

TARC e-Learning: Leveraging COG Programs and Funding to Support Energy Management for Your Members



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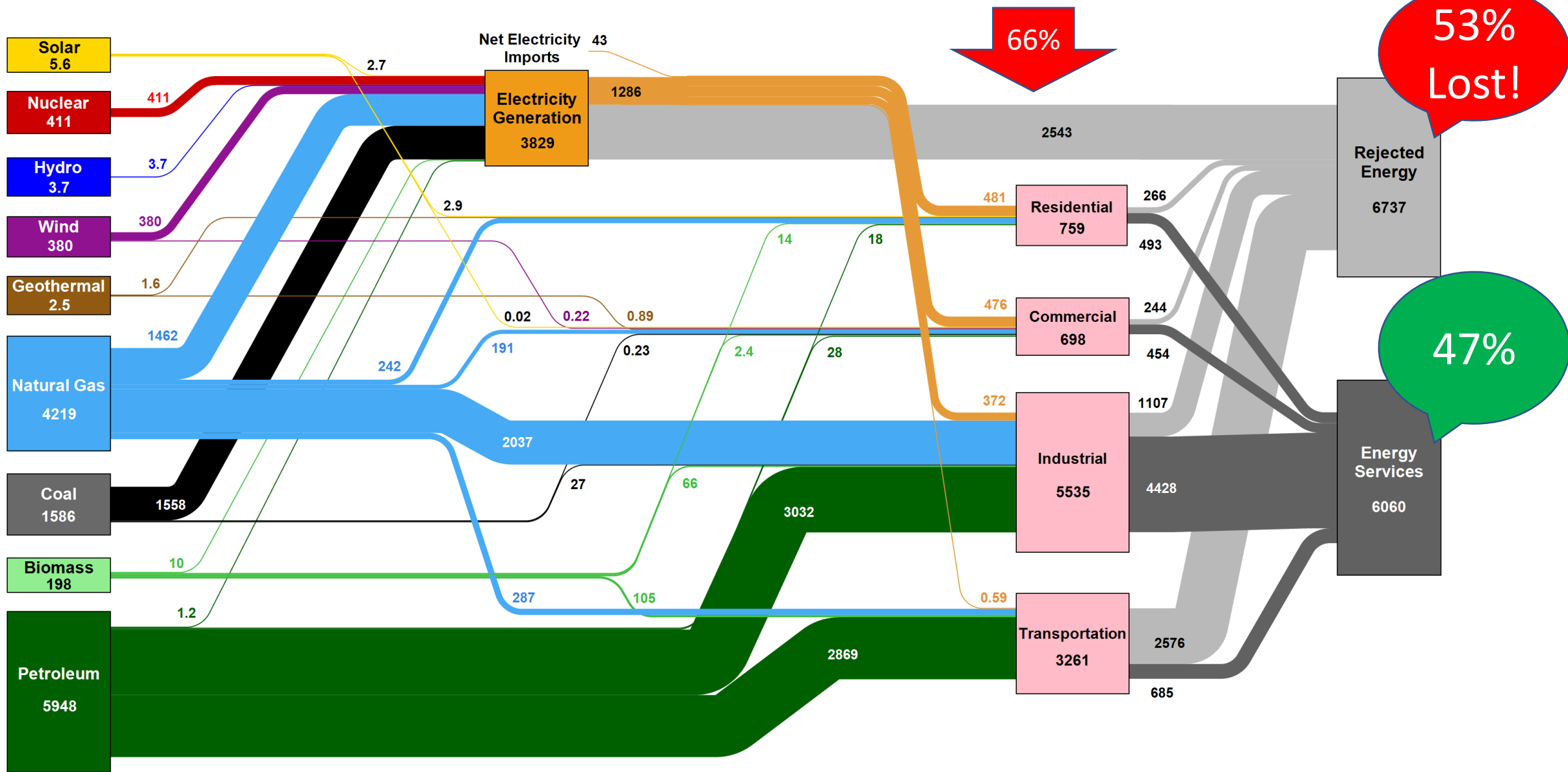
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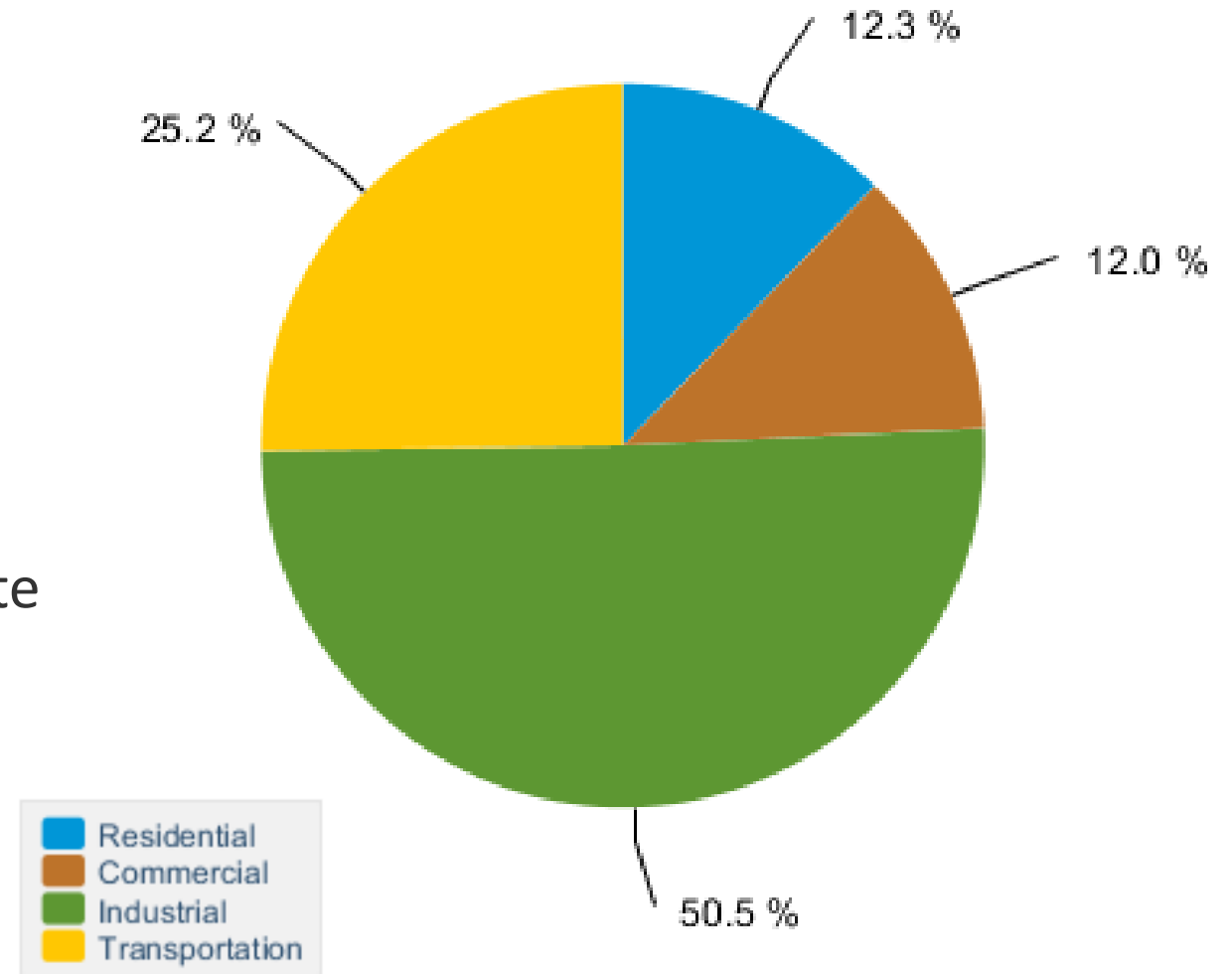
Texas Energy Consumption in 2014: ~ 12797 Trillion BTU



Source: LLNL August, 2016. Data is based on DOE/EIA SEDS (2014). If this information or a reproduction of it is used, credit must be given to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, under whose auspices the work was performed. Distributed electricity represents only retail electricity sales and does not include self-generation. EIA reports consumption of renewable resources (i.e., hydro, wind, geothermal and solar) for electricity in BTU-equivalent values by assuming a typical fossil fuel plant heat rate. The efficiency of electricity production is calculated as the total retail electricity delivered divided by the primary energy input into electricity generation. End use efficiency is estimated as 65% for the residential sector, 65% for the commercial sector, 80% for the industrial sector, and 21% for the transportation sector. Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent Rounding. LLNL-MI-410527

Texas Energy Consumption by End-User Sector, 2017

- Texas produces more electricity than any other state
- Texas leads the nation in wind-powered generation and produced one-fourth of all the U.S. wind powered electricity in 2017
- Texas is the largest energy-producing state and the largest energy-consuming state in the nation

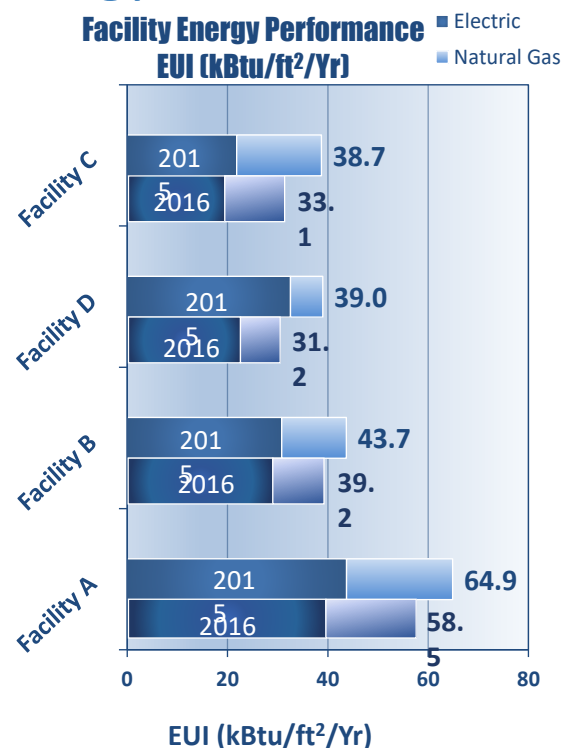


Importance of Energy Management

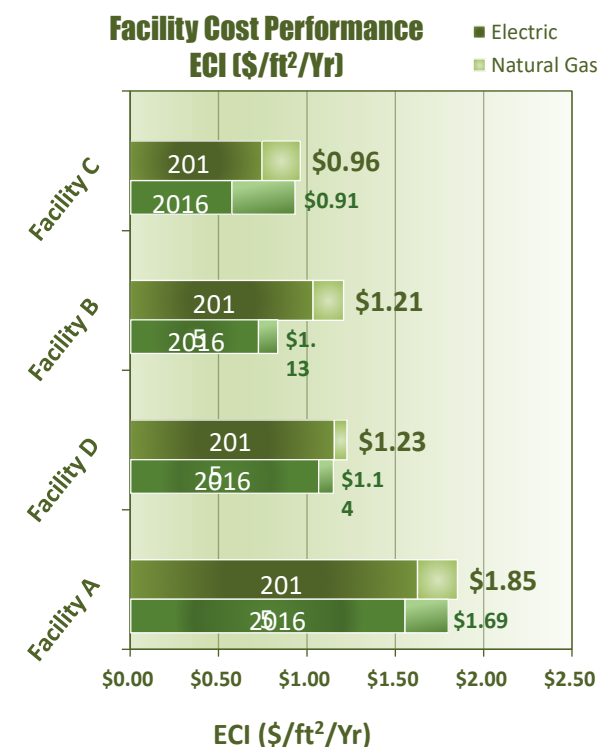
Why is NCTCOG focused on Energy Management?

- Improve Air Quality
- Increase Local Energy Reliability
- Facilitate Local Government Efforts
- Provide Consistency Among Region
- Reduce Costs (for everyone)
- You Can't Manage What you Don't Measure
- Energy Management is Important to Our Members

Energy Utilization Index



Energy Cost Index



Threats – Heat

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

- Electricity demand hit an all-time high of 74,531 megawatts as people blasted their air conditioners on Monday afternoon and totaled 74,310 megawatts at 4:34 p.m. local time Tuesday, according to ERCOT.
- Temperatures peaked at 103 degrees.
- “Extreme heat across the ERCOT region will continue to result in high loads,” ERCOT said in a statement. “We may set another new record today.”

Bloomberg

Power blows past \$9,000 cap in Texas as heat triggers emergency

Christopher Martin and Naureen S. Malik 8/13/2019



Electricity prices briefly surged past a \$9,000 a megawatt-hour price cap in Texas as extreme heat sent power demand skyrocketing and forced the state's grid operator to declare an emergency.

As temperatures in Dallas climbed to 103 degrees Fahrenheit (39 Celsius), the Electric Reliability Council of Texas issued an emergency alert, calling on all power plants to ramp up and asking customers to conserve. At one point on



BRIEF

ERCOT calls 2 energy emergencies in one week, 3rd in 5 years



Threats – Cyber Attacks

SECURITY

Experts assess damage after first cyberattack on U.S. grid

Blake Sobczak, E&E News reporter

Energywire: Monday, May 6, 2019



Reports of an unprecedented grid "cyber event" caused a stir last week in power sector and cybersecurity circles. Ian Mutton/Flickr

Last week, the U.S. power sector marked a sober milestone: an anonymous Western utility became the first to report a malicious "cyber event" that disrupted grid operations.

The hack itself occurred two months ago, on March 5, when a "denial-of-service" attack disabled Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance devices ringing power grid control systems in Utah, Wyoming



Hackers can interfere with everyday efforts to keep the lights on. pan denim/Shutterstock.com

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Hackers taking down the U.S. electricity grid may sound like a plot ripped from a [Bruce Willis action movie](#), but the Department of Homeland Security has recently disclosed [new details](#) about the extent to which [Russia has infiltrated "critical infrastructure"](#) like American [power plants](#), [water facilities](#) and [gas pipelines](#).

