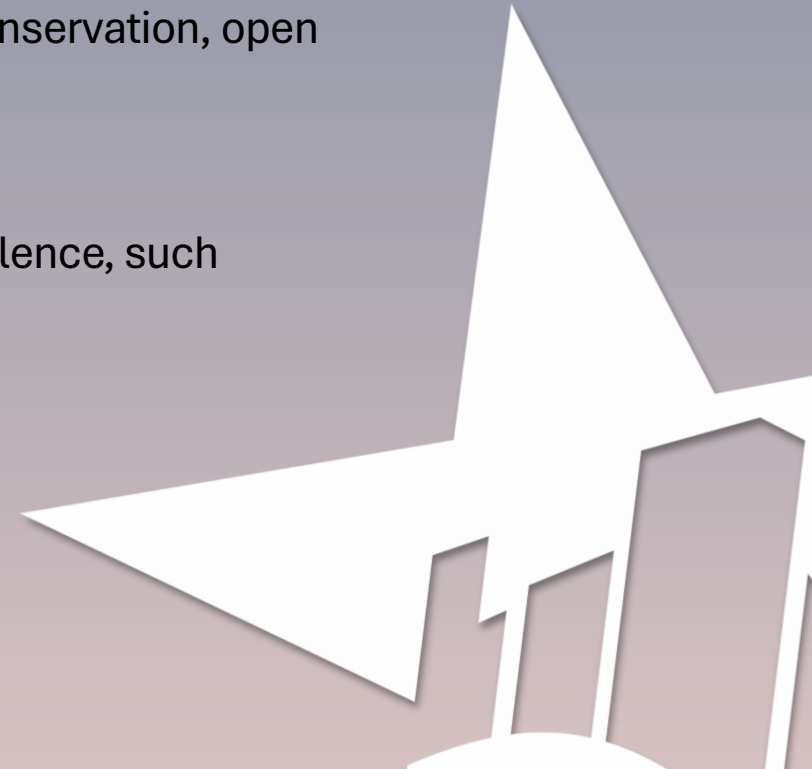
Projects that excel in promoting one or two Principles of Development Excellence, which could include Environmental Stewardship. Examples include sustainable infrastructure, energy conservation, open space or trail projects, and low-impact development.

Raising Public Awareness

Organizations or individuals that have educated the public about development excellence, such as through media stories or public education campaigns.

Public Policy and Planning

Entities that have adopted policies or programs related to Principles of Development Excellence. Examples include mixed-use policies, open space protection, historic preservation, design standards, and comprehensive plans.



Discussion

SECO Contract Scope of Work – LEED for Cities

- [Applications are now open](#) for USGBC's 2025 LEED for Cities Certification Cohort
 - Applications open through February 14th
 - 2025 cohort to commence April 1st
- Looking to facilitate a NCTCOG roundtable for past and current participants to exchange information and ideas
 - Are any cities planning to apply for the 2025 cohort?
 - What specific information would you find helpful?
 - When would a roundtable exchange be most beneficial?

Discussion

SECO Contract Scope of Work – Energy and Water Conservation Signage for Municipally Owned Buildings

- NCTCOG staff is drafting energy and water conservation signage to promote behavioral change among municipal building occupants
- We are seeking feedback on the messages NCTCOG staff should prioritize in developing this deliverable

Discussion

SECO Contract Scope of Work – Energy and Water Conservation Signage for Municipally Owned Buildings

Example:

Let the light in!

Approximately 30% of a building's electric load comes from electric lighting, so utilize natural lighting when possible to reduce both energy usage and cost.

Discussion

SECO Contract Scope of Work – Energy and Water Conservation Signage for Municipally Owned Buildings

Example:

Open the blinds and let the sun shine!

Turn off artificial lights and choose to use natural lighting instead! This change not only helps lower energy usage and costs, but can also improve your productivity and happiness.

Discussion

SECO Contract Scope of Work – Energy and Water Conservation Signage for Municipally Owned Buildings

Example:

Lighten your load and unplug!

Many electronics continue to draw power even when turned off, so unplug devices like TV's, chargers, and kitchen appliances when not in use to save energy and extend your device's lifespan.

Discussion

SECO Contract Scope of Work – Energy and Water Conservation Signage for Municipally Owned Buildings

Example:

Wash your loads on cold!

With 90% of the energy used by washing machines going towards heating the water, making the switch from hot to cold is an easy way to see significant energy savings.

Information Items

FY2025 Cost Shares

Cost shares have been received from:

- City of Cedar Hill
- City of Dallas
- City of Farmers Branch
- City of Grand Prairie
- City of Plano
- Tarrant Regional Water District

Current commitments: \$10,675

If you are interested in becoming a cost sharing member, please email Corinne Buckley at cbuckley@nctcog.org to request an invoice.

2024 Population (NCTCOG Estimates)	Cost-Share
1 million+	\$3,750
750,000 - 999,999	\$3,500
500,000 - 749,999	\$3,000
350,000 - 499,999	\$2,500
200,000 - 349,999	\$2,075
100,000 - 199,999	\$1,625
50,000 - 99,999	\$1,075
25,000 - 49,999	\$700
10,000 - 24,999	\$500
Less than 10,000	\$250
Other Local Government Partners	\$1,000

Informational Items

Bylaws Task Force Recommendations

- The Bylaws Task Force met twice to discuss recommended changes to the RISE Coalition Bylaws
- Revised bylaws were emailed out to RISE Coalition members on Monday to review
- [Revised bylaws](#)

Informational Items

Bylaws Task Force Recommendations

- Shortening Chair and Vice Chair terms from two years to one year
- Expanding membership to include transit agencies, universities, and non-profit environmental/public interest groups related to sustainability
- Reducing membership terms to one year, with membership contingent on paying cost shares

To allow members adequate time to review, a vote to approve the recommended changes to the bylaws will be conducted electronically.

