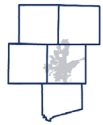




CHAPTER 25

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

The City of Fort Worth interacts on a formal and informal basis with various entities and agencies to provide quality services to citizens, to reduce costs, and to comply with state and federal regulations. This chapter identifies and describes existing agreements and presents opportunities for additional interaction and coordination.



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County Reach



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Adjacent Cities



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School Districts



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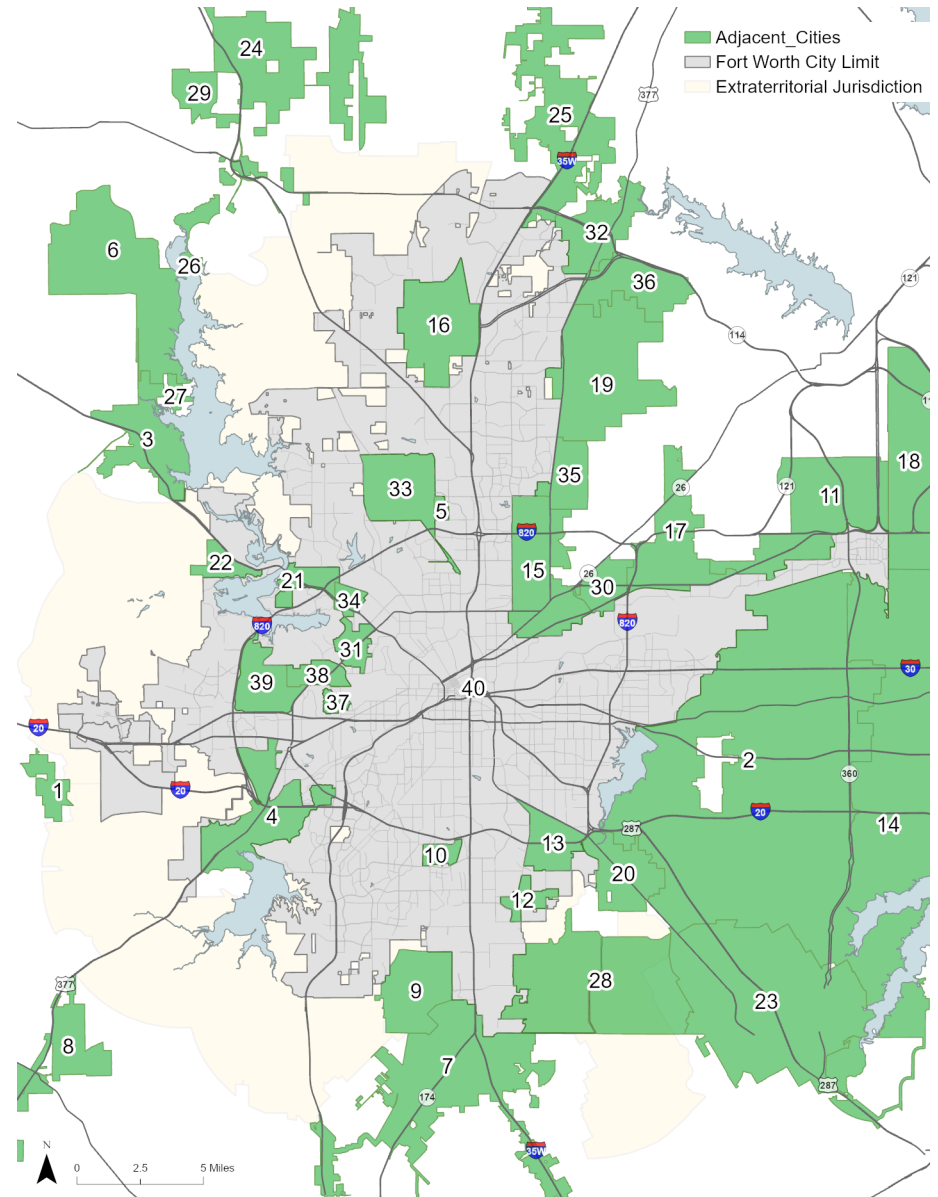
Commuter Rail Lines