This hacking is similar to the [2015](#) and [2016](#) attacks on Ukraine's grid. While DHS has raised the number of the Russian utility-hacking

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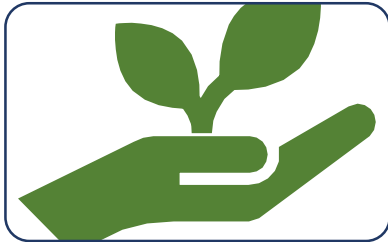
Theodore Kury directs of Energy Studies at the University of Florida's Public Utility Research

Benefits of Reducing Energy Consumption



Financial

- Energy Star certified office buildings cost \$0.50 less per square foot to operate than their peers**
- For every \$1 invested in energy efficiency, avoids \$2 spent on the energy supply
- Resulting energy savings can increase available capital



Environmental

- Reduce emissions and improve indoor and outdoor air quality
- Smooth out energy demand by reducing peak load demand and facilitating renewable sources onto the grid
- 1 CFL bulb in every American house = emissions reductions equivalent to taking 800,000 cars off the road*



Health

- Reducing energy consumption decreases the need to burn fossil fuels to generate electricity, resulting in huge health benefits. This is because pollutants from fossil fuel combustion contribute to four of the leading causes of death in the U.S. (cancer, chronic lower respiratory diseases, heart disease and stroke)

Supporting Reduction of Energy Consumption in Your Region

What services can COG/RPC offer?



Encourage Adoption of Latest Building Codes



Encourage Members to Consider Energy in Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Activities



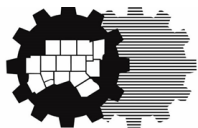
Consider Underutilized Land in City/County/Region



Encourage Cities to Complete SECO Local Government Energy Report



Encourage Cities to Adopt Texas - Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program



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Utilize NCTCOG Resources and Partner Organizations to Improve Energy Conservation

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Why Energy Codes Matter

In the U.S. buildings use..

And account for



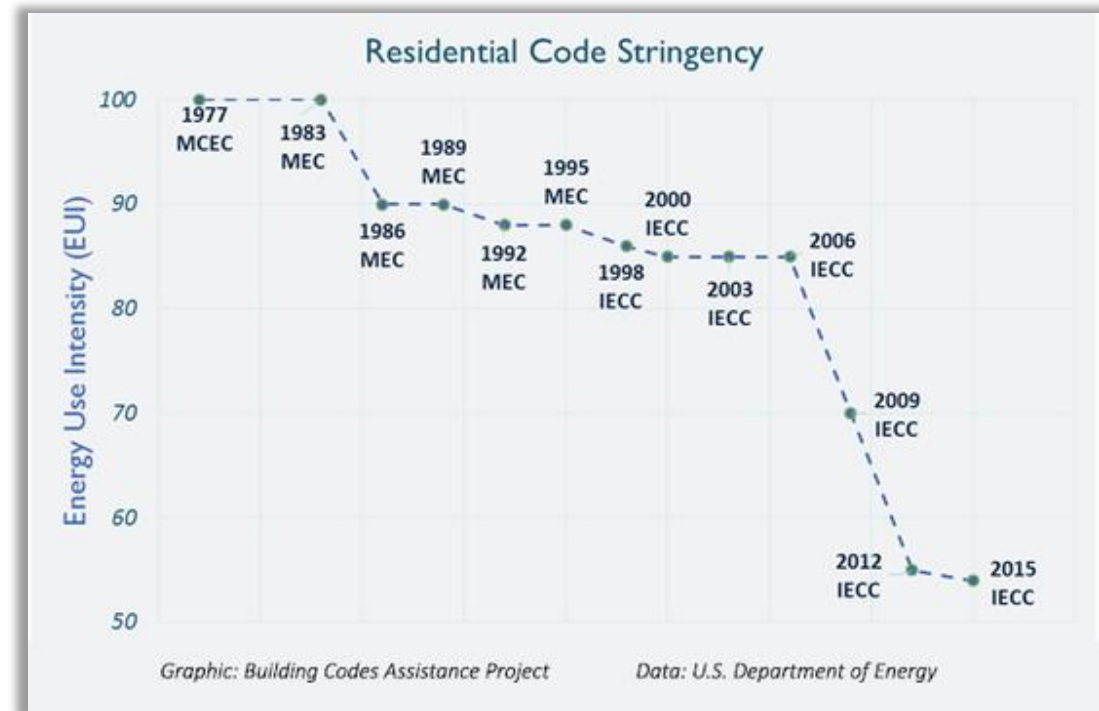
40% of total energy

70% of total electricity

40% of emissions

Building Energy Codes Matter because they...

- ✓ Reduce need for power plants, transmission lines, and pipelines = slows rate increases
- ✓ Reduce Pollution and Increase Reliability
- ✓ Make a Cost-Effective Investment
- ✓ Improve Long-term Sustainability
- ✓ Provide Quality, Comfort, and Health
- ✓ Save on Insurance Premiums



Existing State-Wide Energy Codes

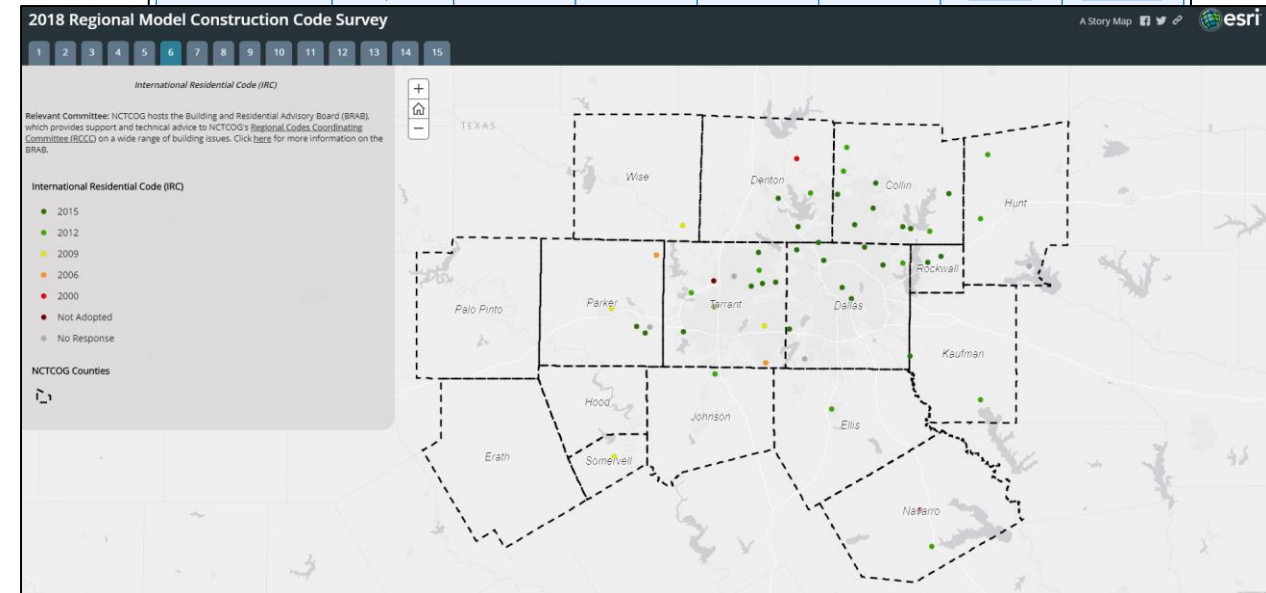
Texas law currently requires the following state energy codes for new buildings or significant upgrades to existing buildings.

- Residential (Single Family Residences and Duplexes) – the 2015 IRC, Chapter 11.
- Commercial and Residential (Excluding Single-Family Residences) – the 2015 IECC
- State-Funded Residential Buildings – the 2015 IECC
- State-Funded Commercial Buildings – the ASHRAE 90.1 – 2013

Cities Adopted Code List-Current

SPEER encourages all cities in Texas to provide public access to their local Building Energy Codes online. We have pulled the following information from the source links provided, but please let us know of any updates. The individual local amendments have not been reviewed for equivalence to the published code. Cities included in this list all have adopted IECC 2012 or later and issued building permits in 2017.
Last Updated 9/9/19

City	2017 Population	2017 Permits 1&2	IBC	IRC	IECC	Website Link	Ordinance Link
Abilene	121,885	220	2012	2012	2012	Website	Ordinance
Addison	15,458	1	2012	2012	2012	Website	Ordinance
Alamo	19,679	55	2012	2012	2015	Website	Ordinance
Alamo Heights	8,413	17	2015	2015	2015	Website	Ordinance
Aledo	4,232	22	2015	2015	2015	Website	Ordinance
Allen	100,685	814	2015	2015	2015	Website	Ordinance
Alton	17,278	54	2015	2015	2015	Website	Ordinance
Alvarado	4,124	20	2012	2012	2012	Website	Ordinance
Alvin	26,474	104	2009	2009	2015	Website	Ordinance
Amarillo	199,826	579	2015	2015	2015	Website	Ordinance
Anahuac	2,376	7	2012	2012	2012	Website	Ordinance
Angleton	19,544	35	2012	2012	2012	Website	Ordinance
Aransas Pass	8,265	50	2012	2012	2012	Website	Ordinance
Argyle	4,100	42	2012	2012	2012	Website	Ordinance
Arlington	396,394	1464	2015	2015	2015	Website	Ordinance
Aubrey	3,391	27	2015	2015	2015	Website	Ordinance
Austin	950,715	2966	2015	2015	2015	Website	Ordinance
Azle	12,495	28	2015	2015	2015	Website	Ordinance



Energy and Building Code Resources

NCTCOG's Recommended Codes and Regional Amendments

Amendments

NCTCOG's **Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC)** and its five advisory boards conducted multiple meetings to review the latest editions of the model codes and develop regional amendments. Their review and recommendations are endorsed by NCTCOG's Executive Board. Currently, NCTCOG encourages jurisdictions in North Central Texas to adopt the following model construction codes along with their respective regional amendments as expeditiously as their local code adoption process will allow.

Current Regional Amendments

2018 Recommended Codes and Regional Amendments	Download Format
2018 International Building Code - Regional Amendments	[PDF] [Word]
• 2018 Approved Agency Documentation	[PDF] [Word]
• 2018 Final Report	[PDF] [Word]
• 2018 Statement of Required Special Inspections	[PDF] [Word]
• 2018 Special Inspections Program	[PDF] [Word]
2018 International Existing Building Code - Regional Amendments	[PDF] [Word]
2018 International Residential Code - Regional Amendments	[PDF] [Word]
2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code - Regional Amendments	[PDF] [Word]
2018 International Plumbing Code - Regional Amendments	[PDF] [Word]

Relevant Committees

- Regional Codes Coordinating Committee
 - Building & Residential Advisory Board
 - Electrical Advisory Board
 - Energy and Green Advisory Board
 - Fire Advisory Board
 - Plumbing & Mechanical Advisory Board

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SPEER Texas Energy Code Adoption Toolkit

Texas Code Compliance Collaborative
SPEER supports the Texas Energy Code Compliance Collaborative that meets quarterly. By facilitating the Collaborative, SPEER connects industry stakeholders to develop resources and programs that encourage compliance with state and local energy codes.

Texas Field Study
SPEER is working with the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) and the State Energy Conservation Office to conduct a DOE-funded field study of energy-efficient building practices in new single-family homes.

Texas Local Code Amendment
Texas is a "home rule" state, so it allows local jurisdictions to make amendments to the energy code, so long as the change does not result in a less stringent code. The

Texas Local Code Adoption
The local adoption of energy codes makes it challenging for the industry to stay informed when changes occur. SPEER has compiled publicly available information about local code

<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/regional-building-codes/amendments>

<https://eepartnership.org/btocodes/> and <https://eepartnership.org/program-areas/bto/>

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Threats - Heat Urban Heat Island Effect

“The ramifications of urban heat adversely affect public health, longevity of infrastructure, public opinion, and our economy. With rising temperatures come higher costs for energy and a threat to our energy supply.”

- *Dallas Urban Heat Island Mitigation Study Website*

Dallas Urban Heat Island Effect report released by Texas Trees Foundation

Dallas is hot, and getting hotter. The Texas Trees Foundation's findings in the 2017 Dallas Urban Heat Island Effect report show how cities affect heat waves. Surfaces like rooftops, parking lots and streets make up 35 percent of the city. In urban areas, these retain heat, making the area up to 15 degrees warmer than in rural areas. The Foundation's study revealed Dallas County is heating up quickly, and that planting trees can help reduce the heat and improve the health of community members.

Rising temperatures
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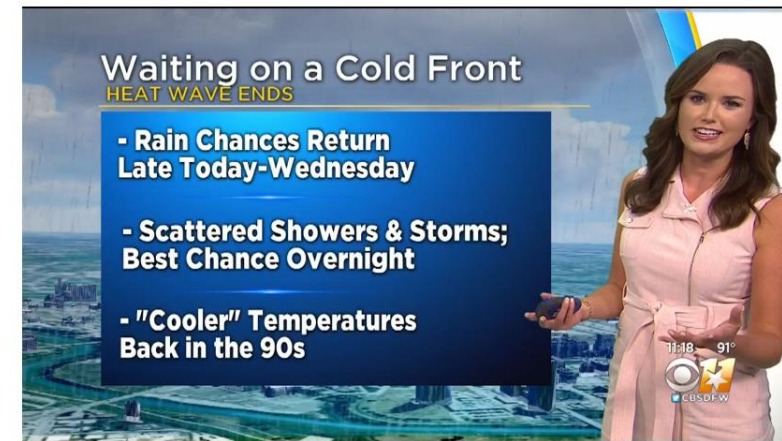
DFW Weather: Heat Advisory Continues, MedStar Responds To Dozens Of Heat-Related Calls

August 12, 2019 at 11:35 am Filed Under: DFW News, DFW Weather, heat, heat advisory, Hot Weather, MedStar, North Texas, Summer



DFW Weather: Heat Advisory For A Week Straight, Relief In Sight For Wednesday

By Anne Elise Parks August 13, 2019 at 9:37 am Filed Under: DFW News, DFW Weather, heat advisory, Hot Weather, North Texas, Rain



(CBSDFW.COM) – Tuesday marks our seventh consecutive day under a heat advisory. Temperatures will once again soar to around 100 degrees with a dangerous heat index near 110 degrees.