Informational Items

89th Texas Legislative Session Update*

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Status
HB 1438	Zweiner	Relating to climate change planning and reporting.	Introduced (11/21/2024)
HB 866	Reynolds	Relating to the creation of the Climate Change Impact Assessment Council.	Introduced (11/12/2024)
HJR 27	Goodwin	Proposing a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to a clean and healthy environment.	Introduced (11/12/2024)

Informational Items

89th Texas Legislative Session Update*

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Status	Companion Bill
HB 941	Cain	Relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities.	Introduced (11/12/2024)	SB 75
HB 1360	Hernandez	Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the construction or alteration of residential or commercial buildings.	Introduced (11/15/2024)	SB 783

[Full Matrix Available Here](#)

Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan

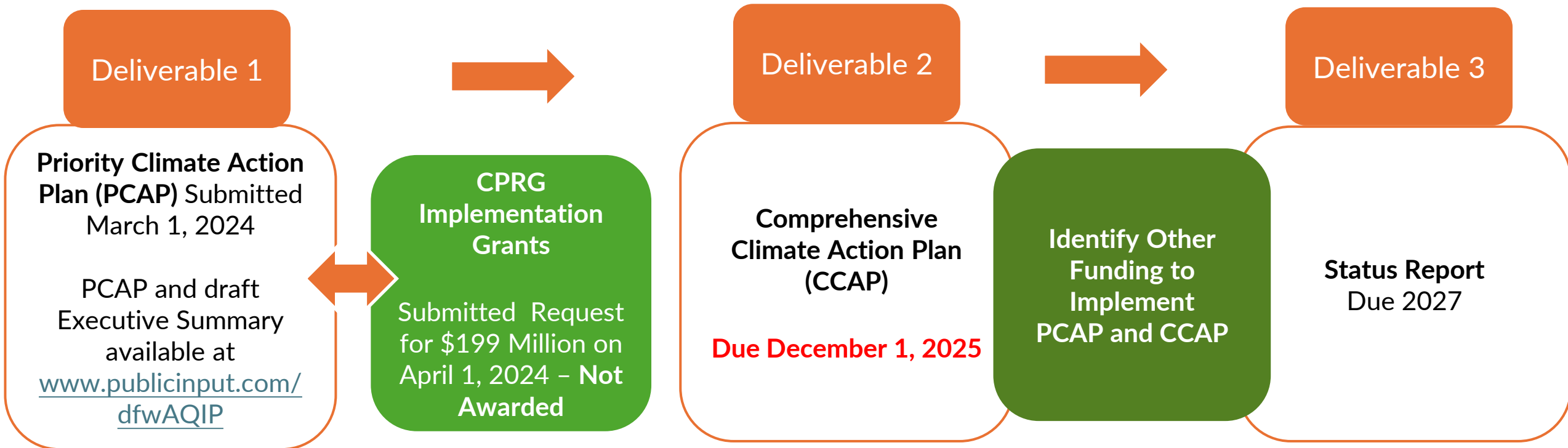
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Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan

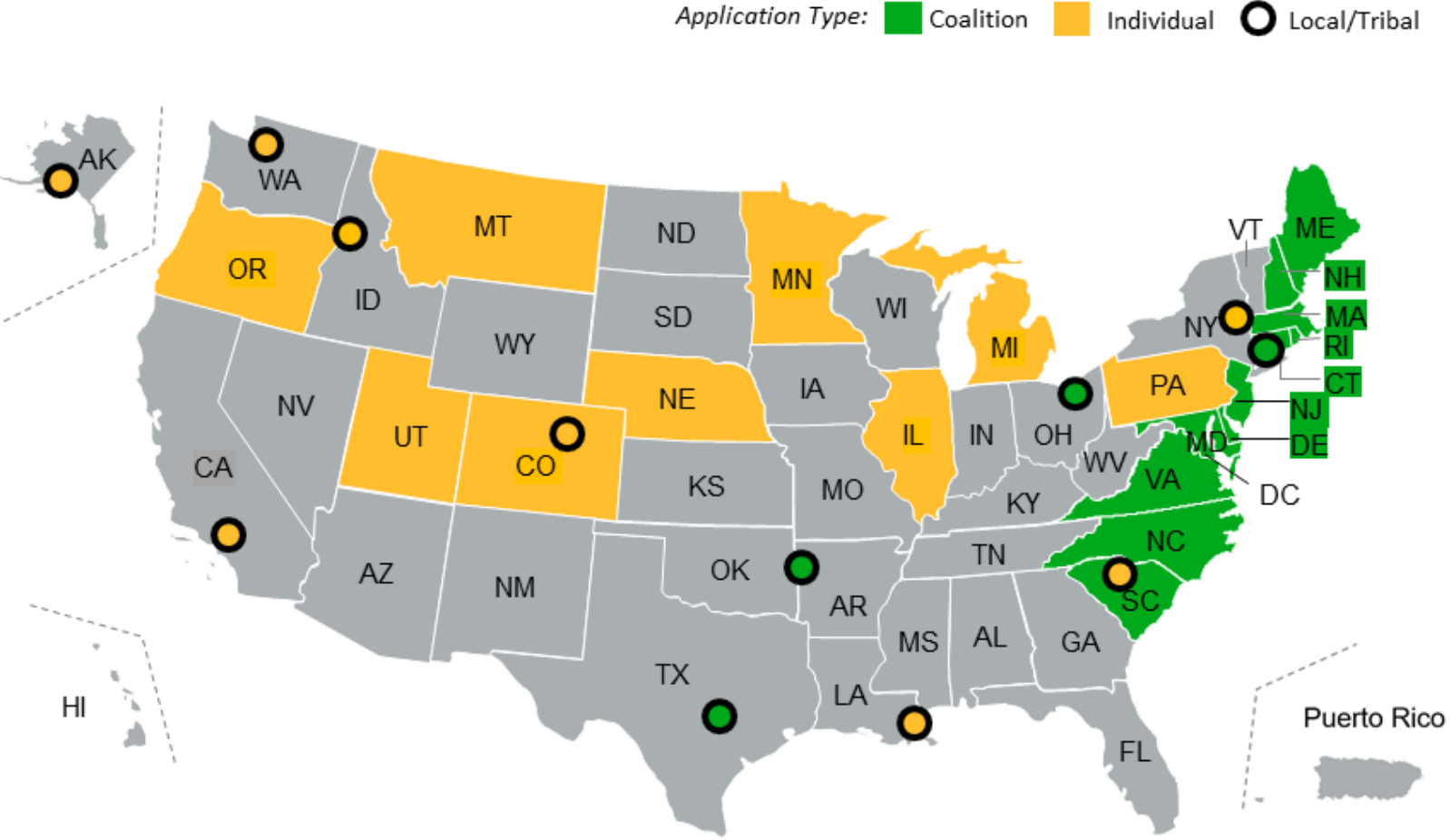
Stakeholders in the region are collaborating with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to develop the **Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Air Quality Improvement Plan (AQIP)**