SURROUNDING CITY POPULATIONS

KEY	CITY	2020	KEY	CITY	2020
1	Aledo	4,692	21	Lake Worth	4,710
2	Arlington	392,304	22	Lakeside Town (Tarrant County)	1,676
3	Azle	13,157	23	Mansfield	71,375
4	Benbrook	24,248	24	New Fairview	1,457
5	Blue Mound	2,274	25	Northlake	5,294
6	Briar	5,635	26	Pecan Acres	4,250
7	Burleson	47,230	27	Pelican Bay	1,833
8	Cresson	1,218	28	Rendon	14,597
9	Crowley	17,977	29	Rhome	1,774
10	Edgecliff Village	3,672	30	Richland Hills	8,505
11	Eules	60,134	31	River Oaks	7,623
12	Everman	6,148	32	Roanoke	9,270
13	Forest Hill	13,797	33	Saginaw	23,676
14	Grand Prairie	195,992	34	Sansom Park	5,363
15	Haltom City	45,777	35	Watauga	23,649
16	Haslet	2,296	36	Westlake	1,374
17	Hurst	40,114	37	Westover Hills	804
18	Irving	254,184	38	Westworth Village	2,590
19	Keller	45,190	39	White Settlement	18,040
20	Kennedale	8,342			

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census

ADJACENT CITIES



Source: City of Fort Worth, Planning & Data Analytics Department, 2022.

TRINITY RAILWAY EXPRESS

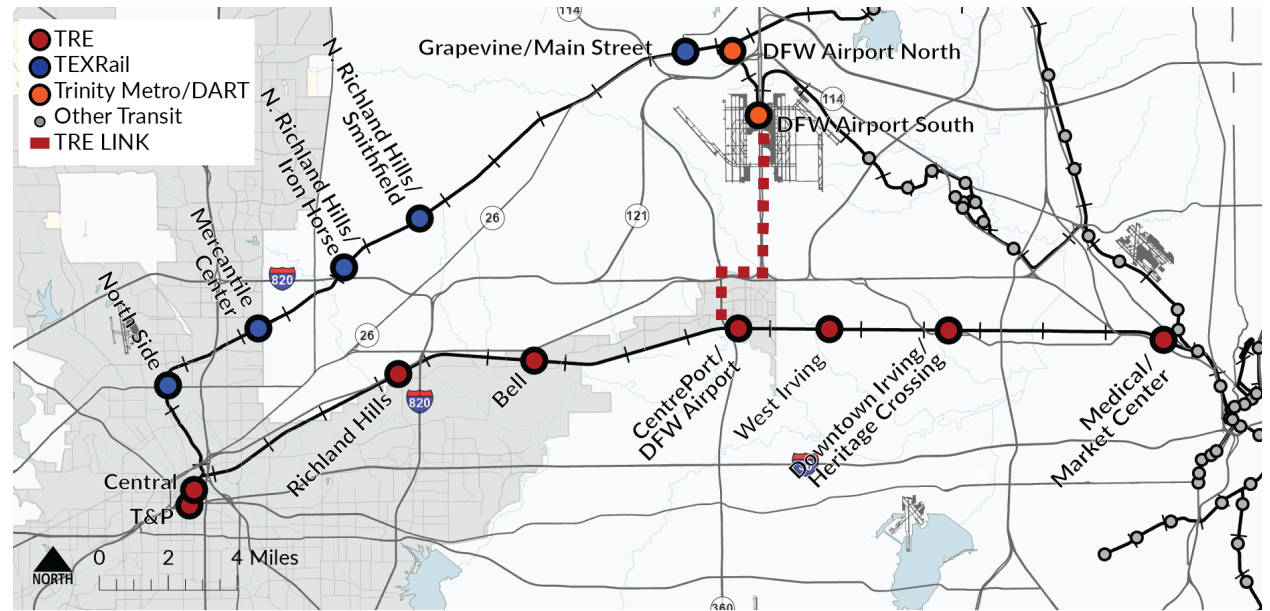
The Trinity Railway Express commuter rail project was originally a joint venture of the City of Fort Worth and the City of Dallas. Each city owned a 50 percent interest in right of way formerly owned by Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad that joins the two cities. The property was acquired to preserve the freight service until such time that mass transit could be re-introduced in the corridor. The cities of Fort Worth and Dallas have both transferred ownership of the rail corridor property to their respective public transportation providers, Trinity Metro and DART, who are responsible for implementing the Trinity Railway Express plan of services.

