CITY COUNCIL CORRECTED AGENDA PACKET

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in person at the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas with social distancing guidelines and using the video conferencing application ZOOM. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting. Video conferencing capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the City Council. Members of the public can participate in the meeting remotely via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81529344467 or scan the QR code to the right.

SCAN ME

Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on any topic or agenda item can electronically submit a citizen participation form in order to register to speak by going to https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/CouncilCitizenParticipation or scanning the QR code to the right, or if attending the meeting in person register before the meeting begins. Using the same form, citizens can also provide written comments to the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The Mayor will read the comments and they will be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.

SCAN ME

The matters to be discussed and acted upon are as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Presentation: Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Certified Professional designation – Kaycee Eddins.

4. Citizens to be heard.
   At this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from the audience from persons who have signed the speaker's card located on the table in the back of the Training Room of the Service Center and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins, or written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read by the Mayor and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Citizen Participation Form will have up to three minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

Consent Agenda

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5. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2022.

6. Deliberate and act on a Resolution of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the Rockport Police Department to apply for and operate an Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) administered by the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security grants division for Fiscal Year 2021; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the participation in this grant program.

7. Deliberate and act on 1st quarter report from the Rockport Cultural Arts District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 marketing expenditures.

8. Deliberate and act on a Resolution approving and adopting an Investment Policy and Strategy for the City of Rockport, Texas.

9. Deliberate and act on Resolution authorizing the selection of a Professional Service Provider for the FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Assistant (HMA) grant and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.

Regular Agenda

10. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance granting a Conditional Use Permit for development of a RV park on property located at 1411 West Twelfth Street; also known as 12.832 acres of land out of portions of Lot H and portions of Lot 43, Block 251, Foor & Swickheimer Subdivision located in the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; subject to compliance with the conditions stated within this Ordinances, as well as those stipulated in the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

11. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from R-6/R-2 (Hotel Motel District/2nd Single Family Dwelling) for property located at 1315 South Church Street; also known as part of Outlot 14, Doughty & Mathis Outlots, Doughty & Mathis Division, being 2.526 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to R-6 (Hotel Motel District) to allow individual beach style houses; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

12. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Texas, adopting an amended Comprehensive Plan for the City; providing that the adopted Comprehensive Plan shall supersede and replace any Comprehensive Plan previously adopted; providing a repealer clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.
Correct Comprehensive Plan attached.

13. Hear and deliberate on presentation from Republic Services on current contract with City of Rockport and possible additions of brush/bulk trash pickup.

14. Deliberate and act on approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County, Texas, and the City of Rockport, Texas for Municipal Court Prosecution.

15. Deliberate and act on an Ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of "City of Rockport, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022" in the approximate amount of $13,360,000, securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual *Ad Valorem* tax, and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, an official statement, a purchase contract and other instruments and procedures related thereto, and calling certain obligations for redemption.

16. Deliberate and act on an Ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of "City of Rockport Tax Notes, Series 2022" in the approximate amount of $8,120,000; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual *Ad Valorem* tax; and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, a purchase contract, an official statement and all other instruments and procedures related thereto.

17. Reports from Council.
    At this time, the City Council will report/update on all committee assignments, which may include the following: Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation; Aransas Pathways Steering Committee; Building and Standards Commission; Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program; Coastal Bend Council of Government; Coastal Bend Mayors Group; Park & Leisure Services Advisory Board; Planning & Zoning Commission; Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce; Aransas County Storm Water Management Advisory Committee; Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee; Tourism Development Council; Tree & Landscape Committee; YMCA Development Committee; Texas Maritime Museum, Fulton Mansion, Rockport Center for the Arts, Aransas County, Aransas County Independent School District, Aransas County Navigation District, Town of Fulton, and Texas Municipal League. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.

Executive Session

City Council will hold an executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

18. Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney seeking the advice of attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer; and on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter: Concho Street Drainage Project.

Open Session

City Council will reconvene into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any actions necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

19. Adjournment.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 729-2213, ext. 225 or FAX (361) 790-5966 or email citysec@cityofrockport.com for further information. Braille is not available. The City of Rockport reserves the right to convene into executive session under Government Code §§ 551.071-551.074 and 551.086.

In accordance with the requirements of Texas Government Code Section 551.127, a member of the governing body may participate in this meeting from a remote location. A quorum of the governing body as well as the presiding officer shall be physically present at the above posted location, which shall be open to the public. Those participating remotely shall be visible and audible to the public for all open portions of the meeting. A member of a governmental body who participates in a meeting remotely as provided by law, shall be counted as present at the meeting for all purposes.

Certification

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas on Friday, February 18, 2022, by 5:00 p.m. and on the City's website at www.cityofrockport.com. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: *The Rockport Pilot* and *Corpus Christi Caller Times*.


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 3

Presentation: Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Certified Professional designation – Kaycee Eddins

SUBMITTED BY: Mayor Patrick R. Rios

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: Administrative Assistant Kaycee Eddins completed the SHRM Certified Professional program. Ms. Eddins is serving as the City' contact for Human Resources in the absence of a Human Resources Manager.

The SHRM Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) program is for Human Resources professionals functioning at the operational level performing duties such as implementing Human Resources policies, supporting day-to-day Human Resources functions, or serving as a Human Resources point of contact for staff.

Ms. Eddins dedication and commitment to the City of Rockport Human Resources is demonstrated by her earning the SHRM Certified Professional designation. The SHRM certification exams cover 8 behavioral competencies and 15 functional knowledge areas. But SHRM certification is about more than book smarts: To qualify to take the SHRM-CP exam, you must also have real-world Human Resources experience. This experience plus knowledge combine to prove Ms. Eddins is a skilled and well-rounded Human Resources professional.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Not an action item.

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February 3, 2022

KAYCEE EDDINS
City of Rockport
2751 SH 35 Bypass
Rockport, TX 78382
United States

CONGRATULATIONS!

SHRM is pleased to congratulate you on achieving your SHRM Certified Professional® (SHRM-CP®) designation. Enclosed are your certificate and wallet card to recognize your achievement.

Your participation in this process reflects your commitment to SHRM, to the SHRM certification program, and to your ongoing development as an HR professional. Your SHRM-CP® demonstrates to your colleagues and employers alike that you possess the behavioral competencies and technical HR knowledge needed for successful performance in today's changing workplace.

SHRM can help you announce your accomplishment by sending a personalized email to your supervisor. To send an email, log in to the "My Portal" option on shrmcertification.org, click on "My Resources" then "Certification Resources" and enter your supervisors contact information.

A key element to maintaining your SHRM certification is keeping your knowledge and capabilities current. As a credential holder, you will be required to earn 60 professional development credits (PDCs) over a three-year recertification period that ends on the last day of your birth month. Please refer to the SHRM Recertification Handbook at shrmcertification.org for detailed information on the many activities that qualify for PDCs. You can begin documenting PDCs as you earn them at https://portal.shrm.org.

You are now a part of a worldwide community of SHRM certified HR professionals. Learn about resources, share best practices, and join the discussion in the SHRM Certification LinkedIn Group. Simply search for "SHRM Certification" under "Groups" from your LinkedIn homepage. Also, be sure to follow @SHRMCertified on Twitter for additional resources and updates.

Feel free to contact us with any questions. E-mail us at shrmcertification@shrm.org or phone us at +1.800.283.SHRM (7476), option 3 or +1.703.548.3440, option 3.

Again, congratulations on your achievement and dedication to the HR profession.

Sincerely,

Johnny C. Taylor Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

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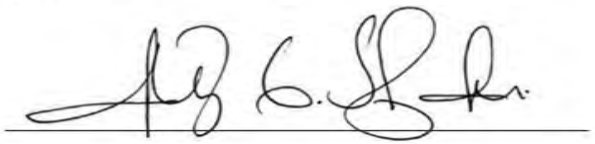
Kaycee Eddins

ACHIEVED THE SHRM CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

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Witness the signature of the duly authorized officer of SHRM:
Attest:



Johnny C. Taylor, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

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CERTIFIED SINCE: 10 December 2021

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 5

Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2022.

SUBMITTED BY: City Secretary Teresa Valdez

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: Please see the accompanying minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2022.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council approve the Minutes, as presented.

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass
and
Via Video Conferencing Application ZOOM

Social distancing guidelines and the video conferencing application ZOOM are actions were taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Video conferencing capabilities were utilized to allow individuals to address the City Council. Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on any topic or agenda item can electronically submit a Citizen Participation Form in order to register to speak by going to https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/CouncilCitizenParticipation or scanning the QR code provided on the Agenda, or if attending the meeting in person register before the meeting begins. Using the same form, citizens can also provide written comments to the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The Mayor will read the comments and they will be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.

On the 8th day of February 2022, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m., at the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center with social distancing guidelines and using the video conferencing application ZOOM, and notice of meeting giving time, place, date, and subject was posted as described in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.041.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor Patrick R. Rios
Mayor Pro-Tem J.D. Villa, Ward 2
Council Member Katy Jackson, Ward 1
Council Member Brad Brundrett, Ward 3
Council Member Andrea Hattman, Ward 4

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
Interim City Manager Richard Morton
Assistant to City Manager Kimberly Henry
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
City Attorney Megan Santee – *Via ZOOM*
Director of Finance Katie Griffin
Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez
Director of Public Works and Building & Development Services Mike Donoho
Chief of Police Greg Stevens
Information Technology Director Bob Argetsinger

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Rios at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas, and via video conferencing application ZOOM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Hattman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

3. Presentation: Certified Municipal Official – Mayor Patrick R. Rios.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa expressed he was honored to present the Certified Municipal Official certificate to Mayor Rios. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa explained the Texas Municipal League (TML) recognizes municipal elected officials participating in the Texas Municipal League Institute (TMLI) program who earned the appropriate number of continuing education units (CEUs) in the previous calendar year. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa said TML presents the following awards:

- Certificate of Recognition – 42 CEUs
- Certificate of Achievement – 54 CEUs
- Certificate of Outstanding Accomplishment – 72 CEUs
- Certified Municipal Official – 72 CEUs including two hours of open government training (one hour of training on the Open Meetings Act and one hour on the Public Information Act).

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa stated Mayor Rios is one of 46 officials in the State that has received this certificate this year and Mayor Rios has received the Certified Official status for the seventh consecutive year.

Mayor Rios received applause from the audience.

Mayor Rios stated continuing education is important, the Council has a budget for this, and it is important to keep up with changes coming from the State.

4. Citizens to be heard.

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Kristie Rutledge, 1411 Dana Drive, addressed the Council and commented: Recently I was asked why citizens seemed to be concerned, and I just want to bring that up publicly, put it on the record, so there is no confusion and offer solutions. On August 20, 2020, this City Council pushed forward with Tax Notes after tossing out a valid citizen petition on Certificates of Obligation denying the citizens of Rockport the right to vote. That one action led to a series of mistrust in this City. I

talked to you in the Fall, and you had made some changes in personnel and now is the time for additional changes so you can begin to regain the trust of citizens. I'd like to see more financial transparency, information presented to Council, large legal documents be given two weeks in advance, videos of your meetings be put on YouTube, and adopt a zero-based budget. Do you have any idea how much debt you have? $45 million right now.

Consent Agenda

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5. **Deliberate and act on approval of Workshop Minutes of January 19, 2022, and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2022.**

6. **Deliberate and act on request to close south side of Austin Street from East Concho Street to North Street on March 5, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the 33rd Annual Whooping Crane Strut.**

7. **Deliberate and act on 1st quarter report from the Texas Marine Science Institute/Mission Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Bay Education marketing expenditures.**

8. **Deliberate and act on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rockport ordering a General Election and establishing procedures for said election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022; the General Election shall be for the purpose of electing a Mayor at-large, a Council Member to represent Ward #2 and a Council Member to represent Ward #4; providing other matters relating to the General Election; and finding and determining that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law.**

   Deliberar y tomar medidas sobre la Resolución, una resolución del Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Rockport en la que se ordena la realización de unas Elecciones Generales y se establecen procedimientos para dichas Elecciones, que se llevarán a cabo el sábado 7 de mayo de 2022; las Elecciones General se relizarán con el propósito de elegir un Alcalde, un Concejal que represente el Distrito #2; y un Concejal que represente el Distrito #4; se estipulan otros asimtos relacionados con las Elecciones Generales, y se decide y determina que la reunión en la cual se aprueba esta Resolución estará abierta al publico, como lo requiere la ley.

9. **Deliberate and act on Contract for Election Services with the Elections Administrator of Aransas County for the May 7, 2022 Election.**

   Deliberar y actuar sobre el contrato de servicios electorales con el administrador de elecciones del condade de Aransas para las elecciones del 7 de mayo de 2022.

10. **Deliberate and act on May 7, 2022, Joint Election Contract for Election Services between the City of Rockport and Aransas County Independent School District in compliance with HB 1.**

Deliberar y tomar medidas sobre el Contrato de Elecciones Conjuntas del 7 de mayo de 2022 para Servicio Electorales entre la Ciudad de Rockport *y el Distrito Escolar Independiente del Condado de Aransas, en conformidad con HB 1.*

Mayor Rios called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item, as presented. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

11. Deliberate and act on request to close Main Street from Austin Street to Water Street on the second Fridays through second Sundays of every month, starting March 2022, from 6:00 p.m. on Fridays through 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, for a Street Market.

Elise & Mike Baker addressed the Council. Mr. Baker said they had answered some questions they had been given and he could answer any questions the Council may have.

Council Member Jackson said she had a list of questions from the merchants in the Downtown District. Council Member Jackson asked the following questions:

1. Is this setting a precedent of a private business closing a public street for personal property?

Council Member Jackson answered she felt it did not, and she felt it was supporting the merchants Second Saturday initiative in getting people to come to the Downtown District.

2. Where are the vendors going to park and will set-up and take-down monitored?

Mr. Baker answered he currently has permission for private off-street parking for vendors, and there is another avenue he has not explored because he is waiting on approval from the City Council.

3. Will the market be fully supervised when open and what about security during the night?

Mr. Baker answered since their business is right there on the corner, he will be out there during the day when vendors are setting up, and in the evening when it is closed at night he has talked to the Sheriff's Department, and he did not know where to go to talk to City Police Department, officers will contract, so from 6 p.m. on Saturday night until 6 p.m. on Sunday, he will have security there.

4. Who is reviewing vendors to avoid controversial and/or illegal wares?

Mr. Baker answered that he and his wife will be doing all the jurie, and anybody that applies it is very clear it will be a juried show and want to bring in vendors that are artisans; hand-made, hand-crafted, not store bought, not resale, an upscale market to coincide with what

we have downtown.

5. Do you have experience with markets/fairs/large crowds?

Mr. Baker answered that years ago they did a large craft fair with over 400 vendors, and he deals with the public all the time.

6. Have you talked to neighboring businesses?
   Council Member Jackson answered they already have written permission from Rowdy Maui across the street on Main and that is all that is required.

7. There are two empty areas on Main Street on that block, work with owners to use that to keep the street and parking open.

Mr. Baker stated both those lots, the one behind Rowdy Maui and the one behind him are owned by the business beside him and they will not be using those areas.

8. Noise solution?

Council Member Jackson said from what she understood there were only going to be vendors, no generators, and no live music.

Mr. Baker said that was correct with one little caveat. There will be a gentleman who does acoustic guitar, and he will be set up on the patio on Sunday.

9. No end date noted. A trial period of six months or a year?

Mr. Baker stated he did not foresee stopping this if it is a success. Their goal is to promote Downtown.

Council Member Jackson said the District merchants are all behind this; get people to go into the stores in Downtown.

Council Member Hattman asked where the off-street parking was located.

Mr. Baker answered it will be on Water Street, behind the businesses on Austin Street, the private property back there.

Council Member Hattman stated the request says there will be 60 booths and that seems quite excessive for the area.

Mr. Baker stated he has 10’ booths with 2’ between the booths; four rows of 15.

Council Member Hattman said she did not think it was going to work as well as Mr. Baker thought, and it concerned her for safety reasons.

Mr. Baker stated if it gets to the point where there are so many booths and so many people, then

yes, they will need to talk about thinning down the crowd and make it more enjoyable.

MOTION: Council Member Brundrett moved to approve the closing of Main Street from Austin Street to Water Street on the second Fridays through second Sundays of every month, starting March 2022, from 6:00 p.m. on Fridays through 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, for a Street Market. Council Member Hattman seconded the motion.

Discussion was held between Mr. Baker and City staff regarding how the street will be blocked, sanitary conditions, and trash pick-up during and after the event.

Interim City Manager Richard Morton asked if the Council would consider selecting an end-date, possible 3-6 months.

Mayor Rios stated one of the things Council needs to look at is a special permit ordinance. Mayor Rios said they had spoken with the City Attorney today and they are drafting an ordinance for consideration by Council. Mayor Rios said he is in favor of this request, but Council may want to consider a time period like the Interim City Manager suggested.

Mr. Baker said he understood the time limit suggestion, but he just started advertising for vendors for a March event and it is going to take six months to get the word out – quality vendors we are looking for already have the scheduled shows that they go to. Mr. Baker stated he heard what was being said about a special permit and in six months you are hoping to have that, but he also heard there is no guarantee.

Mayor Rios stated we do not know what is going to happen in that area; if a developer comes in and needs that street for safety issues.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa said if something does come up and the City needs to use that street and it happens to fall on the weekend that the street market is scheduled for; how will that work?

Mr. Morton said we all want it to be successful and if we give it an end-date, it will give us time to evaluate the product and evaluate the City resources that may have to be spent to make it successful and give us time to develop a permit application and ordinance. Mr. Morton stated it is a process the City needs to go through to protect the citizens; he saw that the Bakers were going to provide liability insurance and he appreciated that.

Council Member Hattman asked if an end-date is not established and it does not work out or there are issues, what do we do about that?

Mr. Morton said he would suggest giving it an end date so it can be reviewed.

Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez said he heard Mr. Baker say he was going to contact the City's solid waste company and maybe get a dumpster, but during the event will there be someone walking the event to control the litter or spillage. Mr. Martinez stated his concern was trash blowing into the harbor.

Mr. Baker said he has a list of volunteers that will help him, and vendors will also be responsible.

City Attorney Megan Santee said in light of the questions regarding some of these requirements, as well as the provisions provided in the email, I wanted to make sure this approval is to host the event, not necessarily a guaranteed amount of time right now and it could be reviewed by the City Council in the future. Ms. Santee stated being able to have an agreement in place with the City to allow the City to enforce all of the provisions identified in the email would be my recommendation, if that is something Council is willing to consider.

Mayor Rios asked if the City Attorney was suggesting Council amend the motion with a time limit until we can get everything in place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa said he thought the Bakers needed to get with City staff and make sure all the requirements are done prior to the event.

MOTION AMENDMENT: Council Member Brundrett amended his original motion to approve the closing of Main Street from Austin Street to Water Street on the second Fridays through second Sundays of every month, starting March 2022 and ending August 31, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. on Fridays through 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, for a Street Market, and the Bakers meet with City staff and get all the recommendations taken care of. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion.

Mr. Baker asked for clarification. Can he have the August show?

Mayor Rios stated if you get everything done you can have the March show and continue through the end of August if he so chooses to do so.

Mr. Morton stated what he heard the City Attorney say is that this is not a forever approval, it can be revoked at any meeting if issues arise. Mr. Morton said the goal is to let you operate this successful event Downtown at least through August and we hope longer. Mr. Morton expressed this will give the City some time to develop an ordinance that vendors can live with and protects the citizens.

Mayor Rios said the Bakers will need to meet with the Public Works, Parks & Leisure Services, and Police Departments.

Council Member Jackson asked that she be kept informed.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Hear presentation on economic development incentives.

Kristie Rutledge, 1411 Dana Drive, addressed the Council and commented: You are going to hear a presentation from the Economic Development Corporation. A private corporation of investors; their goal was to invest in Rockport and join forces with the government City of Rockport and Chamber of Commerce. I'm struggling with the idea of the Economic Development policies because they were written by private investors, yet they will incentivize private businesses with our tax money. We're having a serious budget problem. We cannot afford to lose any tax dollars. So, I want you to consider that. I want you to consider Mayor Rios' words when he went to the State Legislature this Summer, and he talked about residents of Rockport not being able to afford

the TWIA rate hike and he said that economic development would make it hard in our region for someone who wants to live here to be able to afford to do so, it would force them out. Those were his words. This is very concerning to me because what you are talking about are policies for private investors who are going to make it hard for us to be able to afford to live here. It even says so in the tax increment finance policy here that it is going to make housing affordability issues worse. There is a clause in here that talks about that. That is very concerning to me. Last night I had a chance to talk to a school board member who mentioned that it is very difficult for the school district to recruit teachers because they can't afford to live here now. Why are we going to adopt policies when we know a known outcome will be housing affordability issues will be worse for the working class? Are we going to trade off small apartments in downtown for families who would like to live in single family homes but can no longer afford to do so. I want you to consider that. City Council you don't have the same advantage the County Commissioners have. You don't have an attorney on staff. I would like for you to require meaningful workshops. You're going to get a small presentation. There are a lot of legal documents here; 30 days and apart so there is some dialogue with citizens and some transparency back and forth where we can understand these policies and you have a chance to understand them. I don't believe there is any way, in the few minutes they are going to be presented by the investors that any of us will understand what is in these policies that are going to fundamentally change our community for the next 20, 30, 40 years.

Mayor Rios stated for a Point of Clarification that Ms. Rutledge again had misquoted what he had said at the Legislature last year.

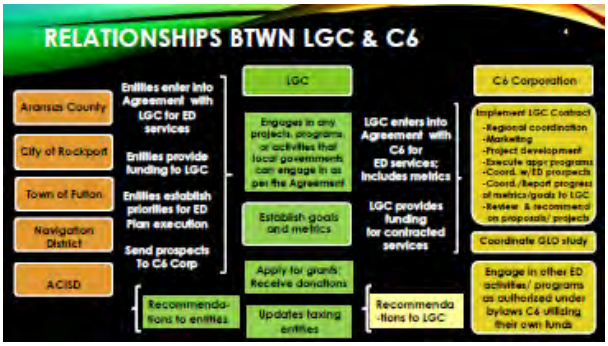
John Jackson, 312 Olympic Drive, addressed the Council and commented: I'm a lifelong resident. From my great grandparents to my grandchildren, we have been here for seven continuous generations. Following Hurricane Harvey, I was asked to assist with recovery efforts, particularly representing Aransas County in the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Board and so in doing I attended dozens and dozens of focus groups, meetings, sessions, and task forces as many of you did. Our Board helped raise millions of dollars, almost all of which was spent repairing, rebuilding, replacing homes for the neediest and entitled citizens of this County. Amid that effort, it became clear after all those meetings, we needed a community with a more diverse sustainable economy. Not long after that we formed the Aransas County Partnership Economic Development Corporation, and a key part of our community initiative was developing a plan that prioritized targeted areas that focused on bringing in more commercial tax base. Not having the benefit of economic development sales tax as 720 other Texas cities have had led us to forming the Local Government Corporation and then the Economic Development Corporation. This structure gives citizens a voice, as well as a private sector opportunity to help fund a comprehensive program and saves local taxpayers and provides a team approach to managing and directing development and growth. The policies and guidelines that Mr. Meek will present to you tonight will put you in the driver's seat, not the other way around. The EDC is simply your service provider for marketing improvement and will distribute the guidelines you approve, and you decide whether a proposal will be worthy or not. I urge you to direct your staff to review the documents, make the changes whatever is needed and let's work together for a more resilient economy and a more promising future.

Aransas County Partnership Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Interim President Michael Meek gave a presentation (below) on economic development incentives.


ANOTHER STEP FORWARD FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND SUSTAINABILITY
Mock & Associates, LLC
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What is Economic Development?
Economic Development


How Does Economic Development Work?
...it is the process by which new dollars are infused into a local economy by primary employers...
Primary Employers
New Dollars
Local Economy


RELATIONSHIPS BTWN LGC & C6
Aransas County
City of Rockport
Town of Fulton
Navigation District
ACISD
Entities enter into Agreement with LGC for ED services
Entities provide funding to LGC
Entities establish priorities for ED Plan execution
Send prospects To C6 Corp
LGC
Engages in any projects, programs, or activities that local governments can engage in as per the Agreement
Establish goals and metrics
Apply for grants; Receive donations
Updates taxing entities
Recommendations to entities
LGC enters into Agreement with C6 for ED services; includes metrics
LGC provides funding for contracted services
Recommendations to LGC
C6 Corporation
Implement LGC Contract
-Regional coordination
-Marketing
-Project development
-Execute appr programs
-Coord. w/ED prospects
-Coord./Report progress of metrics/goals to LGC
-Review & recommend on proposals/ projects
Coordinate GLO study
Engage in other ED activities/ programs as authorized under bylaws C6 utilizing their own funds


WHY FORMED IN 2019:
Shared goals of having a ...
*Diversified economy
*Attracting quality businesses
*Business Friendly
*Expanded tax base
*Clearinghouse for BRE
*Increased workforce housing
Aransas County Initiative Local Government Corporation
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Draft Chapter 312, 380, 311, 372 Policies & Procedures
Develop Target Business Sectors & Strategy
6


OVERVIEW OF INCENTIVE POSSIBILITIES & PROCESSES
Why have guidelines:
Lower unemployment
Strengthen local businesses
Increase tax revenues
Attract jobs
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A PUBLIC PURPOSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS
THE MARKET FOR PROSPERITY, Continued
There are several essential conditions that businesses require to locate in an area.
• Adequate skilled workforce
• Quality of life
• Quality infrastructure
And, companies must remain cognizant of their overall costs; the market will accept no less
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A PUBLIC PURPOSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

THE MARKET FOR PROSPERITY Continued

- Incentives can and often play a role in securing a location, expansion, or retention
  - 96% of all Texas communities use them
- Without meaningful programs communities will be handicapped in their wealth creation efforts
- The challenge is assuring that programs are effectively structured and reflective of local priorities
- They should be used properly in a manner designed to maximize your expected return on investment (ROI) of public resources

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Develop Target Business Sectors & Strategy

- Compatible, sustainable, impactful to the City of Rockport
- Will provide needed services to citizens and lower leakage

Draft Chapter 312, 380, 311, 372 Policies & Procedures

- Places governmental entities in pro-active, control position vs reactive
- Provides a process to evaluate requests
- Provide maximum ROI to community

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CHAPTER 312, Chapter 380, and Chapter 311.....

- Provide tax relief to residential taxpayers
- Aransas CAD current ratio 87%/13% (residential vs non-residential)
- State of Texas ratio 40%/60% Comal County 54%/46%

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CHAPTER 312 AGREEMENTS

- CITY under no obligation to provide to any applicant
- Eligible enterprises match the target business sectors
- Maximum temporary abatement 70%, not 100%
- Buy local - hire local included as criteria

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CHAPTER 312

- Used to stimulate, encourage and develop business location and commercial activity
- Provide added tax base to the governmental entity
- Provide tax relief to residential taxpayers
- Aransas CAD current ratio 87%/13% (residential vs non-residential)
- State of Texas ratio 40%/60%

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CITY OF ROCKPORT CHAPTER 311 POLICY

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING A PUBLIC FINANCING MECHANISM

- Growth in taxes (increment) associated with new development or redevelopment captured
- Used to pay costs associated with public improvements
- Encourages economic development within a defined geographic area
- Likely best-suited downtown for commercial property

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OVERVIEW OF INCENTIVE POSSIBILITIES & PROCESSES - LGC - April 2021 Kim Foutz

CHAPTER 311 – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

- Funds public infrastructure in a particular area.
- Allows for the repayment of costs of public improvements with future tax revenues
- Generated by additional new property tax revenues

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Chapter 372- Public Improvement Districts (PID)

- Which meet community needs-goals
- Exceed development requirements
- Provide increased recreation and open space for public use
- Protect and preserve environmental asset



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Chapter 372- Public Improvement Districts (PID)

- Permits financing of qualified public improvement costs
- In a defined area of the city
- Bonds issued by the PID paid entirely by property owners within the PID



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Chapter 372- Public Improvement Districts (PID)

- Many set up to require 100% support of property owners within the PID for the formation to occur
- Generate economic benefits to the city beyond what normal development would
- Provide improvements in the public right of way
- Examples: landscaping, trees, specialty lighting, art, bike lanes, multi-use trails, signage, ADA accessibility, underground utilities



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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (PID)

Via Chapter 372 of Government Code

- Water
- Wastewater
- Drainage
- Streets
- Public safety, etc.
- Businesses in a specific area agree to an additional levy and collect special assessments on property and the funds are dedicated to specific improvements as listed above.

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Bond Size Limitations

MINIMUM APPRAISED VALUE LIEN RATION 5:1

LEVEL ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

MAXIMUM MATURITY FOR EACH SERIES OF BONDS 50 YEARS

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CHAPTER 380 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

City committed to high-quality growth

Improve quality of life for all citizens

Overall goal of Chapter 380 Agreements:

PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE FISCAL ABILITY OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE SAFETY AND COMFORT AND ENJOYMENT OF ROCKPORT RESIDENTS

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CHAPTER 380 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

PREFERENCES GIVEN TO PROJECTS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

City under no obligation to provide economic incentives to any applicant

Requirements for Consideration (at least one)

- *minimum taxable value of $30 million
- *if downtown Rockport , minimum $420,000
- *Be a Top 25 sales tax generator
- *Provide hourly wages +10% above MSA average

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CHAPTER 380 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

IN ADDITION.....

will make a unique or unequaled contribution to development or redevelopment efforts

make a significant contribution to any city economic development priority

will enhance the City'S fiscal ability to provide high quality services for residents

APPLICATION PROCESS

On forms supplied by the City

Agreement terms such as timetables, improvements, security, etc.

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CHAPTER 380 KEY FLEXIBLE TOOL ALSO

- Possible use for expedited plan review and permits
- Workforce development center
- Reimbursement of new sales tax
- Development fee waivers
- Land grants
- Facade improvements
- Public infrastructure
- And more

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Discussion was held among Council and Mr. Meeks.

It was the consensus of Council to schedule a Workshop in early March to discuss the economic development policies and incentives.

13. Review and deliberate on a Resolution approving and adopting an Investment Policy and Strategy for the City of Rockport, Texas.

Kristie Rutledge, 1411 Dana Drive, addressed the Council and commented: I really don't understand your Investment Policy other than I hope it's a result of the audit going on right now, maybe it's a result of the unspent bond money that was discovered recently. Whatever you do regarding your investments, I would like to be able to have a place where citizens can see and track the bonds, the debt that we have, and how they are being spent; easily accessible online and tied back to these investments – something that is traceable. I've seen in your monthly reports where there is a specific line item for investment on vehicle fund or maybe a particular bond. I would like to see individual line items in your investment policy traceable back to your bonds.

Director of Finance Katie Griffin addressed the Council. Ms. Griffin explained this is the annual review of the City's Investment Policy that is brought to Council; our investments are minimal. The Public Funds Investment Act designates what the Policy needs to say and how we are able to do our investing. Ms. Griffin stated she is asking Council to review the Policy and ask questions you may have or make any recommendations they may have.

Council Member Jackson commented that as she discussed with Ms. Griffin, the basic gist of this is that in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act we are diversified, we are conservative, and we follow all the rules and regulations.

Ms. Griffin stated that was correct, but not only do we follow the law, we are certified in the law as well. Ms. Griffin said the City's Charter and State law requires that. Ms. Griffin explained the Public Funds Investment Act requires us to attend training every two years.

Council Member Jackson requested a five-minute break.

Council recessed from 7:46 p.m. until 7:51 p.m.

14. Deliberate and act on a Resolution amending the Plan of Finance approved by Resolution No. 2022-1 on January 11, 2022.

Kristie Rutledge, 1411 Dana Drive, addressed the Council and commented: The Plan of Finance was kind of rubber stamped by City Council when it was presented and you all were not presented with complete information on that night, didn't really understand that a Certificate of Obligation Notice of Intent was going to be issued a few days later, and it was, so we have a concern now. We had some unspent bond money that was presented. I would like to ask you all to rescind the Notice of Intent tonight from the January 11th Certificates of Obligation. I would like you to rescind refinancing old debt that is included in that Plan of Finance because you didn't have complete information. What is the cost to refinance, does the City Hall Tax Notes include your interest and fees? You got some of that information, but you don't have your interest. You don't understand what exactly the full cost is to the taxpayers. What is the impact of your I&S rate if you borrow a smaller amount just for the City Hall cost overages versus refinancing everything? Before considering new debt, what are your near-term and long-term goals? You have to put your capital improvement projects in your formula otherwise you end up having to refund your tax notes, etc. over and over again. I did a lot of research this weekend and I'm finding that there is a possibility of some refunding of old bonds back from 1996 that are still on the books, so what is the original term of those bonds? How many times have they been refinanced? We have a lot of unanswered questions here. You do not have enough information to approve any new debt that is not absolutely necessary, and you do not have a full plan of what your capital improvements are. You have to leave room for our capital improvements, and we cannot just be setting up tax notes because we want to avoid the voters. This is a bad precedent, and it has already happened to many times. Let your citizens vote on all the debt that is proposed. Do not borrow anything that is not absolutely necessary because you do not understand all of the information that hasn't been given to you. Require specificity instead of just vagueness from your financial advisor and city manager. Get all of the information. It is up to you City Council to require that, to ask the hard questions just like the debate on Tax Notes on City Hall. It took a long time to get the information, but it was too late. Tax Notes were approved. We were told they were affordable; obviously they were not for City Hall because here we are less than 18 months later and have to refinance them and we have no idea how much that is going to cost us. Get the information. I think your City Hall is up to over $22 million right now.