The DFW AQIP-Priority Climate Action Plan development is supported by funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG): Planning Grants



CPRG Implementation Grant Awardees

EPA Region	States	Total Amount Awarded
1	CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT	~708M
2	NJ, NY	~252M
3	DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV	~1.17B
4	AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN	~430M
5	IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI	~889M
6	AR, LA, NM, OK, TX	~198M
7	IA, KS, MO, NE	~307M
8	CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY	~978M
9	AZ, CA, HI, NV	~500M
10	AK, ID, OR, WA	~323M



Source: [EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](#)



DFW AQIP-PCAP and CCAP Requirements

Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

- Near-term (5 years), high-priority, implementation-ready measures

Tasks	Description
GHG Emissions Inventory	Calculate the GHG produced in the 16 counties in North Texas
Quantified GHG Reduction Measures	Identify and quantify benefits of measures
Review of Authority to Implement	Review GHG reduction measures to ensure they can be implemented
Funding Analysis*	Identify funding to implement measures

*Not required for PCAP, NCTCOG voluntarily included

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

- Long-term (25 years) measures to meet emission reduction goals

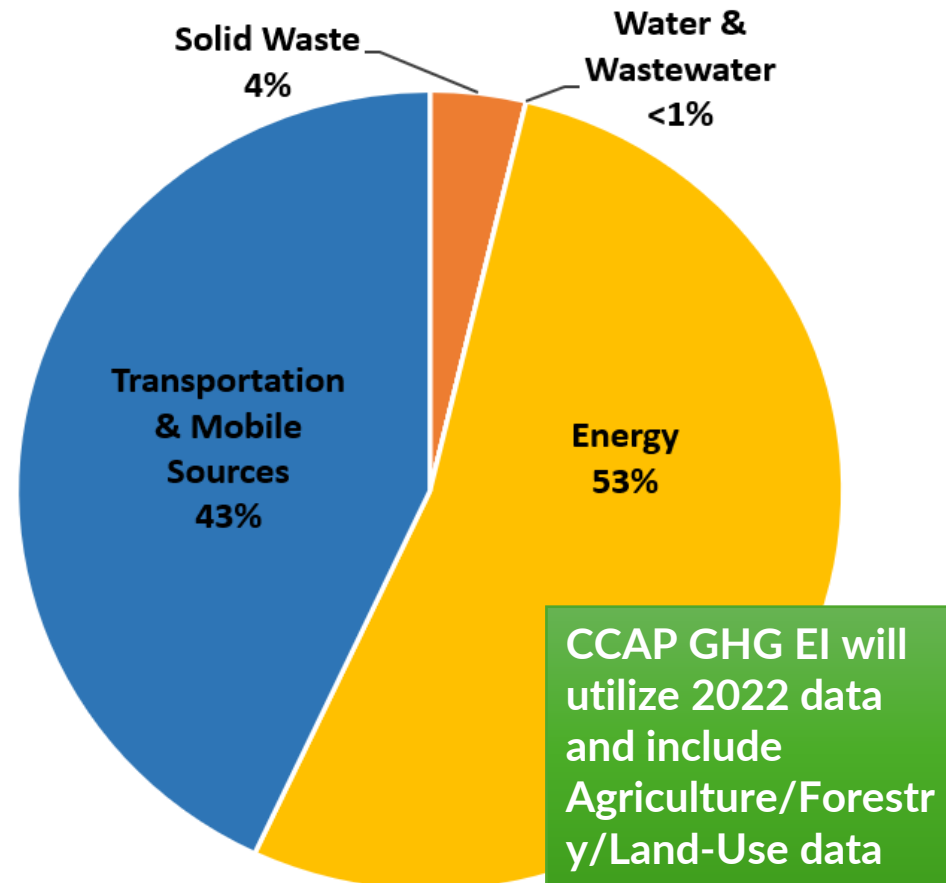
Tasks	Description
All PCAP Tasks**	PCAP Tasks will be updated/enhanced for CCAP
Workforce Analysis	Determine what workforce gaps exist and strategies to fill them
GHG Targets/Goals	Develop near-term and long-term targets for GHG reductions
GHG Projections	Develop comprehensive sector-based emission projections for a near and long-term