TEXRAIL

A second regional passenger rail connection between Fort Worth and Dallas—the TEXRail line, operated by Trinity Metro—began service in 2015. The TEXRail line runs between downtown Fort Worth and the DFW Airport, with stops at multiple stations, including downtown Fort Worth and downtown Grapevine. The TEXRail line meets the DART Orange Line inside DFW Airport. DART’s 26-mile Silver Line is under construction and will provide passenger rail connections and service between Plano and the DFW Airport, connecting to TEXRail.

A Near Southside TEXRail Station is proposed to extend the existing route to the Fort Worth Medical District. Service is anticipated to begin in 2026. Additional stations at Texas Christian University/Berry and in southwest Fort Worth are envisioned.

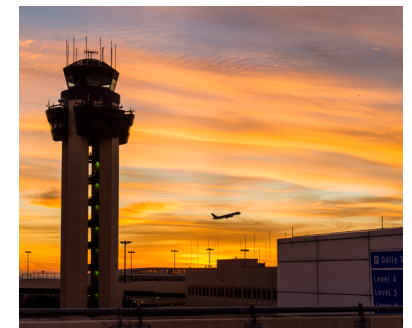
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS



Source: City of Fort Worth, Planning & Data Analytics Department, 2022.

DALLAS FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The City of Fort Worth and the City of Dallas are joint owners of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW Airport), one of the busiest airports for both passengers and cargo in the world, making it an extremely important asset to the region.



Source: City of Fort Worth, Planning and Data Analytics Department; Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, 2022.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

The City of Fort Worth has executed an interlocal agreement with every agency that accesses the North Texas Interoperable Radio Network (NTIRN), which is utilized daily by law enforcement and fire departments across the region. Any agency on the system has the capability to communicate with any other agency on the system. Example uses include joint task forces, cross boundary pursuits, and large events and incidents.

Through partnerships with cities and counties in North Texas, more than 40,000 devices in more than 170 local, state, federal, and private entities in eight counties access the system for either primary communications or mutual aid operations. With the anticipated addition of the City of Dallas system in 2022, NTIRN will be the third largest public safety communications system in the state.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Metropolitan Area EMS Authority, commonly referred to as MedStar, is the exclusive emergency and non-emergency ambulance service provider for Tarrant County, including Fort Worth. The City of Fort Worth has entered into an interlocal agreement with MedStar and adopted a Uniform EMS Ordinance.