But there's good news! A weak cold front is on the way and will provide a little relief by Wednesday.

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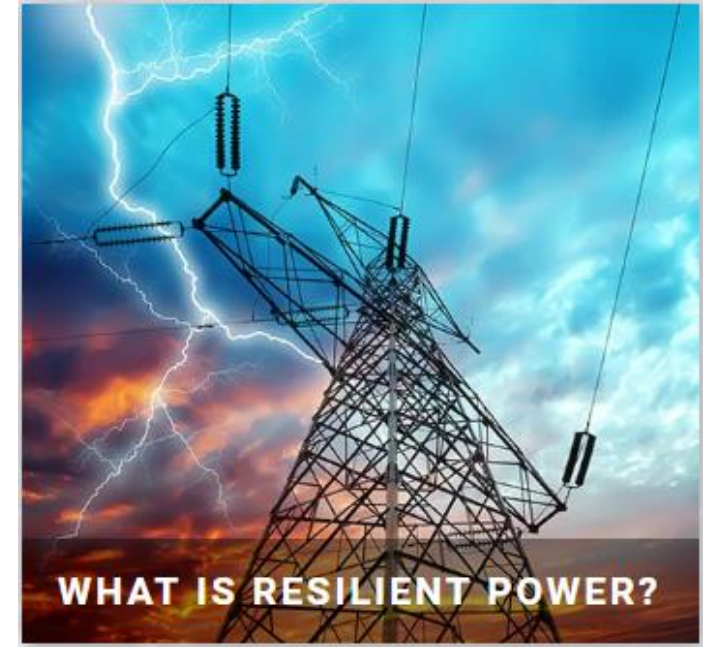
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Planning a Resilient Power Sector

- The power system is at risk from an array of natural, technological, and man-made **threats** that can cause everything from power interruption to chronic undersupply.
 - **Natural:** long-term climatic changes, such as variations in precipitation patterns and changes in air and water temperatures, as well as severe weather events, such as storms, flooding, and storm surges
 - **Technological:** unpredicted equipment and infrastructure failures
 - **Human-caused:** Accidents and malicious events
- Impacts from these threats include, but are not limited to:
 - Potential fuel supply shortages for transportation and energy generation,
 - Physical infrastructure damage (dam failure, faulty system equipment, etc.)
 - Shifts in energy demand
 - Disruption of electricity supply to the end user
 - System operations and targeting power control systems, generators, or critical data infrastructure
- It is critical for policymakers, planners, and system operators to safeguard their systems and plan for and invest in the improved resilience of the power sector
- Planning for power sector resilience can happen at different geographic scales (local, national, or regional) and should be incorporated into existing power sector planning and policies to ensure effectiveness



Energy Efficiency's Role in Increasing Resilience

Energy efficiency can be a core strategy to reduce risks and enhance the resilience of the communities that energy systems serve.

Table ES1. Resilience benefits of energy efficiency

Benefit type	Energy efficiency outcome	Resilience benefit
Emergency response and recovery	Reduced electric demand	Increased reliability during times of stress on electric system and increased ability to respond to system emergencies
	Backup power supply from combined heat and power (CHP) and microgrids	Ability to maintain energy supply during emergency or disruption
	Efficient buildings that maintain temperatures	Residents can shelter in place as long as buildings' structural integrity is maintained.
	Multiple modes of transportation and efficient vehicles	Several travel options that can be used during evacuations and disruptions
Social and economic	Local economic resources may stay in the community	Stronger local economy that is less susceptible to hazards and disruptions
	Reduced exposure to energy price volatility	Economy is better positioned to manage energy price increases, and households and businesses are better able to plan for future.
	Reduced spending on energy	Ability to spend income on other needs, increasing disposable income (especially important for low-income families)
	Improved indoor air quality and emission of fewer local pollutants	Fewer public health stressors
Climate mitigation and adaptation	Reduced greenhouse gas emissions from power sector	Mitigation of climate change
	Cost-effective efficiency investments	More leeway to maximize investment in resilient redundancy measures, including adaptation measures

Table ES2. Energy efficiency measures that reduce vulnerability and increase capacity to cope

Energy efficiency measure	Resilience implications
CHP	Provides backup power, allows facilities receiving backup power to double as shelter for displaced residents, reduces overall net emissions, and potentially increases cost savings
Microgrids	May disconnect from grid during power outage, maintaining power supply; allows facilities receiving backup power to double as shelter for displaced residents; reduces overall net emissions; and potentially increases cost savings
Transportation alternatives	Multiple transportation modes that can be used during evacuations and everyday disruptions
District energy systems	Provides heating, cooling, and electricity using local energy sources and reduces peak power demand through thermal energy storage
Utility energy efficiency programs	Increases reliability and reduces utility costs
Energy-efficient buildings	Allows residents/tenants to shelter in place longer, reduces annual energy spending, and reduces overall net emissions. Can help vulnerable populations avoid dangerous and occasionally life-threatening situations in which weather and economics present a dual threat
Green infrastructure	Reduces localized flooding due to storms, reduces energy demand, and reduces urban heat island (UHI) effect in cities and electricity demand
Cool roofs and surfaces	Reduces UHI effect and electricity demand and reduces overall net emissions
Transit-oriented development	Increases economic development opportunities; provides transportation cost savings and reduces impacts of price volatility; and may improve air quality

Resiliency through Fuel Diversity

Benefits of Fuel Diversity in Emergency Operations



Provides multiple options during a petroleum shortage event or any interruption in supply, enabling continuous vehicle use



Decreases harmful exhaust emissions from traditional fuels

Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E's) Electric Vehicles: Value of Exporting Power



Electric vehicles offer a benefit no other alternative fuel can, the ability to export power and interact with the grid and or buildings. PG&E worked with vehicle manufacturers to develop plug-in hybrid trucks capable of exporting power.



PG&E truck powering a site at a Red Cross event in California.

Emergency Preparedness Planning Resources

The screenshot shows the NREL website with the logo 'Transforming ENERGY'. The main heading is 'Integrated Energy Solutions'. A sidebar on the left lists categories: Energy Transitions, Decision Science & Informatics, Resilient Energy Systems (highlighted), and Technology & Market Risk Reduction. The main content area features the title 'Resilient Energy Systems' and a sub-heading 'NREL supports increased resilience and... through analysis, decision support, and... expertise.' Below the text is a photograph of a power substation.

<https://www.nrel.gov/energy-solutions/resilient-systems.html>

The screenshot shows the ACEEE website with the logo 'American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy'. The page title is 'How energy efficiency can boost resilience'. The main image is a piece of cardboard with a hole torn out, and the word 'Resilience' is written on a white card behind it. Below the image is a blog post by Grace Relf, dated April 16, 2018. The text of the post discusses how extreme weather events and natural disasters are affecting infrastructure and how energy efficiency can help build more resilient systems.

<https://aceee.org/blog/2018/04/how-energy-efficiency-can-boost-resilience>

The screenshot shows a video player interface. The video title is 'Part 1 Mitigating Natural Hazard Risks in the Energy Sector: Innovative Projects that Help Build Resilient Communities'. The video content is a presentation slide titled 'Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs' which features a timeline from 1988 to 2018. The timeline highlights three programs: HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program), PDM (Pre-Disaster Mitigation), and FMA (Flood Mitigation Assistance). The slide also includes logos for FEMA and the Department of Energy. The video player interface includes an attendee list on the left, a note section at the bottom, and a download table on the right.

Name	Size
Presentation Slides DOE-FEMA V	5 MB
FEMA HMA Grants-brochure.pdf	557 KB
FY2019 PDM NOFO.pdf	526 KB

<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/185075>

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The screenshot shows the SolSmart website header with navigation links: HOW WE HELP, OUR DESIGNEES, RESOURCES, NEWS, and a GET STARTED button. The main content area features a dark blue background with the title "SOLSMART ISSUE BRIEF: SOLAR + STORAGE, A GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS" and the subtitle "SolSmart; The Cadmus Group".

The screenshot shows the cover of the "SOLAR + STORAGE: A GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS" issue brief. It includes the SolSmart logo and a "BACKGROUND" section with introductory text about solar energy storage.

<https://www.solsmart.org/resources/issue-brief-solar-storage-a-guide-for-local-governments/>

The screenshot shows the HARC website's "OUR WORK" section. The main heading is "DOE Southcentral and Upper West Combined Heat and Power TAP". Below the heading is a large image of an industrial facility at night. To the right, there is a "PRIMARY RESEARCHER" section featuring a portrait of Gavin Dillingham, PhD, Program Director, Clean Energy Policy. A social media sharing bar shows "Like 0" and "Tweet".

https://www.harc.edu/work/CHP_TAP

The screenshot shows the Energy.gov website's "National Security & Safety" page. The header includes the Energy.gov logo and navigation links: SCIENCE & INNOVATION, ENERGY ECONOMY, and SECURITY & SAFETY. The main content area features a large image of a dam with water flowing over it, with the text "Department of Energy" and "National Security & Safety" overlaid.

<https://www.energy.gov/national-security-safety>

The screenshot shows the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy website. The header includes the office logo and navigation links: About Us, Initiatives, and SERVICES. The main content area features a large image of industrial pipes and machinery.

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/office-energy-efficiency-renewable-energy>

Emergency Preparedness Planning Resources

Emergency Preparedness and the Energy Supply

Audience: This workshop is appropriate for energy managers, facility managers, personnel that manage electric contracts, and/or collect or report energy and water usage data.

Description:

Disruptions in power occur for a variety of reasons in North Central Texas. Natural and man-made hazards can lead to disruptions in electric services to local government facilities, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. This workshop will explore ways local governments can better prepare for future disruptions by reducing their electric demand. By reducing demand on the grid through improvements in energy efficiency and implementation of technologies such as distribution generation and microgrids, local governments can improve their resilience to grid outages. Integrating energy efficiency into resilience planning will also be explored and resources for local governments to evaluate energy efficiency as a tool for resiliency will be provided. Additionally, integrating alternative fuel vehicle technology and infrastructure in emergency preparedness applications will also be discussed.

Speakers/Trainers: Gavin Dillingham - Houston Advanced Research Council
Jerry Looper - Denton Municipal Electric
Tamara Cook - North Central Texas Council of Governments
Dorothy Gilliam - North Central Texas Council of Governments

Workshop Presentations:

- [Agenda](#)
- [NCTCOG Workshop Introduction](#)
- [Practical Approaches to Keeping the Lights On with CHP Microgrids](#)
- [Emergency Response Plan Coordination](#)
- [Resources](#)

Workshop Flyers & Handouts:

- [SECO SB898 \(82R\) Reporting Form](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Reporting Requirements in Texas Matrix](#)
- [Free Technical Assistance Flyer](#)
- [Why Energy Use Matters](#)
- [The Energy-Resilient City Infographic](#)
- [Resilient Power Infrastructure and Technology Solutions](#)
- [Planning a Resilient Power Sector](#)
- [DOE Energy Efficiency and Distributed Generation for Resilience - Case Studies](#)

4 GRID-TIED SOLAR WITH ENERGY STORAGE

Grid-tied solar combined with energy storage systems are designed to offset purchased electricity and to provide power to critical operations, such as emergency services during outages or over extended periods. Energy storage systems can store and shift energy consumption to avoid capacity charges in commercial uses, or to avoid during peak pricing periods where applicable.

MODEL SOLAR APPLICATIONS

1. SIMPLE GRID-TIED SOLAR
2. SOLAR ON LANDFILLS OR OTHER UNDERUTILIZED SITES
3. SOLAR ON SHADING STRUCTURES
4. GRID-TIED SOLAR WITH ENERGY STORAGE
5. MOBILE SOLAR WITH ENERGY STORAGE

Solar and energy storage applications can provide energy, capacity, shade, mobility, resiliency and other benefits to local communities. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), with support from the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), identified a need for efficient approaches to...

5 MOBILE SOLAR WITH ENERGY STORAGE

Mobile solar power supplies combine solar and other generator types with battery storage, and are mounted on wheeled trailers or skids. With solar onboard, they stay charged up and may be transported to areas of need. They are designed to supply continuous power even under adverse weather conditions, and operate silently while producing no air emissions. In conjunction with fueled generators, solar can extend the fuel supply and probability of survival in an extended outage.