Patrick Kane, 11223 East Cedar Street – Mayor Rios read Mr. Kane's comments: Why are we seeing the same request today that we saw on January 11th for $3.5 million in Certificates of Obligation and $8.1 million in Tax Notes given the City Manager revealed the City staff found approximately $4.5 million from prior year bonds as the January 25th workshop? It was clear during the January 11th meeting the City staff had no clue on the magnitude of available funds. This should give you pause and cause you to slow down to ensure due diligence has been done before taking on more debt. It is also clear the City is only borrowing the $11.6 million dollars as it can do so without raising the Interest and Sinking portion of the tax rate. It is similar to a person maxing out their credit card every month, and it isn't a smart way to manage our taxpayer dollars. The Council needs to send City staff back to the drawing board. 1) Borrow what you can toward the City Hall without raising the I & S rate and refinancing the 2020 tax notes. If the amount you can borrow isn't sufficient to cover the added costs for construction, scale the project back to stay within available funds. 2) Defer all other debt until a clear, long-term plan has been developed, then bring your debt needs to the voters in the form of general obligation bonds.

Andrew Kane, 2106 Lakeview Drive, addressed the Council and commented: Tonight, I hope the Council realizes they have been given an incomplete status of our need for debt. Several years ago, we were told by our financial advisor aka bond salesman we needed to issue $3.5 million in debt via a CO. Then immediately you found $4.5 laying around for a decade plus incurring interest and tonight you will hear we still need that $3.5 million. This doesn't pass the test of conservative responsible government. If you needed $8 million a few weeks ago and found $4.5 million then maybe you need $3.5 million. I hope my math is correct, I know it is clearer than what your financial adviser provides us. So, knowing you will be responsible for signing off on the debt you put upon the taxpayers I hope one of you makes a motion fast to rescind the intent to issue that $3.5 million CO. Let's get each Council person on record on that motion. Also, today you are asked to refund the taxpayer unapproved tax notes of $14.5 million we were told we could afford to a $16.5 million GO Bond. Do you know the interest rate and cost of this new debt instrument? The excuse we were given less than a year and a half ago when they rushed to issue tax notes was, we can't wait for an election and approval by voters because interest rates will go up fast, so we have to do this now. We were told this back in December 2020. So what interest rate is this refunding bond at? It isn't listed in the agenda packet. We have a 10-year tax note at 3% and you are being asked to approve a refunding bond at an unknown interest rate. What does it cost to do so? You don't know do you? Would you refinance your house without knowing the cost to do so and at what interest rate especially considering we are at a favorable 3% now for 10 years? I know you would not do so because you are smarter than signing off on a loan without the details, interest rate and total cost to do so. We also want to issue another $8.2 million in 7-year term tax notes. It seems we can't afford the short-term 10-year tax notes they want to refund now that we just passed for City Hall, so why would we issue more down the same path for the same reason in a shorter term and what is the interest rate? This will cost another few hundred thousand of dollars to refund next year. Who wins with all these refinancing packages? The bond salesman telling you that you can afford it. The citizens lose. Don't mess around. Make a motion fast and make it to undo the intent to issue the CO for the $3.5 million. If you don't, I promise you we will petition it again and I promise you we will be successful doing it again while making you seem irresponsible again being stewards of taxpayer money. Right now, many citizens are asking me and others about these topics especially the found $4.5 million and you're still asking for $3.5 million anyways. Do you realize you are increasing the debt of the taxpayers tonight by 25% after we seemed to have doubled the debt in the last two years? Where is our fiscal conservative republican values?

Interim City Manager Richard Morton addressed the Council and stated on January 11, 2022, the City Council unanimously but tentatively approved the proposed Finance Plan. Mr. Morton explained that Finance Plan, at the time, included $8.1 million in Tax Notes, $3.5 million in possible Certificates of Obligation, and General Obligation Refunding Bonds to refinance the 2012 GO Refunding Bonds and the 2020 Tax Notes. Mr. Morton said Council asked City staff to bring back to Council in a Workshop, which we did, to provide you more information, so tonight we are here seeking direction from Council; would you like to continue with the Plan as it, or would you like to amend it.

MOTION: Council Member Hattman moved to adopt a Resolution amending the Plan of Finance approved by Resolution No. 2022-01 by rescinding the Notice of Intention to issue Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation in an amount not to exceed $3,500,000.

Council Member Brundrett asked if the motion was to rescind the $3.5 million, but could continue to discuss the remainder, so his question served as a second to the motion.

Mayor Rios said the City met earlier this week with Standard and Poor's and asked Bob Henderson to brief the Council.

Bob Henderson, Managing Director of RBC Capital Markets, stated the City had a rating call with Standard and Poor's yesterday to have them review the bond rating status on the City of Rockport in anticipation of a public sale and we are anticipating a response back from them next Monday. It was a very positive meeting and a lot of positive things since Hurricane Harvey.

Mayor Rios stated he wanted to reinforce what Mr. Henderson said, the City was looked upon very favorably by the rating agency and they didn't indicate any problem with our existing debt or future debt.

Mr. Henderson said the rating agency commented we have very modest debt, and it is secured by the City's utility system. Mr. Henderson explained most communities the size of Rockport has approximately 4000 utility connections, Rockport has 9300. Mr. Henderson said this shows you how many second homes we have, and the abundant economic power of this City compared to other cities the same size.

Mr. Morton said that he heard from the citizens that spoke, that we are asking to refund the tax notes because we can't afford the existing payment, and I think that is inaccurate.

Mr. Henderson expressed that is inaccurate and explained: The maximum tax rate for a home in Texas like one in the City of Rockport is $2.50 per $100 taxable assessed valuation of which $1.00 can be used for interest and sinking fund (I&S) or debt purposes. The City of Rockport actually levies a total tax rate of $0.3927 per $100 taxable assessed valuation including $0.2084 for M&O purposes and $0.1843 for I&S purposes. You are at a tax rate now that is only about 15% of what State Law allows. You have very modest rate. The purpose, when we discussed in 2020, the refinancing of the Tax Notes and putting in that two-year call was to give you the flexibility to extend the debt and meet your other capital needs and remain tax neutral. It's not a matter of the inability to afford paying off that 10-year debt at existing tax rate, it's a matter of extending the debt so the asset life and liability more closely match, and you can meet your future capital needs within that I&S tax rate parameter. What happens to the I&S tax rate if you don't refinance that debt? The answer is to do both the $8.1 and $3.5 CO, you are talking about a 6.4 increase in taxes, to drop off the $3.5 the tax rate impact would be 5.09 cents for the $8.1 million. One of the things we heard comment on is what is the interest going to be and we don't know that until we actually sell the debt.

Discussion was held among Mr. Henderson, Council, Ms. Griffin regarding refunding bonds, and what was included in the $8.1 million.

Council Member Brundrett asked why the City would be incurring all the cost for the secondary dispatch.

Chief of Police Greg Stevens answered he did not know if it had been discussed with the County

and Council Member Brundrett had a relevant point. Chief Stevens said this backup would do exactly what dispatch does now, all inclusive, all public agencies.

Council Member Brundrett stated he was okay with creating redundancy, but he didn't think the City should bear the entire cost. Council Member Brundrett said he didn't think we should use Tax Notes to build something, to pull that and come back, partner with the County.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa said that would be the same thing that is going on with the swimming pool.

Mayor Rios stated it would be our system; we know what happened during Hurricane Harvey – we were out of business.

Mr. Henderson said that one thing that was talked about at the January 11th meeting was the latitude at which the use of proceeds language is written; the $8.1 million would cover City Hall, Dispatch, vehicles and equipment, and potential streets and drainage. Mr. Henderson stated he would encourage Council to leave in the Dispatch to help you from coming back and financing small amounts. Mr. Henderson expressed this community has a stellar reputation for long-term planning, and thoughtfulness in its approach to financial planning.

Discussion was then held among Council and Mr. Morton on the City Hall soft costs for AV equipment.

Mr. Henderson stated if the $8.1 million is rescinded then the remaining has to be restructured to remain at the 18.43 cents I&S tax rate.

MOTION AMENDMENT: Council Member Hattman moved to amend her original motion to adopt a Resolution amending the Plan of Finance approved by Resolution No. 2022-01 by rescinding the Notice of Intention to issue Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation in an amount not to exceed $3,500,000 and include that the refunding bonds could be refinanced extending that final maturity up to 18 years. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3:2.

FOR MOTION: Council Member Hattman, Council Member Jackson and Council Member Brundrett.

AGAINST MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa and Mayor Rios.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa stated he voted "no" because he believed the e Certificates of Obligation should be included.

15. Deliberate and act on a Resolution of the City of Rockport, Texas, to award the bid to Teal Construction Company and authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract for the new City Hall building to be located at 212 North Live Oak Street, Rockport, Texas.

Kristie Rutledge, 1411 Dana Drive, addressed the Council and commented: I realize you have to award this contract so you can move forward with the project that we didn't get to vote on, but you've got a big problem with this project and the amount just keeps going up and up and I don't think anyone really knows how much it has gone up. I looked back at the record, and I see the

original conceptual budget for this and we're way over. We have no idea what the interest, the total cost of this refinancing that you just did for City Hall Tax Notes. We have from the debt repayment schedules what it would be to have paid off the 2020 Tax Notes, but we have no idea of what the cost is of City Hall now. I would like to see financial transparency on this. I would like to see a schedule as soon as possible, coming back and made available to the citizens where we know exactly what our costs are so we can start making measures to control them. Because it is up to you, you all just approved a slush fund for City Hall. We're buying things now that we don't need for 18 months, and we have no idea what the total cost is. We're talking about all of this inflation. How are we going to control this if there is not financial transparency? I would like to see this City Council and the City Manager require an on-going spreadsheet on the City website showing us what the costs are and updating those periodically or come back to us quarterly and let us know what the cost of City Hall is. That is reasonable and that is within financial transparency. This is stuff we wanted to vote on, and we disagreed with it because we knew during COVID shutdown that many of us were without work and suffering financial crisis that we would not be able to afford this luxury downtown; that's why people rushed out to sign that petition. The fact that it was thrown out is another issue. You are saddling us with more debt and you're eating into my children's inheritance and my ability to retire here, and I'm heavily invested in this community. You need to keep control of this cost and have financial transparency all the way along this project. Put a spreadsheet on the website, find out how much this interest rate and how much it cost you to refinance these Tax Notes because you have no idea. You have no idea what you just voted on. You have no idea how much debt you saddled your kids with and my kids with.

Mayor Rios said we have the initial contract moving forward with Teal Construction, and we need to have a hard look at that because the sub-contracts on that are getting skittish. Mayor Rios stated they are willing to commit to the current bid. Mayor Rios said increased cost could increase 20%-30%.

Interim City Manager Richard Morton explained Council is being asked to award the bid to Teal Construction Company in the amount of $16,380,000 and in the Resolution to award the contract to Teal we say we are asking Council to award the bid and authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract with Teal Construction with a base bid of $16,380,000 and to reduce said amount by at least $900,000 in value engineering. Mr. Morton said it is putting Teal on notice that we are expecting at least $900,000 in value engineering, a reduction of that amount, and to get them going we need Council's approval of the bid.

Mayor Rios said we did have a telephone meeting last week with Broaddus and Teal and went through a schedule identifying areas where we could see significant reduction in costs.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to adopt the Resolution awarding the bid to Teal Construction Company and authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract for the new City Hall building to be located at 212 North Live Oak Street, Rockport, Texas. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Reports from Council.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on all committee assignments, which may include the following: Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation; Aransas Pathways Steering Committee; Building and Standards Commission; Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program; Coastal Bend Council of Government; Coastal Bend Mayors Group; Park & Leisure Services Advisory Board; Planning & Zoning Commission;

Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce; Aransas County Storm Water Management Advisory Committee; Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee; Tourism Development Council; Tree & Landscape Committee; YMCA Development Committee; Texas Maritime Museum, Fulton Mansion, Rockport Center for the Arts, Aransas County, Aransas County Independent School District, Aransas County Navigation District, Town of Fulton, and Texas Municipal League. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa stated the children of Aransas County did outstanding at the San Patricio and Aransas County Agricultural and Homemakers Show. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa said as soon as he knows the dates when the awards will be displayed at the County Extension office, he will let everyone know. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa expressed that this show is not just livestock, it is pictures, sewing, welding and more.

Council Member Hattman said she attended a meeting with the Interim City Manager and the Rockport Country Club Homeowners Association about possible drainage fixes in the Rockport Country Club; they came up with other ideas. Council Member Hattman stated hopefully things will get started.

Mayor Rios stated the City received most favorable results from Standards and Poor's and it was very encouraging to hear those words. Mayor Rios declared the City is in good shape.

Executive Session

City Council will hold an executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

17. **Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney seeking the advice of attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer; and on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the chapter: Concho Street Drainage Project.**

At 8:43 p.m., Mayor Rios convened the Rockport City Council into an executive session pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) seeking the advice of attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer; and on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the chapter: Concho Street Drainage Project.

Open Session

City Council will reconvene into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any actions necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein, or regular agenda items noted above, and/or related items.

At 9:02 p.m., Mayor Rios reconvened the Rockport City Council into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

18. Adjournment.

At 9:02 p.m., Council Member Jackson moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Villa. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 6

Deliberate and act on a Resolution of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the Rockport Police Department to apply for and operate an Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) administered by the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security grants division for Fiscal Year 2021; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the participation in this grant program.

SUBMITTED BY: Chief of Police Gregory Stevens

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: The objective of the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) is to disrupt, deter, interdict, and dominate criminal activity associated with the northbound and southbound movement of illicit traffic through the Texas border region in order to reduce border-related crime, reduce potential acts of terror, and increase the security and quality of life of Texans. As detailed in the accompanying application, this is a reimbursement program that will primarily allow the Rockport Police Department to pay overtime to officers to increase visible patrol and engage in enhanced traffic enforcement. The Department received and successfully implemented a similar grant for FY 2019 and FY 2020. A requirement of the grant is a resolution from the City authorizing the operation of the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) FY2021.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: OPSG is in Fund 18 with revenue is credited to account 40420 and overtime and fuel expenses charged to accounts 6181008 and 6187044, respectively. No cash or in-kind match is required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council approve the Resolution authorizing the Rockport Police Department to apply for and operate a FY 2021 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program administered by the Office of the Governor, as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - __

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND OPERATE A OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT PROGRAM(OPSG) ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PARTICIPATION IN THIS GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the objective of the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) is to disrupt, deter, interdict, and dominate criminal activity associated with the northbound and southbound movement of illicit traffic through the Texas border region in order to reduce border-related crime, reduce potential acts of terror, and increase the security and quality of life of Texans. The local and state agencies also coordinate and share information with federal agencies: and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockport finds it is the best interest of our citizens that the City of Rockport participate in the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program joining together with local, state and federal partners, to support the men and women of the U. S. Border Patrol, and protect our community by securing our international borders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockport agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the City of Rockport assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS:

Section 1. That a Operation Stonegarden Grant Program grant application is hereby authorized to be filed for funding consideration;

Section 2. That the Mayor is designated as the Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in connection with this application and participation in the Operation Stonegarden Grant. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the agency.

PASSED and **APPROVED** the 22nd day of February 2022.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

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Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 7

Deliberate and act on 1st quarter report from the Rockport Cultural Arts District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 marketing expenditures.

SUBMITTED BY: City Secretary Teresa Valdez

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: The Rockport Cultural Arts District has been allocated $40,000.00 in FY 2021-2022 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds. According to our agreement with the Rockport Cultural Arts District, HOT funds are paid in advance and a report of the previous quarter's expenditures is required. See the accompanying 1st quarter HOT expenditure report for additional information.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: Charged to account 6602097. YTD expenses are $10,000 out of $40,000.00 budgeted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Rockport Cultural Arts District FY 2021-2022 Hotel Occupancy Tax funds 1st quarter expenditures and authorization to disburse the 2nd quarter funds in the amount of $10,000.00, as presented.

EXHIBIT "B"

HOT FUNDING EXPENSE REPORT FY 2020-2021						
Description of Expense	Approved Budget	1st Quarter Expenses	2nd Quarter Expenses	3rd Quarter Expenses	4th Quarter Expenses	TOTAL
Events - Arts Promotion	10,000	-				-
Historical Restoration & Preservation Activities	17,000	10,000				10,000
Administrative	13,000	-				-
TOTAL REQUESTED	40,000	10,000				10,000

Description of Administrative Expenses	Current Fiscal Year Administrative Expenses Projection	Fiscal Year Administrative Actual Expenses	Percentage of Fiscal Year Projections
Wages, office, dues, insurance, utilities	86,364	87,374	101.2%
TOTALS	86,364	87,374	101.2%

ROCKPORT CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 8

Deliberate and act on a Resolution approving and adopting an Investment Policy and Strategy for the City of Rockport, Texas.

SUBMITTED BY: Director of Finance Katie Griffin

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: The Public Funds Investment Act, as defined in Texas Government Code Sec. 2256.001, requires a governing body to annually review and adopt an Investment Policy and Strategy through resolution. Additionally, the act requires that the Investment Officers, the City Manager and Director of Finance, as established by the City of Rockport's policy, attend ten hours of Public Fund Investments training every two years in conjunction with the City's fiscal year calendar.

The existing Investment policy and strategy was last revised in 2015 following a comprehensive review by Ms. Linda Patterson of Patterson & Associates. Ms. Patterson is also an instructor of the required PFIA training hosted by Texas Municipal League. The current policy and strategies comply with all requirements of the PFIA Act. Last Council action reviewed and approved the current policy in January 2021. The Investment Policy is presented to Council tonight for annual review and discussion. The resolution will be brought back on February 22nd for deliberation and adoption.

No changes have been made to the existing Investment Policy or list of qualified brokers/dealers since the last review and acceptance in January 2021.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council adopt the Resolution approving and adopting an Investment Policy and Strategy for the City of Rockport, Texas.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-__

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS, AND MAKING VARIOUS PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

WHEREAS, the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code Ann. Chapter 2256 (the "Act"), provides that the governing body of an investment entity shall adopt a written investment policy and strategy regarding the investment of its funds; and

WHEREAS, the written Investment Policy, as presented, will protect City assets by identifying investment objectives, addressing the issues of investment risks versus rewards, and providing the framework for the establishment of controls, limitations and responsibilities of City employees in the performance of their fiduciary responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council must annually accept and approve the Investment Policy and Strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS THAT:

(1) The City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas, approves and adopts the Investment Policy and Strategy attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the List of Qualified Broker/Dealers as required by Article VIII, Sec. 2-110 attached hereto as Exhibit B, and made a part hereof by this reference.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT THE ____ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.

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Patrick R. Rios. Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

ARTICLE VIII. INVESTMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY

Sec. 2-211. Policy Statement.

It is the policy of the City that the administration of its funds and the investment of those funds shall be handled as its highest public trust. Investment shall be made in a manner which will provide the maximum security of principal invested through limitations and diversification while meeting the daily cash flow needs of the City and conforming to all applicable state statutes governing the investment of public funds.

The receipt of a market yield will be secondary to the requirements for safety and liquidity. It is the intent of the City to be in complete compliance with local law and the Texas Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code (the "Act"). The earnings from investments will be used in a manner that best serves the interests of the city.

Sec. 2-212. Scope.

This Investment Policy applies to all the financial assets and funds of the City. The City commingles its funds into one pooled investment portfolio for investment purposes to gain efficiency and maximum investment opportunity. These funds are defined in the City's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) and include:

(1) General fund;

(2) Enterprise funds;

(3) Special revenue funds;

(4) Capital project funds;

(5) Debt Service funds;

(6) Trust and agency funds;

(7) Vehicle and equipment replacement funds; and

(8) Any new fund created, unless specifically exempted by City council and this policy.

Sec. 2-213. Objectives and Strategy.

It is the policy of the City that all funds shall be managed and invested with four primary objectives, listed in order of their priority: safety, liquidity, diversification and yield. Investments are to be chosen in a manner which promotes diversity by market sector, credit and maturity in response to cash needs and market conditions. The choice of high-credit quality government investments and money market instruments are designed to assure the marketability of those investments should liquidity needs arise. To meet anticipated cash flow and control for over-extension the maximum weighted average maturity (WAM) of the overall portfolio shall not exceed six months.

(1) *Safety of principal*. Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the City.

Investments of the City shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital. Each investment transaction shall be conducted in a manner to avoid capital losses, whether they be from security defaults, safekeeping, or erosion of market value.

(2) *Liquidity*. The City's investment portfolio will be based on a cash flow analysis of needs and will remain sufficiently liquid to enable it to meet all operating requirements which might be reasonably anticipated.

(3) *Diversification*. Diversification of the portfolio will include diversification by maturity and market sector and will include the use of a number of broker/dealers for diversification and market coverage.

(4) *Yield*. The City's investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a reasonable market rate, taking into account the City's risk constraints and the cash flow needs of the portfolio. The benchmark for the commingled portfolio shall be the yield on the current six month U.S. Treasury Bill For the comparable period designated for its comparability to the expected cash flow and maximum weighted average maturity (WAM).

Strategy.

The City maintains one commingled portfolio for investment purposes which incorporates the specific investment strategy considerations and the unique characteristics of the fund groups represented in the portfolio. The City shall pursue a conservative strategy. Securities may be sold before they mature if market conditions present an opportunity to benefit from the trade but the strategy will be primarily buy-and-hold.

A. The investment strategy for operating funds has as its primary objective assurance that anticipated liabilities are matched and adequate liquidity provided. This may be accomplished by purchasing high credit quality securities (0-2 years) which will complement each other in a laddered maturity structure permitting some extension for yield enhancement.

B. The investment strategy for debt service funds shall have as its primary objective the assurance of available funds adequate to fund the debt service obligations on a timely basis. Successive debt service dates will be fully funded before any maturity extension.

C. The investment strategy for debt service reserve funds shall have as its primary objective the ability to generate a revenue stream to the debt service funds from high quality securities. The potential for loss shall be further controlled through the purchase of securities within the desired maturity range.

D. The investment strategy for capital projects or capital project funds will have as its primary objective assurance that anticipated cash flows are matched and provide adequate investment liquidity. A liquidity buffer should be maintained to provide flexibility and for unanticipated project outlays.

Effective cash management is recognized as essential to good fiscal management. Cash management is defined as the process of managing monies in order to ensure maximum cash availability. The City shall maintain a cash management program which includes timely collection of accounts receivable, prudent investment of its available cash, disbursement of

payments in accordance with invoice terms and the management of banking services.

Sec. 2-214. Legal limitations, responsibilities and authority.

Authority to manage the City's investment program is derived from the City Charter, ordinances, statutes and resolutions. Direct specific investment parameters for the investment of public funds in Texas are found in the Act. (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.2256.htm). The Public Funds Collateral Act, Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code, specifies collateral requirements for all public funds deposits. All investments will be made in accordance with these statutes, bond requirements and City ordinances to include Ord. 1351, § 3, 5-9-06; Ord 1354, § 1, 05-09-06, Ord. 1433, §1, 05-27-08, Ord. 1499, § 1, 4-27-10, and Ord. 1559, §1, 2-14-12.

Sec. 2-215. Delegation of investment authority.

Management responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the City Manager who shall be responsible for administrative oversight.

The City Manager is also responsible for considering the quality and capability of staff, investment advisors, and consultants involved in investment management and procedures. All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust.

Investment Officer(s).
The City Council will designate Investment Officer(s) by resolution. The Investment Officer(s) shall develop and maintain procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this Investment Policy. Procedures will include safekeeping, funds transfers, investment procedures, banking services, and collateral.

The Investment Officer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials and staff. The Investment Officer(s) shall designate a staff person as a liaison/deputy in the event circumstances require timely action and the Investment Officer is not available.

No officer or designee may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the supporting procedures.

Each designated Investment Officer will obtain ten hours of investment training within the first 12 months of taking the position and ten hours of training within each two year fiscal years thereafter.

City Council Responsibilities
The City Council holds ultimate fiduciary responsibility for the portfolio. It will designate investment officer(s), receive and review quarterly reporting, provide for investment officer training, approve broker/dealers, and review and adopt the Investment Policy and Strategy at least annually.

Sec. 2-216. Prudence.

The standard of care to be used in the investment function shall be the "prudent person rule”

and shall be applied in the context of managing the overall portfolio. This standard states: "Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the expected income to be derived."

Limitation of personal liability.
The Investment Officer(s) and those delegated investment authority under this policy, when acting in accordance with the written procedures and this Policy and in accord with the prudent person rule, shall be relieved of personal liability in the management of the portfolio provided that deviations from expectations for a specific security's credit risk or market price change or portfolio shifts are reported in a timely manner and that appropriate action is taken to control adverse market effects. In determining whether an Investment Officer has exercised prudence with respect to an investment decision, the determination shall be made taking into consideration the investment of all funds over which the Officer has responsibility rather than a consideration as to the prudence of a single investment.

Sec. 2-217. Internal controls.

(a) *Controls.* The investment Officer(s) shall establish a system of written internal controls which will be reviewed annually with the independent auditor of the City. The controls shall be designed to prevent loss of public funds due to fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated market changes, or imprudent actions by employees of the city.

(b) *Cash flow forecasting*. Cash flow forecasting is designed to protect and sustain cash flow requirements. Supplemental to the financial and budgetary systems, the Investment Officer(s) will maintain a cash flow forecasting process designed to monitor and forecast cash positions for investment purposes.

(c) *Monitoring Credit Ratings.* The Investment Officer(s) shall monitor, on no less than a monthly basis, the credit rating on all authorized investments in the portfolio based upon independent information from a nationally recognized rating agency. If any security falls below the minimum rating required by Policy, the Investment Officer shall notify the City Manager of the loss of rating, and liquidate the investment within one week.

(d) *Monitoring FDIC Status for Mergers and Acquisitions.* The Investment Officer(s) shall monitor, on no less than a weekly basis, the status and ownership of all banks issuing brokered CDs owned by the City based upon information from the FDIC. If any bank has been acquired or merged with another bank in which brokered CDs are owned, the Investment Officer shall immediately liquidate any brokered CD which places the City above the FDIC insurance level.

(e) *Competitive Bidding*. All securities, including certificates of deposit, will be purchased or sold only after three or more offers/bids are taken to verify that the City is receiving fair market value/price for the investment.

(f) *Delivery versus Payment (DVP)*. All securities shall be purchased on a delivery versus payment (DVP) settlement basis. The safekeeping agent shall not release City funds until receipt of the security. The safekeeping agent shall provide the City with proof of ownership delivered within one business day.

(g) *Unauthorized Investments.* Investments need not be liquidated if authorized at the time of

purchase.

(h) *Documentation of Investment Transactions.* All investment transactions, including the transfer of funds for investment purposes, shall be documented and such documentation maintained by the Investment Officer(s).

(i) *Compliance Audit.* At least once a year, the Investment Officer(s) shall complete a compliance audit to assure that the investment program is operating in compliance with the Policy and the Act.

Sec. 2-218. Authorized investments.

(a) Authorized investments shall be limited to the instruments listed below and as further described by the Act. If additional types of securities are approved for investment by state statute, they will not be eligible for investment by the City until this Policy has been amended and the amended version adopted by the City Council.

(1) Obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities, not to exceed two years to stated maturity, excluding all mortgage-backed securities ;

(2) Fully insured or collateralized depository certificates of deposit issued by a bank or a savings bank doing business in Texas which is guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or its successor, or collateralized in accordance with this Policy not to exceed two years to stated maturity, to include CDARS.

(3) Fully insured share certificates from Texas based credit unions, insured by the NCUIF, with a stated maturity not to exceed two years.

(4) FDIC insured *brokered* certificates of deposit *securities* from a bank in any US state, delivered versus payment to the City's safekeeping agent, not to exceed two years to maturity. Purchased from a bank or broker doing business in Texas. Before purchase, the Investment Officer must verify the FDIC status of the bank (on www.fdic.gov) to assure that the bank is FDIC insured.

(5) Fully collateralized repurchase agreements as defined by the Act, not to exceed 180 days to stated maturity, managed under an executed Bond Market Association Master Repurchase Agreement. The repurchase transactions shall be placed only through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve of NY, or a financial institution doing business in Texas. Flex repurchase agreements specifically for capital projects may extend beyond two years but must to match the expenditure plan of the bond projects;

(6) AAA-rated SEC registered money market mutual funds which strive to maintain a $1 net asset value;

(7) Texas Local Government Investment Pools, complying with the Act, which strive to maintain a $1 net asset value; and,

(8) Fully insured or collateralized interest-bearing accounts in any bank in Texas.

Sec. 2-219. Ethics and conflicts of interest.

Investment Officer(s) and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

Investment Officer(s) shall disclose to the Texas Ethics Commission and the City Council, within the quarter, any personal financial interest representing ten percent ownership or voting stock in an amount greater than $10,000.00 with a business, or receipt of funds from the business exceeding ten percent of gross income for the previous year, or interest in real property if the interest has a fair market value of $2,500.00 or more. Any relationships within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity, as specified in chapter 171 of the Texas Local Government Code with their officers, brokers and employees who conduct business with the City shall also be reported.

Sec. 2-220. Authorized financial dealers and institutions.

(a) All investments made by the City will be made through an authorized broker/dealer or a bank in Texas. A list of a least three broker/dealers will be maintained in order to assure competitive bidding (Exhibit A to the Policy).

(b) Securities broker/dealers must meet certain criteria as determined by the Investment Officer(s). The following criteria must be met by those firms on the list:

(1) Provision of an audited financial statement each year,

(2) Proof of certification by the Financial Industry Regulatory Agency (FINRA) and provision of firm's CRD number,

(3) Proof of current registration with the Texas State Securities Commission, and

(4) Policy certification.

(c) Every broker/dealer, pool, and bank with whom the City transacts business will be provided a copy of this Investment Policy for review to assure that they are familiar with the goals and objectives of the investment program. A representative of the firm will be required to return a signed certification acceptable to both parties stating that the Policy has been received and reviewed and that controls are in place to assure that only authorized securities are sold to the City. Material changes to the Policy will require re-certification of the Policy.

(d) A list of qualified broker/dealers will be reviewed and adopted at least annually by the City Council.

(e) In order to perfect the DVP process the banking services depository, or its brokerage subsidiary, will not be used as a broker.

Sec. 2-221. Diversification and Maturity Limitations.

(a) It is the policy of the City to diversify its investment portfolio. Invested funds shall be diversified to minimize risk or loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific

maturity, specific issuer, or specific class of securities. Diversification strategies shall be established and periodically reviewed. Diversification guidelines by security type shall be:

SECURITY TYPE	*MAX % OF PORTFOLIO*
U.S. Treasury Obligations	100%
U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities	Not to exceed 80%
Depository CDs	Not to exceed 50%
Brokered Certificate of Deposit Securities	Not to exceed 30%
Repurchase Agreement Flex agreement by bond issue	Not to exceed 20% 100%
Money Market Fund % Ownership of Fund	100% Not to exceed 10%
Local Government Investment Pools	100%
• Maximum percent ownership of pool	Not to Exceed 20%

(b) The Investment Officer(s) shall diversify security types and maturities, to the extent possible and attempt to match investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Matching maturities with cash flow dates will reduce the need to sell securities prior to maturity, thus reducing market risk. The Investment Officer may not invest more that 20 percent of the portfolio for a period greater than one year. The Investment Officer may not invest any portion of the portfolio for a period greater than two years with the exception of a flex repurchase agreement.

Sec. 2-222. Safekeeping.

(a) The laws of the state and prudent treasury management require that all purchased securities be bought on a delivery versus payment basis and be held in safekeeping by either the City, an independent third party financial institution, or the City's designated banking services depository.

(b) All safekeeping arrangements shall be designated by the Investment Officer(s) and an agreement of the terms executed in writing. The third party custodian shall be required to issue safekeeping receipts to the City listing each specific security, rate, description, maturity, cusip number, and other pertinent information. Each safekeeping receipt will be clearly marked that the security is held for the City or pledged to the city. Substitution allowed with prior City approval.