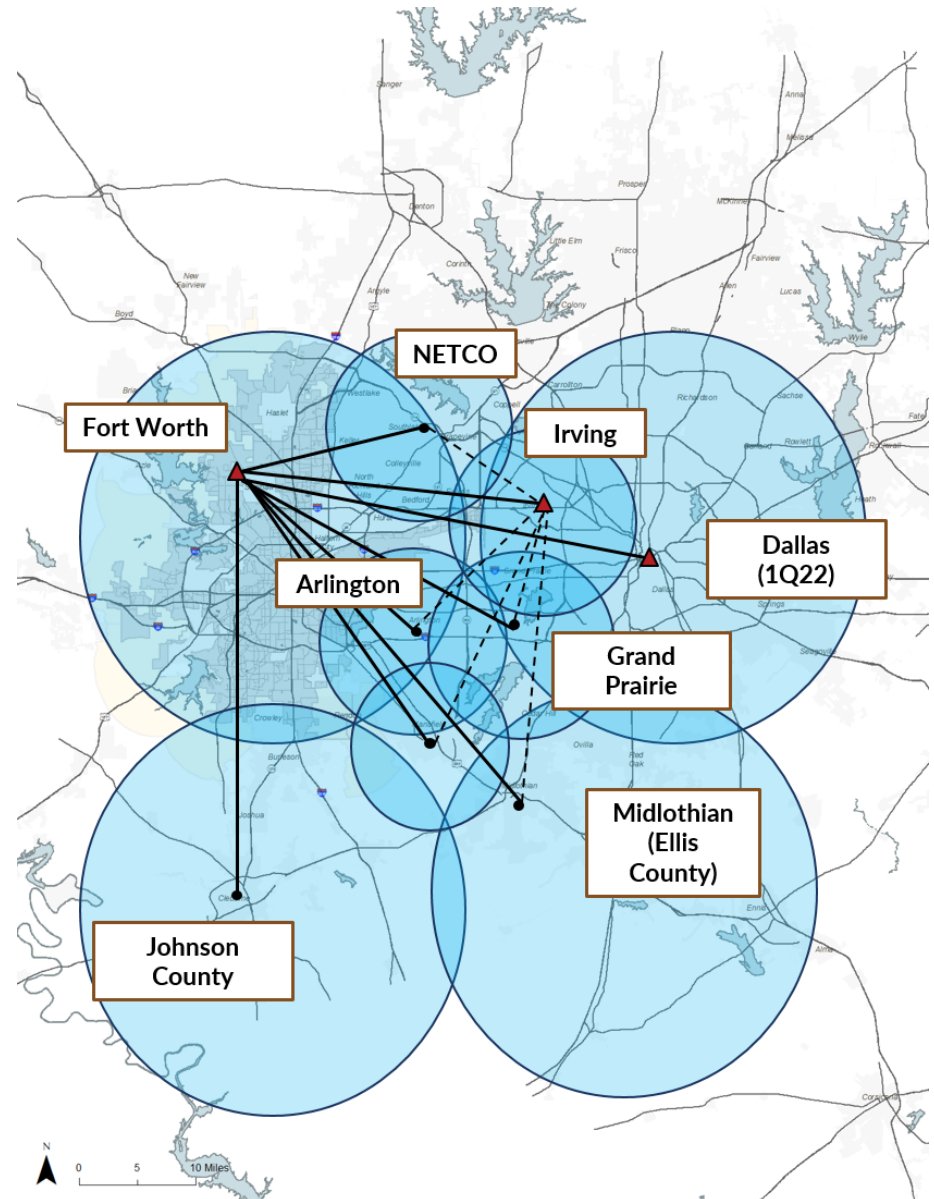
FIRE

The Fort Worth Fire Department maintains several teams that work closely with other agencies to provide special operations such as the Technical Rescue Team assembled by the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The Swift Water and Underwater Search & Rescue (SWUSAR) Team responds on a statewide and regional basis through coordination with the State of Texas, the Department of Homeland Security, and Texas A&M University.

POLICE

The City of Fort Worth Police Department has partnered with Tarrant County to provide two services; the Crisis Intervention Team and the Homeless Outreach Program Enforcement Team (H.O.P.E.).

NORTH TEXAS INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK



Source: City of Fort Worth, Information Technology Solutions Department, 2021.

TRINITY METRO

Trinity Metro oversees public transportation services in its service area which covers the area between Denton, Grapevine, the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Burleson, and Western Fort Worth. The City of Fort Worth and Trinity Metro have a contract whereby Trinity Metro provides transportation services to the City based on a service plan adopted by Trinity Metro’s Executive Committee.

TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The Tarrant County Hospital District, through the operation of the JPS Health Network, provides health services for county residents and is a primary provider of indigent health care services. JPS consists of John Peter Smith Hospital, Trinity Springs Pavilion for Psychiatric Care, and a network of community-based health centers located throughout the county.

TARRANT REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT

The Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas providing raw water resources to more than 70 wholesale customers across 11 counties in North Central Texas, including the cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, and Mansfield, as well as the Trinity River Authority of Texas. In addition to supplying quality water to its customers, the Water District also provides vital flood control along the banks of the Trinity River, preserves and protects the environment, and enhances recreational opportunities for the public.

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT

The Tarrant County College District (TCCD) levies an ad valorem tax on property within the county boundaries. There are two taxes levied by TCCD; one is used for maintenance operations and one is used to retire bond debt.

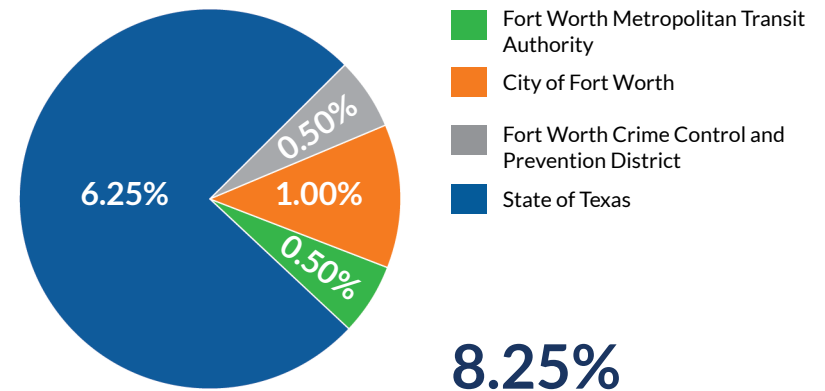
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS (ISD)

Fort Worth Independent School District serves 46 percent of the land area in the City of Fort Worth. In addition, 14 adjoining independent school districts cover the remainder of the city. All independent school districts levy an ad valorem property tax for public education within each district that is collected by the county in which the property lies. Only FWISD is shown to the right.