** The first 5 required tasks from the Priority Climate Action Plan table are still required in the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan



DFW AQIP- PCAP GHG EI and CCAP GHG Projections and Goals

2019 DFW 16-County MPA Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO₂e) = 105,435,559 Metric Tons



CCAP Projections:

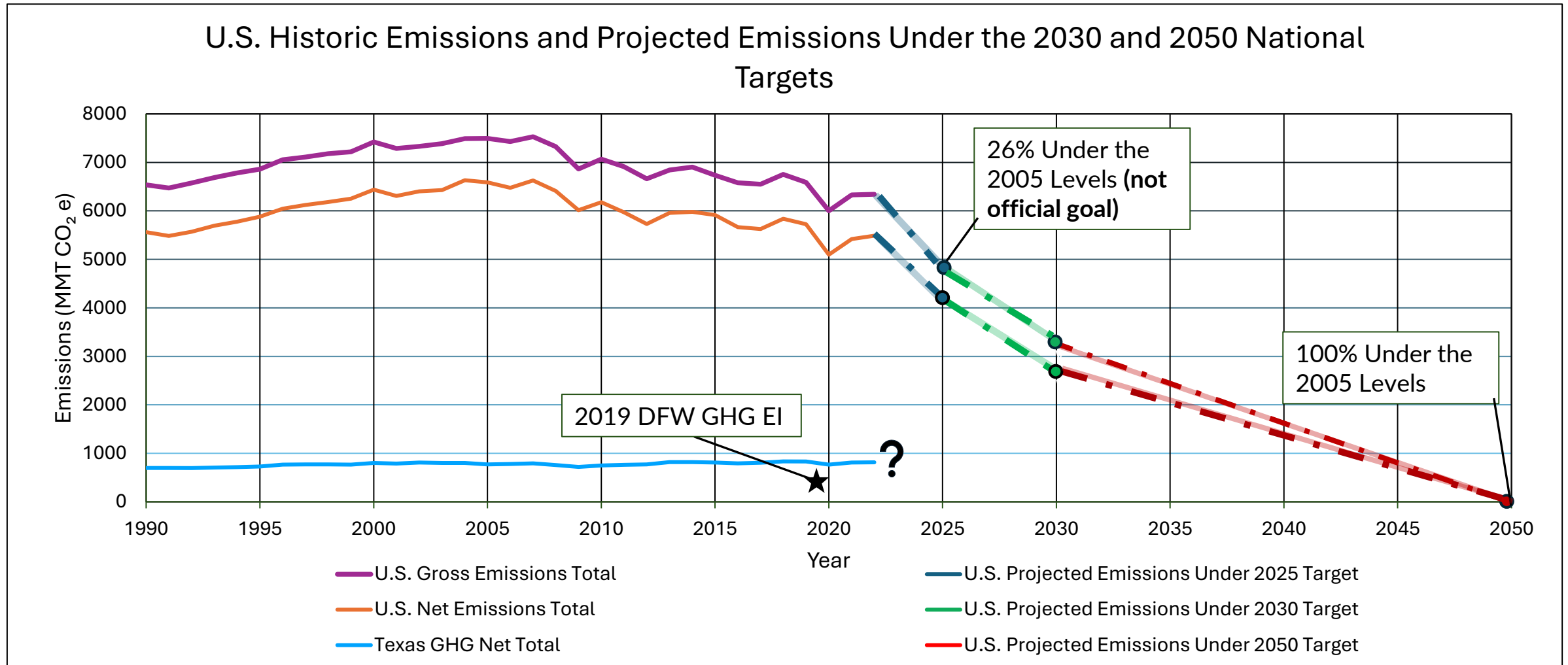
1. “Business as Usual Projections” for near-term (2030) and long-term (e.g., 2050)
2. Projections where measures in the CCAP are fully implemented for near-term and long-term

CCAP Targets/Goals Should:

- Be consistent with U.S. Commitments to reduce GHG emissions by 52% by 2030 and be net-zero by 2050
- Be actionable, ambitious, and achievable
- Be informed by data about largest growing/declining emission sources
- Influence selection and design of measures
- Include near-term (e.g., 2030-2035) and long-term economy wide goals (e.g. 2050)



DFW AQIP-CCAP Targets/Goals



PCAP Measures and CCAP Requirements

A measure is a policy, project or program that is used to reduce GHG emissions

Measures should be specific enough to develop milestones, cost, authority to implement

PCAP measures can be changed or removed from CCAP

New measures can be added to the CCAP

Sector	Number of Measures in PCAP
Transportation	13
Energy	6
Water, Wastewater, Watershed Mgmt	9
Materials Management (Solid Waste)	6
Agriculture, Forestry, and Land Use	5
Cross-Sector	5

CCAP Measure Requirements

Measure description

Quantified GHG and criteria pollutant reductions (**can be aligned with near and long-term targets**)

Key implementing agency or agencies

Implementation schedule and milestones

Expected geographic location

Authority to implement or milestones for obtaining authority

Identification of funding sources and **cost**

Metrics for tracking progress



Next Steps in DFW AQIP

3 Update Measures, Identify Funding, Identify Authority to Implement

1

Finalize 2022
GHG EI – Soon!