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ESTIMATED COSTS*

Solar panels: (~2,400 watts)	\$2,500
Custom racking:	\$4,000
Charge controller:	\$1,000
Batteries: (5 > kW, stand-alone)	\$2,500
Inverter:	\$5,000
Miscellaneous items and hardware:	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$17,500

<http://conservenorthtexas.org/workshops-and-training-opportunities>

<http://gosolartexas.org/cost-benefit-analysis>

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Using Underutilized Land for Energy Projects

3-in-1 RFP published by the Connecticut Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA)

Waterbury Landfill

- 3 acre urban infill site
- Landfill closed in 2009
- Utility corridor adjacent to property



Shelton Landfill

- 60 acre urban infill site
- Landfill closed in 2001
- Showcase installation at Seaside Park



Ellington Landfill

- 38 acre rural site
- Landfill closed in 1998
- Surround by productive farmland

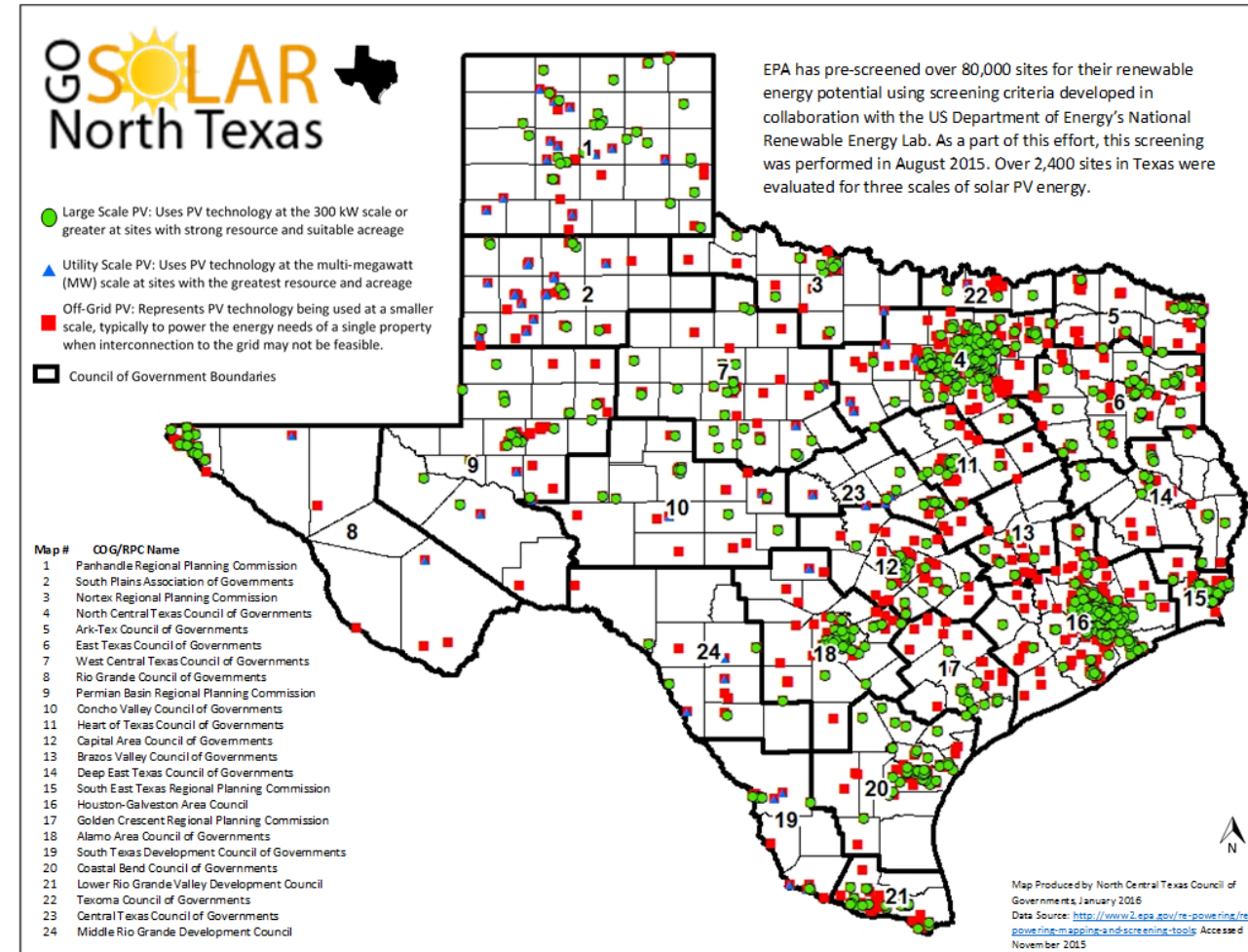


Underutilized Land Resources

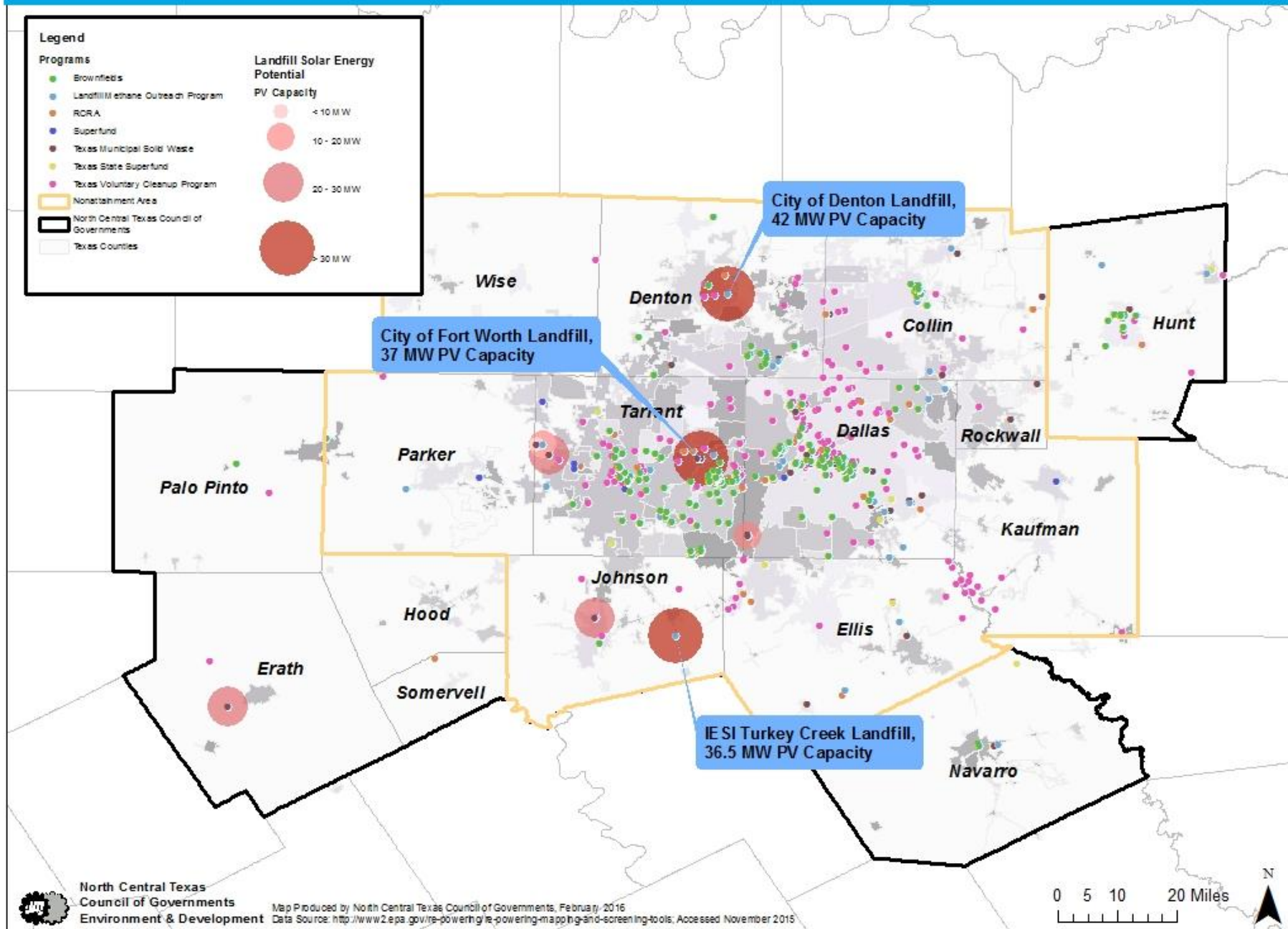
EPA RE-Powering Mapping and Screening Tools

- EPA encourages renewable energy on already developed or degraded land instead of green space. The tool addresses the following types of sites:

- Potentially Contaminated Sites (Superfund, Brownfield, RCRA, mine site)
- Landfill (Municipal Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition or similar unit)
- Underutilized (Abandoned parcels, parking lots, buffer zones)
- Rooftop (Solar PV only; Commercial / Industrial roofs)



North Central Texas Council of Governments Solar Energy Potential



Underutilized Land Resources

Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)

- Renewable natural gas (RNG) is a term used to describe [biogas](#) that has been upgraded for use in place of fossil natural gas.
- Sources include municipal solid waste landfills, digesters at water resource recovery facilities (wastewater treatment plants), livestock farms, food production facilities and organic waste management operations.

As a substitute for natural gas, RNG has many end uses:

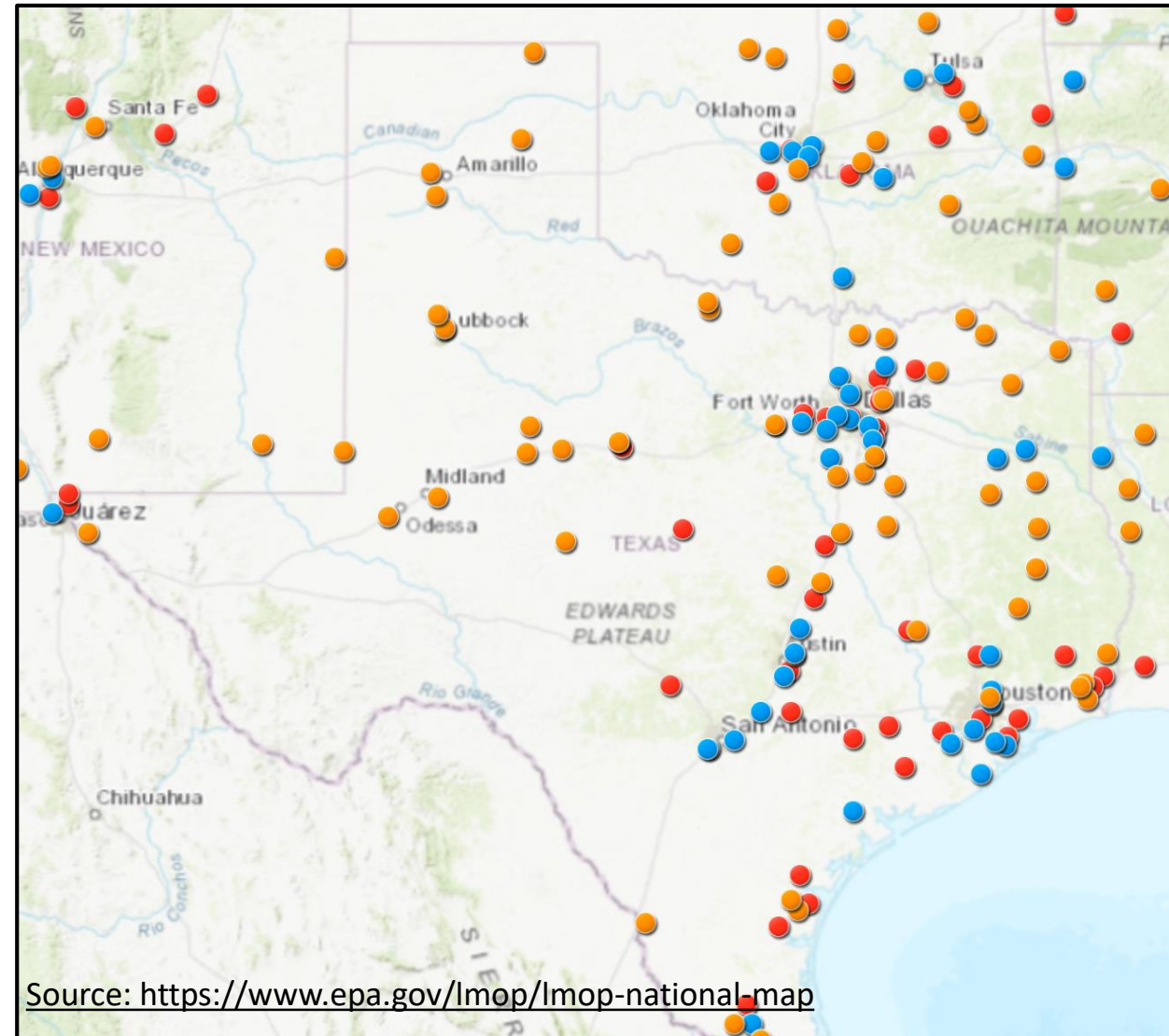
- in thermal applications,
- to generate electricity,
- for vehicle fuel or
- as a bio-product feedstock.

Source: <https://www.epa.gov/lmop/renewable-natural-gas#rngmap>

Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP)

<https://www.epa.gov/lmop/landfill-gas-energy-project-data-and-landfill-technical-data>

Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) National Map



Source: https://www.epa.gov/lmop/lmop-national_map

- Landfills (divided into three "Categories" for this map) ●
- ✓ Candidate Landfills ●
- ✓ Landfills with an Operational, Under-construction or Planned Project ●
- ✓ Other Landfills ●

Underutilized Land Resources



SOLSMART HOW WE HELP OUR DESIGNEES RESOURCES NEWS GET STARTED

UPCOMING WEBINAR: DEVELOPING SOLAR ON BROWNFIELDS

SolSmart; National Renewable Energy Laboratory; Electric Power Research Institute; Metropolitan Council; Stantec



Webinars, Community

Join us on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at 11:30 am. This webinar discusses the photovoltaic development of solar on formerly contaminated brownfields. Formerly brownfields projects, but may include solar projects. This webinar discusses the photovoltaic development of solar on formerly contaminated brownfields.