(c) All securities pledged to the City for certificates of deposit or demand deposits shall be held by an independent third party bank doing business in Texas. The safekeeping bank may not be within the same holding company as the bank from which the securities are pledged.

Sec 2-223 Collateralization of Time and Demand Deposits

(a) *Collateralization*. Collateralization is required on all time and demand deposits above FDIC insurance coverage. In order to anticipate market changes and provide a level of additional security for all funds, the collateralization level required will be 102 percent of the book value of the principal plus accrued interest. Collateral will be held in accordance with a written agreement approved by the pledging bank's Board or Loan Committee to fulfill FDIC requirements.

(b) *Custody.* Collateral shall be held by an independent, third party custodian approved by the City. The custodian shall provide a written monthly report directly to the City listing all pledged collateral by description and market value at a minimum. The pledging bank is responsible for maintaining collateral levels at all times.

[e] *Authorized collateral*.

(1) Obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities including mortgage-backed securities and CMO which pass the *bank test;*

(2) Obligations of any U.S. state, agencies, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of any state rated at least A as to investment quality by a nationally recognized rating agency;

(3) An irrevocable Letter of Credit from the FHLB.

(4) Pooled collateral under the terms of the Public Funds Collateral Act.

Sec. 2-223. Performance evaluation and reporting.

The Investment Officer(s) shall submit monthly to the City Manager and quarterly to the City Council investment reports containing sufficient information to permit an informed outside reader to evaluate the performance of the investment program and in compliance with the Act. Market prices for market valuations will be obtained from an independent source.

Sec. 2-224. Depositories.

(a) *Banking Services Depository*. The City will designate one banking institution through a competitive process as its central banking services provider at least every five years. This institution will be used for normal banking services including disbursements, collections, and safekeeping of securities. In selecting a depository, the services, cost of services, credit worthiness, earnings potential, and collateralization by the institutions shall be considered.

All time and demand deposits in any depository shall be insured or collateralized at all times in accordance with this Policy.

(b) *Additional Depositories.* Other banking institutions from which the City may purchase certificates of deposit will also be designated as a depository after they provide their latest audited financial statements to the City. All depositories holding deposits above FDIC coverage will execute a written depository agreement and have the Bank's Board or Bank Loan Committee pass a resolution approving the agreement and provide collateral in accordance with the Policy.

Sec. 2-225. Investment Policy and Strategies Review and Adoption by City Council

The City's Investment Policy and Strategies shall be reviewed and adopted annually by the City Council. A written resolution adopting that review and denoting changes to the Policy from the review will be passed by the City Council.

Secs. 2-226—2-239. Reserved.

List of Qualified Broker/Dealers as required by Article VIII, Sec. 2-220.

Brokers/Dealers and Financial Institutions

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
RBC Capital Markets, LLC

Government Pools

Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TEXPOOL)
TexasTERM Local Government Investment Pool (TexasTERM)
Texas CLASS Local Government Investment Pool
Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC)
TexSTAR Local Government Investment Pool
Texas Range Fixed Income Trust (TX-FIT) Government Pool

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 9

Deliberate and act on approval of a Resolution of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the selection of a Professional Service Provider for the FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.

SUBMITTED BY: Assistant to the City Manager, Kimberly Henry

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: The City of Rockport is preparing to apply for the FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant. This grant is a 75/25 match for mitigation purposes. These grants are not based on Low to Moderate Income (LMI), but rather Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) projects. Part of the grant writers' duties are to assist the City in completing the analysis of our options to see which project would get us the most points within an application.

The Request For Proposals (RFP) was published December 31, 2021, and five proposals were received by the deadline of January 21, 2022. The review committee consisted of Council Member Ward 1 Katy Jackson, Council Member Ward 3 Brad Brundrett, Director of Finance Katie Griffin, Director of Public Works Mike Donoho, and Assistant to the City Manager Kimberly Henry. The list of responses in order by date/time received to include the name, average score, and pricing provided has been included. (Due to the length of these RFP's, they are not included within the packet, but are available upon request.)

FISCAL ANALYSIS: The FEMA HMA grant is considered a 75/25 funded grant. The pre-award costs ($1,000) to apply for the grant will be reimbursable if awarded. If Rockport is not awarded the grant, the pre-award costs are 100% our responsibility. If awarded, the 75/25 split is for Engineering, Environmental, and Construction costs. The Grant Administration costs would be covered at 100% up to 5% of the total grant.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council approve the Resolution of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the selection of Langford Community Management Services, Inc., as our Professional Service Provider for the FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.

RFP's received for
Hazardous - Mitigation Grant Management

Published: December 31, 2021 Grant Amount: Unknown
Due date: January 21, 2022

Date/Time Received	Name	Contact Information	Bid	Avg Pts.
1/13/2022 3:27 p.m.	Traylor & Assoc. Inc.	201 Cambridge Rd Tyler, TX 75703	Pre-award No Cost Post-award 5% of Grant	**82.60**
1/20/2022 12:15 p.m.	GrantWorks	2201 Northlaand Dr. Austin, TX 78756	Pre-award $3,500-$10,000 pending type/amount. Post-award is 5% of grant	**87.60**
1/20/2022 12:15 p.m.	Langford Community Management Services	2901 CR 175 Leander, TX 78641	Pre-award $1,000 Post-award $100/hr with a max of $20k for Environmental Admin fees at $125/hr with a max of 5% of grant	**90.80**
1/20/2022 12:15 p.m.	Tidal Basin		Pre-Award $12,500 Post-Award $17,500 $135 or $155/hour max at 5% of grant	**84.20**
1/21/2022 11:45 a.m.	TLC Engineering, Inc.	804 Westglen Dr. Houston, TX 77063	5-11% of grant Subject to negotiation	**79.20**
1/25/2022 1:25 p.m.	Smartt Grants	3801 Menchaca Rd., Apt 7 Austin, TX 78704		**N/A**
Received after deadline - not eligible				

Committee Members:

Council Member Katy Jackson
Council Member Brad Brundrett
PW Director Mike Donoho
Finance Director Katie Griffin
Assistant to the City Manager Kimberly Henry

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - __

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER(S) SELECTION FOR THE FEMA HAZARDOUS MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT.

WHEREAS, participation in FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Assistance Grant program(s) requires implementation by professionals experienced in the administration of federally-funded projects; and

WHEREAS, in order to identify qualified and responsive providers for these services a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for administration services has been completed in accordance with the federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposals received by the due date have been reviewed to determine the most qualified and responsive providers for each professional service giving consideration to the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed procurement, integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1.	That Langford Community Management Services, Inc. is selected to provide project-related **administration services** for FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Assistance Grant program(s).
Section 2.	That any and all project-related services contracts or commitments made with the above-named service provider(s) are dependent on the successful negotiation of a contract with the service provider(s).

PASSED and APPROVED the 22nd day of February 2022.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

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Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance granting a Conditional Use Permit for development of a RV park on property located at 1411 West Twelfth Street; also known as 12.832 acres of land out of portions of Lot H and portions of Lot 43, Block 251, Foor & Swickheimer Subdivision located in the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; subject to compliance with the conditions stated within this Ordinances, as well as those stipulated in the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: Mr. Uhr is requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to develop an RV Park utilizing 12.832 acres of the property. To date, we have not received any exhibits or specifics regarding number of spaces, layout, or planned amenities.

A public notice regarding this item was published in The Rockport Pilot in the Saturday, January 8, 2022, edition and mailed out to nineteen (19) property owners within a 200-foot radius of the property. We received eleven (11) letters For and eight (8) Against at the P&Z meeting on February 7, 2022. This does not constitute a Super Majority Vote.

Please see the accompanying zoning change request application and Section 118-15 of Code of Ordinances for detail information.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Planning & Zoning Commission, with a 4-1 approval vote at the February 7, 2022, Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, recommends Council approve the first reading of the Ordinance granting a Conditional Use Permit for development of a RV park on property located at 1411 West Twelfth Street; also known as 12.832 acres of land out of portions of Lot H and portions of Lot 43, Block 251, Foor & Swickheimer Subdivision located in the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; subject to compliance with the conditions stated within this Ordinances, as well as those stipulated in the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN RV PARK FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1411 W TWELFTH STREET; ALSO KNOWN AS APPROXIMATELY 12.832 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF PORTIONS OF LOT H AND PORTIONS OF LOT 43, BLOCK 251, FOOR & SWICKHEIMER SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS STATED WITHIN THIS ORDINANCE, AS WELL AS THOSE STIPULATED IN THE CITY OF ROCKPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, an application for a Conditional Use Permit was received in the office of the Building Department, Rockport, Texas; and

WHEREAS, On January 7, 2022, notice was posted on the bulletin boards at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass and on the City's webpage www.cityofrockport.com; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2022, notice was mailed to affected property owners within 200' of subject property; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2022, the City caused to be published "Notice of Joint Public Hearing" in the official newspaper of the City notifying area residents and the public in general to participate and make their views known regarding this request; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., the Rockport City Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission did hold a Joint Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2022, the Planning & Zoning Commission did meet and said Commission voted to recommend to the City Council to accept and approve this request for a Conditional Use Permit to property located at 1411 West Twelfth Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT TEXAS:

SECTION 1 – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

That, pursuant to Section 118-23 "Conditional Use Permit" (CUP), of the Rockport Code of Ordinances, a Conditional Use Permit is hereby granted to property located at 1411 West Twelfth Street for the purpose of development of an RV Park, subject to compliance with the following

conditions and all applicable regulations and conditions contained in the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances:

1. Must meet requirements of the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances, including, but not limited to Chapter 118, Sec 118-21

2. Any use other than that granted herein or permitted by right in the "R-1" zoning district shall be treated as an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit and shall be required to re-submit a Conditional Use Permit request as outlined in the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 2

That the recitals contained in the preamble hereto are hereby found to be true and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

SECTION 3

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance be severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Ordinance and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be enforced as written.

SECTION 4

That it is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 5

Any individual, firm, corporation, utility, or business entity that violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined as provided in Section 1-7 of the City Code.

SECTION 6

The repeal or amendment of any ordinance or part of ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue or as affecting any rights of the City under any section or provisions of any ordinances in effect at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances not repealed by this Ordinance and ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein.

SECTION 8

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by second and final reading.

APPROVED on first reading the _____ day of _____ 2022.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

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Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

APPROVED, PASSED and ADOPTED on second and final reading, this ____day of___ 2022.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

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Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

STAFF REPORT

Building & Development Services | Carey Dietrich, Community Planner
2751 SH 35 Bypass, Rockport, TX 78362
Phone: (361) 790-1125, x. 226 | Email: communityplanner@cityofrockport.com

PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION
1411 W Twelfth St
Lot H, Pt of & Pt of Block 43
251,Swickheimer

APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER
Mark Uhr, Owner

PUBLIC HEARING DATE
Tuesday, January 25, 2022

P&Z DATE
Monday, February 7, 2022

CITY COUNCIL DATE(S)
1st Reading - Tuesday, February 22, 2022
2nd Reading – Tuesday, March 8, 2022

BRIEF SUMMARY OF REQUEST

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MAP SOURCE: Pictometry

EXISTING ZONING	EXISTING LAND USE	SURROUNDING ZONING & LAND USE	SITE IMPROVEMENTS	SIZE OF PROPERTY
R1 – 1st Single Family Dwelling District	Single family dwelling	**North:** Not in City Limits **South**: R1 – 1st Single Family Dwelling District with single family dwelling **East:** R1 – 1st Single Family Dwelling District with single family dwelling **West**: R1 – 1st Single Family Dwelling District with single family dwelling	To develop a resort style RV Park	12.832 acres

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE (circled)

APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS

DENY

COMPATIBILITY with the ZONING ORDINANCE

Any future development will meet all setback requirements of the R2-M manufactured Housing District

The current Future Land Use Map does not show the property as it was not annexed at the time of adoption

PROPERTY HISTORY

The property is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

ATTACHMENTS (CIRCLE)

SUBMITTED PLANS

PUBLIC HEARING PETITION/ APPLICATION FORM (circled)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

AGENCY COMMENTS

RESPONSE TO STANDARDS

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
Rockport City Council
and
Planning & Zoning Commission

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POSTED the 5th day of January 2022, on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas, and on the website www.cityofrockport.com.

PUBLISHED in *The Rockport Pilot* in the Saturday, January 8, 2022, Edition, in accordance with the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

CITY OF ROCKPORT
ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

INSTRUCTION: Please fill out completely. If more space is needed, attach additional pages. Please print or use typewriter.

A. REQUESTING: Rezoning [ ] Conditional Permit [X]

Planned Unit Development (P.U.D.) by Conditional Permit [ ]

B. ADDRESS AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY 1411 W 12th St Rockport, TX 78382

C. CURRENT ZONING OF PROPERTY: R1

D. PRESENT USE OF PROPERTY: Residential

E. ZONING DISTRICT REQUESTED: CUP

F. CONDITIONAL USE REQUESTED: RV Park

G. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (Fill in the one that applies)

- Lot or Tract H Block 251
- Tract SWICKHEIMER, PT OF & PT of 43, acres 12.832 ~~of the~~ Survey as per metes and bounds (field notes attached)
- If other, attach copy of survey or legal description from the Records of Aransas County or Appraisal District.

H. NAME OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT (if applicable) New Beginnings RV Park

I. TOTAL ACREAGE OR SQ. FT. OF SITE(S): 12.832

J. REASON FOR REQUEST AND DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT: (Please be specific)

RV Park

K. OWNER'S NAME: (Please print) Gerald R Beckwith
Machael D Beckwith
ADDRESS: 1411 W 12th St 1
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Rockport, TX 78382
PHONE NO 361-438-3172

L. REPRESENTATIVE: (If Other Than Owner) Rockport Properties
Sherry Burchfield
ADDRESS:
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Rockport TX 78382
PHONE NO 205-502-6830

NOTE: Do you have property owner's permission for this request?
YES ✓ NO ____

M. FILING FEE:

REZONING	$150.00 + $10.00 PER ACRE
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT	$200.00 + $10.00 PER ACRE
P.U.D. REVISION	$200.00 + $10.00 PER ACRE
CONDITIONAL PERMIT	$150.00 + $10.00 PER ACRE

(Make check payable to the City of Rockport)

- Submit application and filing fee to the Department of Building & Development, City of Rockport; 2751 S.H. 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas 78382.

Signed: Sherry Burchfield
(Owner or Representative)

(FOR CITY USE)

Received by:_____ Date:_____ Fees Paid: $_____

Submitted Information (____accepted) (____rejected) by: _____

If rejected, reasons why: _____

Receipt No. _____


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Property ID	Property Owner	Situs Address	Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP
63424	Gerald & Machael Beckwith	1411 W. 12th St	1411 W. 12th St	Rockport	Tx	78382
47911	Shannon Reynolds	1414-R Sixteenth St	PO Box 373	Rockport	Tx	78381
60361	Terry Butrviengpunt	2303-2331 Monkey Rd	929 Zarsky Dr	Corpus Christi	Tx	78412
30086	Cheryl Ward	2223 Monkey Rd	PO Box 1667	Rockport	Tx	78381
48643	Kathleen Jackson & Stacey Andrew	2211 Monkey Rd	102 Myrtle Ln	Rockport	Tx	78382
70659	Kathleen Jackson & Stacey Andrew	2205 Monkey Rd	102 Myrtle Ln	Rockport	Tx	78382
51777	Troy Beam	2127 Monkey Rd	Po Box 732	Rockport	Tx	78382
30076	Alan Kahanek	1407 W. Twelfth St	410 W. Gonzales St	Yoakum	Tx	77995
30077	Alan & Lisa Kahanek	1405 W. Twelfth St	410 W. Gonzales St	Yoakum	Tx	77995
30078	Mary & Jerry Schwerdtfeger	1403 W. Twelfth St	1403 W. Twelfth St	Rockport	Tx	78382
30079	Marie & Robert Schlameus	1401 W. Twelfth St	1401 W. Twelfth St	Rockport	Tx	78382
70662	Linda & Pat Parham	1412 W. Twelfth St	PO Box 751	Rockport	Tx	78381
34504	Alan & Lisa Kahanek	1414 W. Twelfth ST	410 W. Gonzales St	Yoakum	Tx	77995
34465	Michael Tedder	1409 W. Twelfth St	PO Box 541	Rockport	Tx	78381
53543	Sandra & Curtis Mcnabb	1415 W. Twelfth St	Po Box 2233	Rockport	Tx	78381
55649	Curtis Mcnabb	1419 W. Twelfth St	Po Box 1362	Rockport	Tx	78381
63425	Sherry & James Karstens	1431 W. Twelfth St	Po Box 2638	Rockport	Tx	78381
8810441	Melanie Limke	1426-R Sixteenth St	1426R Sixteenth St	Rockport	Tx	78382
57286	Nelda Covarrubias	1418 Sixteenth St	1418 Sixteenth St	Rockport	Tx	78382

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette

FEMA

97°5'30"W 28°0'15"N



Feet
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1:6,000

97°4'52"W 27°59'43"N

Basemap: USGS National Map: Orthoimagery: Data refreshed October 2020

Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS
- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) *Zone A, V, A99*
- With BFE or Depth *Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR*
- Regulatory Floodway

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile *Zone X*
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard *Zone X*
- Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. *Zone X*
- Area with Flood Risk due to Levee *Zone D*

OTHER AREAS
- NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard *Zone X*
- Effective LOMRs
- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard *Zone*

GENERAL STRUCTURES
- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
- Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES
- 20.2 / 17.5 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance / Water Surface Elevation
- Coastal Transect
- 513 Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
- Limit of Study
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Coastal Transect Baseline
- Profile Baseline
- Hydrographic Feature

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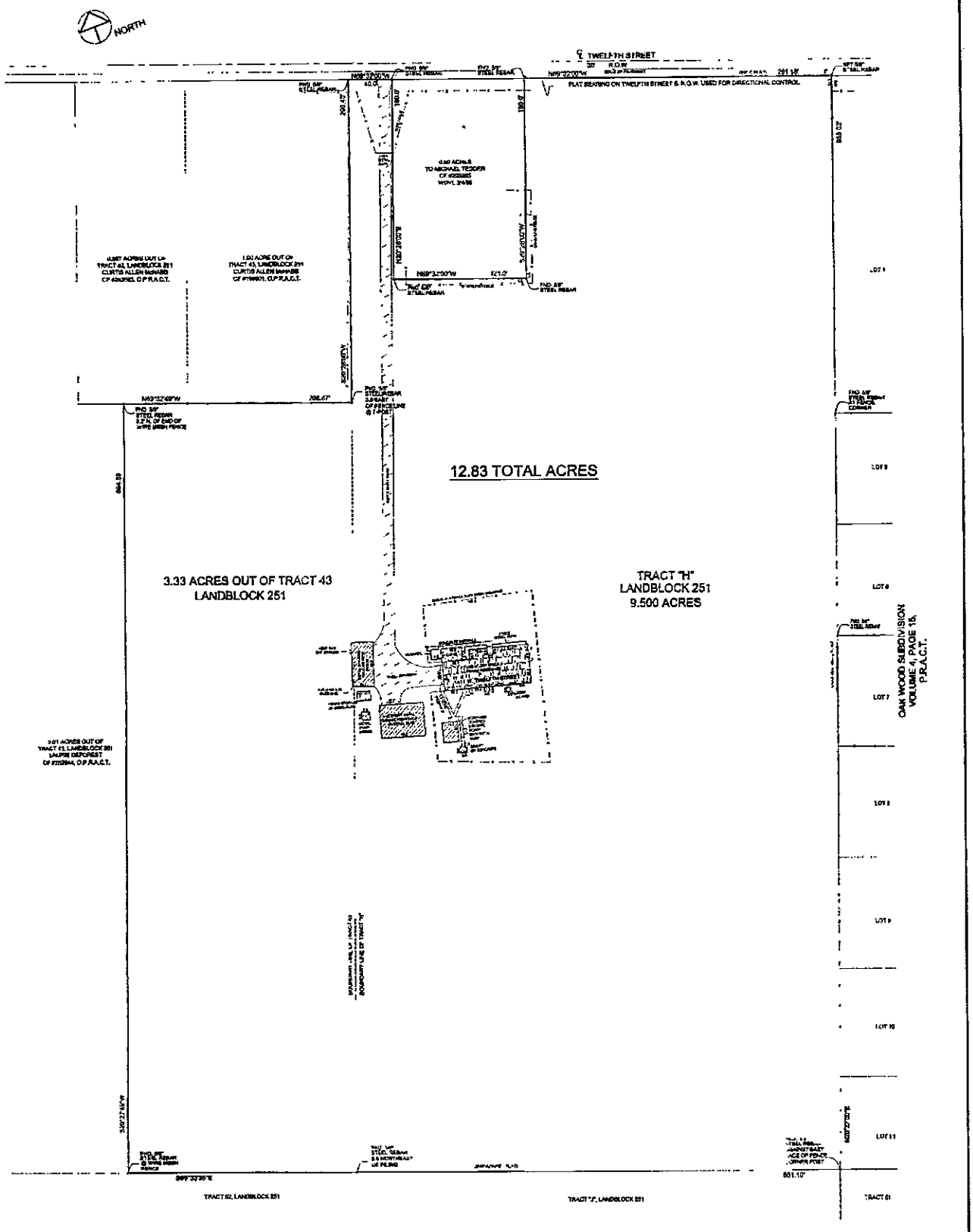
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Flood Data

Notes

Legal Description

12.83 TOTAL ACRES

EMBRACING A 9.50 ACRE TRACT OUT OF TRACT "H", LANDBLOCK 251, AND THE REMAINING 3.33 ACRES OUT OF TRACT 43, LANDBLOCK 251, FOOR AND SWICKHEIMER TRACT, SAMUEL HIGHLAND SURVEY, A-73, CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 28, PLAT RECORDS OF ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS.

JANUARY 23, 2014

SCALE 1" = 40'

Current Parties

GERALD ROSS
MACHAEL DAWN BECKWITH

WELLS FARGO

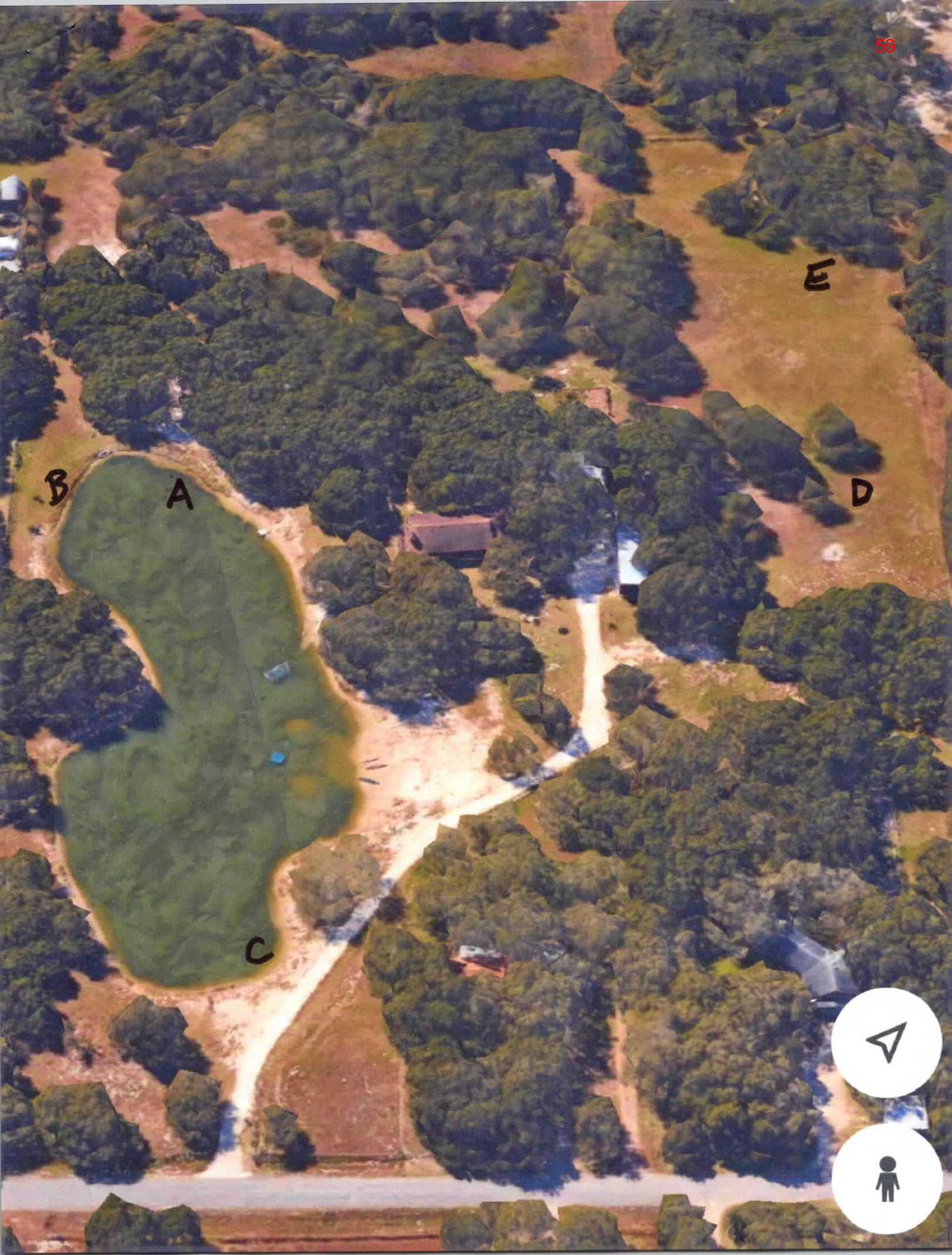
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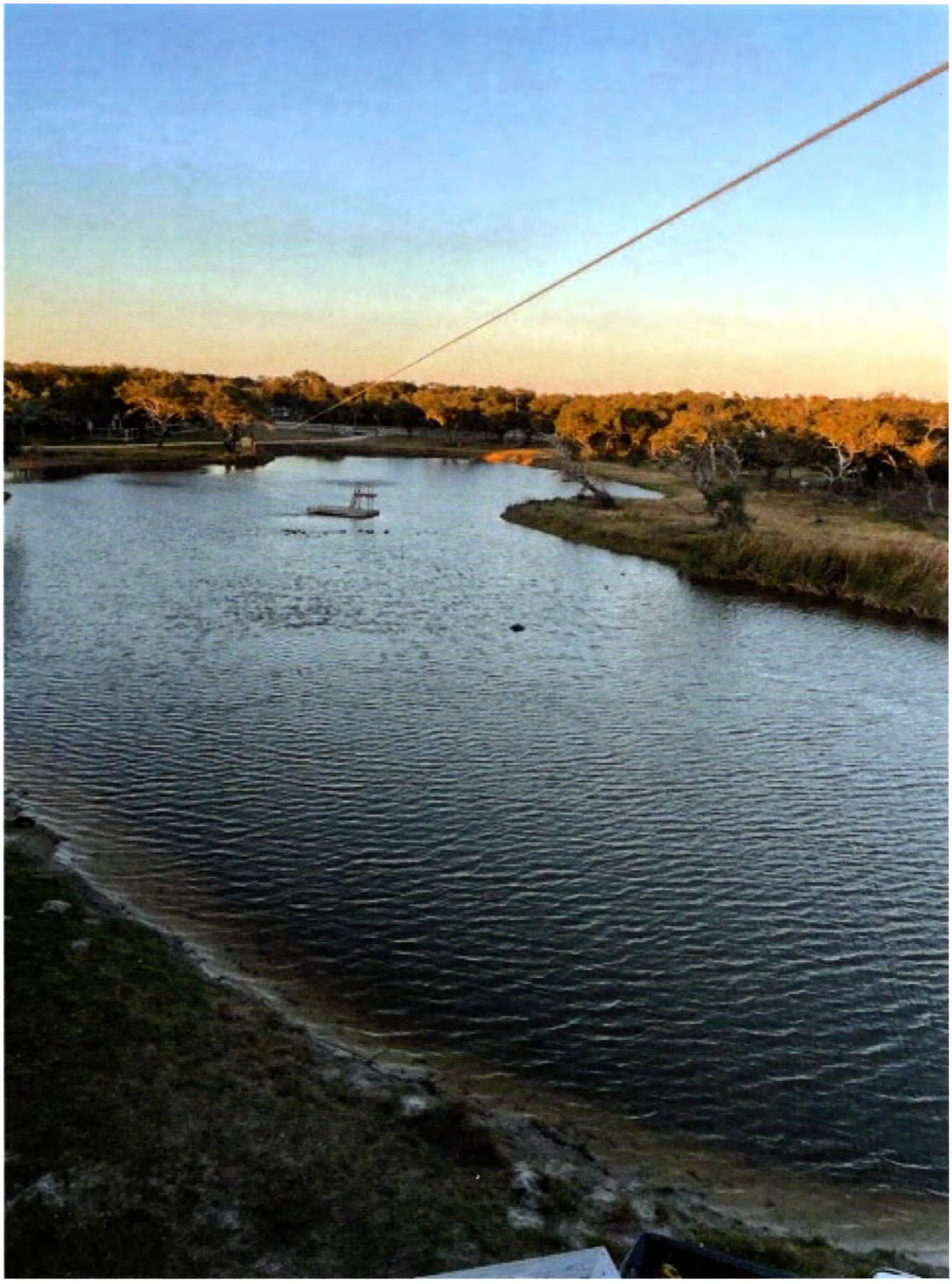
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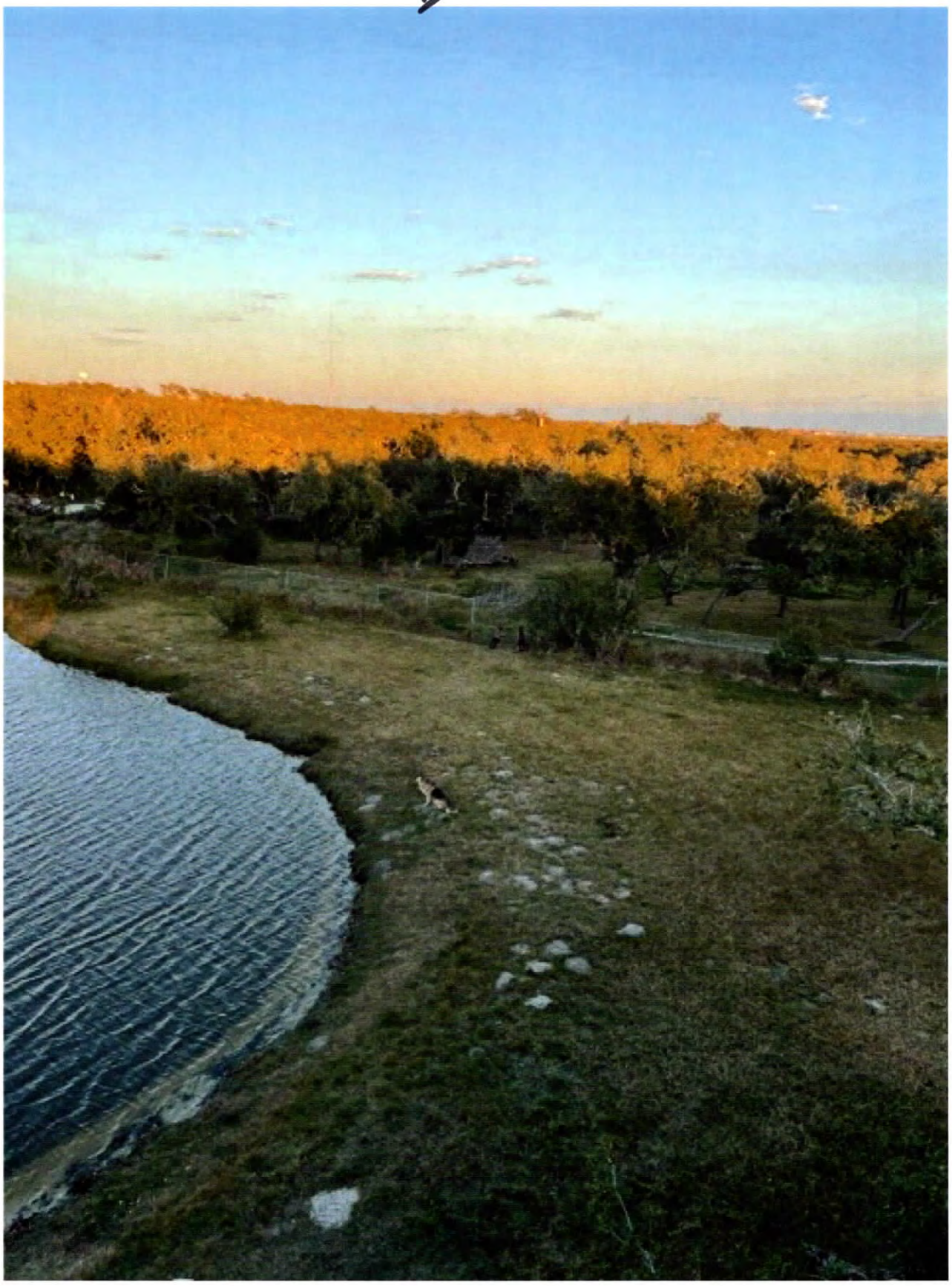
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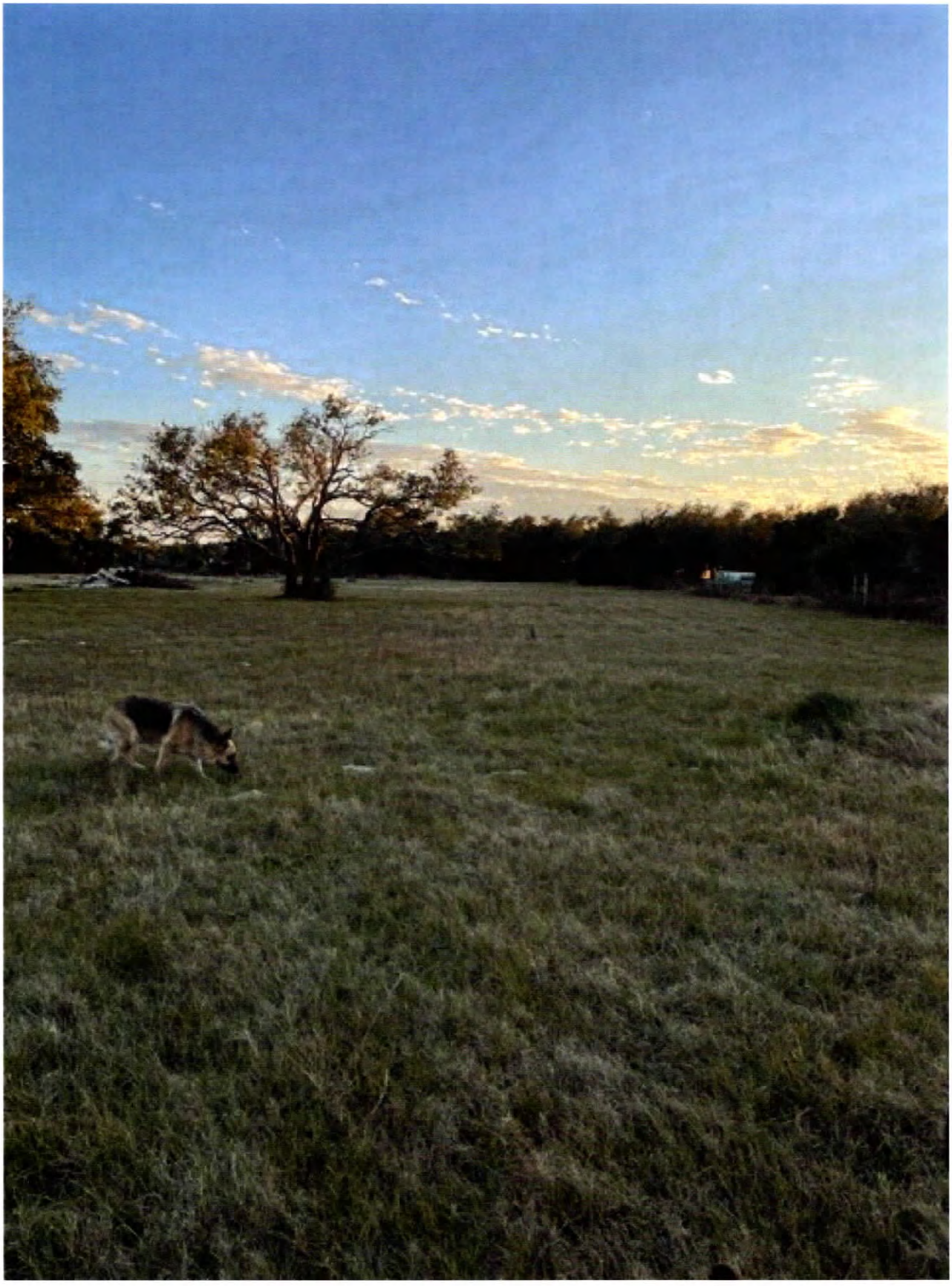
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January 27, 2022

Regarding 1411 W. 12th St., Rockport,TX 78382

To whom it may concern:

I am NOT in opposition to a "conditional use permit" at 1411 W. 12th St., Rockport, TX 78382.