2

Develop Business
as Usual
Projections –
Spring 2025

4

Collaborate with
Stakeholders to
Develop GHG
Targets/Goals –
Summer 2025

5

Complete
Benefits Analysis,
Workforce
Analysis, and Post
Draft Plan – Fall
2025



DALLAS-FORT WORTH AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Funded through the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

Go to www.publicinput.com/dfwAQIP for more information!

Email us at dfwaqip@publicinput.com to provide any feedback.





Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program

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North Texas Zero-Emission Vehicle Project (NTx-ZEV)

Funded through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program

Go to www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/chdv for more information

	Vehicle & Infrastructure ~\$58 million available	ZEV Workforce Development ~\$1.2M available
Eligible Projects	<p>Any battery-electric or hydrogen fuel cell Class 6 or 7 vocational vehicle and infrastructure replacing a non-zero emission (gasoline, diesel, propane, natural gas) Class 6 or 7 vehicle</p> <p>Public and private entities eligible*</p>	<p>Fund workforce development projects, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First responder training - Mechanic training for vehicles/infrastructure - Driver training
Project Selection	<p>Call for Projects – <u>Expected to open Spring 2025</u></p> <p>Priority given to operations in 10 county ozone nonattainment area**</p>	<p>Strategic Selection or Other Selection Process</p>
Funding Level	<p>Maximum federal share allowed by EPA</p> <p>33% to 65% per battery-electric vehicle</p> <p>60% to 80% per hydrogen fuel cell vehicle</p>	<p>Workforce costs not subject to maximum federal share</p>



Program Benefits

New opportunities for the region, including:

Increased funding levels for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and electric vehicles

Replacement of non-diesel (gasoline, compressed natural gas, propane) vehicles

Flexible scrappage alternatives

Funding for infrastructure, renewable on-site power generation systems, and workforce development activities related to zero-emission vehicles

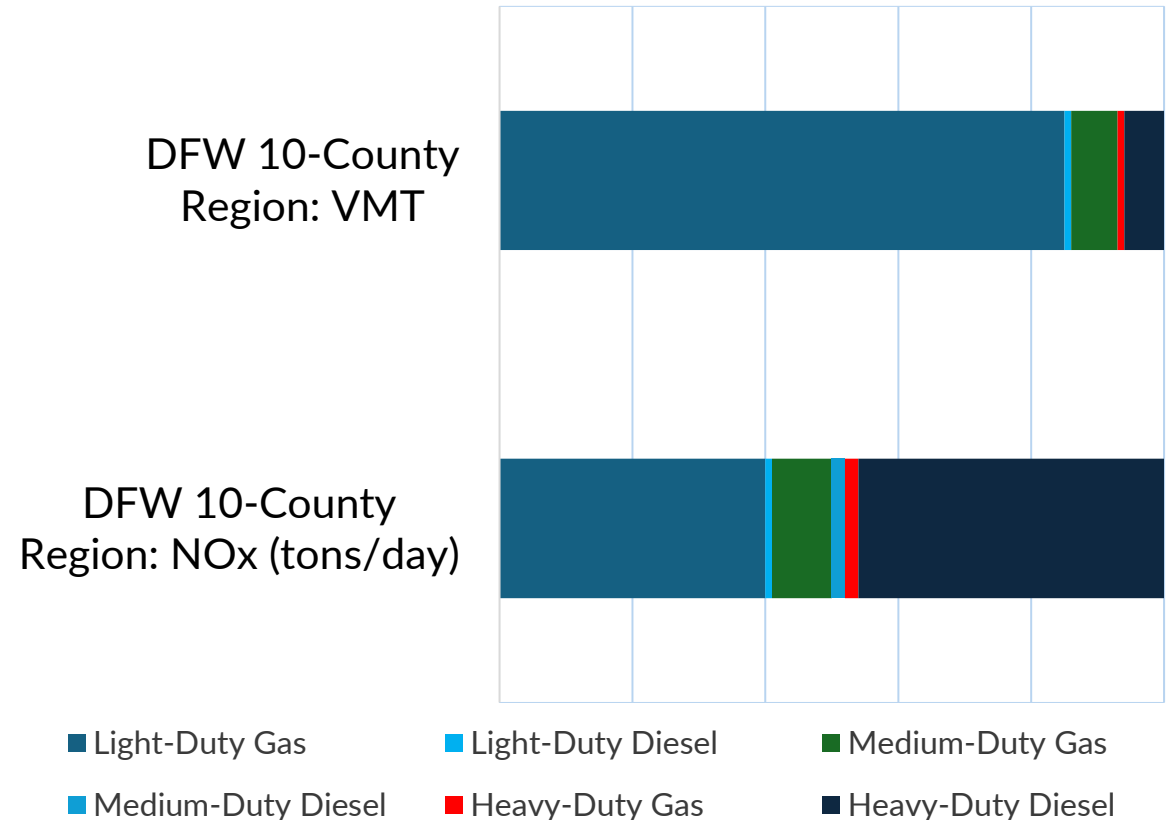
Supports the Clean Vehicles and Equipment Measure in the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan

www.publicinput.com/dfwAQIP



Current Ozone design value of 78 ppb continues to exceed the EPA standard

Vehicle Miles Traveled Versus Nitrogen Oxides Contribution by On-Road Vehicle Type in Dallas-Fort Worth



Emissions Impact of Heavy-Duty Diesel is Disproportionately High Compared to Miles Traveled

NTx-ZEV Funding Levels

EPA will fund cost share percentage of the new vehicle, up to the per-vehicle funding cap

Project implementation costs are not included or subject to the per-vehicle caps listed on the table

Ex: Personnel/benefits, contractual services, consulting on vehicle deployments, travel, supplies, etc.