Related Criteria



Underutilized Land to Work With Solar - Webinar 07-27-2016

GO SOLAR TEXAS

Putting Underutilized Land to Work for Solar

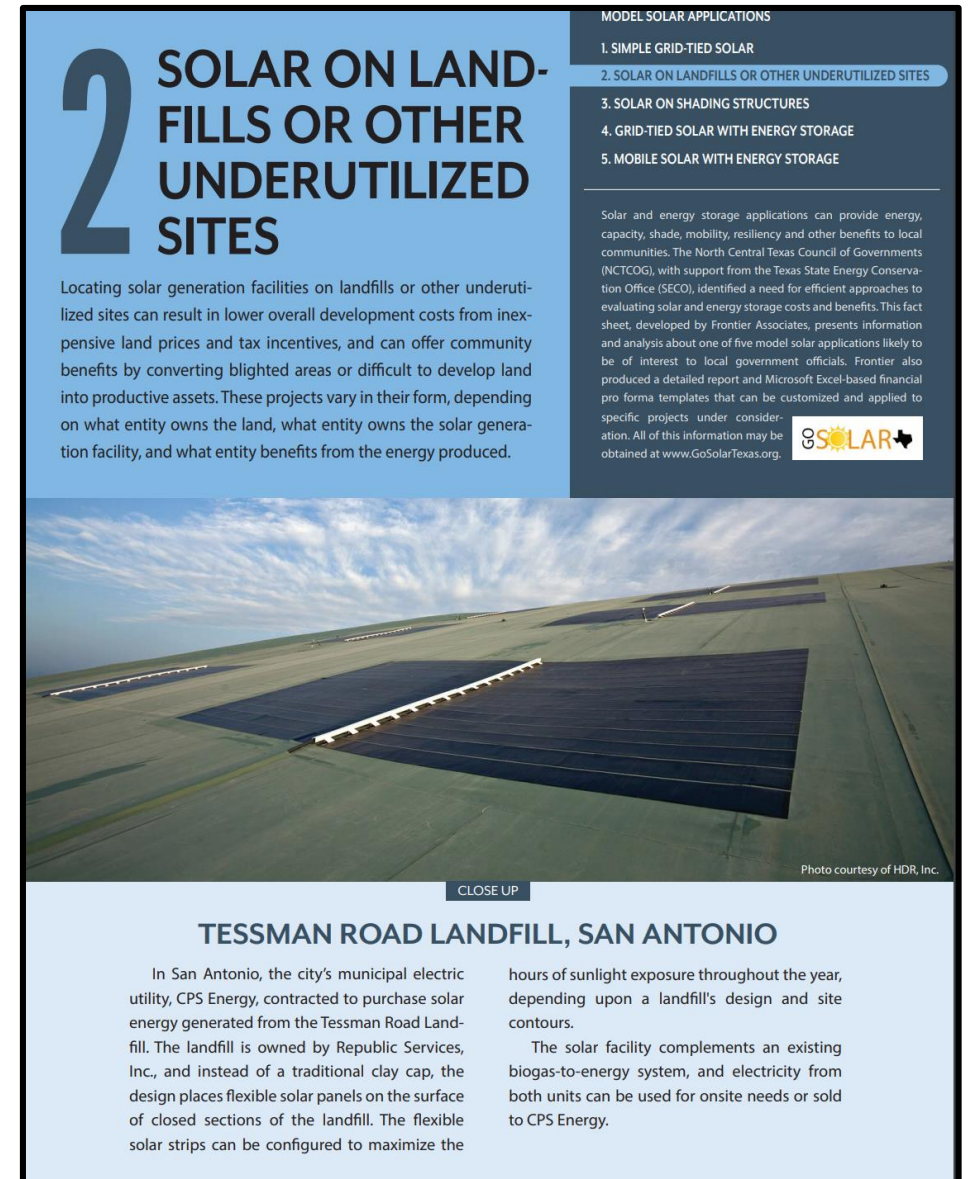
July 27, 2016
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Sponsored by:

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SECO State Energy Conservation Office

www.GoSolarTexas.org

<http://gosolartexas.org/2016/putting-underutilized-land-work-solar>



2 SOLAR ON LANDFILLS OR OTHER UNDERUTILIZED SITES

Locating solar generation facilities on landfills or other underutilized sites can result in lower overall development costs from inexpensive land prices and tax incentives, and can offer community benefits by converting blighted areas or difficult to develop land into productive assets. These projects vary in their form, depending on what entity owns the land, what entity owns the solar generation facility, and what entity benefits from the energy produced.

MODEL SOLAR APPLICATIONS

1. SIMPLE GRID-TIED SOLAR
2. SOLAR ON LANDFILLS OR OTHER UNDERUTILIZED SITES
3. SOLAR ON SHADING STRUCTURES
4. GRID-TIED SOLAR WITH ENERGY STORAGE
5. MOBILE SOLAR WITH ENERGY STORAGE

Solar and energy storage applications can provide energy, capacity, shade, mobility, resiliency and other benefits to local communities. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), with support from the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), identified a need for efficient approaches to evaluating solar and energy storage costs and benefits. This fact sheet, developed by Frontier Associates, presents information and analysis about one of five model solar applications likely to be of interest to local government officials. Frontier also produced a detailed report and Microsoft Excel-based financial pro forma templates that can be customized and applied to specific projects under consideration. All of this information may be obtained at www.GoSolarTexas.org.




Photo courtesy of HDR, Inc.

TESSMAN ROAD LANDFILL, SAN ANTONIO

In San Antonio, the city's municipal electric utility, CPS Energy, contracted to purchase solar energy generated from the Tessman Road Landfill. The landfill is owned by Republic Services, Inc., and instead of a traditional clay cap, the design places flexible solar panels on the surface of closed sections of the landfill. The flexible solar strips can be configured to maximize the hours of sunlight exposure throughout the year, depending upon a landfill's design and site contours.

The solar facility complements an existing biogas-to-energy system, and electricity from both units can be used for onsite needs or sold to CPS Energy.

<http://gosolartexas.org/cost-benefit-analysis>

Encourage Cities to Complete SECO Local Government Energy Reporting



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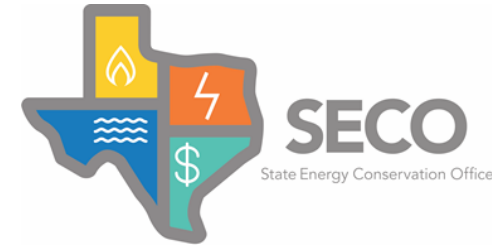


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SECO Local Government Energy Reporting



Section 388.005 (c) Texas Health and Safety Code

Purpose: Lower Local Government Energy Consumption

Requirements: Requires all political subdivisions, institutes of higher education, and state agencies in the 42 Ozone Nonattainment and Near Nonattainment Counties to establish a **goal of reducing electric consumption by at least 5% each state fiscal year for 7 years** beginning September 1, 2019 **and to submit an annual report** to the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)

Issues: Lack of Awareness, Non-Compliance with Annual Reporting Requirement

SECO Local Government Energy Reporting



Who Reports?

The following entities in 42 Nonattainment or Near Nonattainment counties:

- ★ Cities and Counties
- ★ State Agencies
- ★ Institutes of Higher Education

What's Due:

Annual report to SECO recording the entity's annual electric consumption (kWh) and the entity's progress to meet the 5% energy reduction goal




EXTENDED DEADLINE: February 1, 2020

The screenshot displays the SECO Local Government Energy Reporting Form. It is divided into five main sections:


- SECTION 1: Reporting Entity Information**
 - * Entity name: [Text input field]
 - * Entity type:
 - Municipality
 - County
 - State agency
 - Higher education
 - Other (please specify) [Text input field]
 - * Contact Information:
 - City: [Text input field]
 - ZIP Code: [Text input field]
 - County: [Text input field]
 - Contact name: [Text input field]
 - Contact's title: [Text input field]
 - Contact's email address: [Text input field]
 - Contact's phone number: [Text input field]
- SECTION 2: Reduction Goal**
- SECTION 3: Reporting Period**
 - * As mandated by Health and Safety Code §388.005(c) has your entity established a goal to reduce electrical consumption by at least 5 percent each year for 10 years beginning Sept. 1, 2011?
 - Yes
 - No
 - * Twelve-month reporting period:
 - Start (MM/DD/YYYY): [Text input field]
 - End (MM/DD/YYYY): [Text input field]
- SECTION 4: Electricity Consumption Period**
 - Enter annual electrical usage in kWh for the reporting period indicated above.
 - Buildings (kWh): [Text input field]
 - Buildings gross square footage: [Text input field]
 - Traffic lighting (kWh): [Text input field]
 - Number of traffic lights: [Text input field]
 - Street lighting (kWh): [Text input field]
 - Number of street lights: [Text input field]
 - Water (pumps) facilities (kWh): [Text input field]
 - Number of water customers served: [Text input field]
 - Wastewater facilities (kWh): [Text input field]
 - Number of wastewater customers served: [Text input field]
 - REQUIRED: Total electricity consumption (kWh):** [Text input field]
- SECTION 5: Natural Gas Consumption Data (optional)**

NCTCOG Regional Cities & Counties Who've Submitted Fiscal Year '19 Local Government Energy Reports to the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)


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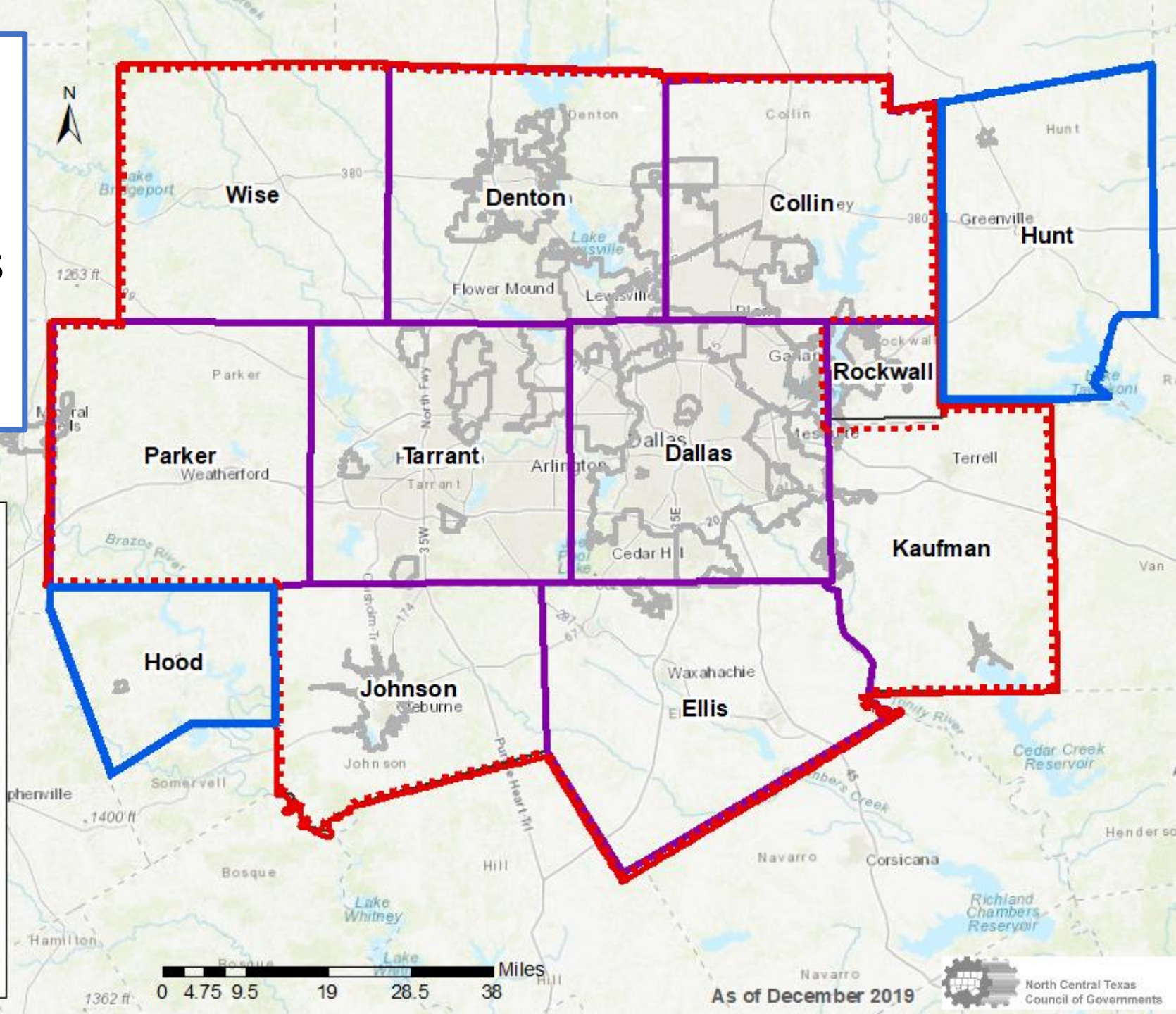
-  Near Nonattainment Counties
-  Counties Designated Nonattainment Under 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS
-  Counties Designated Nonattainment Under 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS

Counties

-  Submitted FY 19 Report

Cities

-  Submitted FY 19 Report



Local Government Energy Reporting Resources to Increase Awareness



As part of a year-long project with funding from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), NCTCOG staff developed a series of deliverables to increase awareness and compliance to the state mandated energy reporting requirements of **Section 388.005 (c) Texas Health and Safety Code**.



The deliverables have been pulled together to create a “**Local Government Energy Reporting: Toolkit**” that Council of Governments (COGs) across Texas can utilize with the applicable entities.