	Name	Address	PHONE
1.	~~Jeff Evans~~	~~1403~~ W 12th	Josh Evens
2.	Alan Kahanek	~~1414 - 1407 - 1410~~	361-293-8586
3.	"	1407	
4.	"	1410	
5.	~~Jim Karstens~~ Jim Karstens	1431	361-230-0965
6.	Machalle Reynolds	1414 16TH	361-557-1994
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	Name	Address
1.	Anne Harvey	2028 S. Terry St (2 lots)
2.	Doug Frantzen	2024 S Terry St (2 Lots)
3.	Dana Harvey	2001 S Terry St (16 Lots)
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NOTE: In accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act, no discussion shall be held by a member or members of this Commission, either at home or office, or in person, by telephone call or by letter.

Printed Name: GERALD BECKWITH

Address: 1411 W. 12TH ST City/State: Rockport TX

(X) IN FAVOR ( ) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 361-438-3172

REASON:

Signature

See map on reverse side.

CITY of ROCKPORT, TEXAS

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Printed Name: Michael E. TEDDER
Address: 1409 W 12th Street City/State: Rockport TEXAS

( ) IN FAVOR (✓) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 361 790 3371

REASON:
54465 on Map
RV Park will devalue
My properity -
Increas traffic on 12th

Signature

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Printed Name: KATHLEEN E JACKSON
Address: 2205 MONKEY RD City/State: ROCKPORT, TX

( ) IN FAVOR (X) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 361-557-1501

REASON:
EXISTING FLOODING & DRAINAGE ISSUES WILL BE EXACERBATED BY THIS PROJECT

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Printed Name: Nelda Garrubio
Property Address: 1418 12th Street City/State:

( ) IN FAVOR (X) IN OPPOSITION Phone 361-386-0069

REASON:

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Printed Name: Joshua Evans
Property Address: 1403 W 12th St City/State:

( ) IN FAVOR (✓) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 361-205-0167

REASON:

Signature

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Printed Name: Alan McNabb
Property Address: 1415 W 12th St & 1409 W 12th St City/State: Rockport, TX

( ) IN FAVOR (X) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 361-463-7092

REASON:

Alan McNabb
Signature

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Printed Name: STACEY ANDREW
Address: 102 MYRTLE LANE City/State: ROCKPORT TX

( ) IN FAVOR (X) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 361 463-1735

REASON: EXISTING DRAINAGE AND Flooding

Stacey D. Andrew
Signature

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Printed Name: CHERYL WARD
Property Address: 2223 MONKEY RD City/State:

( )IN FAVOR (✓ IN OPPOSITION Phone: (361) 557.9900

REASON:

Cheryl Ward
Signature

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Printed Name: Mary Lou Eckerdt & Gary Del Eckerdt
Address: _____ City/State: _____

( ) IN FAVOR (X) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 361-331-0632

REASON:

Mary Lou Eckerdt
Signature
Gary Eckerdt

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The property on which we reside borders the property requesting the zoning change on the north side. Our land was originally purchased by my Great Grandmother in 1909, and the house at 1229 S. Church St. was built in 1910. My father, Ted R. Little, remodeled the house around 1951 and I grew up here. We have worked hard to keep our property clean and maintained.

Although there have been a couple of motels on this property in the past, they have been small structures and non-obtrusive to the surrounding residents. I have been told that new construction is required to build up the site 18". If so, how will this affect the current drainage in this area when another hurricane or flash flood hits? We currently have the highest elevation on Church St. Our home has not flooded since the hurricane of 1919. As water runs down our driveway, it drains in both directions on Church St.

According to our information, the proposed "individual beach style houses" are going to be 20 to 30 units of three story small rental houses, for short and long term rental. Such structures would be taller than any other homes in this this immediate area and would greatly impact the privacy and quiet living we currently enjoy. Also, this would increase the already heavy traffic on Church Street, and add to the risk of future hurricane damage due to flying debris.

We respectfully oppose the zoning change for the property located at 1315 South Church Street.

Mary Lou Eckerdt

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Printed Name: Charles & Jodie Steger 1324 Church St. Kockport

Address: 339 River Chase Blvd City/State: Georgetown Tx

(X) IN FAVOR ( ) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 512-863-8369

REASON:

① improve neighborhood

② possibly more safety in area

Jodie M Steger Charles H Steger

Signature

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Printed Name: GERALD BECKWITH

Address: 1411 W. 12TH ST City/State: Rockport TX

(X) IN FAVOR ( ) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 361-438-3172

REASON:

Signature

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January 27, 2022

Regarding 1411 W. 12th St., Rockport,TX 78382

To whom it may concern:

I am NOT in opposition to a "conditional use permit" at 1411 W. 12th St., Rockport, TX 78382.

	Name	Address
1.	Anne Harvey	2028 S. Terry St (2 lots)
2.	Doug Frantzen	2024 S Terry St (2 Lots)
3.	Dan Harvey	2001 S Terry St (16 Lots)
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	Name	Address	Phone
1.	~~Jeffords~~	~~1403~~ W 12th	JOSH Evens
2.	Alan Kahanek	~~1414 - 1407 - 1410~~	361-293-8586
3.	"	1407	
4.	"	1410	
5.	Jim Karstens ~~Jim Karsten~~	1431	361-230-0965
6.	Machalle Reynolds	1414 16TH	361-557-1994
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The subject is a request for a Conditional Use Permit for development of an RV park located at 1411 W. 12th Street
(3.33 acres out of Tract 43, Block 251)

Introduction

A detailed walkthrough of the following commercial listing

Mark Uhr's
ROCKPORT PROPERTIES, INC

1411 W 12th Street Rockport, Texas

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AERIAL VIEW



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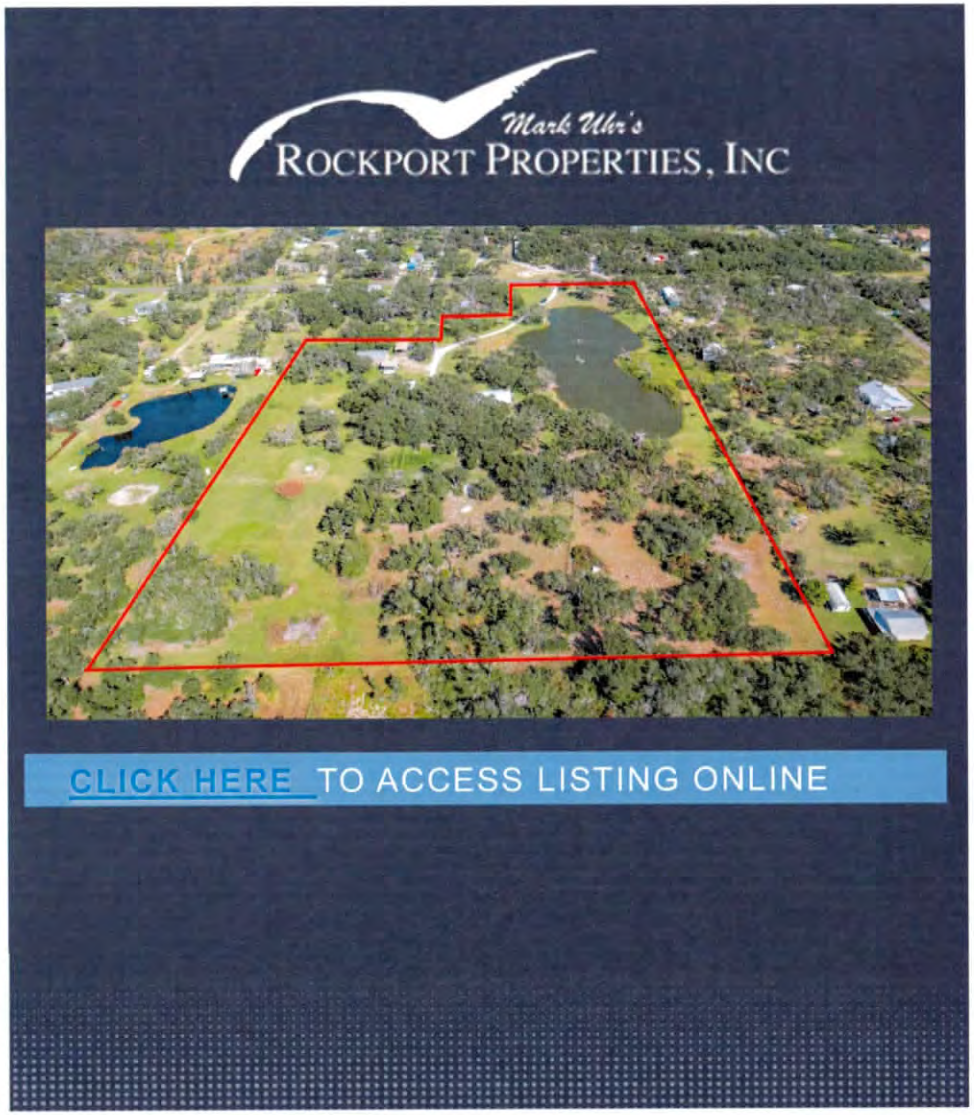
Presentation Data Glossary

1411 W. 12th Street Rockport, Texas

(SURVEY DESIGN EXAMPLE)

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B BECKWITH RV PARK



Griffith & Brundrett Surveying Engineering

12.83 TOTAL ACRES

EMBRACING A 9.50 ACRE TRACT OUT OF TRACT "H", AND THE REMAINING
3.33 ACRES OUT OF TRACT 43,
LANDBLOCK 251
FOOR AND SWICKHEIMER TRACT
SAMUEL HIGHLAND SURVEY, A-71, CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS,
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 28, PLAT RECORDS
OF ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING THE SAME TRACT DESCRIBED IN A DEED OF RECORD
UNDER CLERKS FILE NUMBER 334196, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORD OF ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS.


Mark Uhr's
ROCKPORT PROPERTIES, INC
PHOTO GALLERY

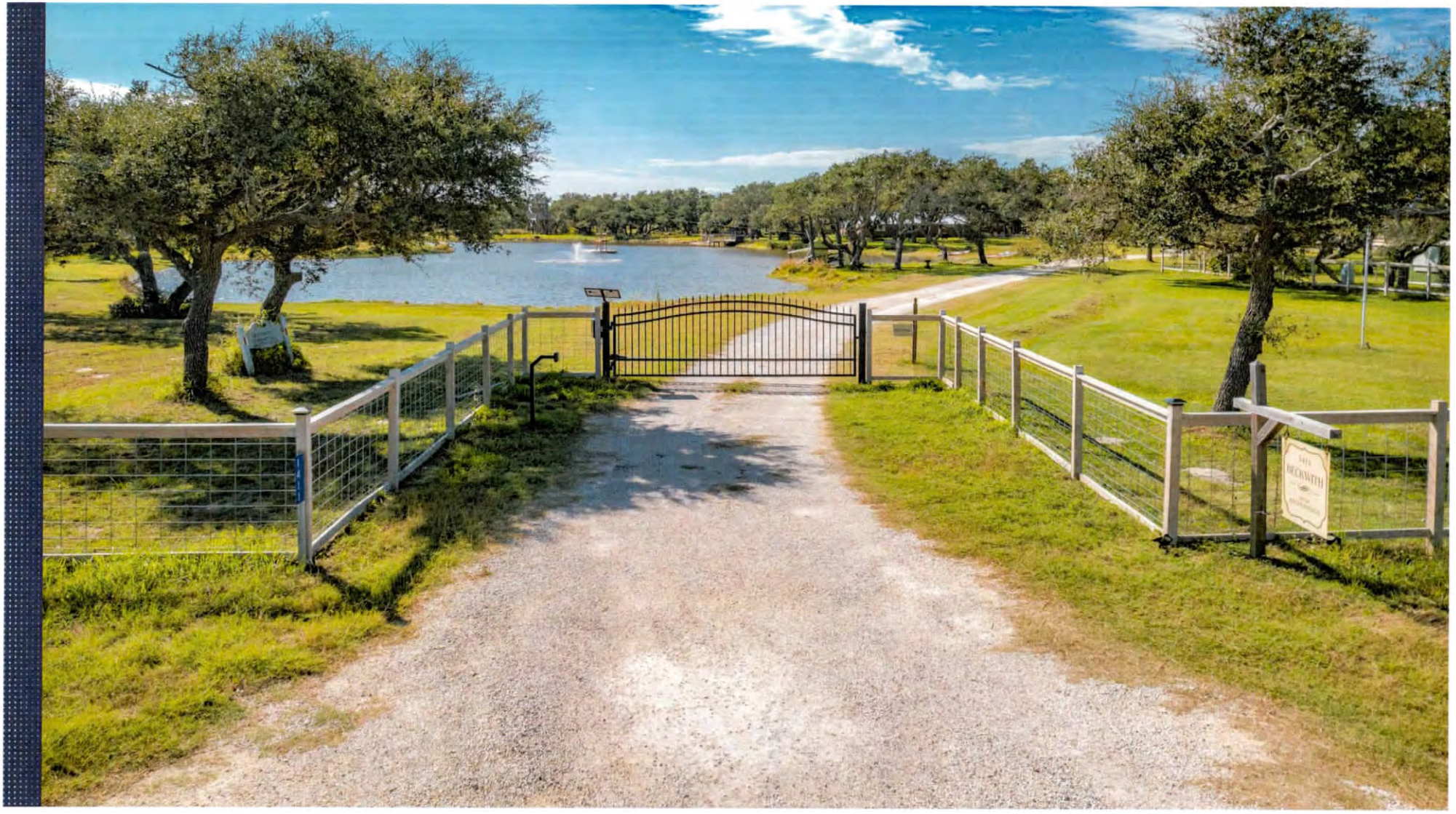
















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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 11

Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from R-6/R-2 (Hotel Motel District/2nd Single Family Dwelling) for property located at 1315 South Church Street; also known as part of Outlot 14, Doughty & Mathis Outlots, Doughty & Mathis Division, being 2.526 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to R-6 (Hotel Motel District) to allow individual beach style houses; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: Property owner John Berlet purchased this property with the intention of restoring the structures known as Oleander Court. When it was determined the structures were beyond repair, Mr. Berlet demolished them and cleared the property and now wishes to develop Beach Style Homes - 2, 3, and 4 stories. The property is surrounded by R6 Hotel/Motel District and R2 2nd Single Family Dwelling District zoning.

A public notice regarding this item was published in The Rockport Pilot in the Saturday, January 8, 2022 edition and mailed out to twenty-two (22) property owners within a 200-foot radius of the property. Five (5) letters For and Two (2) Against the request have been received.

Please see the accompanying zoning change request application and Section 118-15 of Code of Ordinances for detail information.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Planning & Zoning Commission, by a 5-0 vote of approval, recommends Council approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from R-6/R-2 (Hotel Motel District/2nd Single Family Dwelling) for property located at 1315 South Church Street; also known as part of Outlot 14, Doughty & Mathis Outlots, Doughty & Mathis Division, being 2.526 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to R-6 (Hotel Motel District) to allow individual beach style houses; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AS STIPULATED UNDER ARTICLE 4.1 OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT ZONING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1027 BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF LAND FROM R-6/R-2 (HOTEL MOTEL DISTRICT/2ND SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED 1315 SOUTH CHURCH STREET; ALSO KNOWN AS PART OF OUTLOT 14, DOUGHTY & MATHIS OUTLOTS, DOUGHTY & MATHIS DIVISION, BEING 2.526 ACRES, CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS; TO R-6 (HOTEL MOTEL DISTRICT) TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL BEACH STYLE HOUSES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS a request to re-zone property was received in the office of the Building Department, Rockport, Texas; and

WHEREAS, On January 7, 2022, notice was posted on the bulletin boards at the City of Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, and on the City's webpage www.cityofrockport.com; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2022, notice was mailed to affected property owners within 200' of subject property; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2022, the City caused to be published "Notice of Joint Public Hearing" in the official newspaper of the City notifying area residents and the public in general to participate and make their views known regarding this request; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., the Rockport City Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission did hold a Joint Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2022, the Planning & Zoning Commission did meet and said Commission voted to recommend to City Council to accept and approve this request to re-zone property, located at 1315 South Church Street from R-6/R-2 (Hotel Motel District/2nd Single Family Dwelling to R-6 (Hotel Motel District) to allow the development of individual beach style houses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT TEXAS:

SECTION 1 – AMENDMENT

That, pursuant to Article 4 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027, the current zoning of land located at 1315 South Church Street; also known as part of Outlot 14, Doughty &

Mathis Outlots, Doughty & Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; be changed from R-6/R-2 (Hotel Motel District/2nd Single Family Dwelling) to R-6 (Hotel Motel District).

SECTION 2 - REPEALER

Any previously adopted ordinances, and any subsequent amendments to them, which are in conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3 - SEVERABILITY

It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Rockport that if any phrase, sentence, section, or paragraph of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remainder of this ordinance since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of the unconstitutional or invalid phrase, sentence, section or paragraph.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by second and final reading.

APPROVED on first reading this the _____day of_____ 2022.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

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Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

APPROVED, PASSED and **ADOPTED** on second and final reading, this ____day of_____ 2022.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

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Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

STAFF REPORT

Building & Development Services | Carey Dietrich, Community Planner
2751 SH 35 Bypass, Rockport, TX 78362
Phone: (361) 790-1125, x. 226 | Email: communityplanner@cityofrockport.com

PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION
1315 S Church St
Pt of O.L. 14, Doughty & Mathis Outlots

APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER
John Berlet, Owner

PUBLIC HEARING DATE
Tuesday, January 25, 2022

P&Z DATE
Monday, February 7, 2022

CITY COUNCIL DATE(S)
1st Reading - Tuesday, February 22, 2022
2nd Reading – Tuesday, March 8, 2022

BRIEF SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Mr. Berlet desires to build beach style houses, 2, 3, and 4 stories, on the property for future investment. The front portion of the property is currently zoned R6 Hotel / Motel District and Mr. Berlet is requesting to rezone that portion of the property currently zoned R2 – 2nd Single Family Dwelling District to R6 Hotel / Motel District

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MAP SOURCE: Pictometry

EXISTING ZONING	EXISTING LAND USE	SURROUNDING ZONING & LAND USE	SITE IMPROVEMENTS	SIZE OF PROPERTY
R-2 2nd Single Family Dwelling District	Previously known as Oleander Courts (have been demolished and removed)	**North:** R-2 2nd Single-Family Dwelling and R6 Hotel/Motel District with single family dwelling and vacant land **South**: B-1 General Business District with a single-family dwelling **East:** R-6 Hotel/Motel District with single-family dwellings **West**: B-1 General Business District with an RV Park	To develop beach style houses, 2, 3 and 4 stories	2.526 acres

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE | **APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS** | **DENY**

COMPATIBILITY with the ZONING ORDINANCE

Any future development will meet all setback requirements of the B-1 General Business District if approved.

The current Future Land Use Map shows the recommended use as Tourist/Commercial

PROPERTY HISTORY

The property is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

ATTACHMENTS (CIRCLE) SUBMITTED PLANS | PUBLIC HEARING PETITION/ APPLICATION FORM | LEGAL NOTICE | LEGAL DESCRIPTION | PUBLIC COMMENTS | AGENCY COMMENTS | RESPONSE TO STANDARDS

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

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CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

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CITY OF ROCKPORT
ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

INSTRUCTION: Please fill out completely. If more space is needed, attach additional pages. Please print or use typewriter

A. REQUESTING: Rezoning [✓] Special Permit [ ]

Planned Unit Development (P.U.D.) by Special Permit [ ]

B. ADDRESS AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY 1315 S Church

C. CURRENT ZONING OF PROPERTY: R6 + RZ

D. PRESENT USE OF PROPERTY: OLD Olender Courts

E. ZONING DESTRICT REQUESTED: R6

F. SPECIAL USE REQUESTED: _____

G. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (Fill in the one that applies)

- Lot or Tract Outlot 14 Block _____
- Tract Doughty + Mathis of the S. Rock Neighborhood Survey as per metes and bounds (field notes attached)
- If other, attach copy of survey or legal description from the Records of Aransas County or Appraisal District.

H. NAME OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT (if applicable) BayView Resort At Rockport

I. TOTAL ACREAGE OR SQ. FT. OF SITE(S): 2.56

J. REASON FOR REQUEST AND DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT: (Please be specific)

To Allow Individual Beach style houses 2, 3 And 4 Stories.

K. OWNER'S NAME: (Please print) TTRE - Coastal Bend 02 Fund LLC
ADDRESS: 1315 S Church
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Rockport Tx 78382
PHONE NO 512-431-0802

L. REPRESENTATIVE: (If Other Than Owner) _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____
PHONE NO _____

NOTE: Do you have property owner's permission for this request?
YES ✓ NO _____

M. FILING FEE:

REZONING	$150.00 + $10.00 PER ACRE
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT	$200.00 + $10.00 PER ACRE
P.U.D. REVISION	$200.00 + $10.00 PER ACRE
SPECIAL PERMIT	$150.00 + $10.00 PER ACRE

(Make check payable to the City of Rockport)

- Submit application and filing fee to the Department of Building & Development, City of Rockport; 2751 S.H. 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas 78382.

Signed: John Bennett
(Owner or Representative)

(FOR CITY USE)

Received by:_____ Date: _____ Fees Paid: $_____

Submitted Information (_____accepted) (_____ rejected) by: _____

If rejected, reasons why: _____

Receipt No. _____

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INSTRUCITONS
CITY OF ROCKPORT

1. Complete the application form and return it to the Building & Development Department, 2751 S.H. 35 Bypass, Rockport, TX with the required filling fee.

2. Official notice of a public hearing to consider the request will be posted on the City Hall bulletin board and published in the official city newspaper at least 15 days prior to the hearing. The owner/applicant and any representative will be notified of the haring date by mail.

3. The public hearing will be held jointly before the Planning & Zoning commission & City Council. After which the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a separate meeting at a posted time and place.

4. Recommendations for the Planning & Zoning Commission will be submitted to the City Council. The City Council will make final determination at their next available meeting.

5. We suggest that the applicant or a representative be present at the public hearings, at the Planning & Zoning meeting and at the City council meeting to answer any questions that might arise.

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EVENT CALENDAR
RE-ZONING – SPECIAL USE – PUD
(Refer to City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance for specific details)

WEEK 1
Submit application of re-zoning, Special Permit or PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Submit survey with legal description, if required.

Submit request for street/alley closures, if any.

WEEK 2

WEEK 3
Joint Public Hearing with City Council* and Planning and Zoning Commission.

Public Hearing on street/alley closured, if any.

WEEK 4
Planning and zoning Commission Meeting (no public hearing).

WEEK 5
City Council* receives report from Planning and Zoning Commission; possible first reading of Ordinance to Rezone.

City Council* takes action on request for road closures, if any.

WEEK 6

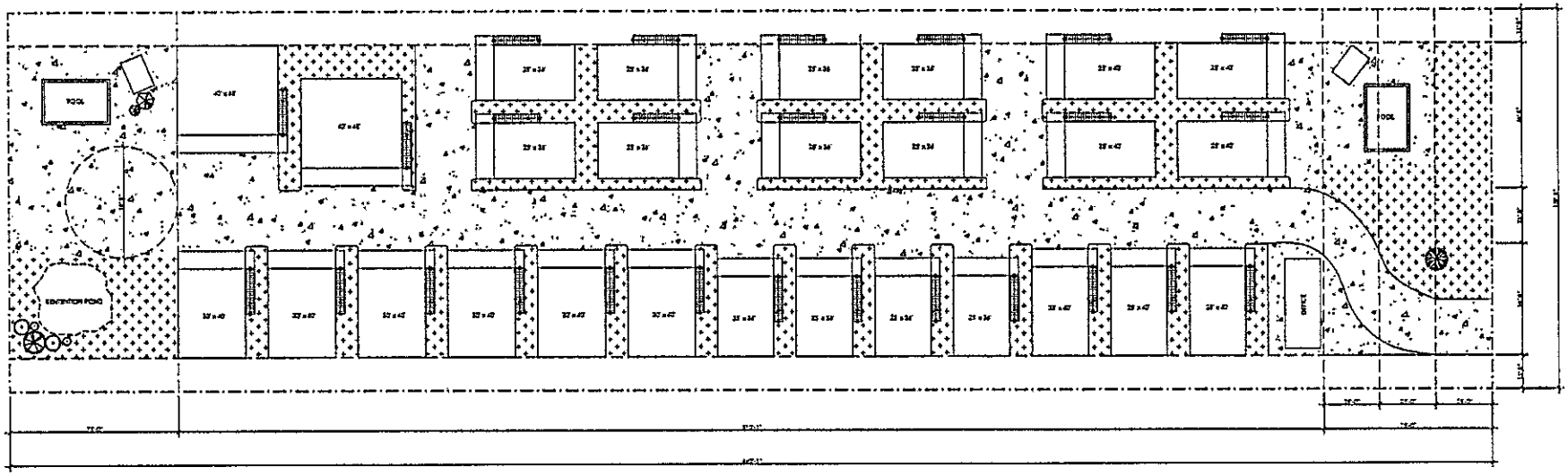
WEEK 7
City Council* meeting; possible second (and final) reading of ordinance to rezone.

If re-zoning and road closures granted, submit request to plat or re-plat property to the Planning and Zoning Commission (generally, one meeting, no public hearing required, except for true re-plat – then 15 day advertisement for public hearing).

Submit tree plan (tree survey or site plan with trees is ok) to Tree Committee (one meeting, no public haring required).

After approval received for re-zoning, road closures re-plat and tree plan- REQUEST BUILDING PERMIT. Approximately two weeks for review of construction plans, drainage, utilities, etc. before Building Permit issued (longer if tree plan is submitted with application for building permit).

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1 PROPOSED SITE PLAN
SCALE: 1" = 50'-0"

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MANGROVE STUDIOS
1648 FM 1781
ROCKPORT, TX 78382
361.790.4031

JOHN BERLET
1315 CHURCH ST. ROCKPORT, TX 78382

17 JAN, 2022
SHEET: 1

Add header

Property ID	Property Owner	Situs Address	Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP
8821646	Coastal Cabins LLC	1315 S Church St	2004 Homedale Dr	Austin	Tx	78704
18622	Richard & Mary Adam	1325 S Church St	20835 Great Navajo	San Antonio	Tx	78257
18628	Teresa Spang	1339 S Church St	1919 Hwy 35 N #410	Rockport	Tx	78382
18629	Leslie Sorenson	1331 S Church St	1331 S Church St	Rockport	Tx	78382
63861	Julie Jenkins & Terri Hailey	1328 S Church St	4814 Avery Way	San Antonio	Tx	78261
64173	Charles Steger & Jodie Family Trust	1324 S Church St	339 River Chase Blvd	Georgetown	Tx	78628
64172	David Evans & Annette	1320 S Church St	31968 Retama Ridge	Bulverde	Tx	78163
18030	Michael & Patricia Koelling	1316 S Church St	PO Box 1534	Fulton	Tx	78358
18029	Emilio & Leticia Garcia	1312 S Church St	119 Bangor	San Antonio	Tx	78228
65302	Michael Greve	1308 S Church St	811 Copper Rim	Spring Branch	Tx	78070
65301	John & Frances Greve	1304 S Church St	457 Menger SPGS	Boerne	Tx	78006
18023	Wilbert Woelfel	1228 S Church St	12302 Plum Point	Houston	Tx	77099
8810220	Kathy Russell	1224 S Church St	1107 Thistle Circle	Cedar Park	Tx	78613
18025	James Cassell	1319 S Live Oak St	1212 Carrol Dr	Yoakum	Tx	77995
64170	Jeanne Cardenas	13070 S Live Oak St	2804 E Loma Vista Ave	Victoria	Tx	77901
64169	Newton Living Trust	1303 S Live Oak St	950 Highland Hills Dr	Norman	OK	73026
61359	Mary Eckerdt Gary DelJtwros	1229 S Church St	1229 S Church St	Rockport	Tx	78382
18620	Randy & Rhonda Johnson	1219 S Church St	1219 S Church St	Rockport	Tx	78382
63645	South Rock RV LLC	1222 Hwy 35 S	1222 Hwy 35 S	Rockport	Tx	78382
18631	Miller Family Trust	1330 Mathis St	PO Box 971	Rockport	Tx	78381
31045	Hido-Ho Investments, LTD	1324 Young St	100 Winding Way	Rockport	Tx	78382
8821249	Hido-Ho Investments, LTD	1331 S Ann St	100 Winding Way	Rockport	Tx	78382
	Ruth Davis	Planning and Zoning Comm	Po Box 706	Fulton	TX	78358
	Ric Young	Planning and Zoning Comm	123 Royal Oaks Dr	Rockport	Tx	78382
	Kim Hesley	Planning and Zoning Comm	2003 Tule Park Drive	Rockport	TX	78382
	W. Kent Howard	Planning and Zoning Comm	7 Olde Towne Lane	Rockport	TX	78382
	Warren Hassinger	Planning and Zoning Comm	2517 Turkey Neck Circle	Rockport	TX	78382
	Jim Rester	Planning and Zoning Comm	1105 S. Paisano Dr.	Rockport	Tx	78382

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette

FEMA

97°3'51"W 28°0'57"N



0 250 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 Feet

1:6,000

97°3'13"W 28°0'25"N

Basemap: USGS National Map: Orthoimagery: Data refreshed October, 2020

Legend

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SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS
- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) *Zone A, V, A99*
- With BFE or Depth *Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR*
- Regulatory Floodway

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile *Zone X*
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard *Zone X*
- Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. *Zone X*
- Area with Flood Risk due to Levee *Zone D*

OTHER AREAS
- NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard *Zone X*
- Effective LOMRs
- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard *Zone*

GENERAL STRUCTURES
- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
- Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES
- 20.2 / 17.5 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance / Water Surface Elevation
- Coastal Transect
- Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
- Limit of Study
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Coastal Transect Baseline
- Profile Baseline
- Hydrographic Feature

MAP PANELS
- Digital Data Available
- No Digital Data Available
- Unmapped

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Printed Name: Charles + Jodie Steger 1324 Church St. Rockport

Address: 339 River Chase Blvd City/State: Georgetown Tx

(X) IN FAVOR ( ) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 512-863-8369

REASON:

① infrone neighborhood

② possibly more safety in area

Jodie M Steger Charles H Steger

Signature

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Printed Name: JAMES R. JORDAN
Address: 100 Winding Way City/State: Rockport, TX.