Vehicle Type	Battery-Electric Vehicles (BEVs)		Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles (FCEVs)	
	EPA Cost Share Percentage of New Vehicle Price	Per-Vehicle Funding Cap (Vehicle + Infrastructure)	EPA Cost Share Percentage of New Vehicle Price	Per-Vehicle Funding Cap (Vehicle + Infrastructure)
School Bus	75%	\$280,000*	N/A	N/A
Straight/Box Truck	65%	\$190,000	80%	\$400,000
Step Van		\$160,000		\$340,000
Septic/Bucket Truck		\$330,000		\$670,000
Other		\$355,000		\$720,000
Refuse Hauler		\$260,000		\$600,000
Street Sweeper	50%	\$315,000	70%	\$720,000
Transit Bus	33%	\$265,000	60%	\$780,000

* ADA-compliant school buses are eligible for an additional \$20,000 per-vehicle funding cap



Heavy-Duty Clean Vehicles Webinar

Learn about the available Class 6 to 7 zero-emission vehicles (ZEV), how they work, and the best use cases!

When: March 25, 26, & 27 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Registration available at www.dfwcleancities.org/events



NCTCOG Regional Updates and Opportunities

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Stakeholder Input Session

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: NCTCOG

Register at

www.dfwcleancities.org/events

Help DFWCC identify:

- Where electric vehicle charging is needed
- How to improve resilience in EV charging
- Opportunities to use autonomous robots
- Ways transportation technologies can improve air quality

NCTCOG Regional Updates and Opportunities

DFW Clean Cities Annual Survey Impacts

Impacts Over Calendar Year 2023

45 Reporting Fleets

7,725 Alternative Fuel Vehicles & Equipment

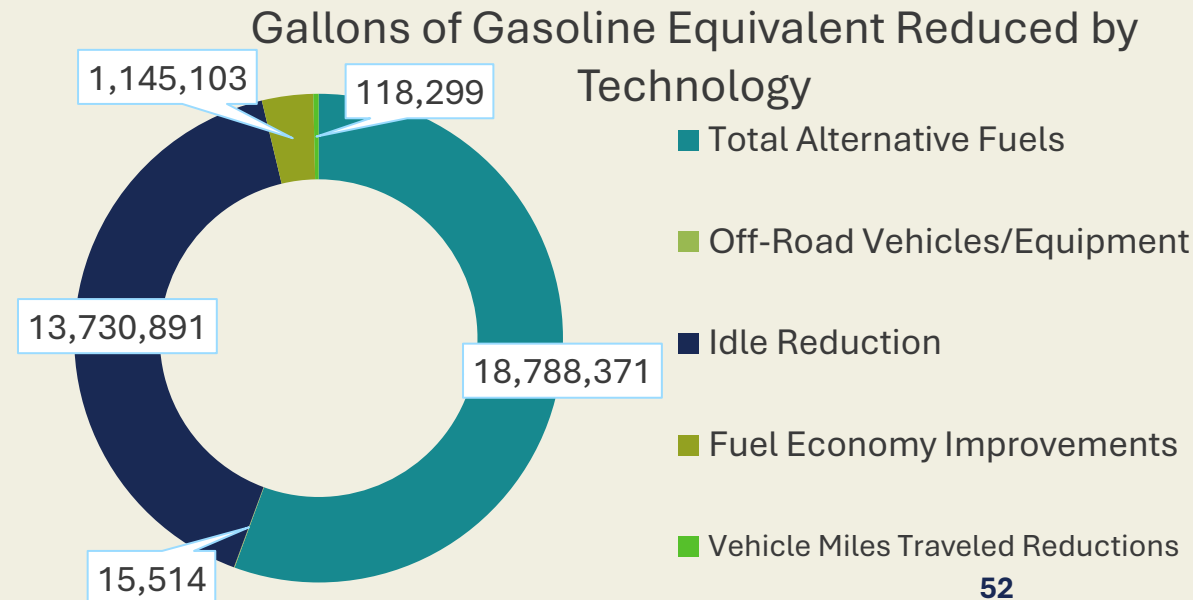
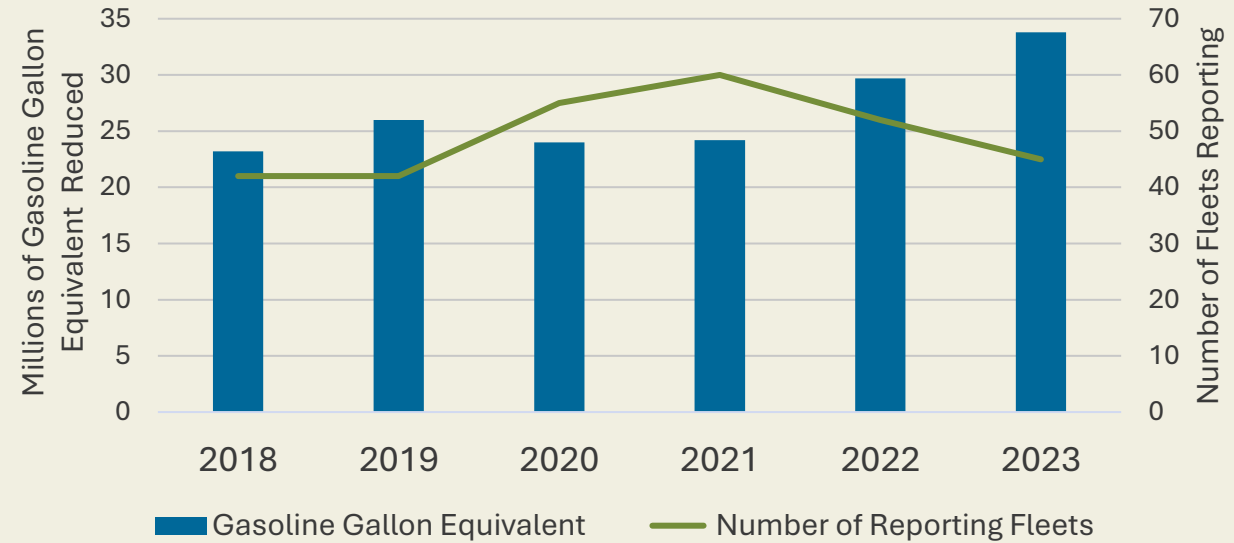
59 Tons Ozone-Forming Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) Reduced