TARRANT COUNTY

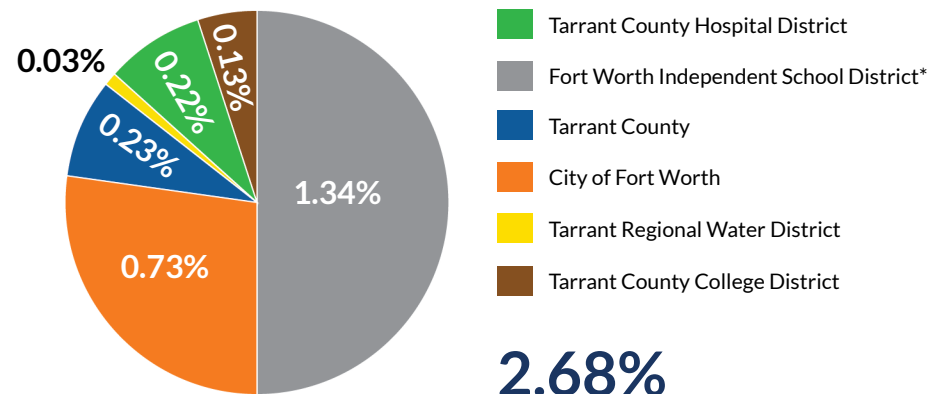
Tarrant County levies an ad valorem property tax on property within the county boundaries. The tax is used to fund county services and facilities. The tax rate is adjusted annually based on appraised property values. Denton, Johnson, Parker, and Wise counties also levy an ad valorem property tax on property within their boundaries.

SALES TAX



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2021.

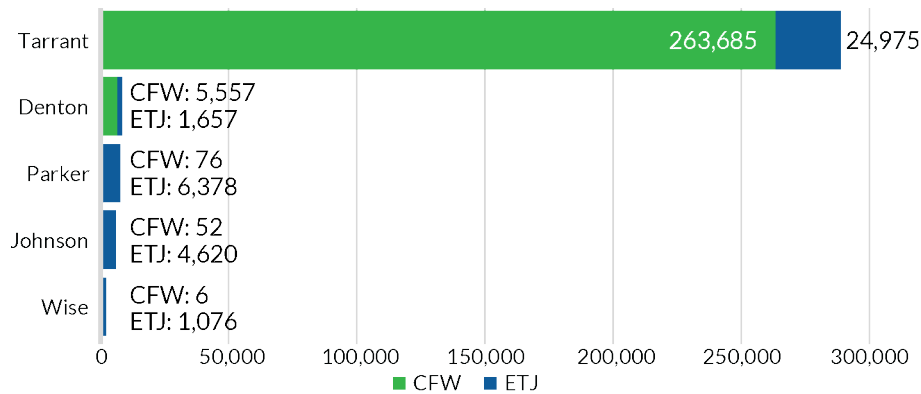
PROPERTY TAX



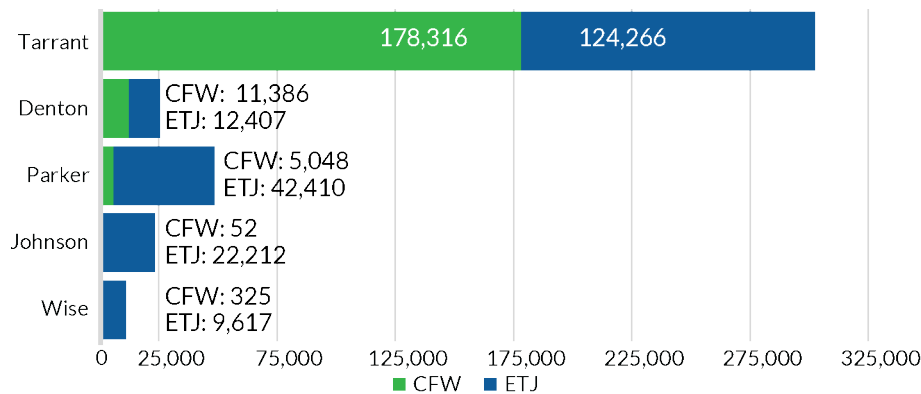
*Other ISDs have different tax rates. (Source: Tarrant County Appraisal District, 2021.)