(X) IN FAVOR ( ) IN OPPOSITION Phone: 361-463-6753

REASON:

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Printed Name: RICHARD ADAM
Address: 1325 S. CHURCH ST City/State: ROCKPORT
78382 Phone: (210) 232-1668

(X) IN FAVOR ( ) IN OPPOSITION

REASON:

Signature

DR. RICHARD C. ADAM

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REASON:

Signature

DR. RICHARD C. ADAM

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HI John,
Thank you for letting us know about the rezoning hearing for your property at 1315 South Church. I understand that rezoning is required for you to develop the property as described in our discussions and the promotional material you provided.

I SUPPORT and ENDORSE this rezoning.

John, when we first purchased our home at 1316 S. CHURCH STREET, we were concerned over the previous condition of your property, dilapidated and the eye sore. We also had concerns, as many people indicated that South Rockport had higher crime rates.
I have no doubt that the presence of more renters, tenants and home owners alike would benefit from the development of your property.
Not only would there be more "eyes on ", but this would be a significant economic impact to Rockport overall. Contractors, building supply, flooring, roofing and more. There would also be a positive impact on the retail/service industries on an ongoing basis, not to mention the long-term sales and property taxes your development would generate.
Again, I am in full support of any zoning changes that would allow you to develop your property.

Best,
Randy Hashem
1416 S. Church Street
Rockport, Texas 78382
randyhashem@gmail.com
512-825-9112

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Printed Name: Mary Lou Eckerdt & Gary D. Eckerdt
Address: 1229 S. Church St. City/State: Rockport, TX 78382

( ) IN FAVOR (X) IN OPPOSITION

Phone: 361-331-0632 Mary Lou
361-205-2550 Gary

REASON: See Attached

Mary Lou Eckerdt
Signature
Gary D Eckerdt

See map on reverse side.

The property on which we reside borders the property requesting the zoning change on the north side. Our land was originally purchased by my Great Great Grandmother in 1909, and the house at 1229 S. Church St. was built in 1910. My father, Ted R. Little, remodeled the house around 1951 and I grew up here. We have worked hard to keep our property clean and maintained.

Although there have been a couple of motels on this property in the past, they have been small structures and non-obtrusive to the surrounding residents. According to our information, the proposed "individual beach style houses" are going to be 20 to 30 units of three story small houses similar to those in Coral Reef. Such structures would be taller than any other homes in this area and would greatly impact the privacy and quiet living we currently enjoy. Also, this would increase the already heavy traffic on Church Street, and add to the risk of future hurricane damage due to flying debris.

We respectfully oppose the zoning change for the property located at 1315 South Church Street.

Mary Lou Echerdt

Gary D Echerdt

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 12

Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Texas, adopting an amended Comprehensive Plan for the City; providing that the adopted Comprehensive Plan shall supersede and replace any Comprehensive Plan previously adopted; providing a repealer clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

SUBMITTED BY: Director of Public Works & Building & Development Services Mike Donoho

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: In the summer of 2018, the City of Rockport partnered with Texas Target Communities of the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning at Texas A&M University. Other partners involved in the process included Texas Sea Grant, Texas Rural Leadership Program, Texas A&M College of Architecture, Texas A&M University School of Law, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Master of Public Administration Program, Texas Tech University Landscape Architecture Program, and the American Planning Association.

Utilizing a community based participatory planning process, a local task force was created representing various community stakeholders and they met regularly for almost 13 months. In addition, multiple public meetings and charrettes were held involving over 200 participants providing input. An additional year for public review and comment has been incorporated into the final version of the Plan. The Comprehensive Plan provides a vision of growth for the City of Rockport and identifies strategies to accomplish them. The City's comprehensive planning process was recognized by the American Planning Association's Texas Chapter in 2019 and 2020 for this effort.

A joint public hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission was held July 13, 2021. Planning and Zoning considered the plan at their July 19 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Comprehensive plan but with the removal of "Co-Living" and "Mixed Use" in the Plan. The proposed "Mixed Use" areas will remain their current designations.

July 27, 2021, at the first reading of the proposed Ordinance, the City Council approved in a 4-1 vote to move to the second and final reading with the changes suggested by the Planning and Zoning Commission to remove all references to "Co-Living" and "Mixed Use" from the entire Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map.

The final draft containing the Planning & Zoning Commission recommendations was presented to Council on November 9, 2021. After consultation with the City Attorney in Executive Section, the City Council postponed action on the second and final reading of the Ordinance until November 23, 2021, to allow time for staff to provide Council with a clean copy (all co-living & mixed-use language removed) of the Comprehensive Plan.

On November 23,2021 City Council voted to send the revised plan back to the Planning and Zoning commission to have them review the "clean version" to ensure all references to Mixed Use

and Co-Living have been removed from the plan and to ensure that the Future Land Use Map was adjusted to reflect the changes.

On February 7, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission met and reviewed the changes made to the plan to ensure all references to Mixed Use and Co-Living have been removed and the changes have been made to the Future Land Use Map. After deliberation the Commission voted to recommend to City Council adoption of the proposed Comprehensive Plan on second and final reading of an ordinance.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council approve the second and final reading of the Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Texas, adopting an amended Comprehensive Plan for the City; providing that the adopted Comprehensive Plan shall supersede and replace any Comprehensive Plan previously adopted; providing a repealer clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date, as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN AMENDED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY; PROVIDING THAT THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHALL SUPERSEDE AND REPLACE ANY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Rockport, Texas, is a home rule city acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS , the City of Rockport, founded in 1871, is a resilient community and popular tourist destination for marine recreation, fairs, and exhibitions, dedicated to sustainable growth and attracting businesses to the area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Rockport aims to continue growing economically and sustainably and finds that the adoption of an amended comprehensive plan will provide an essential guide to the city of Rockport for its future growth; and,

WHEREAS, Section 213. 003 of the Local Government Code provides that a comprehensive plan may be amended by ordinance following a hearing at which the public is given the opportunity to give testimony and present written evidence; and review by the municipality' s planning commission; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10.03 of the City Charter provides that the Comprehensive Plan for the physical development of the City including its ETJ shall contain the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendations for the growth, development and beautification of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission conducted an extensive review, conducted public hearings, and received public and staff comments; and thereafter made its final recommendations to the City Council for adoption of the "Rockport Comprehensive 2022-2042", attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10.04 of the City Charter requires that the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan or of any such part or amendment shall be by ordinance, but before adoption of the Plan or any such part or amendment, the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission shall hold at least one (1) joint public hearing on the proposed action; said joint hearing being held on July 1, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, after the required public hearings at which members of the public were given the opportunity to give testimony and present written evidence, studies, and reviews, the City Council has considered and has accepted the recommended changes of the Planning and Zoning Commission incorporated into the "Rockport Comprehensive Plan 2022-2042," to be adopted in accordance with the limitations, restrictions and requirements of Chapter 213 of the Texas Local Government Code for use as a future planning device of an advisory nature only, with the specific intent that the Comprehensive Plan is not to conflict with zoning regulations, which will prevail in case of conflict; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10.05 of the City Charter provides that following adoption by the Council of the Comprehensive Plan, it shall serve as a guide to all future Council action concerning land use and development regulations and expenditures for capital improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of the amended comprehensive plan by this Ordinance, attached hereto, will promote the sound development of the City and is in the best interests of and will promote the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the recitals contain in the preamble hereto are hereby found to be true and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

Section 2. That all prerequisites required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 213 and City Charter Sections 10.03 and 10.05 for the adoption of a comprehensive plan have been met.

Section 3. That the Rockport Comprehensive Plan 2022-2042 attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted for all purposes.

Section 4. That following adoption by the Council of the Comprehensive Plan, it shall serve as a guide to all future Council action concerning land use and development regulations and expenditures for capital improvements.

Section 5. That should any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance or any other ordinance of the city as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 6. That it is officially found, determined and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

Section 7. That tis ordinance shall be effective following its passage and any publication required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED the __ day of _____ 2022.

CITY OF ROCKPORT

_____
Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

2022 -2042





CITY OF ROCKPORT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
2022-2042

INTRODUCTION

The City of Rockport is a resilient community dedicated to sustainable growth and attracting businesses to the area. Rockport is a charming town that offers a close-knit community feel and is a popular tourist destination for marine recreation, fairs, and exhibitions throughout the year. Founded in 1871, the City of Rockport aims to continue growing economically and sustainably. The Comprehensive Plan 2022-2042 is designed to guide the city of Rockport for its future growth.

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Planning for the future is essential for responsible growth. The city should be a safe and pleasant place for people to reside in. We want to mold our cities into a place that provides economic opportunities and treats all its citizens fairly. The Rockport Comprehensive Plan provides a vision of growth for the City of Rockport and identifies strategies to accomplish them.

The plan is a road map between community aspirations and implementation. All of the suggestions for future projects & actions laid out in the plan are intended to be pursued by the city staff to enact in the real-world. Certain projects could have a direct impact on individual neighborhoods or a broader impact on the whole community. However, the Comprehensive Plan is not a zoning regulation, and it does not affect existing approved zoning. It provides guidance for making changes or developing new regulations based on the identified vision, goals and objectives.

THE FISCAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS FOR PLANNING

There are many decisions to consider when designing a responsible plan for future growth. There must be a plan for fiscal sustainability as well as a plan for community involvement and a vision that is well articulated. The Comprehensive Plan for the City of Rockport serves this purpose by:

- Encouraging fiscally sound decisions;
- Seek input from the residents of Rockport;
- To provide consideration for the preservation of the character of the City of Rockport and what decisions best fit its needs.

PLANNING PROCESS

Rockport Comprehensive Plan 2022-2042 provides a guide for the future growth of the city. This document was developed and prepared by Texas Target Communities(TxTC) at Texas A&M University in partnership with the City of Rockport, Texas Sea Grant, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University - School of Law and Texas Tech University. A citizen committee also guided development of the document and came from various community interests and backgrounds such as history, the arts, downtown, business, minority, and environment. The plan also integrates input from attendees to four public meetings on August 16, 2018; November 15, 2018, March 7, 2018, and April 25, 2019. The plan integrates recommendations from six other plans that involve the city: City of Rockport Comprehensive Plan (1999), A Vision for Rockport: A Master Plan for the Heritage District and Downtown Rockport (2006), Rockport Heritage District Zoning Overlay Code (2014), Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan and Report (2018), Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (2017), Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Floodplain Management Plan (2017).

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND TxTC

In the summer of 2018, one year after Hurricane Harvey, the City of Rockport and Texas Target Communities partnered to create a task force to represent the community. The task force played an integral role in the planning process, contributing to the thoughts, desires, and opinions of community members - as well as their enthusiasm about Rockport's future. The result of this collaboration is the City of Rockport Comprehensive Plan 2022-2042 which is the official policy guide for the community's growth over the next twenty years.

BACKGROUND OF TxTC

The Texas Target Communities program was initiated in 1993 by the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning at Texas A&M University. This program selects small communities from the state of Texas and provide residents with valuable assistance in planning. At the same time, it serves as a "real world" learning laboratory for graduate students. Students can gain valuable planning experience while the targeted community receives the assistance it needs to can make a positive difference in the quality of urban life for its residents. Communities are chosen for participation in the program based on demonstrated need and their commitment to the planning process.

HOW TO USE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Rockport Comprehensive Plan 2022-2042 is a fully-developed planning document that can provide guidance for a variety of urban development activities. As such, it may be used to:

- Communicate the overarching vision;
- Guide development approvals by representatives such as elected officials and the planning board;
- Serve as a basis for land-use regulations such as zoning, subdivision regulations, building codes, etc.;
- Inform and support capital improvement plans.

THE STRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN

The guiding principles for this planning process were Rockport's vision statement and its corresponding goals, which were crafted by the task force. The goals focus on factors of growth and development including public participation, development considerations, transportation, community facilities, economic development, parks, and housing and social vulnerability. Next, three alternative scenarios were developed as possible strategies Rockport could adapt to meet its goals. The task force expressed strong support for some of the key characteristics from two scenarios, which were then combined to form the preferred Future Land Use Plan.

Chapter 1 presents the background and history of Rockport and its residents and Chapter 2 tells the story of its vision. Chapters 3 through 8 of this document outline the goals, objectives, and policies of the preferred Plan. Each chapter explores the issues and opportunities of each plan component that will serve as the building blocks for it to be implemented. All the issues and threats are addressed with recommendations and proposed solutions, which are supported by maps and other analytical tools. Finally, Chapter 9 outlines the policies, timeline of actions, funding sources, and responsible parties. Additionally, this chapter includes funding programs and resources for implementing the recommendations of this plan.

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KEY WORDS

Accessory Dwelling Units	AUDs
Annual Average Daily Traffic	AADT
Community Rating System	CRS
Conditional Use Permit District	CUP
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	CPTED
Diameter at Breast Height	DBH
Endangered Species Act	ESA
Extraterritorial Jurisdiction	ETJ
Green Infrastructure	GI
Green Infrastructure Flexible MOdel	GIFMod
Green Infrastructure Wizard	GIWiz
Hotel Occupancy Tax	HOT
Intelligent Transportation System	ITS
Low Impact Development	LID
Multi-family Housing	MF
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration	NOAA
National Stormwater Calculator	SWC
Neighborhood Electric Vehicle	NEV
North American Industry Classification System	NAICS
Opportunity Zone	OZ
Planned Unit Development District	PUD
Recreational Vehicle	RV
Rockport Heritage District Zoning Overlay Code	RHDZO
Rockport Heritage District	RHD
Single-family Housing	SF
Stormwater Management Model	SWMM
Tax Increment Financing	TIF
Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone	TIRZ
Transfer of Development Rights	TDR
Transportation Demand Management	TDM
Visualizing Ecosystems for Land Management Assessment Model	VELMA
Watershed Management Optimization Support Tool	WMOST

NETWORK OF PLANS & OTHER PLANNING DOCUMENTS

A Vision for Rockport: Master Plan for the Heritage District & Downtown Rockport	HDMP
Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan and Report	LTRP
Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Floodplain Management Plan	MFMP
Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan	MHMP
Hazard Mitigation Action Plan	HMAP
Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard	PIRS
Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan for The Coastal Bend	RCTPTCB
Rockport Heritage Zoning Overlay Code	HDZO
Recovery Planning Assistance Team Report - American Planning Association	RPAT
State of Community Report	SOC

ACTION LEADERS

Aransas County	AC
Aransas Pathways	AP
Aransas County Appraisal District	ACAD
Aransas County Health Department	ACHD
Aransas County Historical Society	ACHS
Aransas County ISD	ACISD
Aransas County Long Term Recovery Team	ACLTRT
Aransas County Navigation District	ACND
Aransas County Independent School District	AISD
Agri-Life Extension Office	ALEO
Aransas National Wildlife Refuge	ANWR
Aransas Pathways	AP
Bay Education Center	BEC
Building and Development Department	BD
Zoning Board of Adjustments	BOA
Businesses and Stakeholders	BUS
City Council	CC
City Engineer	CE
City Manager	CM
Comprehensive Plan Task Force	CPTF
City Staff	CS
Downtown Heritage Task Force	DTF
Economic Development Corporation	EDC
Environmental Protection Agency	EPA
Federal Emergency Management Agency	FEMA
Fair Housing Board	FHA
Finance Department	FI
The City of Fulton	FLTN
Fulton Mansion	FM
Human Resources Department	HR
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	HUD
Keep Aransas County Beautiful	KACB
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	LEED
Long Term Recovery	LTR
Municipal Court	MC
Parks Board	PB
Parks and Leisure Department	PL
Property Owner	PO
Public Works Department	PW
Planning & Zoning Commission	P&Z
Rockport Center for the Arts	RCA
Rockport Cultural Arts District	RCAD
Rockport Community Members	RCM
Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce	R-FCC
Rockport Police Department	RPD
Rockport Volunteer Fire Department	RVFD
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	TCEQ
Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs	TDHCA
Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation	TSAHC
Tree and Landscape Committee	TLC
Texas Maritime Museum	TMM
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	TPWD
Texas Sea Grant	TSG

Texas Water Development Board	TWDB
The State of Texas	TX
Texas Department of Transportation	TxDOT
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	UCGA
United States	US
Utilities	UT
YMCA Development Committee	YMCA

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All Children Begin Learning in a Christian Environment Learning Center	ABC
American Planning Association	APA
Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program	CBBEP
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Community Planning Assistance Team	CPAT
Fish & Wildlife Service	FWS
Friends of Aransas & Matagorda Island	FAMI
Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety	IBHS
Institute for Sustainable Communities	IfSC
Insurance Services Organization	ISO
International Ecotourism Society	TIES
Keep America Beautiful	KAB
Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve	NERR
National Flood Insurance Program	NFIP
National Resources Conservation Service	NRCS
Regional Transportation Authority	RTA
Rural Economic Assistance League	REAL
San Patricio Municipal Water District	SPMWD
Science On a Sphere©	SOS
Small Business Administration	SBA
System-Wide Monitoring Program	SWMP
System-Wide Monitoring Program	SWMP
Texas A&M University	TAMU
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi	TAMU-CC
Texas General Land Office	GLO
Texas Main Street Program	TMSP
Texas Rural Leadership Program	TRLP
Texas Target Communities	TxTC
Texas Tech University	TTU
Texas Workforce Commission	TWC
Urban Land Institute	ULI
US Department of Agriculture	USDA
University of Texas	UT
University of Texas Marine Science Institute	UTMSI

FUNDING SOURCES & PROGRAMS

Bicycle Friendly Program	BFC
Building Neighborhood Capacity Program	BNCP
Capital Improvement Program	CIP
Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group	CB-DRG
Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery	CDBG-DR
Community Development Block Grant Program for Rural Texas	TxCDBG
Community Development Block Grants	CDBG
Community Disaster Loan	CDL
Community Outdoor Outreach Program	CO-OP
Flood Mitigation Assistance	FMA
Governor's Community Achievement Awards	GCAA
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	HMGP
Highway Safety Improvement Program	HSIP
Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program	HRSP
Housing Preservation Grants	HPG
Landowner Incentive Program	LIP
Low-income Housing Tax Credit	LIHTC
Museum Assessment Program	MAP
Neighborhood Stabilization Program	NSP
Rebuild Texas Fund	RTF
Recreational Trails Program	RTP
Smart Growth Implementation Assistance	SGIA
State Water Implementation Fund for Texas	SWIFT
Surface Transportation Block Grants Program	STBG
Texas Water Development Fund	DFund
Texas Windstorm Insurance Association	TWIA
Walk Friendly Community	WFC


1 INTRODUCTION



OVERVIEW

Rockport, Texas, the county seat of Aransas County, is a charming town located in the Texas Coastal Bend Region. Rockport is adjacent to the Town of Fulton, and together, they are referred to as the Rockport-Fulton community. The city is about 30 miles northeast of Corpus Christi and about 160 miles southeast of San Antonio. Much like its neighboring cities, the city's unique geography and location make Rockport ideal for outdoor activities such as boating, fishing, and bird watching. It lies on the Live Oak Peninsula and takes up a total of 15 square miles and sits just seven feet above sea level. The population of Rockport has been steadily growing over the last several decades and is currently estimated to be around 10,000 people. The city may be small in size, but it has a lot to offer. Figure 1.1 shows the location of Rockport in Aransas County within the state of Texas.

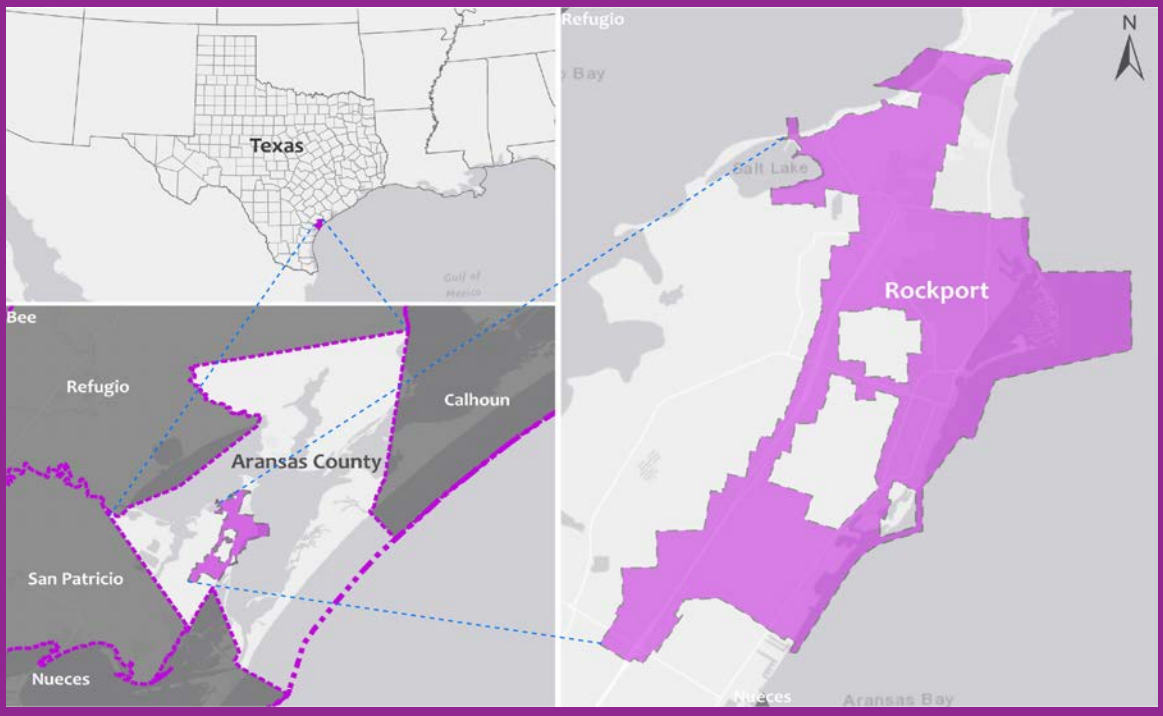


Figure 1.1: Location of Rockport, TX

HURRICANE HARVEY IMPACT

Due to its coastal location, the City of Rockport is susceptible to hurricanes and flooding. In 2017, the city was hit by Hurricane Harvey and has since focused on recovering, rebuilding, and planning for resilience. Harvey made landfall as a major hurricane at an intensity of a Category 4 storm with winds exceeding 130 mph. The hurricane made landfall on the barrier island of San Jose then made its way near Rockport and Fulton. Rockport undertook extensive damages; FEMA records indicate more than 1,500 structures were damaged. Although much of the damage across the peninsula was due to high-speed winds and rain, the northwest side of the peninsula also saw damage due to storm surge coming from Copano Bay.



Figure 1.2: Governor Greg Abbott's visit to Rockport after Hurricane Harvey in August of 2017
Source: The Rockport Pilot [1]

Nearly three years later, Rockport is still recovering from the damages. The Chamber of Commerce says that about 80% of businesses have reopened since Harvey. According to city officials, Rockport's population is down 20% since Harvey made landfall. The city is working on rebuilding and recovering housing and businesses to bring back the residents who are still displaced. In June 2018, Texas General Land Office awarded Rockport with $6.5 million in federal recovery money that the city will use to tackle this issue.



Figure 1.3: Historical Photo of the S.A. & A.P. Depot
Source: The History Center for Aransas County

HISTORY

Rockport's history has been impacted by storms, war, and economic highs and lows. The city was founded in 1867 after the Civil War, but it was not incorporated as a city until May 2, 1871, after the Special Act of the Texas Charter. The economy relied on the cattle industry which played an important factor in establishing Rockport's prominence. However, after the establishment of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railroad into the city, the cattle industry declined. With the establishment of railroads, Rockport began to expand, and new development brought an influx of new residents and businesses.

Rockport's first Chamber of Commerce was established in 1912 after a significant economic decline. In the midst of regaining its economy, Rockport was hit by a hurricane in 1919. The city took no time in rebuilding, and along with the reconstruction, the City of Rockport developed the shrimping industry that was responsible for the 1940's economic boom. As it continued to grow, the city focused on preserving its wildlife and culture. The community maintains their wildlife refuges, hosts countless festivals and programs that represent the area's culture, and preserves historical sites. In efforts to build their community, the city became recognized as one with a coastal charm that attracts tourists to enjoy fishing, swimming, bird watching, wildlife refuges, and festivals held in historic sites.

Local Historical Groups

Aransas County Historical Commission: "The purpose of the Commission is to serve as the governing and coordination body for preservation of Aransas County's historic cultural resources consistent with the statewide preservation plan of the Texas Historical Commission, including the protection, recording, interpretation and acquisition of prehistoric and historic structures/sites. The Aransas County Historical Commission will also promote to the public an appreciation of local and state history." http://www.aransascountytx.gov/historiccomm/

Aransas County Historical Society: In 1985, the Society was founded with the goal of identifying, protecting, recording, and interpreting historic and prehistoric information and artifacts related to the unique environment of the county. They work to make the history of Aransas County accessible to the public and encourage the appreciation of history in the area.
(http://achs1985.org)

Fulton Mansion State Historic Site: Visitors to the Fulton Mansion can get a glimpse into late 1800s life of an affluent Texas family. The site is operated by the Texas Historical Commission, but is currently out of operation due to Hurricane Harvey.
(https://www.thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/fulton-mansion-state-historic-site)

The History Center for Aransas County: The Center works to preserve, showcase, and celebrate the history of Aransas County through public exhibits, workshops, and celebrations.
(https://www.thehistorycenterforaransascounty.org)

The Texas Maritime Museum: The Museum first opened its doors in 1989 with the goal of exciting and educating the public about the history and artifacts of Texas Maritime. It provides a variety of programs for all ages through the collection, preservation, and interpretation of historical items, recounty maritime history, and different exhibits to spark public interest.
(https://www.texasmaritimemuseum.org)

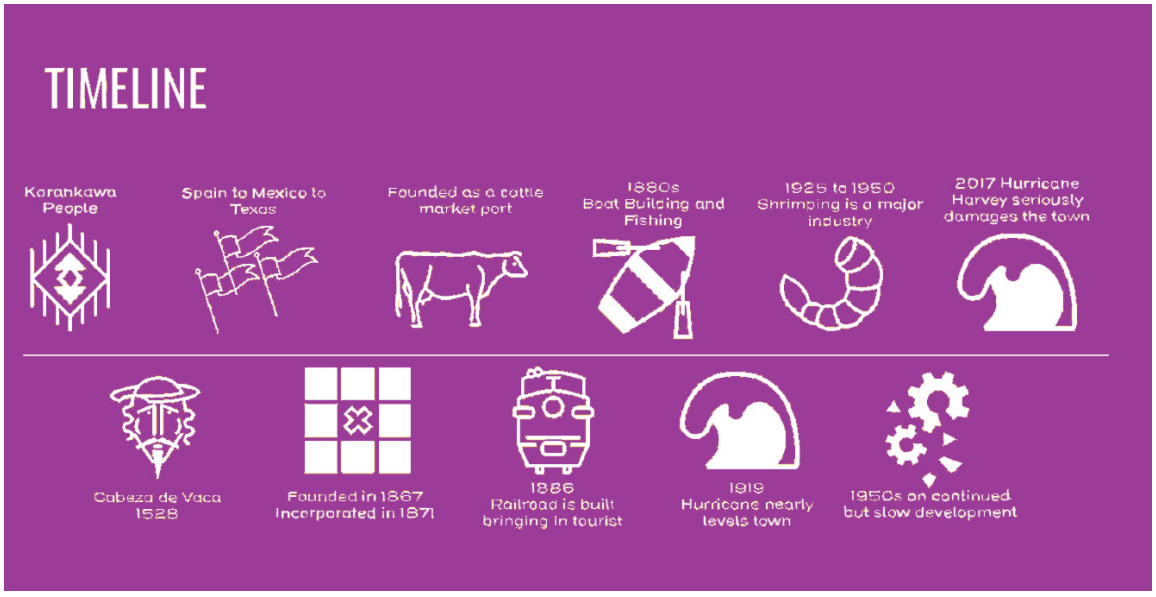


Figure 1.4: Timeline of Rockport's History
Source: Texas A& M University Landscape Architecture Student Presentation

POPULATION DENSITY

Rockport is a well-established coastal community. As of 2016, the population density was 728 people per square mile which is 15.01% increase from the population density of 633 people per square mile in 2010. Rockport has a higher population density in comparison to the rest of Aransas County and the State. Other major cities affecting the demographic patterns of Rockport are Fulton, Aransas Pass, and Corpus Christi.

POPULATION GROWTH

Historically, the population growth for Rockport has been slower than the county's population growth. The growth rate for the city has been irregular throughout history. In the 1940's and the 1990's, Rockport saw their largest growth 51.7% and 45.3% respectively. The only two decades of population decline happened in the two decades directly preceding the greatest growth years. The 1930's saw a decrease of 26.2%, while the 1980's population decreased by 5%. The population growth comparison concerning the county is illustrated in Figure 1.5.

GENDER AND AGE DISTRIBUTION

The female-to-male ratio has been increasing continually in Rockport. According to the 2010 Census, 51.73% of the population was female while males made up 48.27%.

The age distribution for 2010 reflects the same patterns seen by the County. The population distribution for 2016 are slightly lopsided for certain age groups; this is most notable in females aged 50 to 54. Observing the population from the data, it can be concluded that the young to early middle age working class, i.e., 25 to 34 years of age, has a lesser population in 2016 when compared to 2010. There is a sharp increase in the group corresponding to people between the ages of 50 to 54 years, especially males (Figure 1.4).