228,968 Tons Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduced

Annual Survey Release Date: January 27, 2025

Go to www.dfwcleancities.org/annualreport

Historical Gallons of Gasoline Equivalent Reduced



NCTCOG Regional Updates and Opportunities

Planning Resilient EV Charging for North Texas Stakeholder Group

Project Objectives:

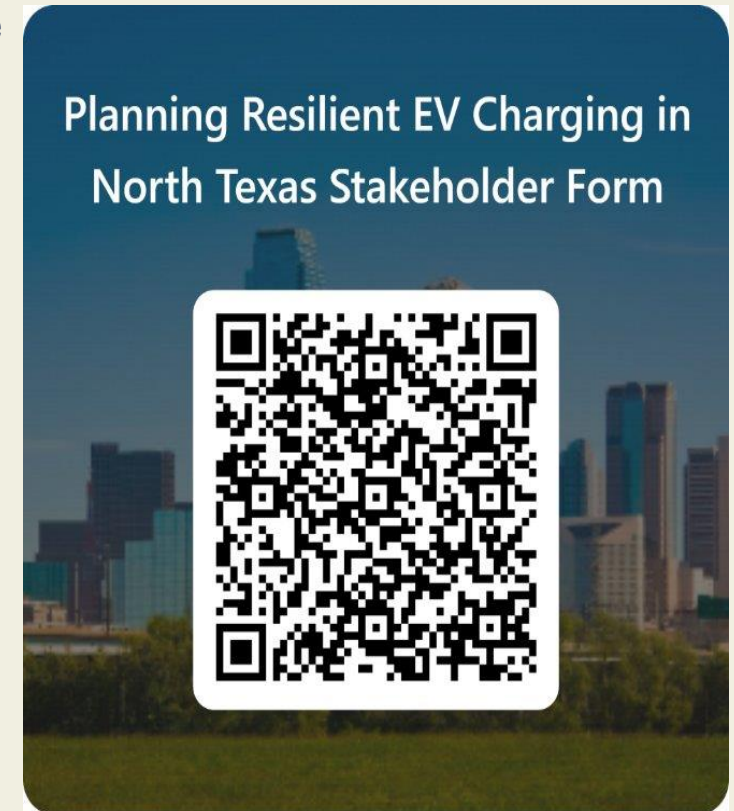
- Create North Texas Resilient Electric Vehicle (NTX-REV) plan for North Central Texas region
- Implement plan and enhance critical electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure
- Evaluate strategies, technologies, & equipment via:
 - Tabletop Scenario
 - Technology Demonstration

Intended Impact:

- Ensure critical EV travel continuity during grid outages for:
 - Evacuation routes
 - Critical facilities & services
 - Freight operations

Get Involved:

- Regional stakeholders can support project initiatives by:
 - Providing input to assist with developing the NTX-REV Plan
 - Engaging with other stakeholders,
 - Contributing to the distribution and adoption of the plan





Drive Electric Earth Month

National campaign to raise awareness on the benefits of owning an electric vehicle

If interested in having a Drive Electric Earth Month booth at your event contact us at:



cleancities@nctcog.org

For More Information about Drive Electric Earth Month visit:



<https://driveelectricearthmonth.org/>

Additional Funding Opportunities

Program/Incentive	Eligible Activities	Funding Amount	Key Dates
Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA)	support for rural and remote communities of 10,000 people or less to build clean energy projects	Varies – up to \$400 million available	Concept papers due February 27, 2025 Application due August 28, 2025
Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP)	Upgrade or replace vehicles and equipment operating in eligible areas with new, all-electric models	Up to 100% of the incremental cost for government entities Up to 75% for non-governmental entities	August 31, 2025
North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project (funded by Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Diesel Emissions Reduction Act)	Replace on-road diesel vehicles with a GVWR of over 16,001 or non-road diesel equipment and drayage with GVWR of over 33,001 lbs Replace diesel transport refrigeration unit with all-electric Install EPA verified idle reduction technologies	Up to 45% for zero-emission vehicle Up to 35% for CARB Low NO _x Vehicle Up to 25% for all other fuels	March 14, 2025

Research more funding here: www.nctcog.org/aqfunding

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

Funding – Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)

[Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program](#) - Expected to open Spring 2026