Fort Worth's taxable city limits includes portions of five counties: Tarrant, Denton, Parker, Johnson, and Wise counties. The City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) includes additional land within each of the same five counties, as the ETJ extends up to five miles out from Fort Worth's city limits. State law defines the responsibilities and jurisdictions allowed by cities within the ETJ – for example, the review of new subdivision plats.

CITY OF FORT WORTH PARCELS BY COUNTY

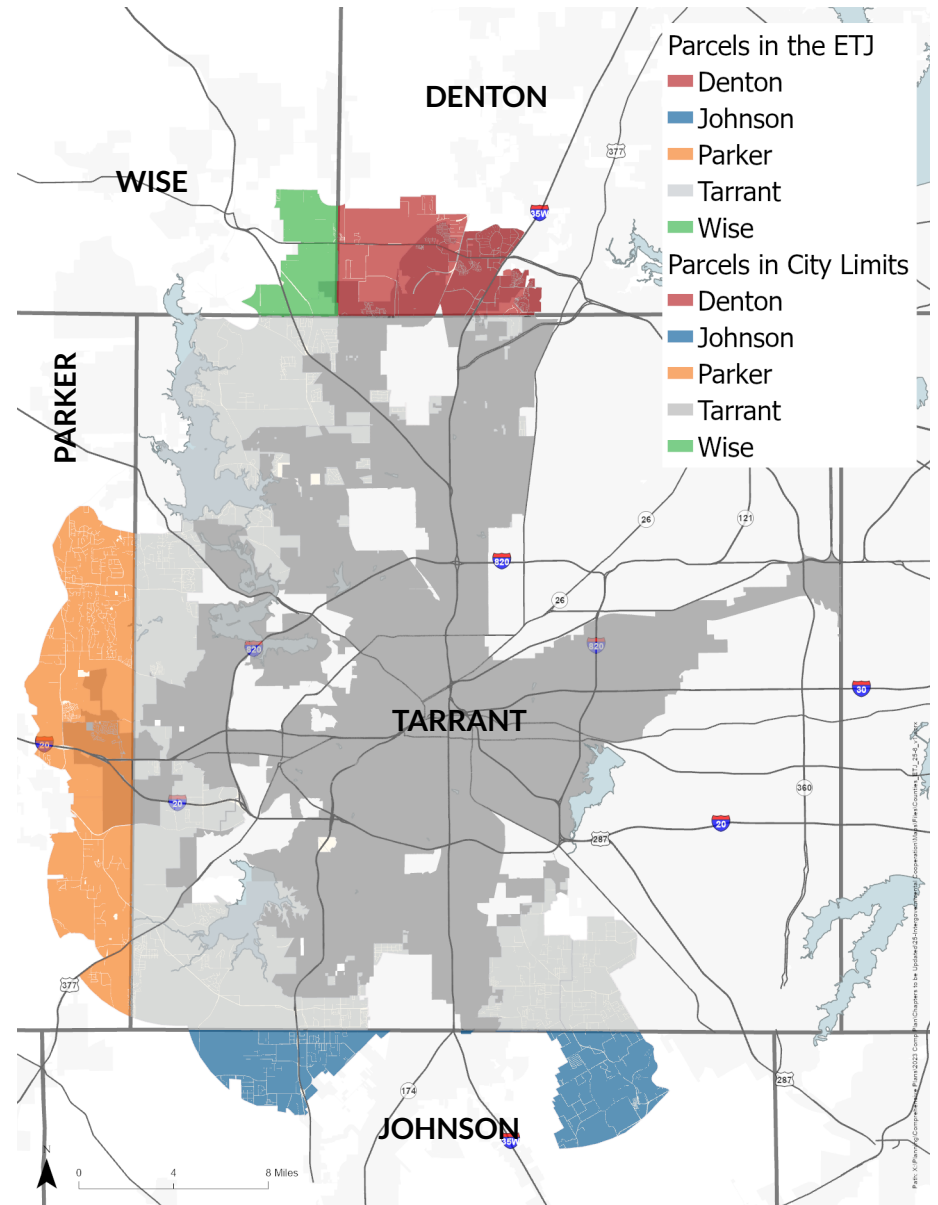


CITY OF FORT WORTH ACRES BY COUNTY



Source: City of Fort Worth, Planning and Data Analytics Department, 2021.