Toolkit Items Include:

- ✓ “How-To” Document on **Uploading Template Data to ENERGYSTAR Building Portfolio Manager**
- ✓ **Letter** to Applicable Entities Regarding the Local Government Energy Reporting Requirements
- ✓ Template handout for COG’s willing to provide **technical assistance** to entities over the energy reporting requirements
- ✓ Informational handout highlighting SECO’s **Preliminary Energy Assessment (PEA) Program**
- ✓ Blank FY19 Energy Report Form Template

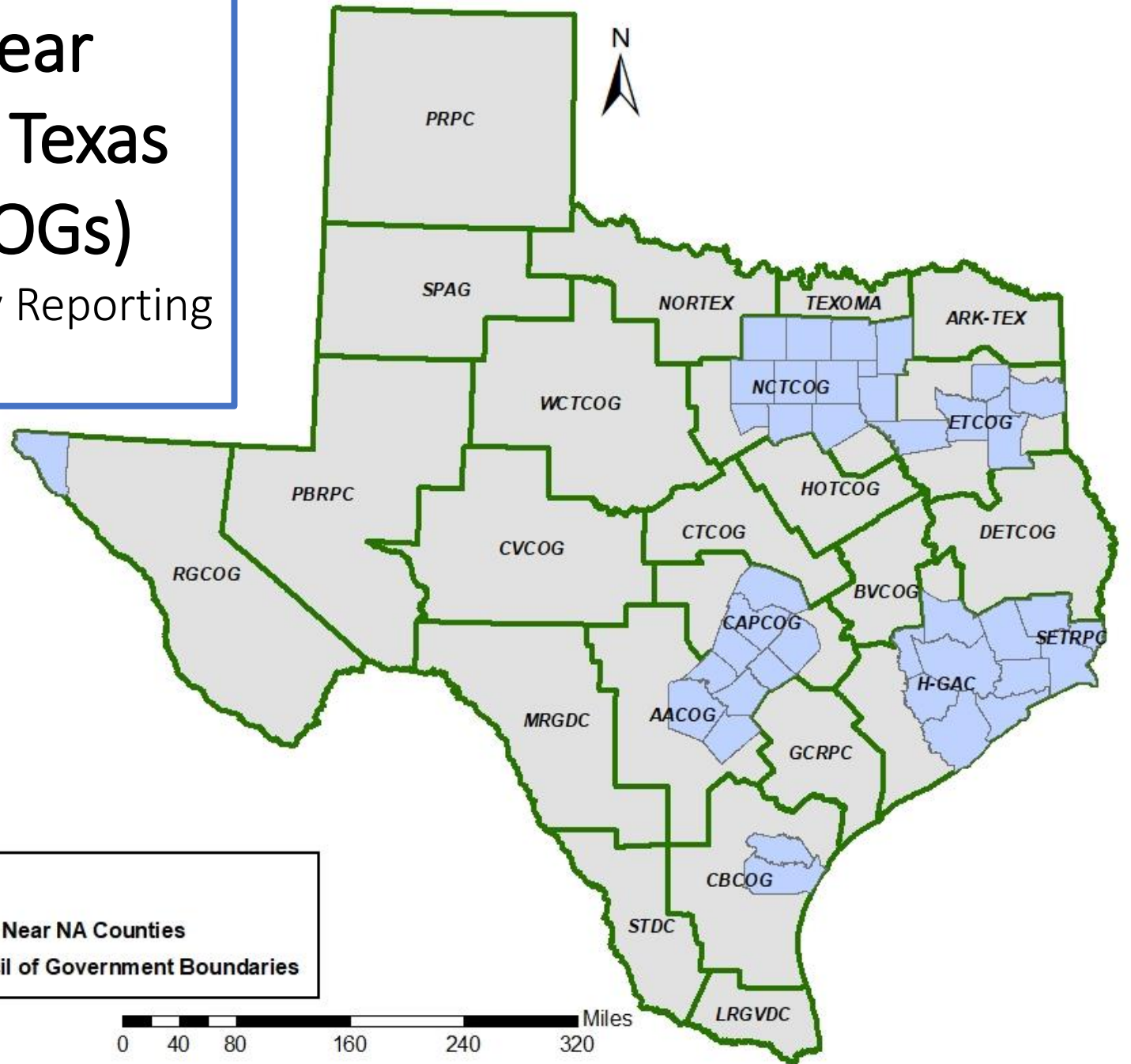
Toolkit can be found on our website

<http://conservenorthtexas.org/item/local-government-energy-reporting-toolkit>

Ozone Nonattainment or Near Nonattainment Counties in Texas Council of Governments (COGs)

Subject to the Local Government Energy Reporting Requirements

- | | | |
|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Bastrop | Hardin | Rockwall |
| Bexar | Harris | Rusk |
| Brazoria | Harrison | San Patricio |
| Caldwell | Hays | Smith |
| Chambers | Henderson | Tarrant |
| Collin | Hood | Travis |
| Comal | Hunt | Upshur |
| Dallas | Jefferson | Waller |
| Denton | Johnson | Williamson |
| El Paso | Kaufman | Wilson |
| Ellis | Liberty | Wise |
| Fort Bend | Montgomery | |
| Galveston | Nueces | |
| Gregg | Orange | |
| Guadalupe | Parker | |



Encourage Cities & Counties to Adopt the TX-PACE Program



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Texas Property Assessed Clean Energy (TX PACE) Program

TX-PACE facilitates the use of private capital to finance water conservation, **energy efficiency**, resiliency, and distributed generation projects to eligible properties

How It Works

A Building Owner:



If the owner, building, and project all meet PACE requirements:



www.TexasPACEAuthority.org

PACE is a voluntary program that can be used for the following property types.

ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES



COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY

Including non-profit real property such as private schools, medical facilities, churches, etc.



INDUSTRIAL REAL PROPERTY

Including privately owned agricultural real property.

Industrial Flyer



MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

Residential real property with five or more dwelling units.

Eligible Improvements:

Chillers, boilers, and furnaces • HVAC, BMS, BAS, EMS controls • Lighting • Water heating systems • Energy management systems and controls • Roofing • Windows • Doors • Insulation • Elevator modernization • Pool equipment • Cogeneration or combined heat and power • Heat recovery and steam traps • Solar panels • Wind turbines • Water management systems and controls • Irrigation equipment • Rainwater collection systems • Toilets • Faucets • Greywater systems... and more!

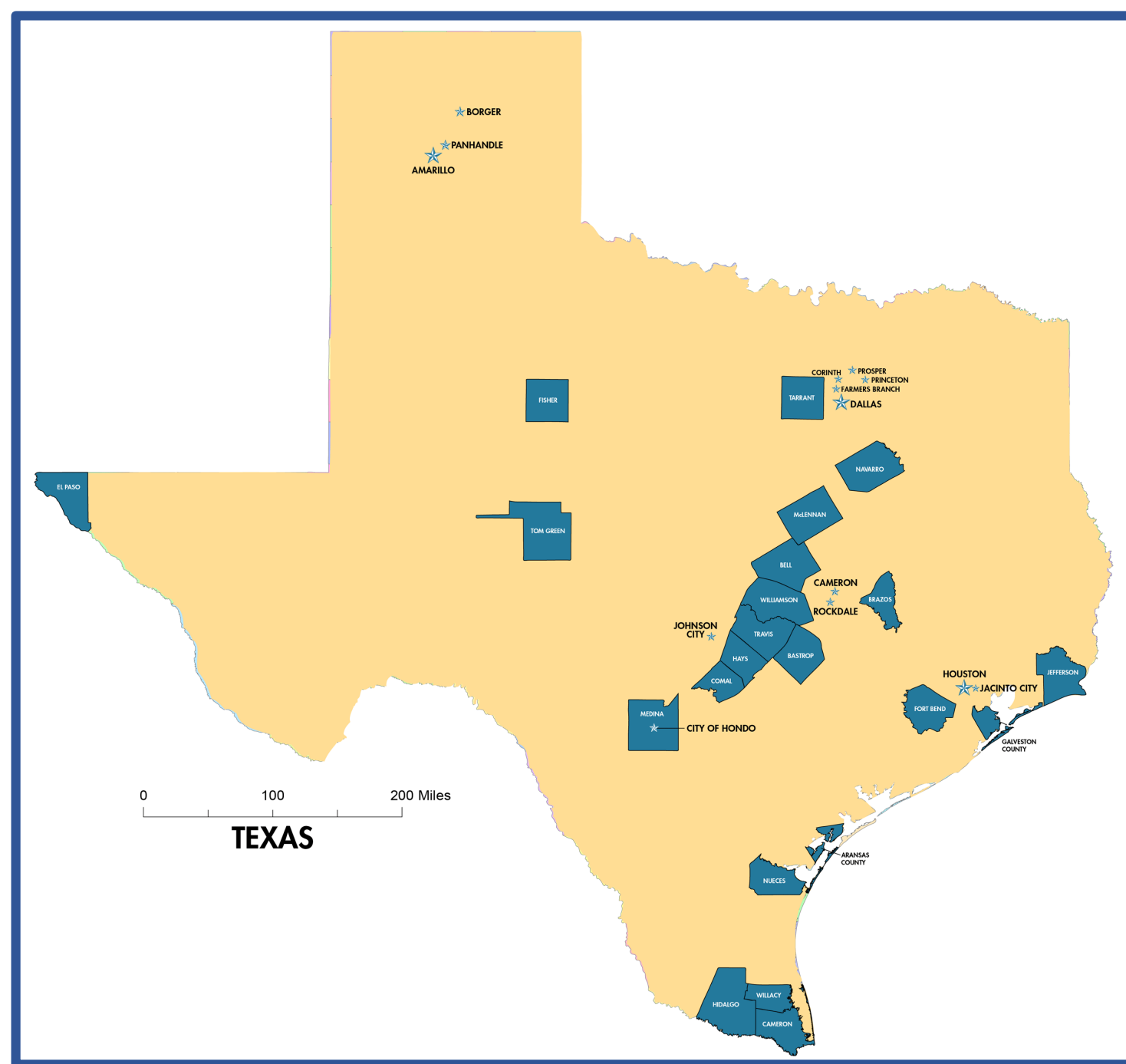
Designated Texas PACE Districts

Counties

- Aransas
- Bastrop
- Bell
- Brazos
- Cameron
- Comal
- El Paso
- Fisher
- Fort Bend
- Galveston
- Hays
- Hidalgo
- Jefferson
- Medina
- McLennan
- Navarro
- Nueces
- Tarrant
- Tom Green
- Travis
- Willacy
- Williamson

Cities

- Amarillo
- Borger
- Cameron
- Corinth
- Dallas
- Farmers Branch
- Hondo
- Houston
- Jacinto City
- Johnson City
- Panhandle
- Princeton
- Prosper
- Rockdale



PACE Adoption Resources



NCTCOG Resources

- <http://gosolartexas.org/2016/pace-financing>
- <http://gosolartexas.org/incentivizing-and-financing-solar#PACEFinancing>

Programs

SECO

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY

The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program provides low-cost, long-term financing for water and energy efficiency and conservation improvements to commercial and industrial properties. In 2013, the Legislature passed [Senate Bill 385 \(83R\)](#) allowing municipalities and counties to work with commercial lenders and property owners to pursue improvements using property assessments as a secure repayment mechanism.

Under a PACE arrangement, private property owners evaluate measures that achieve energy savings and obtain financing, repaid as an assessment on the building. The assessment mechanism allows access to low-cost, long-term capital to finance improvements to the property. By eliminating upfront costs, extending financing and simplifying the transfer of repayment obligations to new owners upon sale, PACE overcomes challenges that have hindered building energy efficiency and related projects.

Tools for Establishing a PACE Program

The [Houston Advanced Research Center](#) (HARC) with the support of SECO and the Texas PACE Authority has produced several videos to help local governments establish a PACE program in their area:

- [How to Establish a TX-PACE Program](#)
- [TX-PACE: An overview for Local Government Officials](#)
- [Picking up the TX-PACE: Texas Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing](#)

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/seco/funding/pace.php>

Use NCTCOG and Partner Resources to Connect and Train Local Governments



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Energy Related Newsletters

Access North Texas

Information about transit planning and coordination

Air North Texas Clean Air Mail

Air Pollution Action Day alerts and air quality tips, news and resources

Air Quality Funding Update

Current and upcoming air quality funding opportunities

Bicycle/Pedestrian Update

Information about bicycle and pedestrian planning, safety, projects, funding opportunities, and events

Clean Cities Newsflash

A monthly newsletter that provides information on alternative fuels and clean technology vehicle options

Clean School Bus Update

Information related to reducing emissions from the school bus fleet, including upcoming grant funding

Electric Vehicles North Texas (EVNT)

Updates on the EVNT program and announcements on news related to electric vehicles

Energy Management and Energy Efficiency

Emails related to energy, energy efficiency, and solar energy

Engine Off North Texas

Updates on regional developments related to vehicle idling including policies and campaigns, funding opportunities, success stories, and new regulations



Hello , featured in this issue:

News and Updates:

- 2019 Texas Energy Summit Outstanding Government Organization Award to NCTCOG
- Local Government Energy Reporting – Reminder and Update to Reporting
- Dallas Fort Worth Clean Cities Fleet Recognition Awards and Annual Survey
- North Texas Electric Vehicle (EV) Registration
- No-Cost Technical Assistance to Cities Interested in Achieving SolSmart Designation
- Notice of Loan Fund Availability for the LoanSTAR Program
- Texas GLO Mitigation Action Plan Released for Public Comment – Opportunity for Infrastructure and Planning Funding
- TXU Energy Urban Tree Farm and Education Center
- Estimating the Health Benefits per-Kilowatt Hour of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[https://www.nctcog.org/stay-informed?ext=.](https://www.nctcog.org/stay-informed?ext=)

Go Solar Texas



www.gosolartexas.org

Texas-Specific Information about Solar

Key Resource Types

- Best Management Practices
- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Trainings
- Case Studies
- Meeting-in-a-Box

Go Solar Texas



Solar power is an emerging clean energy option that can positively impact North Texas' environment and save consumers money on their electric bills. Dallas-Fort Worth is a prime location for solar technology and its growth due to the region's climate and geography. Solar power can provide much of the needed electricity when electricity demand is highest - when it's hot and the sun is shining.

With proper implementation, solar energy will help to improve air quality.



Solar 101

Learn the basics about solar energy, terminology, and equipment.



Steps for Going Solar

Considering installing a solar energy system? Now what? Steps for Going Solar provides details on solar energy systems, costs, tools for determining if solar is right for your property, and more.



Conserve North Texas

Clearinghouse of Energy
Efficiency, Water
Conservation, and
Transportation Resources

Resource Types:

- Programs
- Tools
- Calculators
- Case Studies



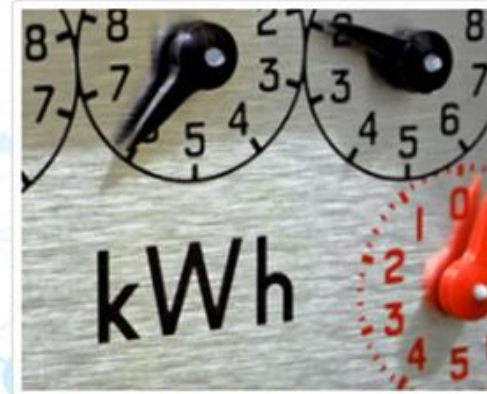
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Topic



Water

Find resources to reduce water use and increase water conservation within the public and private sector.