RACE DISTRIBUTION

Race distribution is used to help understand the culture and roots of a given population. It also helps in ensuring representation, equitable access, and appropriate distribution of resources within the community. The racial composition of Rockport in the 2000's indicates the pop-

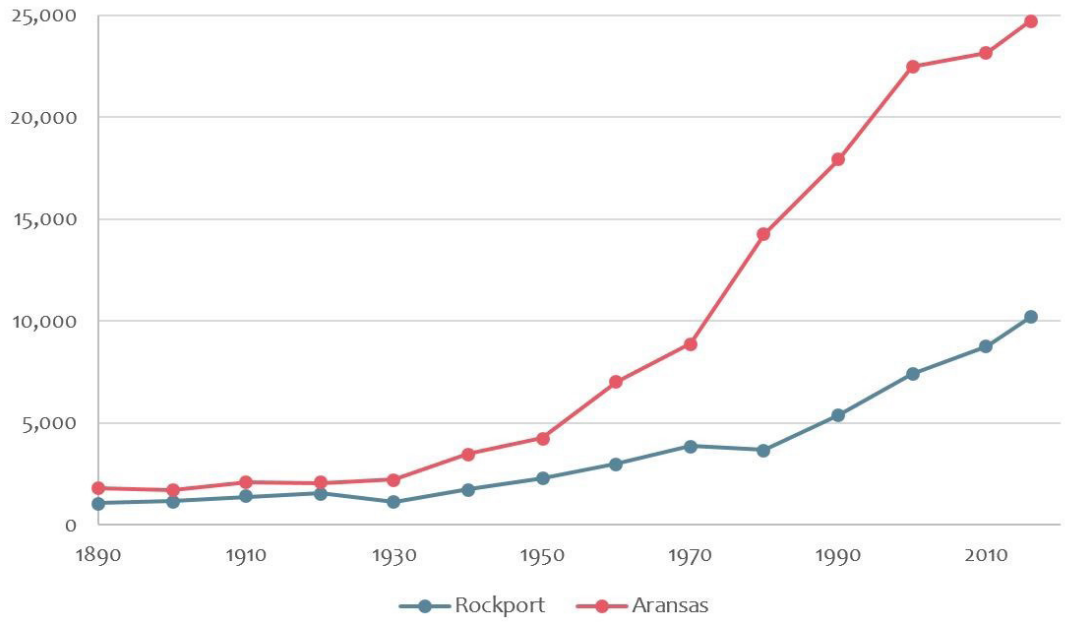


Figure 1.5: Population Growth Comparison
Source: Texas Almanac, Forstall, and U.S. Census Bureau

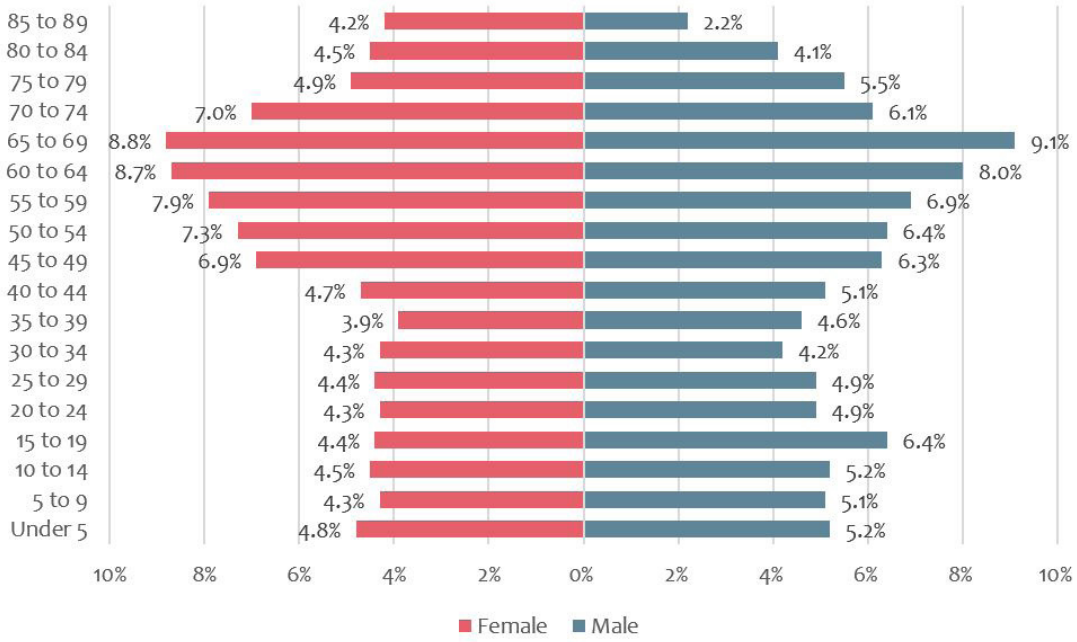


Figure 1.4: Age-Sex Pyramid (2010)
Source: U.S Census Bureau, Table QT-P1[4]

ulation was comprised mostly of people who identified as White alone (74.03%). The second largest racial group identified was the Hispanic or Latino population (19.50%), followed by Asians (3.60%). Other racial groups were present in small shares of the total population (Figure 1.5).

Since 2010, the Hispanic and Black or African American shares of the total population have increased. None of the other represented groups increased to the extent that each of these did.

The most recent data shows the White population still makes up the majority of the population with 67.05%, while the Hispanic population has grown considerably to 24.58% (Figure 1.5). The recent shift suggests that the community is diversifying and therefore needs to look into how to actively involve all community members as stakeholders for future planning processes.



Figure 1.7 Rockport residents celebrating their new home after being destroyed by Hurricane Harvey
Source: The Rockport Pilot [1]

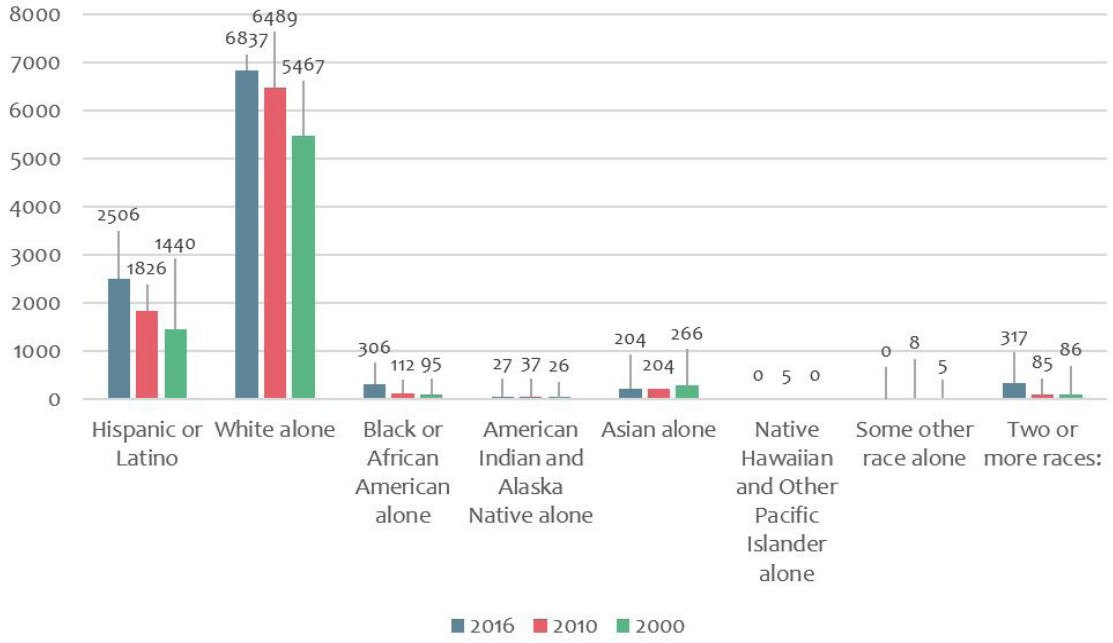


Figure 1.5: Race Distribution
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Table P004[5] , Table P9[6], and Table B03002[7]

PROJECTIONS

The Texas State Demographer's Office publishes population projections based on different scenarios. The smallest geographic area for which these projections are available are counties. With Rockport being the largest city in the county it is expected to follow similar trends to the county. The Zero Migration Scenario "assumes that in-migration and out-migration are equal (no net migration)," resulting in growth only through natural causes (births and deaths). This scenario creates the lowest population projection. The 100% Migration Scenario assumes the trends that occurred throughout the 2000 to 2010 decade will continue

Table 1.1. Published Population Projections

Year	Texas Water Development Board		Texas State Demographer's Office (Aransas County)		
	Rockport	Aransas	No Migration	0.5 Migration	1.0 Migration
2010	8,766	23,158	-	-	-
2020	9,260	24,463	22,926	24,550	26,041
2030	9,460	24,991	22,325	25,123	27,558
2040	9,440	24,937	21,732	25,096	27,296
2050	9,503	25,102	21,648	25,204	26,276

Source: Texas Water Development Board[8] ,[9]and Texas State Demographer[10]

in future decades. This scenario has the highest projection estimates but is unlikely as the period from 2000 to 2010 saw rapid growth in many areas of the State. It is unlikely that these trends will remain the same in future decades mostly due to natural disasters and the impact Hurricane Harvey had on the community. The Texas Water Development Board publishes population projections at the city level. The 2016 population of Rockport is an estimated 10,197 people. In Table1.1, the Board forecasts that there will be 9,260 people in the city by the year of 2020. As previously stated, the estimated population is higher than their projection, meaning that there would have to be a significant decline in population to reach the projection and this is unlikely to happen.

For all the following sections regarding projections, the 2016 estimated population is taken as the base unless otherwise stated. The following subsections attempt to inform how the projections appear across age, gender, race, and geography.

EDUCATION

In 2016, the student population of Rockport was 3,394 students, which is 17.62% of the total population as seen in Table 1.2.

A large share of the population aged 25 and above in Rockport has attained some level of college or are high school graduates; 35.4% of the population has acquired an associate's degree or higher levels of education (Figure 1.6).

Table 1.2: School Enrollment

Subject	Total	Percentage
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	1797	100.0%
Nursery school, preschool	105	5.8%
Kindergarten to 12th grade	1337	74.4%
College, undergraduate	345	19.2
Graduate, professional school	10	0.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Table S1401[11]



Figure 1.9 Rockport-Fulton High School football game in October 2018
Source: The Rockport Pilot[1]

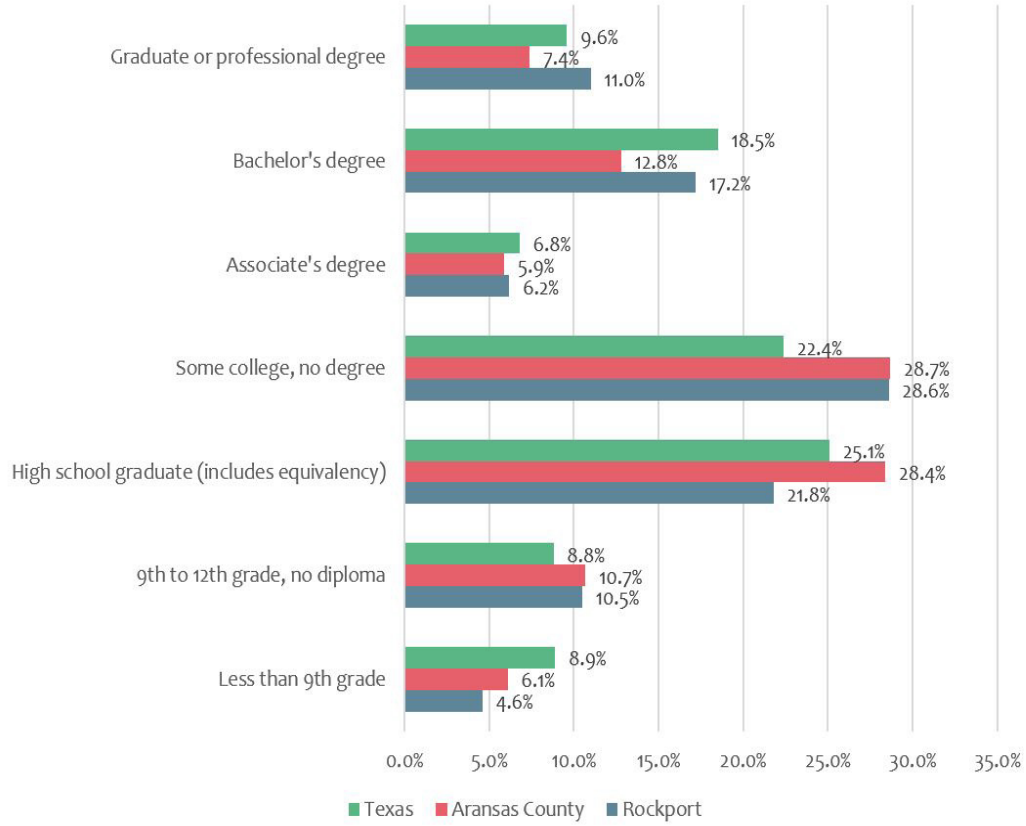


Figure 1.6: Educational Attainment 25 years old and Over
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Table S1501[12]

POVERTY

Analyzing poverty helps to increase understanding of the socio-economic standing of a community. About 16.3% of the population is identified as living in conditions of poverty in Rockport. The Census Bureau provides data using ratios that compare the income levels of people or families with their poverty threshold:

- A household income above 100% of their poverty threshold is considered "above the poverty level."
- Income above 100% but below 125% of poverty is considered "near poverty."
- Households with incomes at or below 100% are considered "in poverty."
- Household incomes below 50% of their poverty threshold are considered to be in "severe" or "deep poverty."

Poverty is seen to be lacking the means to fulfill the basic needs of your family. About 8% (809 people) of the total population in Rockport are suffering from deep poverty.

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2 PLAN PROCESS



GETTING STARTED

Participatory planning is the foundation of Rockport's Comprehensive Plan. Because the plan impacts every member of the community, it was essential for the city to actively involve the whole community at every stage. Active participation ensures that residents are not only informed and understand the plan, but also influence actions that will shape the future of their city. Authentic public participation allows the community to identify and express needs and desires in an open constructive format. Throughout the planning process, stakeholders worked to create a community vision, define goals, and develop principles and action steps. The purpose of this chapter is to thoroughly explain the participatory planning process, which utilized the seven-phased inclusive plan-making process (Masterson et al. 2014) as shown in Figure 2.1.



Figure 2.1: Comprehensive Plan Making Process

UNDERSTANDING ROCKPORT

As a first step, the planning team collected information for a State of Community Report (SOC) from May to July 2019. This report gathers data from a wide variety of sources to identify current conditions, trends, and patterns. It includes an assessment of population characteristics, economic conditions, land use, transportation, housing conditions, community facilities, and environmental conditions.

The first community meeting was held in Rockport Service Center on August 16, 2018. Community members reviewed and verified the SOC as a fact base for the plan while also expressing concern that the SOC did not accurately represent the community at its' current status after Hurricane Harvey. Further, the attendees participated in an exercise discussing the community's wishlist. This meeting initiated the process of combining local wisdom and technical knowledge to plan for the future of Rockport.

KICK-OFF MEETING

The Comprehensive Plan Kickoff Meeting took place on August 16, 2018. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the planning team to the community, explain the planning process, and present the State of Community Report.

In this meeting, the attendees participated in several activities to generate things they need and desire for the community. Because this was a meeting that was open to the public, the team was able to gain a lot of information about Rockport and what the community desired. Participants included Historical Society members, business owners, Rockport citizens, government officials, and those with a desire to see their community improved. The Wish List Activity gathered information about what the community wanted in regards to safety, jobs, neighborhood issues, necessities, transportation and amenities.

The partners involved in the planning process include the following:

- Texas Sea Grant
- Texas Rural Leadership Program
- Texas A&M University College of
- Architecture
- Texas A&M University School of Law: natural resource law students developed a natural resource policy guidebook
- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's Master of Public Administration: students conducted a youth survey asking local high school students for input in the Comprehensive Plan
- Texas Tech University: landscape architecture students designed green infrastructure projects
- American Planning Association



Figure 2.2: Wish List Activity at the Kickoff Meeting.



Figure 2.3: Task Force members participating in a community asset activity

ASSEMBLING THE TASK FORCE

City staff reached out to community members to assemble a planning task force. The task force represents various communities within the greater community, guides the development of the plan by representing the hopes and desires of Rockport residents and acts as a conduit for information and communication with the community. The goals of the task force are:

- To establish and affirm a community-wide vision for the future of the city,
- To identify community assets, strengths, and opportunities for expansion or growth
- To determine goals and priorities for the topics within the comprehensive plan: Growth and development, economic development, community facilities and infrastructure, transportation, parks and recreation, and housing.

PREPARING THE TASK FORCE

Interested committee members were invited to the first task force meeting on September 20, 2018. Each task force member introduced themselves, explained their connection to Rockport and expressed their priorities and interests. TTC presented the planning process and laid out the roles and responsibilities of the committee. The members committed to participating in scheduled meetings to guide the development of the plan. Further, they agreed upon the following ground rules for effective discussions during these meetings:

- Explore alternative viewpoints.
- Share all relevant information.
- Use specific examples and agree on what important words mean.
- Combine advocacy and inquiry - express your points of view, share your reasoning and intent and invite others to inquire into your comments.
- Jointly agree on next steps and ways to test disagreements.
- Discuss undiscussable issues that are relevant to the group's tasks but that the group members believe they cannot discuss openly in the group without some negative consequences.

To prepare the task force for the year-long planning process, TTC partnered with the Texas Rural Leadership Program (TRLP) at Texas A&M. Craig Rotter from TRLP led the conversation on leadership, appreciative inquiry, and assets. Instead of focusing on weaknesses and deficiencies, the task force was encouraged to focus on strengths and potentials. Members were instructed to write down community assets under seven different categories seen in Figure 2.4.

A follow-up meeting was held on October 15, 2018 to build on the community wishlist and the identified assets. Three emerging topics, including Diverse Culture and Art, Responsible Growth, and Coastal Charm, were highlighted in the discussions. The task force split up into groups to identify assets associated with each topic. Additionally, the task force recognized the need to address issues of diversity, inclusion, accessibility, and affordability in the future planning process.



Figure 2.4 Planning Process Categories
Source: Developed from Texas Rural Leadership Program Presentation on September 20, 2018

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INCLUSION

Many task force members expressed concern over the lack of representation of some community groups. Five task force members volunteered to be a part of the inclusion subcommittee to brainstorm strategies and outreach methods for including as many diverse voices as possible. The committee met on October 19, 2018 and identified underrepresented and underserved communities within the community. The most highlighted faction included the youth population, Vietnamese population, Hispanic population, and religious-affiliated groups. The committee brainstormed engagement strategies and delegated tasks to reach these groups. These strategies were used for each of the public meetings.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As part of the efforts to be more inclusionary, many different avenues were explored to get the word out. The local media, including television stations and the newspaper, posted press releases to announce each public meeting, and community pages on social media were effective in this day and age of technology.

Alternatively, locally stationed Texas A&M staff took outreach a step further and passed out flyers, in English and Spanish, to popular public areas in order to capture a diverse representation of Rockport residents. Academic institutions, government offices, senior living communities, and religious institutions were all targeted for flyer distribution.

Table 2.1 Emerging Themes in Rockport

	Diverse Culture and Art	Responsible Growth	Coastal Charm
Focus	Strengthening the existing art and culture in Rockport	Growing responsibly to create resilient future	Protecting the natural resources in Rockport
Assets	• Churches and faith based organizations • Historical center and society • Civic organizations • Downtown/heritage district • Festivals • Tourism • Sense of community	• Strong building codes • Long-term recovery plan • Aransas County Navigation District • Proximity to other cities • Existing tree ordinance • Engaged citizens	• Wildlife • Wetlands • Texas Maritime Museum • Environmental organizations • Aransas pathways • Fishing community • Park • Live Oak Trees



Figure 2.5: Culture and Art feedback and questions activity



Figure 2.6: Responsible Growth feedback and questions activity

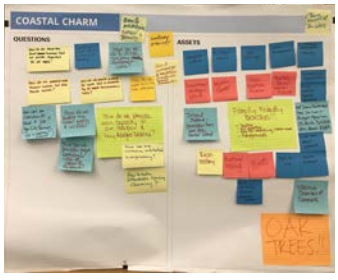


Figure 2.7: Coastal Charm feedback and questions activity



Figure 2.8: Public meetings flyer in Spanish



Figure 2.9: Community members at the public meeting

Recognizing that not everyone can make it to a public meeting to voice their opinion, a wide range of tools were used to solicit feedback. Online surveys, as well as paper surveys were distributed in various locations. Informational materials and comment boxes were placed at the Rockport Service Center to provide multiple opportunities for engagement. Some task force members went door-to-door to bring in more folks to the planning process.

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE

The public meeting held in the Rockport High School on November 2018 received around 100 attendees. The objective of the meeting was to understand the community's values and establish a vision. Participants split up into groups to discuss the different topics, which were generated based on previous public meeting discussions.

The meeting participants were asked to review the existing vision statement created by the city in 2017. The planning team wanted public input to revise the statement so that a new vision statement that reflects the current conditions, needs, and wishes of the community could be crafted.

"Rockport is a friendly, culturally diverse and economically vibrant community that embraces the arts and humanities and preserves the best of small town life on the water, including health, beauty, comfort, and safety."

Table 2.2 Comprehensive Planning Meeting Schedule

	Meeting	Objectives	Meeting Activities
08/16/18	Public Kickoff Meeting @ Rockport Service Center	• Introduce Texas Target Communities • Explain planning process • Present State of Community (SOC) report	Mapping - Show us where you live;Post It notes - What makes you proud to be a Rockport resident? Poster - Wishlist for your home, necessities, accessibility, activities
09/20/18	Task Force Meeting @ Rockport Service Center	• Explain the role of the Task Force and ground rules • Introduce Texas Rural Leadership Program	Document assets in the community
10/15/18	Task Force Meeting @ Rockport Service Center	• Introduce and explain plan themes	Poster sessions to document assets and questions regarding each theme
11/11/18	Comprehensive Planning Themes Public Meeting @ Rockport-Fulton High School	• Summarize what has been done so far • Explain community vision • Present themes and input already gathered	Poster & Mapping sessions to establish a comprehensive list of community wants and potential locations
01/09-10/19	Task Force Downtown Focus Meeting @ Rockport Service Center	• Explain university courses/ student involvement for spring semester • Present themes and highlights from public meeting • Explain APA-CPAT project	Discuss and document main downtown issues. Stakeholders include Diane Probst, Downtown Merchants, Navigation District, Cultural Arts District
01/24-25/19	TAMU-DFW Law class meetings @ Rockport Service Center	• Gather community information on issues	Interview stakeholders: City Building and Development Director, County Long Term Recovery Team, Navigation District Director, Permitting Manager, County Engineer, Local Resident
02/07/19	Task Force Transportation Focus Meeting @ Rockport Service Center	• Review previous Mayor's Vision Statement, receive feedback • Introduce Transportation Class and students' objectives	Discuss and map focus areas and mark issues and opportunities on printed maps for various transportation mode
03/07/19	Scenarios Public Meeting @ Aquarium Education Center	• Present overview of Vision Statement, Planning Scenarios and Draft Transportation Plan	Document public feedback on an scenarios and transportation map
04/25/19	Booth @Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.	• Discuss the Comprehensive Plan focus areas and the elements of each focus area	Explain the planning process and the reccomendations
04/25/19	Draft Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting @ Aransas County Navigation District Offices	• Explain most supported Planning Scenario • Poster presentation of the Comprehensive Plan focus areas and the elements of each focus area	Participants respond to the final recommendations, providing comments and feedback for each focus area
06/16/19	Implementation Actions Discussion @ Rockport Service Center	• Discuss implementation table • Discuss Future Land Use Map	Discuss the implementation steps, responsible parties and timeline

New strategies were piloted during this meeting, including setting up a kids corner for children to interact with and learn while their parents participated in the public meeting activities. Approximately 10 children accompanied their parents to the community meeting on November 11, 2018. The focus for their activity was to engage the younger population and ask them what they like about where they live and what they want. Drawings made by the children at this meeting are seen in Figure 2.10.



Figure 2.10: Drawings made by children of their desires for the community



Figure 2.11: Culture and Art Feedback



Figure 2.12: Coastal Charm Feedback

INVOLVING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

A major theme throughout the Comprehensive Plan update was the idea of inclusion. The task force felt it was really important to include as many different people as possible so the plan could be representative of the whole community and not just a few. A graduate level Public Administration class from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi wanted to take that idea further and incorporate high school students into the planning process as part of their civic engagement research project. The Public Administration class looked into public engagement by surveying 150 high school students at Rockport-Fulton High School. In February of 2019, students from a Public Administration Capstone Course at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi visited an advanced level high school U.S. Economics and Government class to elicit feedback about student's perceptions of Rockport and concerns for their future. The high school students were asked the following questions to gather information about what is important to the younger populations:

1. What do you value most about Rockport?
2. What is your favorite thing about Rockport?
3. What improvements would you like to see in Rockport?
4. What would keep you in Rockport?
5. What are some specific concerns you have for the future of Rockport?
6. In your opinion is Rockport an inclusive environment?

Themes from student survey:

- Small community
- Family
- Entertainment
- Environment
- Economic issues

Traits of Rockport:

- Selflessness
- Support
- Small-town community

The high school students were given a hand-out questionnaire as well as posed the questions verbally. An audio recorder was used to capture the students' answers; however, the most helpful feedback came from the hand-outs. The students most valued Rockport's sense of community and natural resources. The positive aspects of the community were the small-town community feel and the willingness to support one another during times of need. They expressed the need to improve job opportunities, affordable housing, and sources of entertainment for younger populations. Many students expressed their desire for recognition within the community, they want their voices to be heard. The students were well-informed and actively engaged in the conversation. Their feedback was enlightening, well thought out, and carefully considered while putting the plan together.

"My favorite thing about the Rockport community is that it's strong and grows stronger when times get hard."

– Rockport-Fulton High School Student

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

While students in the Plan Implementation course were focused on the aspects of the comprehensive plan, the transportation class considered thoroughfare planning, functional classifications, traffic analysis, public works considerations, and transportation funding opportunities. After building the foundation of values and creating a vision to guide future planning, additional meetings were held to explore specific topic areas of the plan. On February 7, 2019, the task force were invited to discuss transportation issues and opportunities to understand the local needs and context. The task force mapped points of interest, service gaps, and dangerous intersections in the transportation network. Ultimately the work the students created is included in the Transportation chapter of the comprehensive plan, providing a much deeper dive into transportation aspects for the city to consider as they develop and grow.

EXPLORING LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

In August of 2018, Dr. Melissa Currie, a professor of the TTU Regional Planning Studio at Texas Tech University, reached out to Amanda Torres to discuss the impacts of Hurricane Harvey on the community and what this meant for regional trends and potential for growth. On October 5, 2018, students from the Texas Tech Regional Planning Studio visited Rockport with the goal of creating Low Impact Design guidelines for the city to address stormwater drainage and flooding issues.

Low Impact Development (LID) is a principle of design with the goal of decreasing "ecological destruction" during development. The purpose of this principle is to provide as many opportunities as possible for water to be soaked up into the ground to reduce the chances of flooding and drainage issues.

The LID plan proposes several examples for the intersection of water management and the environment and public engagement. It focuses on environmental elements that include protecting habitat, preservation of wetlands, and maintain a healthy coastal system. They identified several opportunities for community growth, including the implementation of a living shoreline, stormwater management via existing wetlands, the proposition of constructed wetlands, identification of potential areas for growth, and a focus on ecotourism. Some of the recommendations from the LID plan has been included in the Development Consideration Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

DOWNTOWN ROCKPORT[1]

Downtown Rockport is the city's cultural, historic, and economic hub. This area was drastically impacted by the hurricane and is the focus of many recovery efforts. However, this particular area already had issues with frequent flooding long before Harvey made landfall. Issues and needs of the area were discussed during the meeting on January 9, 2019. A Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT - which is later referred to as RPAT) conducted a preliminary site visit and attended this meeting to explain their goals and plans for downtown revitalization, resilience, and recovery. The focus of CPAT's study is the heart of downtown, the Austin Street Corridor.

Rockport is the recipient of one of the APA Foundation's 2018 Disaster Recovery Grants for a Recovery Planning Assistance Team to create a more resilient Downtown Rockport. It supports the post-Hurricane Harvey recovery and combines efforts with this Comprehensive Plan.

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To capitalize on existing knowledge base, many community groups were a part of the January 9-10 and May 20-24 meetings, including:

- City Staff
- City Council and Mayor Rios
- Planning Commission
- Retired City Staff
- Consulting City Engineer
- Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Merchants
- Center for the Arts
- Navigation District
- Texas Sea Grant
- Local Realtor
- Texas A&M University

During this meeting, the community's downtown merchants discussed their wants and needs, what fits and what doesn't fit. The merchants expressed their desire for overall beautification of downtown and the flooding issue. They want to see vacant lots cleaned up, green spaces maintained, and improved lighting. After walking through the city and gathering data and information from residents, the team presented three key concepts or focus areas for downtown improvement.

- **Flood Mitigation and Resilience:** In acknowledging Rockport's risk of coastal flooding as the primary flood type risk due to its location, they discussed opportunities in reducing threats, community assets, and what is at risk.
- **Economic Resilience:** The team saw several opportunities for economic impact - development of businesses, land, and workforce, collaboration, and flood mitigation.
- **Downtown Design and Vitality:** Several themes emerged during discussion and data gathering - connecting places, enhancing the experience, understanding Rockport's heritage, telling the story through marketing, signage and wayfinding, and celebrating the arts.

INVESTIGATING LEGAL TOOLS

Many of Texas' coastal communities have little to no capacity for planning, risk assessment and, mitigation, and very rarely have the financial means to hire consultants. Rockport is no exception to this, as a community of close to 10,000 people recently reeling from a devastating storm. The legal needs of communities have increased since Hurricane Harvey, but providing legal assistance was not a service offered by Texas Target Communities. As part of a new partnership between TTC and Texas A&M School of Law, a capstone class focused on Natural Resources Systems visited Rockport to understand how the community is exploring legal tools, policies, and related mechanisms that could help avoid or minimize the negative effects of natural hazards. The course comprised of seven law students and resulted in a guide about *Legal Mechanisms for Mitigating Flood Impacts in Texas Coastal Communities*. The guide outlined natural hazards the community deals with, defines land use tools, and provided case studies.

On January 24, 2019, law students spent the day in Rockport meeting with municipal representatives and other community stakeholders while also visiting vulnerable sites. They assessed existing local, state, and national rules and regulations and investigated legal tools and mechanisms used by other similarly situated communities. They sought to gain an understanding of the scope of these tools and mechanisms and the extent to which they can be utilized; and formulated alternative and model ordinances and other legal mechanisms that could be considered by decision-makers in the region.

DESIGNING THE LANDSCAPE

On March 1st, students from an undergraduate landscape architecture class visited the City of Rockport and met with stakeholders from Aransas County Navigation District, Center for the Arts, Cultural Arts District, and Keep Aransas County Beautiful. The goal of the 3rd year studio class was to create urban design strategies for the downtown area.

It is unusual for so many different courses to come together in one community, but the timing could not have been more perfect. Each course offered a different perspective on what it means to achieve whole community resilience and have added invaluable knowledge and suggestions to make this comprehensive plan even better.

SCENARIO PLANNING

In March 2019, the planning team presented three scenarios representing various concepts. Each of the scenarios took into consideration each focus area discussed in the Comprehensive Plan. The three scenarios presented were Business as Usual, Coastal Buzz, and Growing Outward. Participants went up to each poster, placing sticker dots along oppose-support spectrums for each scenario. This activity allowed residents to consider different scenarios and decided which were most or least favored by the community. These scenarios and the Future Land Use Plan are fully described in Chapter 3.

Business as Usual: Showed the way future development in Rockport would look by using the current standards.

Coastal Buzz: Showed development primarily in or near downtown.Some elements were added from this scenario in the future land use map

Growing Outward: Showed development primarily along the Bypass, while incorporating other areas into the city. Some elements were added from this scenario in the future land use map.



Figure 2.13: Planning team presentation of Scenario Planning at the meeting on March 7, 2019

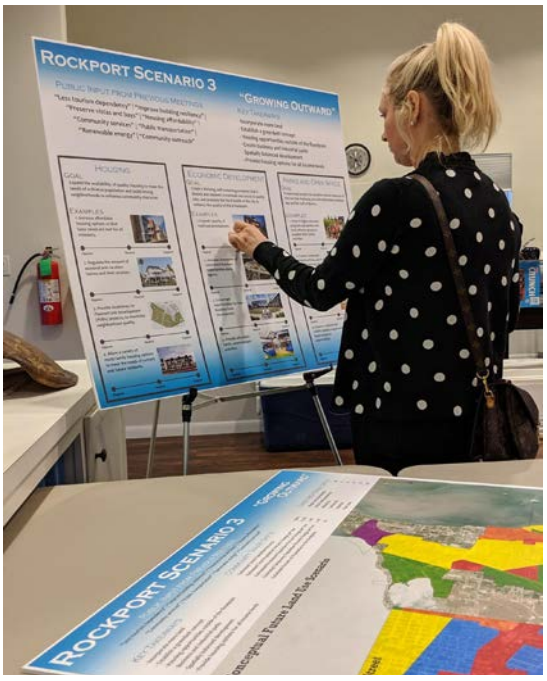


Figure 2.14: Scenario Meeting activity

PLAN INTEGRATION FOR RESILIENCE

As the comprehensive plan development process entered its final stage, an additional technical analysis was performed in an effort to further reduce vulnerability to hazards and build a more resilient Rockport. The Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard (PIRS) method of 'spatial plan evaluation', developed by a team of researchers at Texas A&M University's Institute for Sustainable Communities (IfSC), can help enhance community resilience by helping coordinate planning efforts and integrate hazard mitigation throughout a community's 'network of plans' -- the collection of documents that guide its development and management.