FORT WORTH CITY LIMITS AND ETJ



TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY

The Trinity River Authority provides water resource planning for the Trinity River Basin, constructs dams, and supplies wastewater treatment through contracts with other agencies. The Trinity River serves as a primary water supply for the twenty counties that fall within its watershed, which extends from Tarrant and Dallas Counties to the mouth of the Trinity River near Galveston Bay.

NORTH TEXAS COMMISSION

The North Texas Commission is a regional, independent, nonprofit economic development consortium made up of municipalities, chambers of commerce, and corporations. The commission develops regional programs to market the North Texas Region on the national and international level.

TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

The Texas Municipal League consists of all cities in the State of Texas. It provides services, such as lobbying the state legislature, that individual cities do not have the financial resources or political strength to do alone.

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a voluntary association of government entities in a 16-county metropolitan region centered around Fort Worth and Dallas. There are currently 234 governments that are members of NCTCOG, including 16 counties, 166 cities, 23 school districts, and 29 special districts. Its purpose is to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefits, and coordinating regional development.

NCTCOG serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation and air quality in the Fort Worth-Dallas metropolitan area in accordance with federal law. NCTCOG is responsible for maintaining a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for all modes of travel for the region, as well as regional air quality programs.

STATE

The City of Fort Worth regularly interacts with the State of Texas to address statewide issues.

FEDERAL

The City of Fort Worth regularly interacts with the federal government to implement matters of national interest such as emergency management and critical infrastructure.

CENTRAL CITY FLOOD CONTROL

The City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas Department of Transportation, Tarrant Regional Water District, and the US Army Corps of Engineers united under the Trinity River Vision to create the Panther Island/Central City Flood Control Project. The project will deliver flood protection, environmental clean up, and recreation opportunities north of Downtown Fort Worth. A key component of the project will be the construction of a flood bypass channel to replace the levee system designed to protect a much smaller city.

2,400

Acres of Flood Protection

400,000

Tons of Contaminated Soil Removed

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Signature V-Pier Bridges Completed in 2021