Energy

Search resources that help reduce energy consumption and increase energy efficiency across all sectors.



Fuel

Explore resources to reduce energy and fuel intensity within the transportation sector.

SolSmart Resources

What is SolSmart?

- Designation program for cities, counties and regional organizations across the country to be recognized for fostering the development of local solar markets

Resources Include:

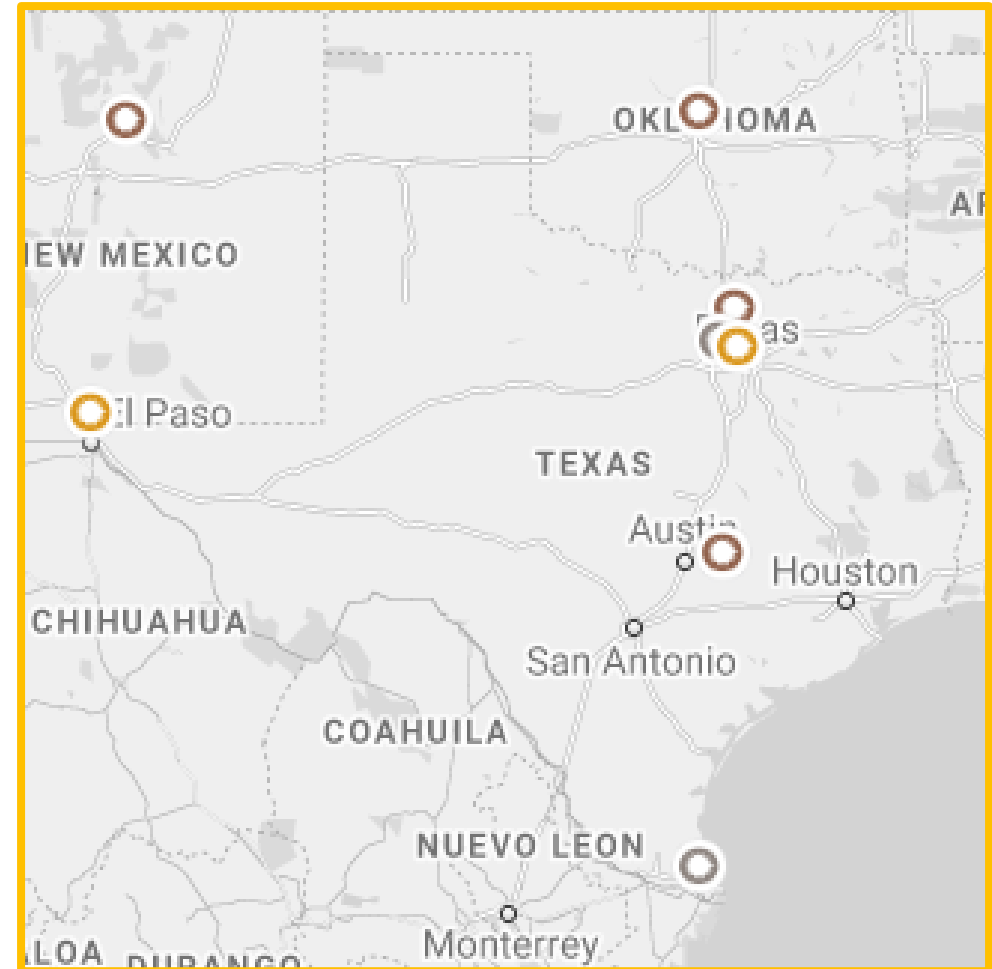
- Webinars
- Toolkits
- Planning tools
- Permitting tools
- Construction codes

And much more!

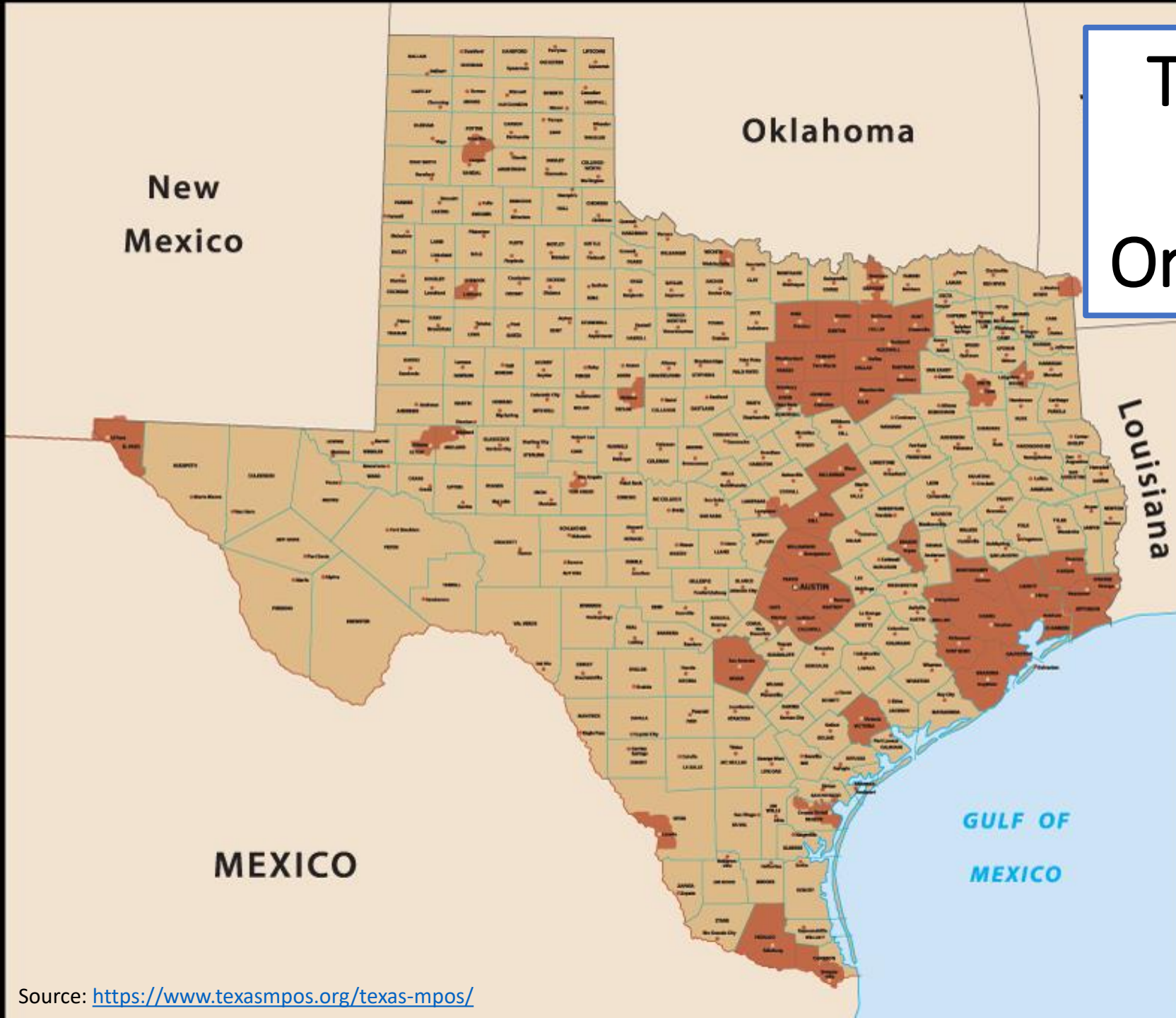
www.solsmart.org



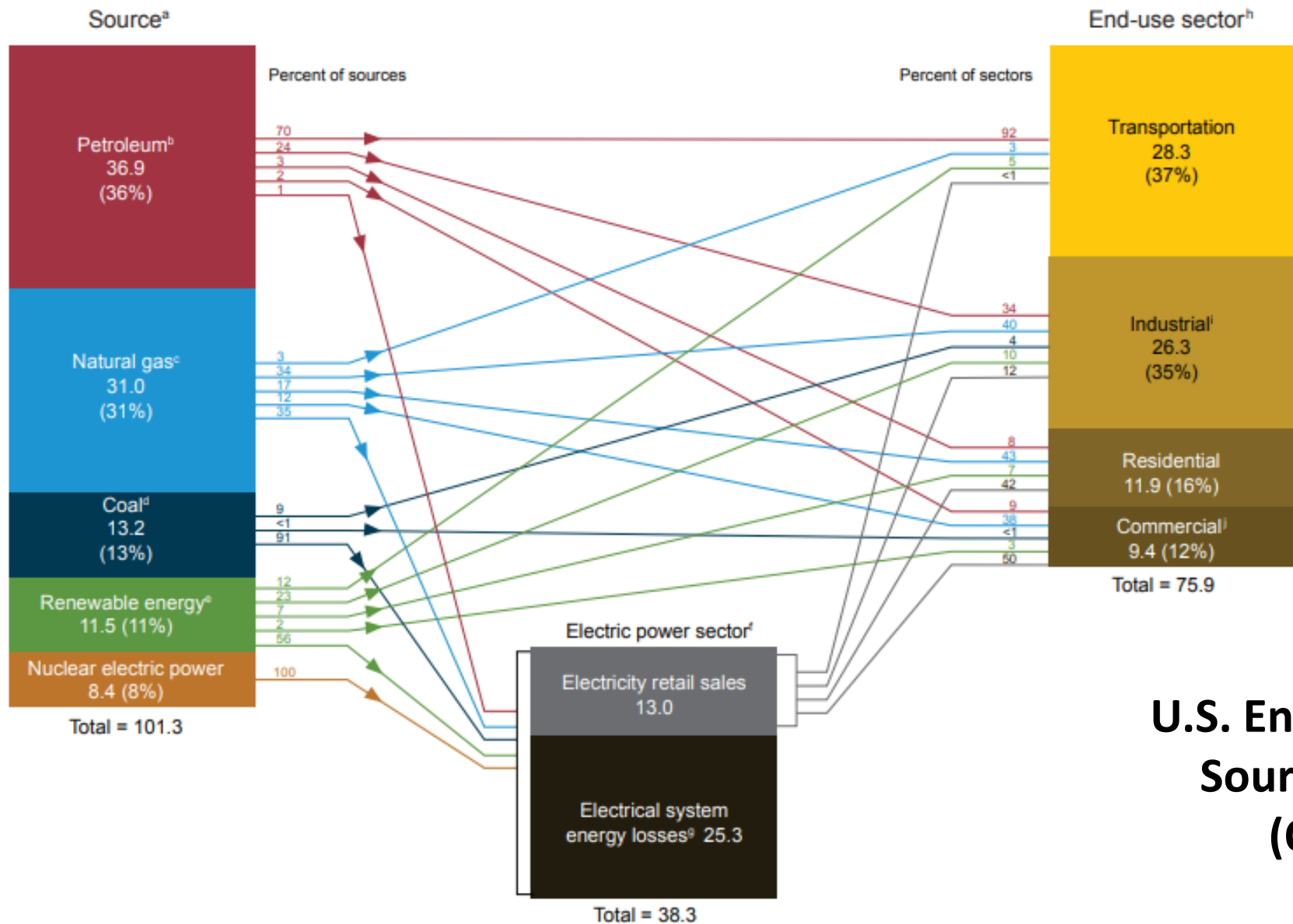
SolSmart Designated Texas Cities



Texas Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)



Transportation as Part of the Energy Economy



Transportation Energy is 37% of Total Energy Consumption

U.S. Energy Consumption by Source and Sector 2018 (Quadrillion Btu)

Source: https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/pdf/flow/css_2018_energy.pdf

Dallas Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition



Created by the Department of Energy to Address the Requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 1992

Part of a national network of nearly **100 coalitions**



To advance the nation's economic, environmental, and energy security by working locally to advance affordable, domestic transportation fuels and technologies



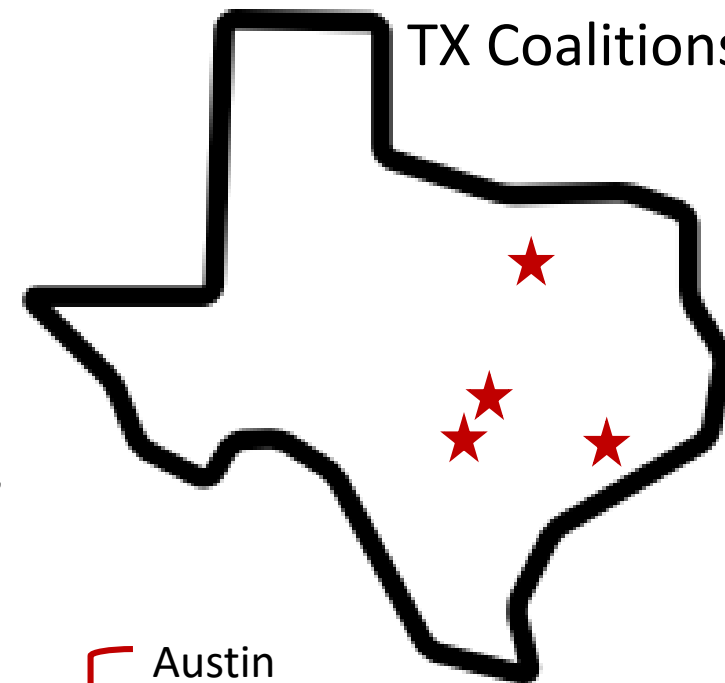
Partners with **public** and **private fleets**



Alternative fuel neutral with primary focus on **reducing ozone**

www.dfwcleancities.org

One of four
TX Coalitions!