[Alternative Fueling Facilities Program \(AFFP\)](#) - Expected to open Spring 2026

[Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction Program \(SPRY\)](#) – Open through March 4, 2025

[Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program \(TNGVGP\)](#) - Open through March 4, 2025
Funds the replacement of medium-duty or heavy-duty on-road vehicles with natural gas versions

[Texas Clean Fleet Program \(TCFP\)](#) – Open Now; Applications due March 21, 2025
Funds the replacement of diesel vehicles with alternative fuel or electric

[Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants \(ERIG\)](#) – Expected Fall 2026

[Texas Clean School Bus Program \(TCSB\)](#) – Expected to open Spring 2026

[New Technology Implementation Grant \(NTIG\)](#) – Open Now- Closes January 31, 2025

[Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant Program \(GAFF\)](#) – Open through February 5, 2025
Funds the replacement of Class 1-8 vehicles with alternative fuel versions

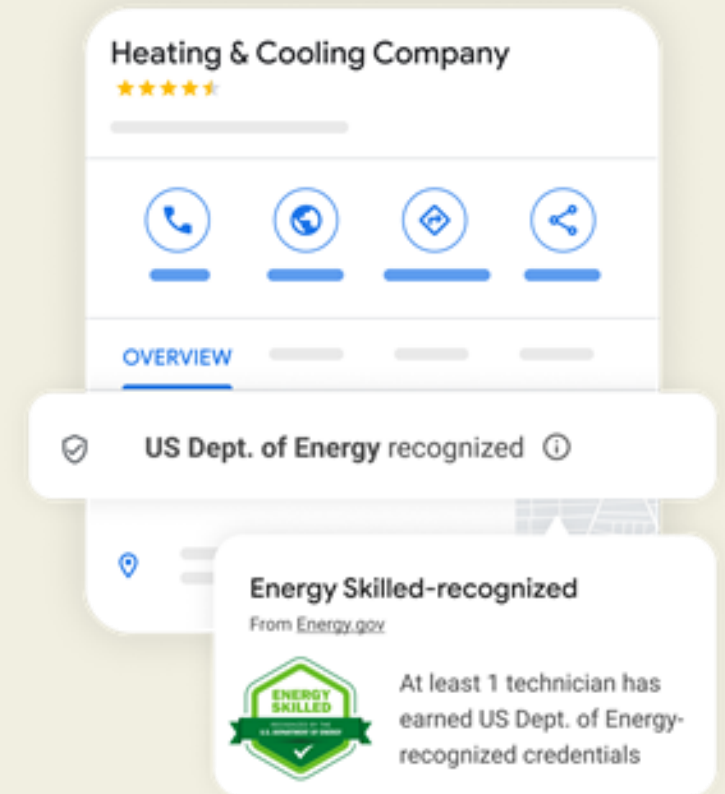
[Rebate Grants](#) - Expected to open Summer 2026
Funds medium- and heavy-duty non-road and on-road equipment

Go to www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/programs for a full list of programs

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

DOE-Google Collaboration Connecting Consumers with Qualified Energy Technicians

- [DOE has announced a new partnership](#) with Google to connect users with Energy Skilled technicians
 - Energy Skilled is a DOE designation indicating worker has the knowledge and skills to work with modern building systems
- HVAC, plumbing, and home-energy audit contractors with one or more employees recognized as [Energy Skilled](#) under Google Business Profiles
- Provides an easy way for customers to make energy-conscious decisions



Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

Focus North Texas 2025

- The Midwest and North Central sectors of Texas APA are hosting [Focus North Texas](#) on **February 21, 2025**, at the Westin Galleria Dallas.
- This year's theme is "Let's Grow Together"
- Symposium will focus on how planners can prepare communities and the North Texas Region for growth.
- [Registration is open here.](#)

NCTCOG Regional Updates and Opportunities

North Central Texas, where nature + economic development happens (Eco-Tourism) Webinar

- The Trinity Coalition has created a mapping tool for residents and visitors to explore nature, providing potential for eco-tourism and economic development
- Stephen S. Smith, Trinity Coalition's founder board president, will be conducting a roll-out of their interactive mapping tool at North Central Texas Economic Development District's upcoming webinar
- Date: March 10, 2025, at 10:00 AM
- [Meeting information](#)

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

11th Annual TRACS Summit

- The Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability (TRACS) is hosting their [11th Annual Summit](#) at Texas State University from **April 6-8, 2025**.
- This year's theme is *The Power of Sustainability: Energy Transitions, Conservation, and Education on your Campus*.
- [Call for proposals](#): Thought leaders, innovators, and sustainability champions are invited to share their insights on the role of sustainability in higher education.
 - Speaker deadline is February 21st, 2025
- [Attendee registration is now open!](#)

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

EarthX2025 Congress of Conferences

- Registration is open for the [EarthX2025 Congress of Conferences](#).
 - The 5-day event will be held at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas on April 21-25, 2025.
 - This year's disciplines include
 - The Future of Energy
 - The Circular Economy
 - The Blue Economy and Ocean Conservation
 - Conservation, Biodiversity, and Habitat and Land Management
 - The full conference agenda and registration are available on the [EarthX website](#).
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Other Business

Participant Roundtable

Members will be called on first, and then others will have the opportunity to share what is happening within their organization.

Future Agenda Items

Future meeting presentation topics?

Next Meeting Date

Next RISE Coalition Meeting:

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

In-person at NCTCOG Offices

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Tentative Upcoming 2025 Meeting Dates:

- July 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. – Virtual

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