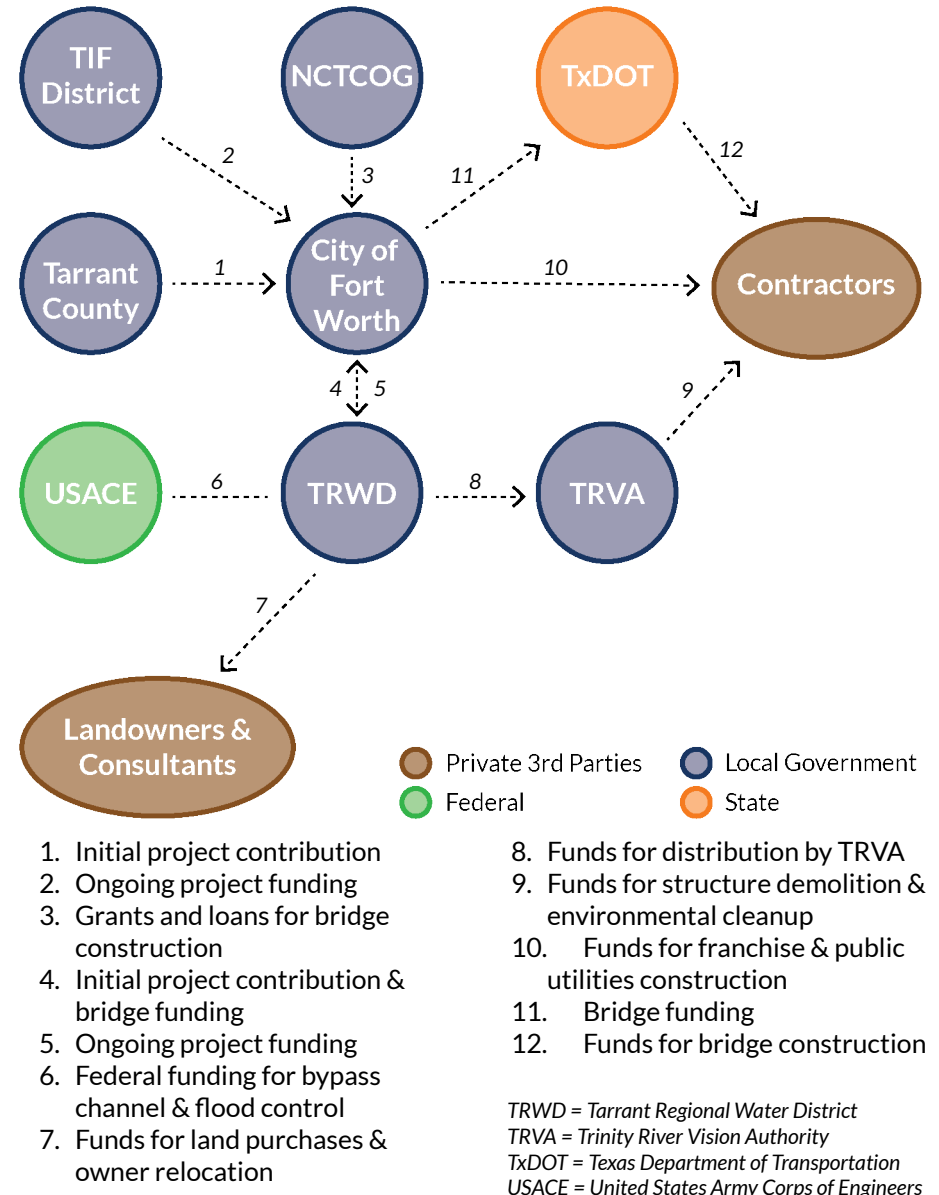
Other key components include a series of parks that can temporarily store floodwater, three bridges to connect the area to Downtown and adjacent neighborhoods, and the redevelopment of vacant industrial land into a mixed-use waterfront district.

VISION



Source: Trinity River Vision Authority; City of Fort Worth, Planning & Data Analytics Department, 2022.

PARTNERS AND GENERAL FUNDING FLOW



Each chapter of this plan provides goals, objectives, and policies for addressing the existing and future needs of the City of Fort Worth. Many of these require cooperation among the government agencies that provide services and facilities for Fort Worth residents and businesses. Some key opportunities for cooperation among government agencies are identified below.

GOALS

- 1 Fort Worth is a leader of North Texas, championing the efforts of the comprehensive plan by coordinating with agencies at all levels to plan for sustainable growth and high quality of life.**
- 2 Regional issues are approached strategically with the understanding that regional goals shared by Fort Worth require collaboration with partner agencies.**

STRATEGIES

- Plan for, facilitate, and aggressively pursue appropriate transit-oriented development (TOD) at existing and future transit station locations, in coordination with Trinity Metro, TEXRail, Trinity Railway Express, and adjacent cities.
- Encourage and facilitate the location and design of schools to maximize walkable, bikeable, and transit connectivity with surrounding residential areas through coordination with the independent school districts.
- Seek grants and other funding resources for riparian buffer conservation, park development, and regional trails.
- Evaluate and monitor the efficiency of shared public safety services.
- Promote City facilities such as community centers, libraries, and parks as destinations and community builders. Potential partnerships with surrounding cities should be assessed to enhance the delivery of services.
- Continue to work with Trinity Metro to expand and integrate public transit. Regional transportation such as the extension of commuter rail services should be supported and leverage to create new TOD opportunities in Fort Worth.
- Continue to communicate with Wise, Parker, Johnson, Denton, and Tarrant County regarding development regulations.
- Ensure collaboration among City departments, Trinity Metro, and the community to provide coordination among all transportation modes.
- Seek input from other entities, including schools, cities, counties, Trinity Metro, NCTCOG, and TxDOT when making land use and transportation decisions.
- Continue to provide NCTCOG with information necessary for travel and population forecasting models.
- Promote the development of quality, mixed-use, and mixed-income development on Panther Island, ensuring that it is inclusive for all Fort Worth residents.
- Long term growth plans of the City should be coordinated and shared with partner agencies to ensure cohesion.
- The City of Fort Worth should work with partners to continue the implementation of Vision North Texas, reinforcing the goals related to transportation, land use, and resource protection.