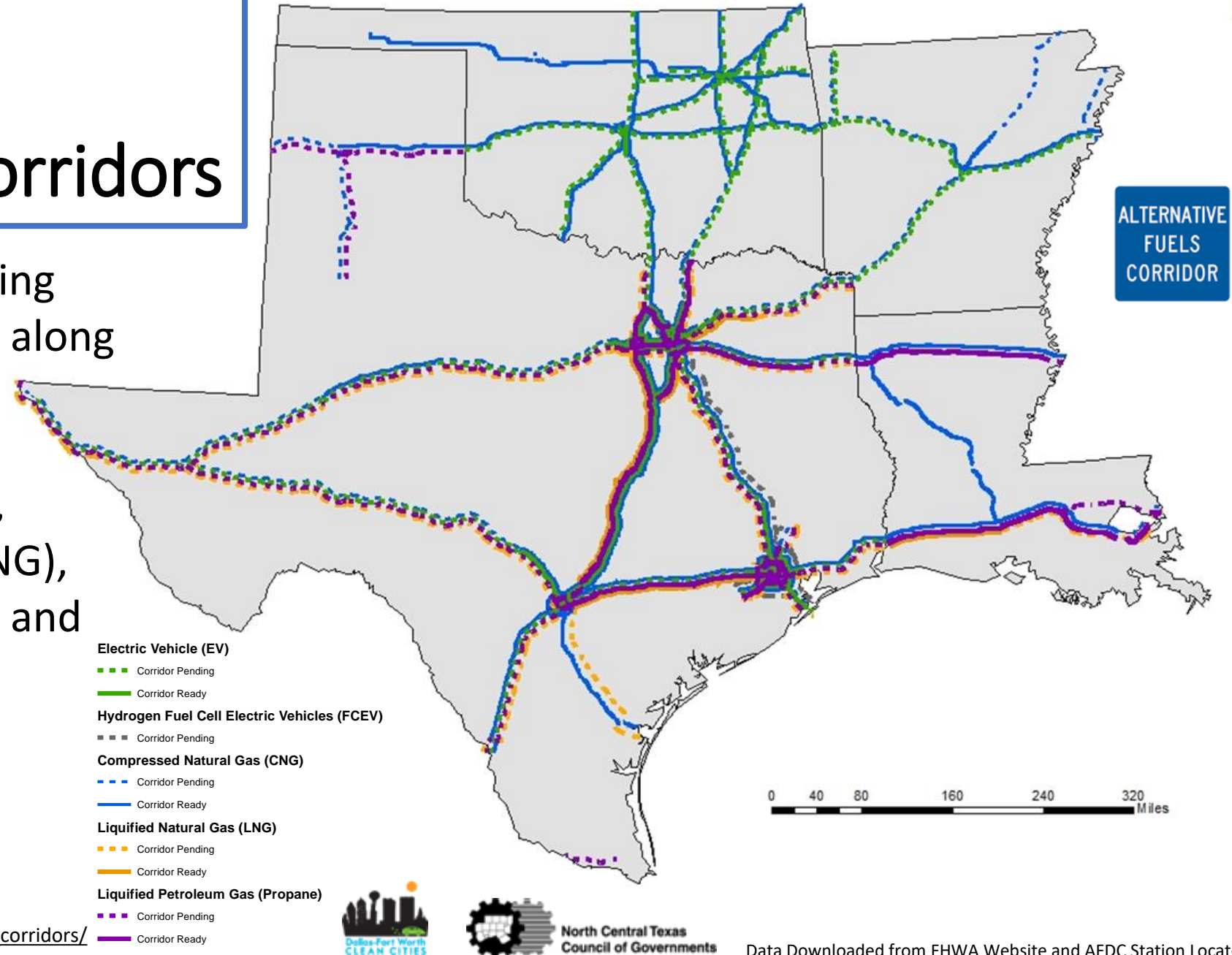
Austin
Dallas-Fort Worth
Houston-Galveston
San Antonio



Dallas-Fort Worth
CLEAN CITIES

Federal Highways Administration: Alternative Fuel Corridors

- Network of alternative fueling and charging infrastructure along national highways system corridors
- Includes electric, hydrogen, compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), and propane



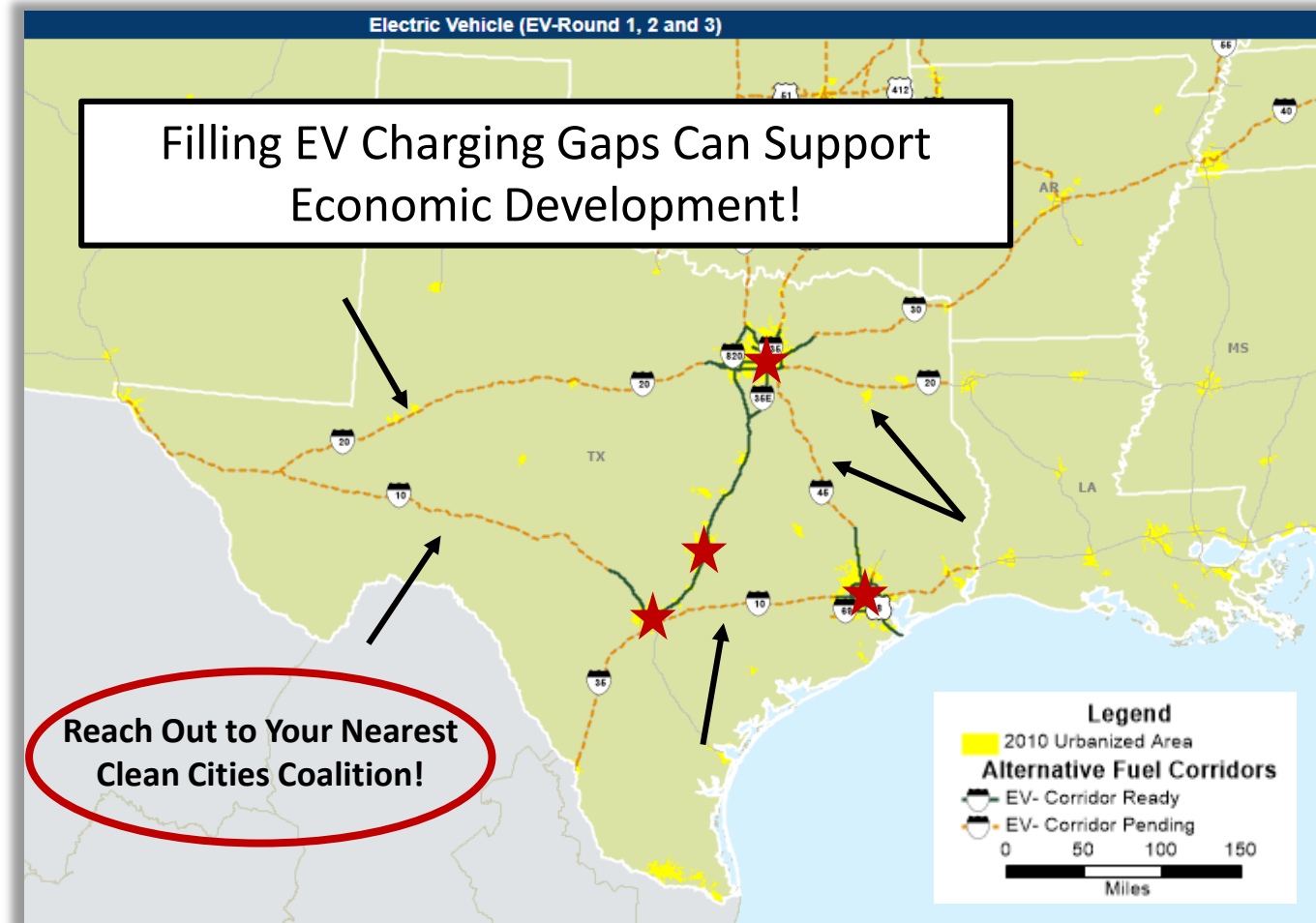
Volkswagen Funding & Alternative Fuel Corridor Development



To prepare for light-duty zero emission vehicle (ZEV)* deployment across Texas, the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement includes a goal to fund ZEV infrastructure statewide.



The TCEQ will consider funding for charging infrastructure along major transportation corridors of Texas.



Other Resources

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/seco>

Programs



STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE

SECO partners with Texas local governments, county governments, public K-12 schools, public institutions of higher education and state agencies, to reduce utility costs and maximize efficiency. SECO also adopts energy codes for single-family residential, commercial, and state-funded buildings.



Funding & Incentives

- SECO Funding Opportunities
- LoanSTAR Revolving Loan Program
- Other Funding Resources



Programs

- Alternative Fuels Program
- Clean Energy Incubators
- Industrial Energy Efficiency
- Innovative Energy Demonstration Program
- Local Governments Program
- Schools Program
- State Agency and Higher Ed. Program
- Pantex Program
- Watt Watchers



Energy Codes

- Training & Code Compliance
- Energy Code Adoption Process
- Code Contacts
- Commercial & Multi-Family Construction
- Single-Family Construction
- State-Funded Buildings
- Local Ordinances
- Texas Water Conservation Standards

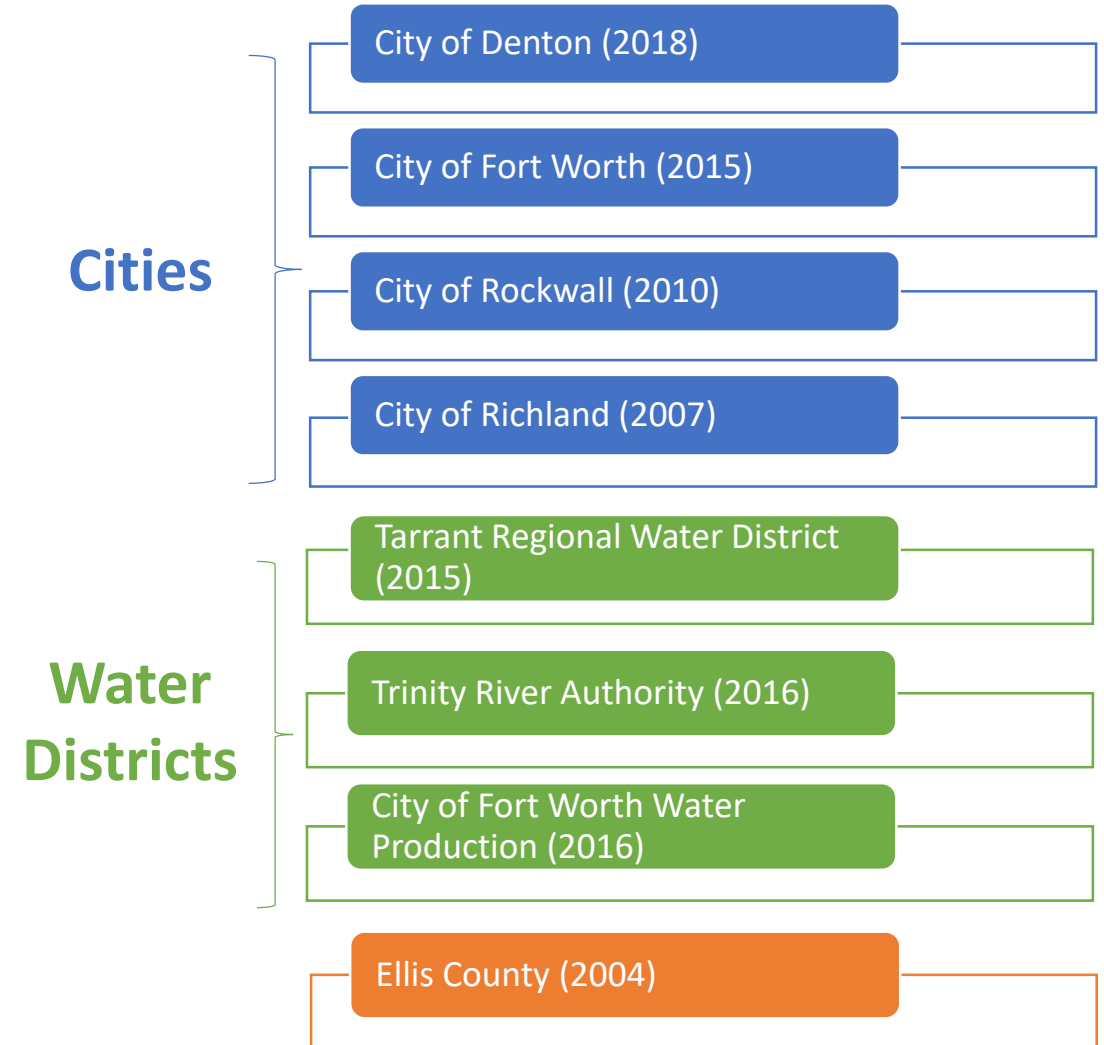
Preliminary Energy Assessments (PEAs)



The State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) provides preliminary energy assessments (PEAs) at no charge to municipal and county governments, ISDs, county hospitals, port authorities, major airports, public water authorities and municipally-owned utilities.

PEAs recommend **cost-effective resource efficiency measures** that could be implemented to reduce utility consumption or utility costs.

Encourage entities in your region to perform a PEA!



LoanSTAR Revolving Loan

Finances Projects that Reduce Energy/Water/Utility Costs

- Simple Payback Period of **15 Years or Less**
- 2% Loan Interest Rate; 1% if Choose ARRA Funds with More Reporting

Open Enrollment Through **August 30, 2020**

- Maximum \$8 Million Loan Per Application
- Maximum 3 Loans per Entity



Other Funding & Incentives

Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy:

Local, Utility, State, Federal

www.dsireusa.org

DSIRE[®]

Texas Department of Agriculture:

City Population < 50,000; County Population <200,000

Water / Wastewater infrastructure; Street / Drainage; Housing

Awards Range from \$75,000 - \$800,000

www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

Texas Water Development Board:

Financial Assistance Programs

Loans, Grants, Deferred Interest, Combination Grant/Loan

Political Subdivisions, non-profit and Community Water Supply

Corporations, Private

www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs

Texas Water
Development Board

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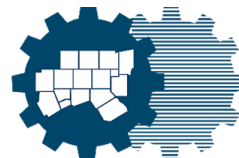
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