Rockport's draft comprehensive plan was evaluated, along with other city- and county-level documents that influence planning and management in the community, to understand how the policies and guidance are likely to affect vulnerability to flooding. The results were recorded in the scorecard and subsequently used to suggest 'adjustments' that might improve coordination among the plans toward reducing vulnerability and strengthening resilience. This effort was guided by the 2019 version of the Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard Guidebook, which may be found online at:

http://mitigationguide.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Guidebook-2019.03-Update-v1.pdf.

The following maps visualize the resilience principles of policies across different districts.



Figure 2.15: Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard

The following "Network of Plans" in Rockport were evaluated in the process:

- **LTRP** — Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan and Report (2018)
- **MHMP** — Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (2017)
- **MFMP** — Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Floodplain Management Plan (2017)
- **HDMP** — A Vision for Rockport: Master Plan for the Heritage District & Downtown Rockport (2006)
- **HDZO** — Rockport Heritage District Zoning Overlay Code (2014 update)
- **RPAT** — Recovery Planning Assistance Team Report (2019)

Throughout the plan, the icons (seen above) indicate alignment with policy best practices across the "network of plans."

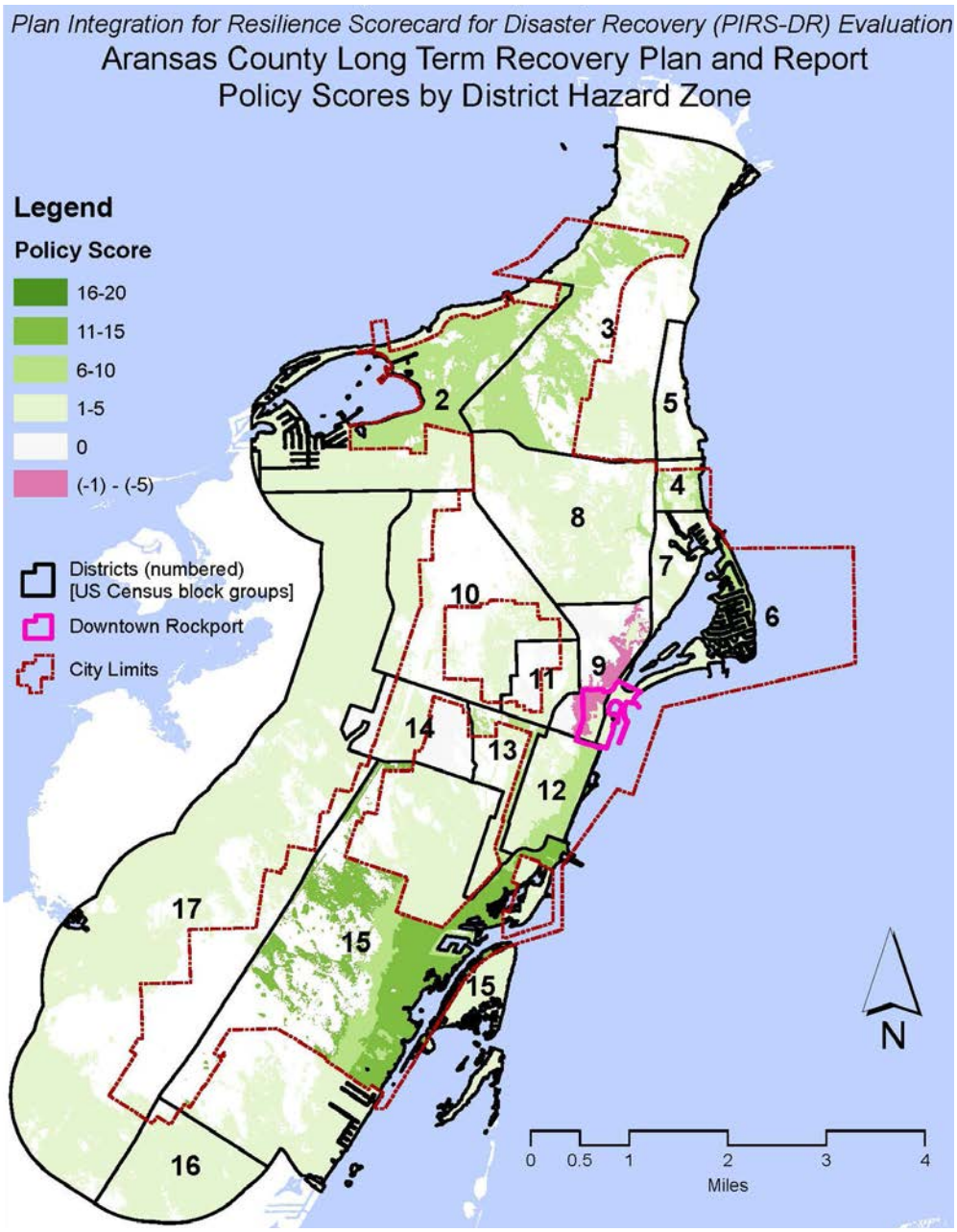


Figure 2.16: Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan and Report Policy Scores by District Hazard Zones

To align with development and reconstruction during recovery from Hurricane Harvey, the planning team evaluated the LTRP. For the most part, the LTRP has policies that reduce vulnerability to hazards. Policies within the downtown district (district 9) should be adjusted or reconsidered within the LTRP to ensure long-term recovery efforts infuse floodproofing and other principles of resilience. The following policies are best practices within the LTRP:

- Provide needed infrastructure in key areas (eg. drainage improvements in Heritage District) to encourage redevelopment. (LTRP 50)
- Little Bay Restoration- Little Bay receives storm water runoff from 11 storm drain inlets and Tule Creek. The proposed project will reduce the threat of coastal erosion and flooding to new and existing businesses and infrastructure. (LTRP 99)
- Fulton Beach Road Restoration- This project proposes construction of up to 4 miles of breakwaters by creating a "Living Breakwater Reef" system at the convergence of Copano Bay with Aransas Bay. (LTRP 100)

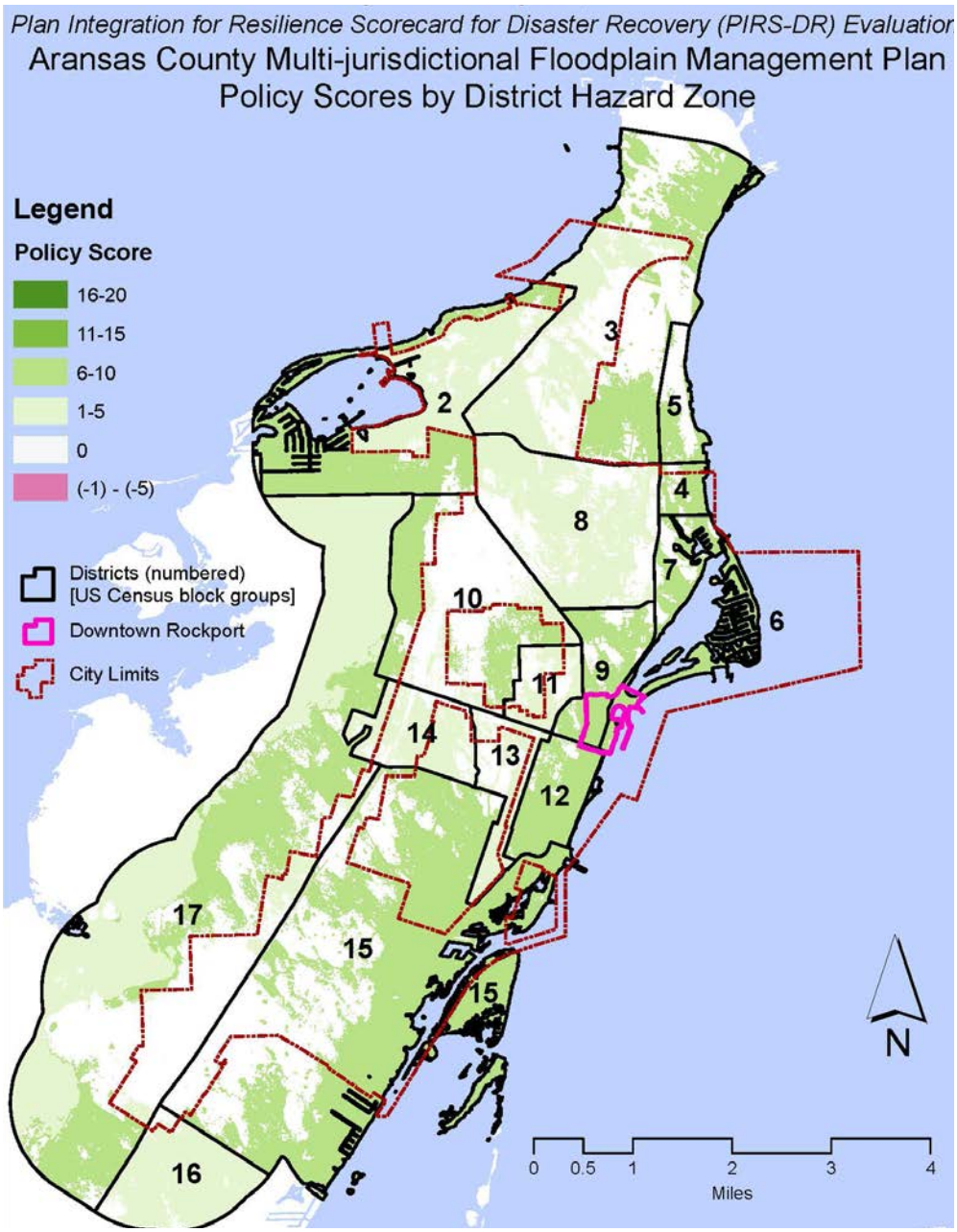


Figure 2.17: Aransas County Multi-jurisdictional Floodplain Management Plan Policy Scores by District Hazard Zone

The hazard mitigation plan and floodplain management plan are two obvious plans the city should align with to reduce disaster vulnerability. These plans has policies focused on resilience throughout. Some best practice policies within the MHMP and MFMP include:

- Review and update zoning regulations to reduce population density in areas vulnerable to hazards (MHMP 17-44)
- Design and conduct an engineering study to address flooding in downtown Rockport (MHMP 17-40)
- Create a countywide wetlands preservation plan (MHMP 17-5)
- Incorporate higher floodplain management standards into City of Rockport comprehensive plan update. (MFMP 62)
- Evaluate list of repetitive loss properties for opportunities to partner with property owners regarding potential mitigation actions. (MFMP 64)
- Evaluate areas in the floodplain viable for open space preservation. (MFMP 65)

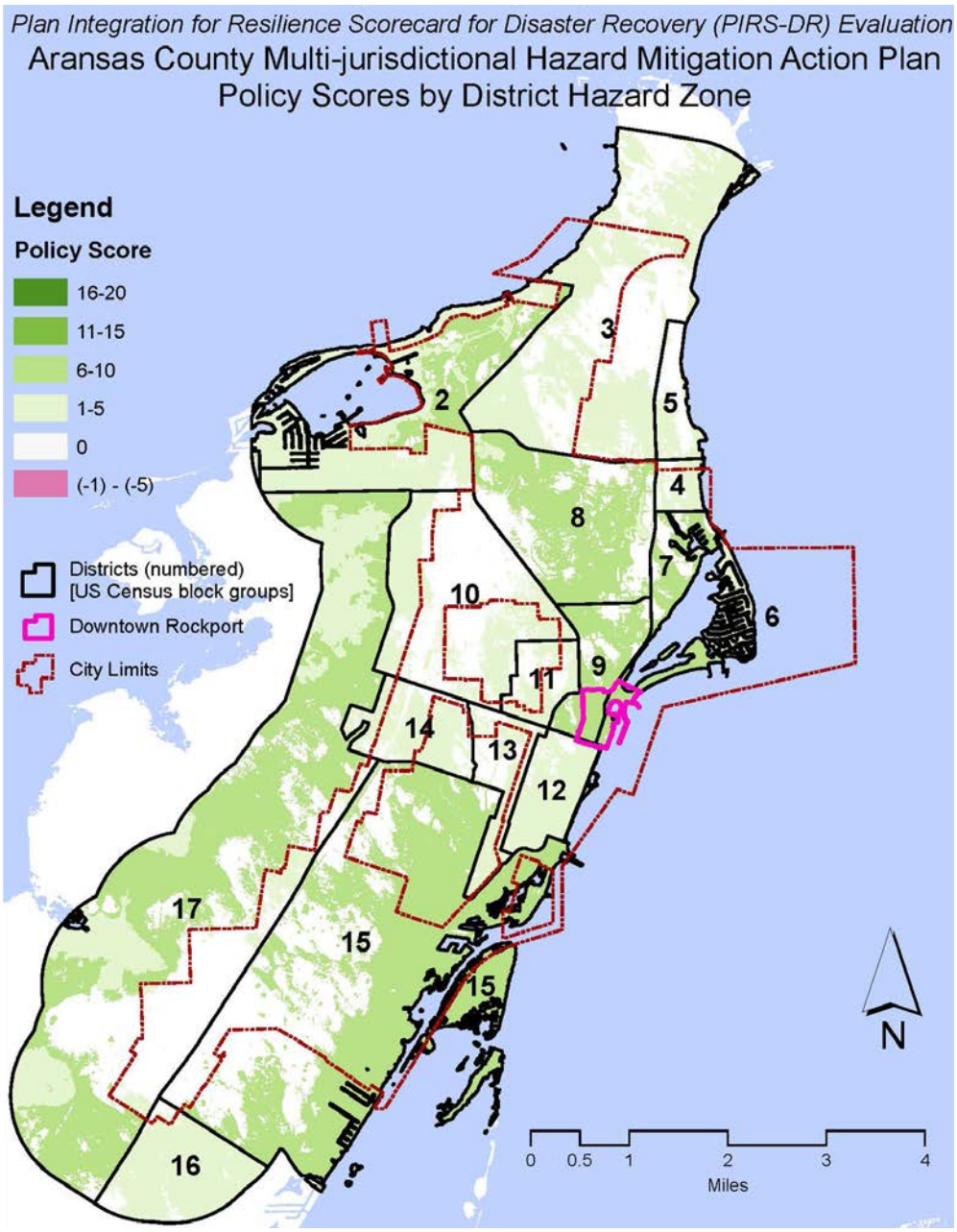


Figure 2.19: Aransas County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Policy Scores by District Hazard Zone

The HDMP and HDZO focus policies around the Heritage District and downtown. Because of this, many policies within the documents may in fact exacerbate disaster vulnerability. The planning team recommends adjusting policies to ensure resilience principles are embedded throughout. The following are policies which demonstrate best practices of resilience within the HDMP and HDZO:

- Replace bulkhead at Heritage District (HDMP)
- Dry Floodproofing: Within the Waterfront and Austin Corridor overlay districts, entrances located on the building's primary facade shall be at the sidewalk level. Dry Floodproofing shall be the preferred method used to protect the space inside the building below the Base Floor Elevation. (HDZO)

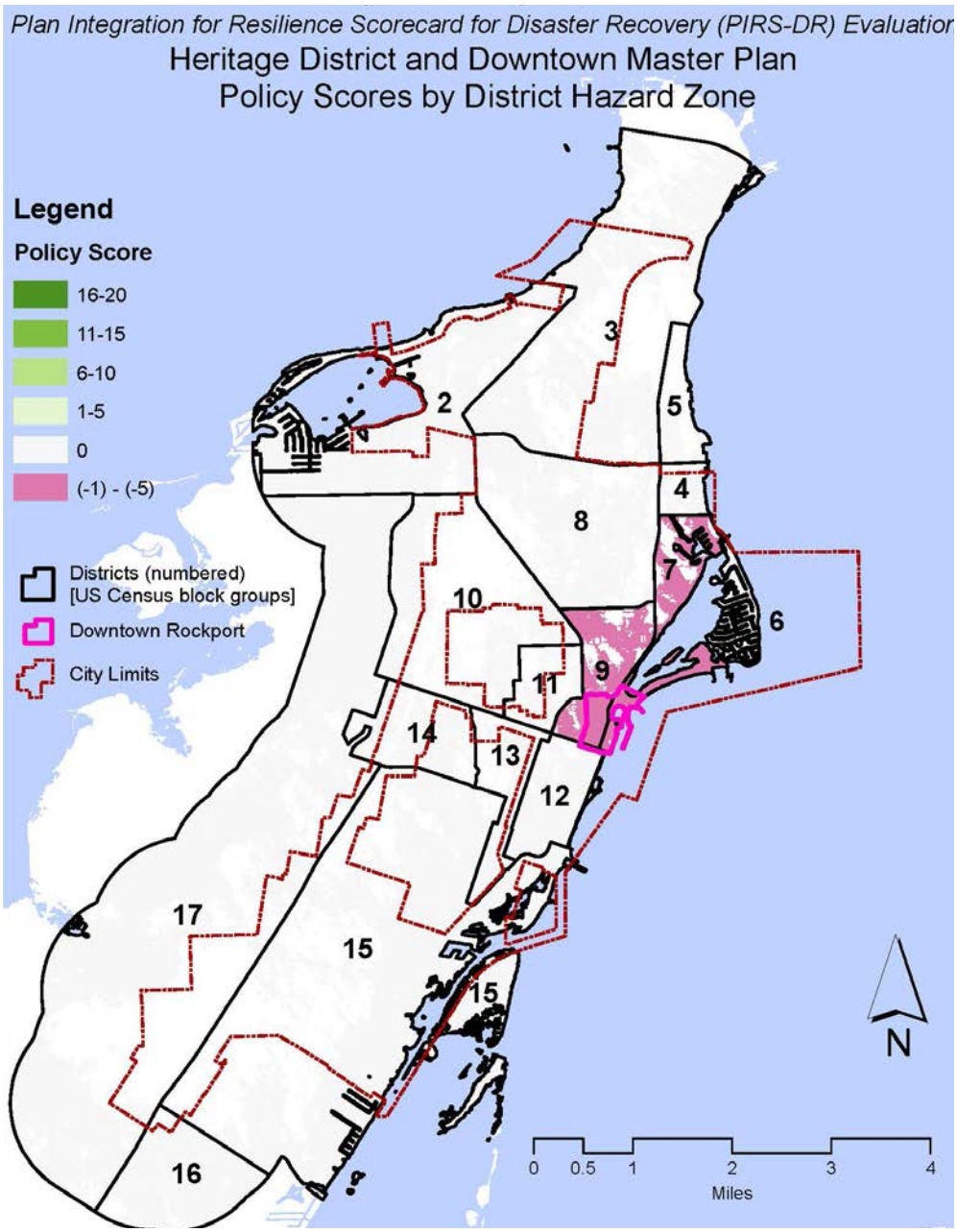


Figure 2.20: Heritage District and Downtown Master Plan Policy Scores by District Hazard Zone

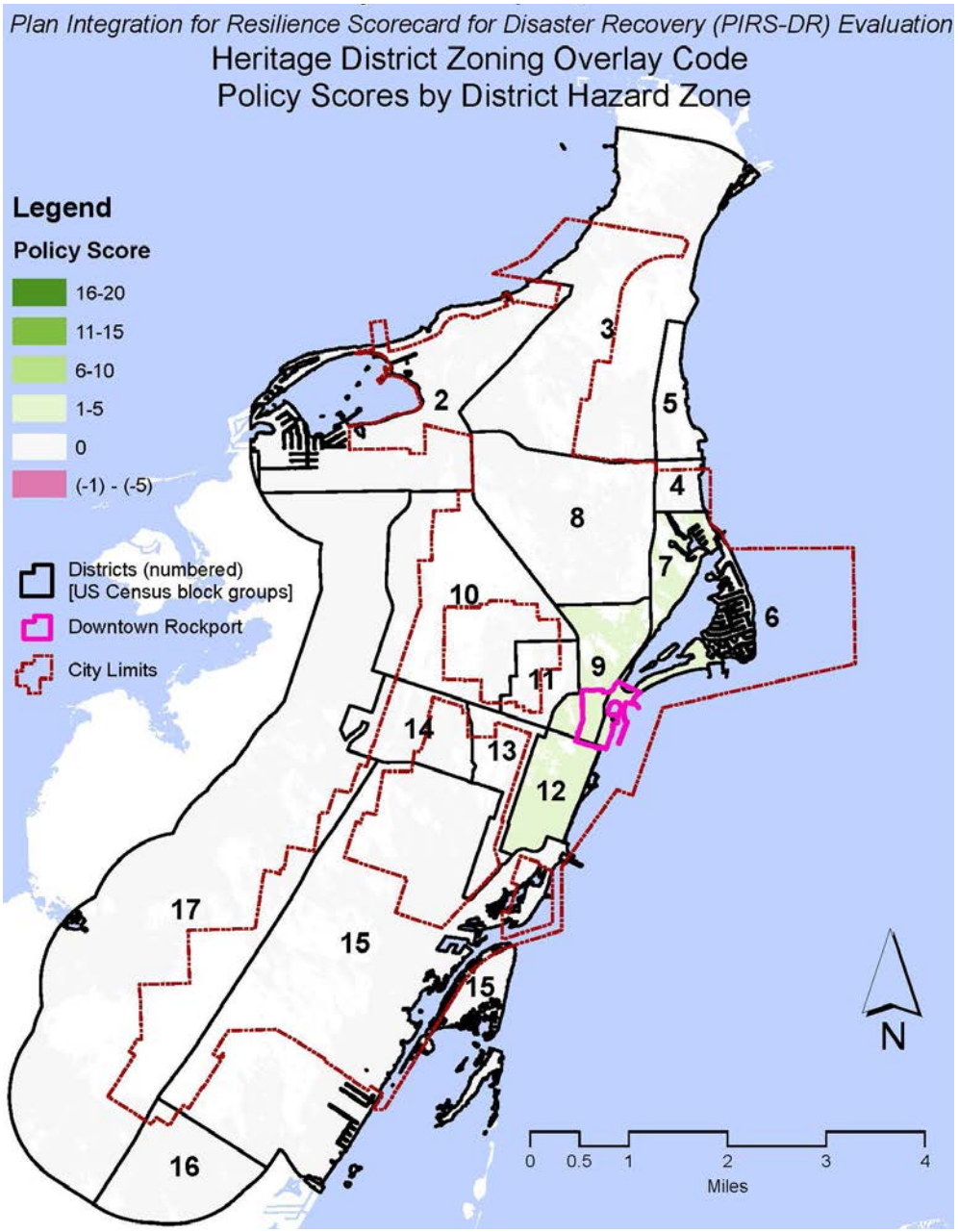


Figure 2.21: Heritage District Overlay Code Policy Scores by District Hazard Zone

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

During several planning workshops of visioning and strategizing, residents identified plan themes, and developed goals that aim to address their present needs and provide sustainable benefits for the future growth of the city. Each topic area has goals and objectives that work together to transform Rockport into a stronger, more connected community.

The following themes are the guiding principles for the plan:



Inclusive Community

- Create a sense of belonging/community outreach
- Increase representation of marginalized populations
- Partnerships between elderly and youth
- Youth and multi-family programs/activities and participatory planning



Responsible Growth

- Building resilience
- Fortified Standards
- Infrastructure
- Renewable energy



Connected Rockport

- Recreational mobility options
- Medical facilities and senior care facilities
- Housing affordability
- Maintain small town feel with Mom & Pop shops



Strong Economy

- Increase diversity of economy
- Strong workforce
- Promote tourism



Diverse Culture and Art

- Arts and entertainment for all
- Night life for youth, young adults, and families
- Activities for residents and visitors of all ages



Coastal Charm

- Promote conservation and protection of natural resources and environment, including the flora and fauna
- Affordable activities and spaces for public engagement with the water

Table 2.3 The following are goals that will serve the public interest of the city

Goal 3.1 Achieve a more inclusive land use plan and comprehensive zoning ordinance by providing land uses that preserve the integrity of Rockport's Community Character	
Goal 3.2 Guide the future growth of the city according to the community's vision	
Goal 3.3 Establish development regulations to reduce hazard exposure within the city	
Goal 4.1. Expand the Availability of Quality Housing to Meet the Needs of a Diverse Population &; Build Strong Neighborhoods to Enhance Community Character	
Goal 4.2. Build Resilient Homes, Maintain Safe Neighborhoods, and Enhance Community Character	
Goal 5.1 Provide Safe and Efficient Roadway network	
Goal 5.2 Develop an annual maintenance and inventory for the transportation system	
Goal 5.3 Implement Complete Street policies in the multi-modal network to enhance safety and connectivity	
Goal 6.1 Develop a diverse and resilient economy	
Goal 6.2 Establish strategies and programs to foster a skilled workforce.	
Goal 6.3 Support existing economic assets	
Goal 7.1 Preserve & Protect the Threatened Animals and Sensitive Natural Resources of Live Oak Peninsula, the Little Bay Estuary, Aransas Bay & Gulf of Mexico	
Goal 7.2 Prepare the City for Disasters that Could Adversely Affect the Health, Safety, & General Welfare of Residents & Visitors	
Goal 7.3 Maximize environmental and economic benefits of ecotourism industry.	
Goal 8.1 Ensure that All Infrastructure Elements meet existing & projected demands in a manner that will minimize environmental impacts	
Goal 8.2 Promote the peninsula's heritage and encourage the preservation and revitalization of the historic resources for the educational, cultural and economic benefit of all	

The following Chapters describe the existing conditions, recommendations, goals and objectives for development, transportation, economy, housing, and community facilities.

3 DEVELOPMENT



OVERVIEW

Land use planning is central to creating an efficient, equitable, safe, and sustainable community. The City of Rockport aims to enhance development and land use practices to better respond to growing challenges posed by extreme weather events and a changing climate. Rockport is committed to protecting the properties and lives of the residents and seeks to explore strategies that could help avoid or minimize the negative impacts of hazards on the community.

This chapter describes the community's vision for the future of Rockport and guides the future development by explaining land-use policies and development priorities. The chapter articulates how and where development may occur. However, this plan doesn't establish zoning regulations or district boundaries.

The future land use map provides guidance for rezoning decisions and updates to development regulations regarding the community's future growth and character. It is not a zoning map. It is a conceptual map, depicting the community vision and future planning objectives.

"A comprehensive plan shall not constitute zoning regulations or establish zoning district boundaries."

EXISTING LAND USE

Land use planning involves the arrangement of land to ensure the compatibility of different land uses. The existing land use inventory, which classifies different types of land use activities, is an important means of identifying current conditions and trends.

Zoning is one of the most common land use regulations used to control and direct the development of property within the city limits. The City of Rockport adopted its first zoning ordinances in 1996 as an effort to reduce traffic congestion, increase safety against fire and other dangers, promote health and public welfare, provide adequate light and air, and prevent the overcrowding of land. It also works to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewer, schools, parks, and other public requirements. Since then, these ordinances have been updated periodically. The current code of ordinances was updated in October 2018. The Rockport Heritage District Zoning Overlay Code was adopted in February 2012.

The current zoning ordinance contains fourteen districts that fall into general categories of residential, commercial, and industrial district (see Table 3.1). Table 3.1 shows the breakdown of the zoning categories which coordinates with a zoning map (Figure 3.1). While the particular zone does not directly define the land use of that lot, it does play a major role in the current land use that is seen in Rockport. Table 3.2 shows the current land use based on the zoning map (Figure 3.2) and Aransas County Appraisal District parcel data.

Table 3.1: City of Rockport Zoning Districts

Zoning Districts	Definition	Area (acres)
Residential		
R-1	1st Single-Family Dwelling District	6830.3
R-2	2nd Single Family Dwelling District	511.3
R-2B	Zero Lot Line Single-Family District	17.3
R-2M	Manufactured Housing District	122.7
R-3	Duplex Dwelling District	9.1
R-4	1st Multi-Family Dwelling District	19.4
R-5	2nd Multi-Family Dwelling District	166.0
R-6	Hotel/Motel District	132.4
R-7	Residential and Office District	18.4
Commercial/ Business		
B-1	General Business District	946.5
B-2	Central Business District	9.2
Industrial		
I-1	Light Industrial District	174.7
I-2	Heavy Industrial District	61.7
Others		
P.U.D	Planned Unit Development District	104.5
C.U.P	Conditional Use Permit District	157.7

Table 3.2: City of Rockport Existing Land Use

Category	Area (Acres)
Single Family	2345.49
Manufactured Homes	54.17
Multi-Family	39.96
Commercial	394.19
Public/Institutional	122.80
Hotel/Motel	29.39
Industrial	10.53
RV Parks	46.53
Open Space	159.60
Undeveloped Land	2333.82

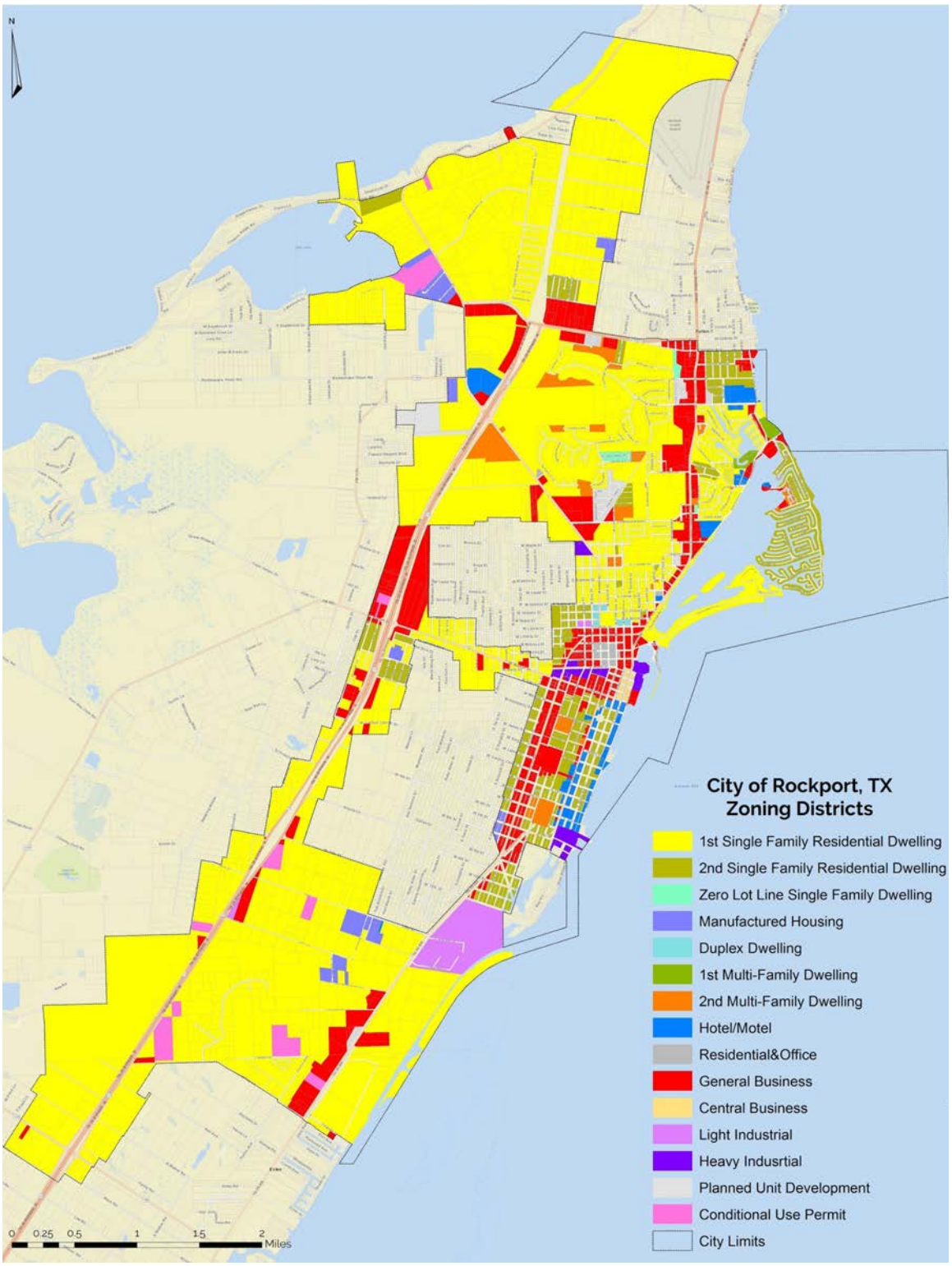


Figure 3.1: Zoning Districts in Rockport

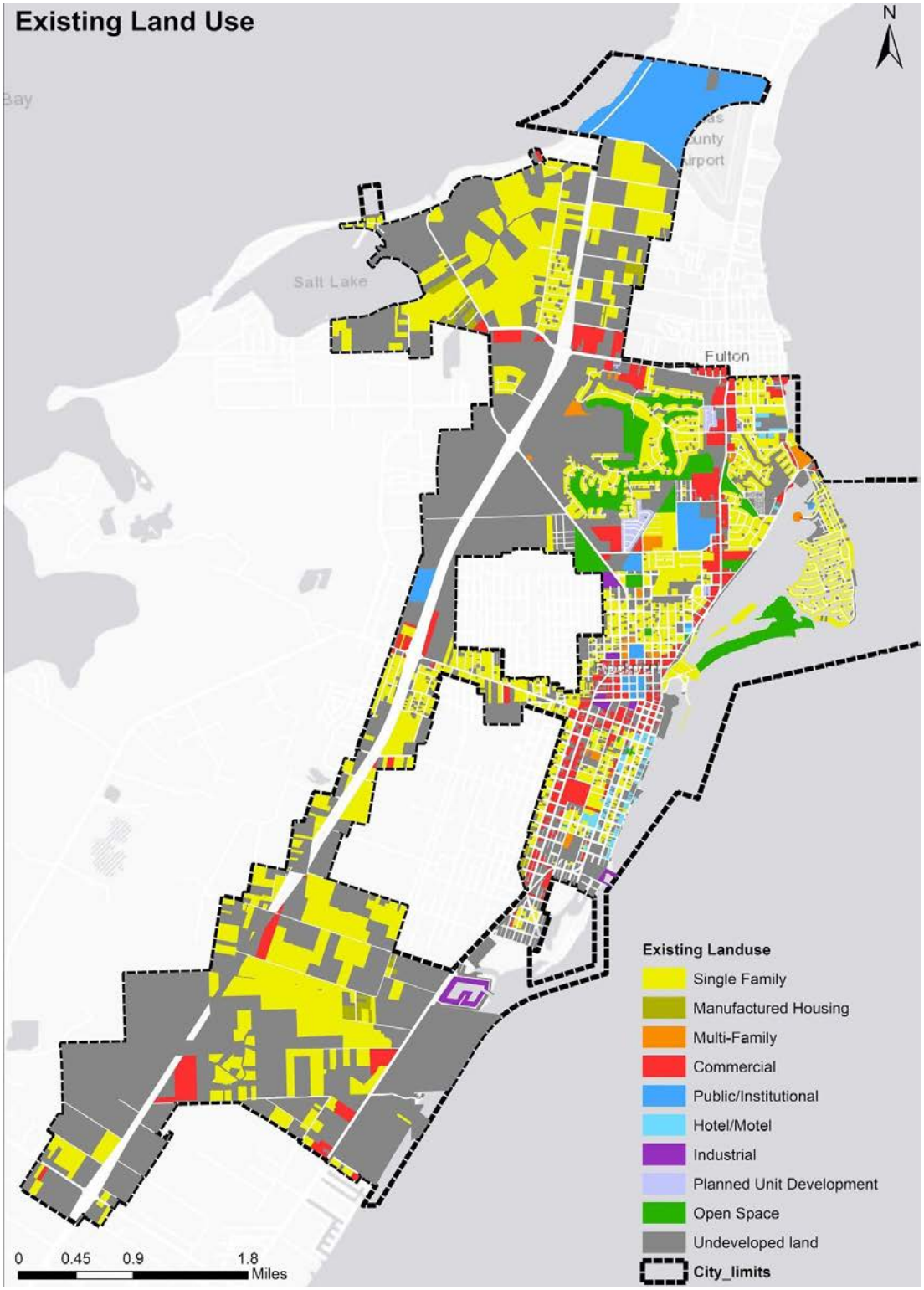


Figure 3.2: Land Use Map

SCENARIO PLANNING

To better plan for the future, scenario planning is used to envision possible outcomes by considering the full range of emerging conditions and uncertainties. The goal is to identify elements that are preferred and needed for the development of the community. This process began by reviewing current patterns, projected forecasts, and influential factors to develop three plausible potential futures.

SCENARIO 1- "BUSINESS AS USUAL"

The "Business as Usual" scenario represents how the City of Rockport will develop and grow if existing regulations do not change in the next 30 years. This scenario focuses on preserving the existing development pattern and scenario shows the development according to the current policies, regulations, and practices.

Key Takeaways

- Reflects the current land use practices in Rockport by enforcing the existing land use regulations.
- Increases single family residential development, but lacks a range of housing options.
- Expands commercial and residential development along Highway 35 Bypass.
- Increases commercial development around the downtown area.
- Preserves existing neighborhoods, as there are no major changes to current development patterns.
- Increases buildings in the floodplain.
- Increases impervious land cover and loss of existing wetlands.

SCENARIO 2- "COASTAL BUZZ"

The "Coastal Buzz" scenario represents how growth may occur if development is centered around the Downtown Heritage District in the next 30 years. This scenario will likely affect the tourism industry in Rockport as the focus is to provide more economic opportunities related to tourism and recreation with the goal of creating a "Coastal Charm City."

Key Takeaways

- Increases density in the downtown area where the majority of economic growth will occur.
- Increase residential development in the Downtown Heritage District, and lower density in areas outside the downtown district.
- Conserves more open space due to limited development on the currently vacant land and increased infill/redevelopment.
- Increases development in the floodplain, increasing the need to protect the Downtown Heritage District and future coastal development.

SCENARIO 3- "GROWING OUTWARD"

The "Growing Outward" scenario focuses on development around the Highway 35 Bypass. This scenario represents a more "resilient Rockport" by driving development away from the coastline of the city and bringing more inland development. The purpose of this scenario is to allow the Bypass to drive development in the city and to create a safer and more resilient community. This scenario also shows what the city could look like if the un-annexed areas in the center of the city were to be annexed and incorporated in the future.

Key Takeaways

- Directs development inland and away from the floodplain.
- Encourages design standards to incorporate a "small town feel".
- Increases parks and open space around the city near the edges of the peninsula, to provide more mitigation and protection efforts from coastal hazards and flooding.
- Protects wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas.
- Increases commercial development along major corridors.

Each of the three scenarios prioritizes different community values and embraces a unique overall feel. These scenarios were presented to Rockport residents at a public meeting for feedback and altered to produce the final future land use map.

PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Sustainable growth and responsible development are important to the residents, which begin with protection from natural disasters. Because Rockport is susceptible to hazards and sea level rise, the community hopes to see measures taken to protect community facilities, homes, and residents. The community supports the preservation of open space and wetlands for stormwater mitigation. It is important to the community to restore and rebuild Rockport to be more sustainable and resilient through building codes and ordinances, sea level consideration, and over all community protection.



Figure 3.3: Single-family residence
Picture Courtesy: Emily Tedford



Figure 3.4: Multi-family residences
Picture Courtesy: Emily Tedford

RECOMMENDATIONS

FUTURE LAND USE

Because this Comprehensive Plan is meant to be oriented toward the future of Rockport, future land use provides a visual guide to the future development and growth of the city. Future land use bring together elements of the comprehensive plan such as economic development, housing, community facilities, environment, and transportation.

The future land use map (Figure 3.8) was developed based on the feedback that was received during the scenario planning public meetings and other public feedback period. The goal is to provide accommodations to suit the needs of the current and future citizens of Rockport. The information in this chapter captures the city's policies regarding how and where Rockport will grow and change for years to come. This community vision is conceptualized in a future land use map with different districts. However, the future land use map is not a zoning map and doesn't establish the zoning district boundaries.



Figure 3.5: Commercial development



Figure 3.6: Industrial Facility



Figure 3.7: Open space

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LEGEND

- Single Family
- Multi-Family Dwelling District
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Open Space
- Airport
- Rockport City Limits

"A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE ZONING REGULATIONS OR ESTABLISH ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES"

C. O. D. GILLILAND SURVEY A-70
DAVID LOCKARD SURVEY A-97
ARANSAS BAY
COPANO BAY
FULTON OUTLOTS
SALT LAKE
COLEMAN-FULTON PASTURE COMPANY SUBDIVISION
MOORE FARM TRACTS
SMITH & WOOD DIVISION
DOUGHTY & HARRIS DIVISION
LITTLE BAY
MANNING ADDITION
C. B. LUCAS SUBDIVISION
FOOR & SWICKHEIMER SUBDIVISION
ALFRED MORRIS SURVEY A-151
CHARLES S. ZENN SURVEY A-226
BURTON & DANFORTH SUBDIVISION
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Land Districts

Single Family Residential

A location where the lots contain a stand-alone structure with its own lot intended for one family.

Multi-Family Residential

A location where the lots contain multiple separate housing units for residential use. It can contain one or several buildings, usually an apartment or condominium.

Commercial

A location that is intended for use by for-profit businesses. Examples of this kind of use are office complexes or shopping malls.

Industrial

A type of land use intended for warehouse, industrial, storage use.

Open Space

Any open piece of land that is undeveloped and accessible to the public.

RV PARKS

Due to its brand as a popular tourist destination and proximity to large industries to the south of the city, Rockport is an attractive city to develop recreational vehicle (RV) parks. The development of RV parks are regulated as a Conditional Use within the City zoning ordinance. Conditions outlined within this section dictate very basic regulations for a park. Community members have expressed concern about the locations where these parks have chosen to develop, the landscape and screening required of the parks, and the availability of adequate utilities at these locations. These expressed elements of concerns can be incorporated into the current ordinance to strengthen requirements and have these reflect community vision.

The plan also suggests considering adding provisions for RV Parks specifically in the "Multi-Family Residential," and "Commercial" areas, while not fully providing an entitlement to place an RV Park anywhere in those land districts but rather adding a caveat to allow RV Park where appropriate based on existing surrounding development and land uses. City Staff and City Council will need to evaluate the appropriateness of an R-8 rezone request.

CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS

The City will explore conservation subdivision and environmental corridor district to protect environmentally sensitive areas. It is recommended that the City consider doing a corridor study for Highway 35 Bypass and develop an environmental corridor district. Similarly, the City will also consider a conservation subdivision. The difference between traditional subdivisions and conservation subdivisions is seen in Figure 3.13. Conservation subdivisions are residential subdivisions with design techniques that reserve at least half of the buildable land area to "undivided, permanently protected open space." Conservation subdivision design helps communities protect vulnerable natural and cultural areas without reducing residential densities. These designs secure more land for wildlife habitats, filter and retain stormwater runoff, and maintain the natural environment. Developers can link open space areas to the adjacent subdivisions, creating a network of environmental corridors.

There are several steps that must be taken in order to implement these designs. First, the community must identify the features and resources it wants to protect from future development to maximize environmental benefits. Community members have expressed a desire to protect the floodplain, wetlands, live oak trees, and groundwater recharge areas.

Based on the conservation priorities, the zoning and subdivision regulations must be updated to specify permissible locations for conservation subdivisions and set standards for the new development in regards to percentage of the land that is being protected, lot sizes, frontage designs, setbacks, and street widths. Additionally, the regulations need to specify the methods for protecting the open spaces, maintenance and ownership. Lastly, the City needs to promote the benefits of conservation subdivision design

and the process of implementing it. Education and assistance to developers and community members not only increase the chances of conservation designs but also help support the community's vision for development and land conservation.

ANNEXATION

Annexation is a land use management tool authorized by state law that cities can utilize to regulate properties within an area that is adjacent in a certain radius from its city limits called the "extraterritorial jurisdiction" or ETJ. The Texas Local Government Code defines the location of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality dependent on its population. Because Rockport is a city with a population between 5,000 to 24,999 inhabitants, its ETJ radius is one mile. The 2017 and 2019 Texas Legislative Sessions have modified the rules dictating how municipalities can annex per Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code. The city will need to be cognizant of the changes that occurred in these sessions, along with any legislation that will be passed in future sessions.

The City of Rockport most recently annexed land in 2016 and 2017, incorporating land along Market Street (FM 1069), Pearl Street (FM 2165), and State Highway 35 Bypass. These series of annexations have left two areas surrounded by the city limits that have yet to be incorporated into the city. At time of publication, there are no plans to annex any further within the extraterritorial jurisdiction. Once annexed, the city zoning ordinance requires that any newly annexed land gets zoned into the most restrictive, least dense zoning category which is R-1 1st Single-Family Dwelling District. The most recent annexation has caused staff to consider re-evaluating that policy to one that would better consider the land uses existing in a proposed annexation area.

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE DISTRICT

The downtown areas of cities often define the heart and character of an entire community. Streets are lined with historic buildings of yesteryear, and citizens want to preserve the area's cultural significance. Some cities choose to go through the process of getting their downtown areas designated for its cultural and/or historic significance. Such designations include Cultural Arts Districts or Main Street Program through the state, or the National Register of Historic Places. In 2016, downtown Rockport was designated as a State Cultural Arts District by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

A downtown heritage district is an area of a city that contains older buildings which are considered to be valuable because of the history or the architecture of the buildings but may not have yet gone through the process of being recognized as historically significant by a state or federal agency. These areas receive legal protection from certain kinds of development. Cities often develop a set of development standards and restrictions to maintain character and history.

The City of Rockport adopted the 2006 Downtown Master Plan to enhance, revitalize, and diversify businesses in Downtown Rockport. The vision was for Downtown to be a destination point, be charming and friendly, walkable, have thriving businesses and economy, and have an unobstructed waterfront view. The master plan serves as the foundation for the planning and decisions of the downtown and heritage districts. The goals and expectations of development in the Downtown and Heritage District later became the basis for the 2014 Rockport Heritage District Zoning Overlay Code (RHDZO). The primary purpose for the RHDZO is to implement the Design Goals noted in the 2006 Master Plan. Buildings and structures should reflect the coastal heritage of the peninsula with unique style and character through awnings and landscaping, signage, murals and art, and other unique design characteristics.

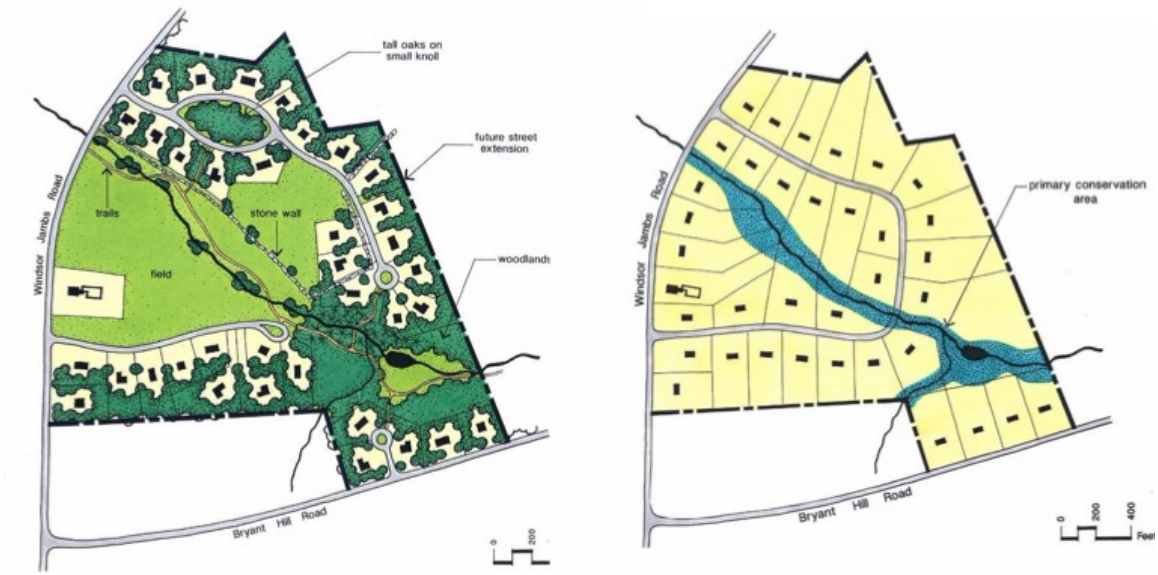


Figure 3.9: Conservation Design
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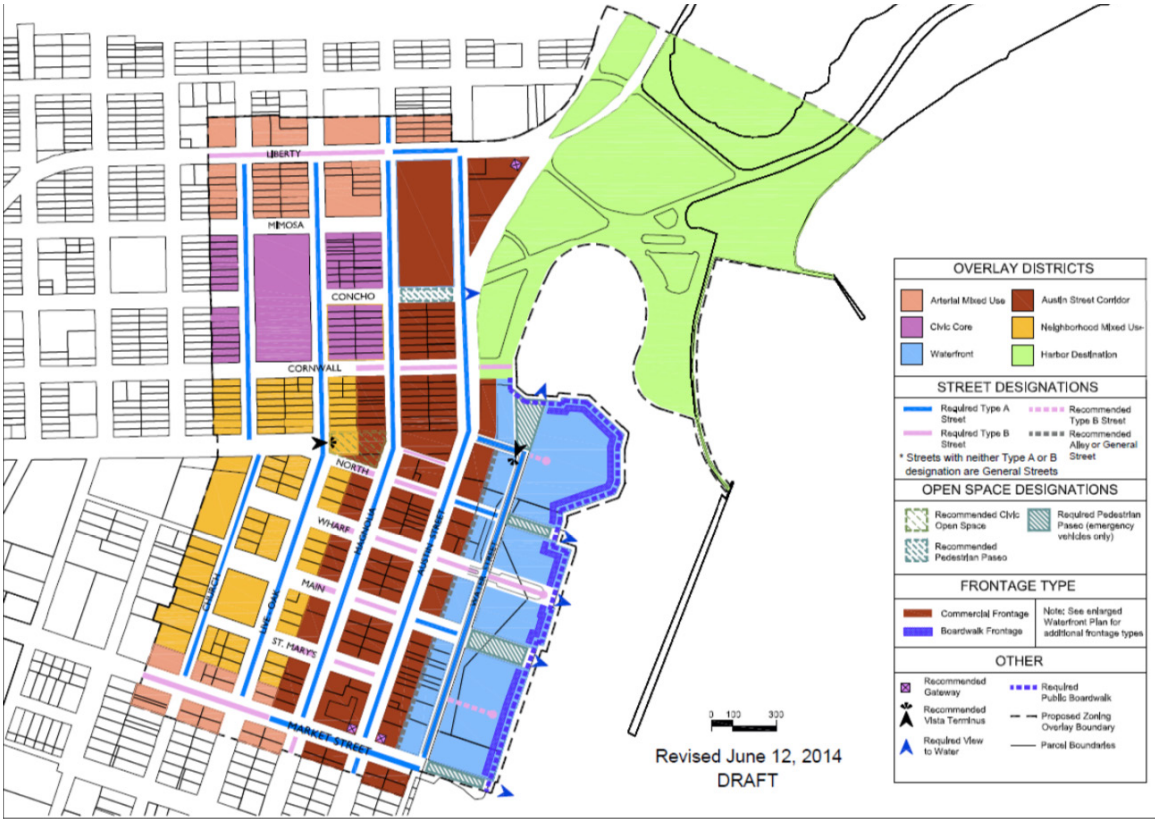


Figure 3.10: Downtown Heritage District Overlay
Source: Rockport Heritage District Overlay Code

Specific codes and standards for development were established in the RHDZO that promote public welfare, enhance implementation, promote walkable development, and promote the goals and objectives of the city's Comprehensive Plan and 2006 Heritage District Master Plan. Character districts within the Rockport Heritage District (RHD) enables development standards for functional and aesthetic design that reflect the vision of each area.

RHD's Character Districts (Figure 3.10):

- Austin Street Corridor
- Waterfront District
- Neighborhood District
- Arterial District
- Civic Core District
- Harbor Destination

Another important purpose of the RHDZO is to encourage historic preservation. Revitalization is a high priority, but it is vital to protect and promote the character and history of Rockport. RHD revitalization will help in supporting economic development through job creation and making the area more appealing for future investors and visitors. Like other parts of municipal regulatory authority, the 2019 state legislative session curtailed how cities can regulate what types of building materials can be used on the facades of structures. This is a major element with the RHDZO and may require staff to make subsequent amendments to the code in order to be compliant with the state's ruling.

In May 2019, a Community Planning Assistance Team with the American Planning Association conducted a week-long site visit and made recommendations specific to downtown Rockport. Recommendations fell under three categories—flood mitigation and resilience, economic resilience, and downtown design and vitality. A full definitive report of the team's recommendations should be released in February 2020.

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PLAN INTEGRATION

TEXAS MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Texas Main Street Program (TMSP) was created by the Texas Historical Commission 1980 with the goal of revitalizing and improving economic health of historic resources with the help of local communities. Their mission is "to provide technical expertise, education, resources and support to designated Main Street communities. Utilizing our individual and collective skills, we shall guide our designated programs in effectively preserving and revitalizing their historic downtowns and commercial neighborhood districts in accord with the National Main Street Four Point Approach™ of organization, design, economic vitality and promotion." Their approach to downtown revitalization is four fold:

- Organization
- Promotion
- Design
- Economic Vitality

There are 88 official Texas Main Street communities across texas with populations ranging from less than 2,000 to more than 300,000. These communities have been able to improve their economies, add more jobs, and improve their overall environment.

DESIGN GUIDELINE

The adopted Design Guidelines in the previous Comprehensive Plan have been valuable to Rockport citizens and the City to guide new development in the community. The plan recommends reviewing and updating the Design Guidelines to match the current needs of the community.

RPAT

PLAN INTEGRATION

URBAN LAND INSTITUTE (ULI) PRINCIPLES FOR REBUILDING DOWNTOWN

1. *Great Streets Need Great Champions.* Someone to initiate the process, fight to ensure it is done right, and follow through to completion. The champion can be a group or an individual.
2. *It Takes Vision.* The vision must be shared and face the tough questions up front, making sure everyone understands the realities of the situation, and setting goals that are attainable.
3. *Think Residential.* Successful retail depends on successful residential neighborhoods.
4. *Honor the Pedestrian.* The first goal for a neighborhood shopping street should be to satisfy the aspirations and enhance the lifestyles of a neighborhood's residents. And, cautions the ULI, don't let traffic engineers rule the streets.
5. *Parking is Power.* Recognize that parking needs will usually be less along neighborhood shopping streets than in suburban shopping centers. Set lower parking requirements.
6. *Merchandise and Lease Proactively.* To achieve higher sales, rents, and land values, landlords along the street need to band together and work with the public sector to merchandise and lease their street in a coordinated and mutually supportive way.
7. *Make it Happen.* Communities should be willing to use both carrots and sticks to convince landowners, developers, and retailers that the revitalization efforts are in their interests.
8. *Be Clean, Safe and Friendly.* If a neighborhood shopping street is clean, safe, and friendly, customers will be drawn to their favorite shops even though the street as a whole may still be in transition.
9. *Extend Day into Night.* Identify, plan for, and tap multiple markets to generate income throughout the day and into the night.
10. *Manage for Change.* Rebuilding a neighborhood retail street is a long reinvestment process and market realities will undoubtedly continue to change throughout the ongoing life of the street. One-shot or formulaic projects will fail.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

The city's building codes and ordinances guide and regulate construction in floodplains. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the zone that FEMA designates as the 100-year floodplain or, an area that has a 1% chance of flooding annually (Zones A and AE). The coastal edges of the east and west sides of the Live Oak Peninsula are in the "A" or "AE" zone. The 500-year floodplain designation can better be explained as an area having a 2% chance of flooding annually (Zones B and X). The central portion of the peninsula is in the "B and X" and "C and X" zones which are the areas with minimal flood risk. Figure 3.11 displays the Flood Hazard Areas within and around the City of Rockport.

To help reduce the impact of flooding of private and public structures, Rockport is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The purpose of the program is to provide affordable flood insurance to property owners while encouraging communities to utilize flood mitigation strategies, such as adopting minimum building and development standards. In order to participate in the program, the city is required to enforce the adopted floodplain regulations based on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

The City adopted a freeboard requirement in 2016 as a way to alleviate risk of flood waters invading homes. The freeboard is the distance from the lowest livable floor of a property to the base flood elevation. Rockport requires at least 18 inches of freeboard. Many of the structures that were 50% or more damaged by Hurricane Harvey are now required to come into compliance with new floodplain regulations. Elevating a structure to this higher freeboard standard reduces risk of future flooding and reduces the cost of flood insurance as outlined in the National Flood Insurance Program.

As part of this effort to inspire communities to make themselves less vulnerable, the Community Rating System (CRS) was introduced to encourage communities to exceed the minimum NFIP requirements in exchange for monetary incentives. The CRS uses a class rating system from 1 to 9 with the goal being to reach a lower class rating for maximum incentives. Currently the City of Rockport is at a class 7 but is actively looking to incorporate activities that would help achieve a higher class rating. The CRS Coordinator's Manual identifies six categories of floodplain management activities that can increase a community's resilience to flooding and improve their overall score.

CRS Activity Categories are as follows:

- Preventive
- Property Protection
- Natural Resource Protection
- Emergency Services
- Structural Projects
- Public Information

The CRS recognizes, encourages, and rewards community and state activities that go beyond the minimum standards required by the NFIP.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Aransas County adopted the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP) in October 2017. The county-wide plan focuses on reducing future losses by analyzing hazard risk and identifying mitigation strategies. The plan establishes five overall goals and lists mitigation actions for each jurisdiction. For effective integration of hazard mitigation in local planning, the comprehensive plan aims to align with the goals and actions of the HMAP.

HMAP goals for Aransas County are:

- Protect public health and safety.
- Protect new and existing properties.
- Build and support partnerships to enhance mitigation to continuously become less vulnerable to hazards.
- Leverage outside funds for investment in hazards mitigation.
- Increase the understanding of residents for the need for mitigation and steps they can take to protect people and properties.

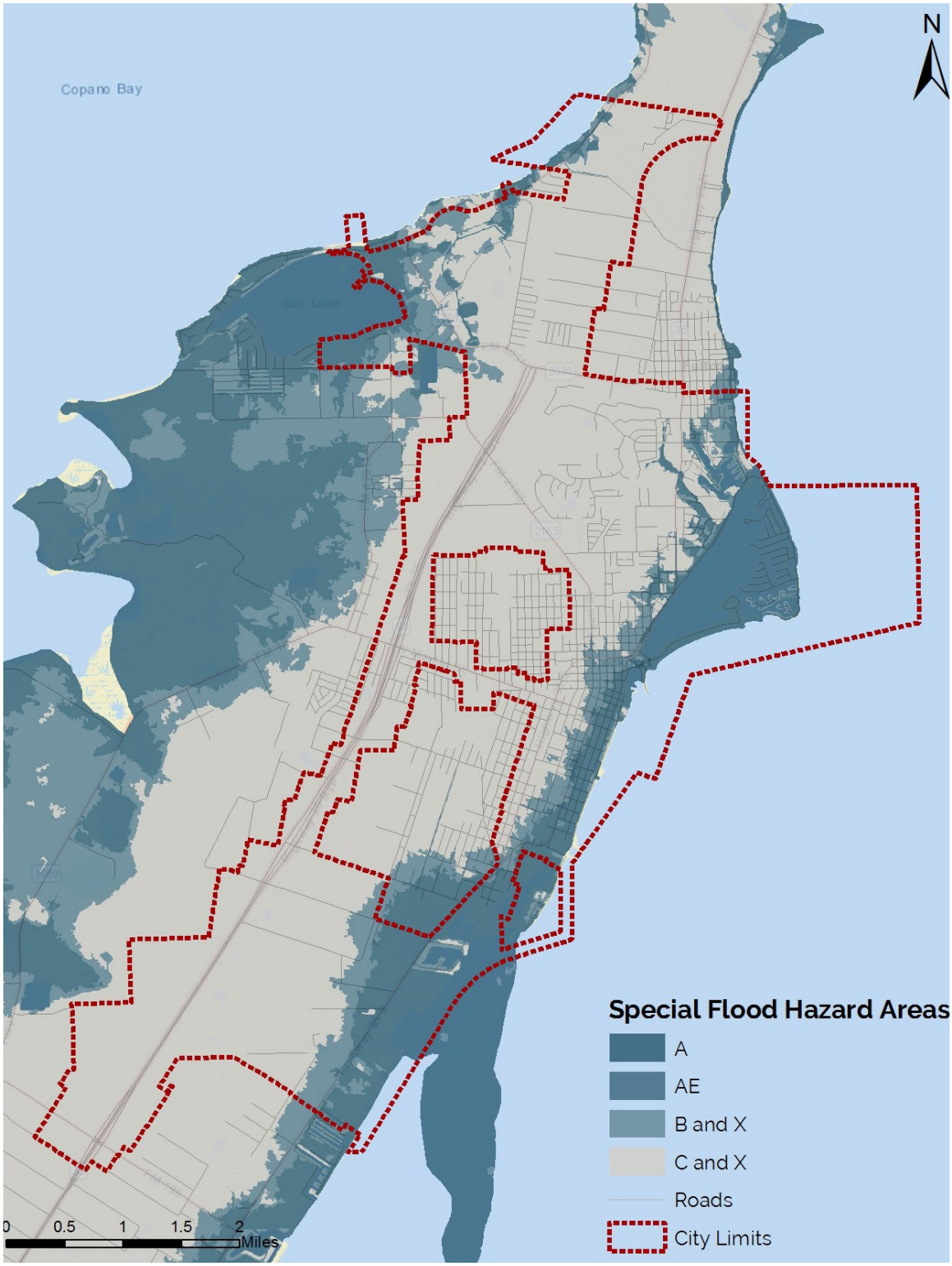


Figure 3.11: Special Flood Hazard Areas in Rockport

HIGH TIDE FLOODING

High tide flooding, often referred to as "nuisance" flooding, occurs at high tide on a calm, sunny day causing costly public inconvenience. Coastal communities are at a greater risk of nuisance flooding because of rising sea levels, land subsidence, and loss of natural barriers. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the number of high-tide flood days is expected to increase and hit record highs in the coming years. NOAA projections indicate up to 15 high-tide flood days in 2030 in Rockport.

The NOAA Inundation Dashboard is an online tool coastal communities and decision makers can use to prepare for and manage flood events. It includes real-time water level information, 48-hour forecasts of water levels, storm surge and historic flooding information.

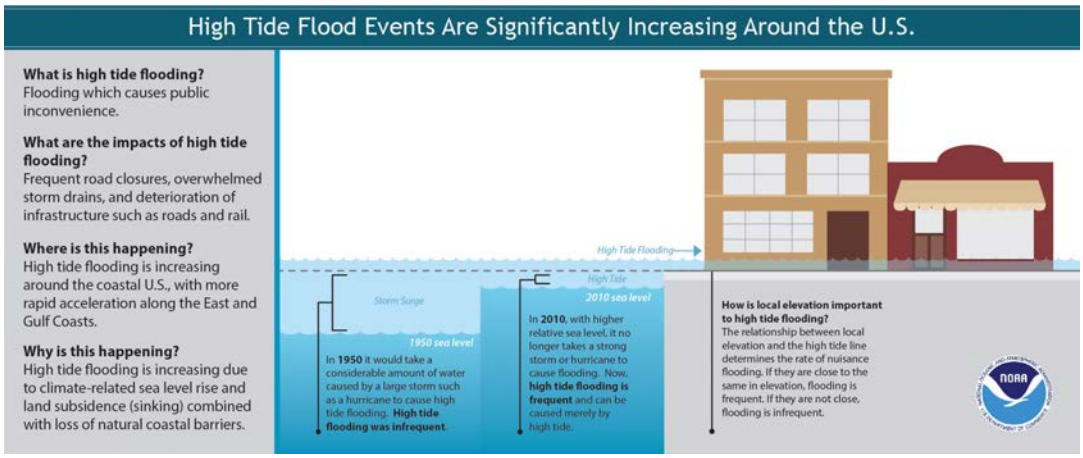


Figure 3.12: High Tide Flood Events
Source: oceanservice.noaa.gov

GUIDELINES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT

As Rockport continues to recover and grow, the preservation of natural landscapes becomes increasingly important. The city is exploring Green Infrastructure (GI) and Low Impact Development (LID) practices to mitigate the effects of future disruptions. Green infrastructure includes measures that mimic natural processes to store, reuse, or reduce stormwater. Low Impact Development is land development that mimics natural processes for managing stormwater on site while still achieving water protection goals. The focus on GI and LID is an intentional strategy to address local flooding and drainage issues.

The following guidelines have been developed for new development and redevelopment of underused areas.

Avoid new development in flood-prone areas and within floodplains.

Floodplains allow for overflow of water bodies when extreme rain events occur and provide an impoundment area while water levels recede. The city will avoid any new development in these areas to protect lives and properties. Parks, recreational, or sports uses with minimal structures are compatible with floodplains.Reduce

Impervious Land Cover

To avoid flooding and preserve water quality, it is recommended that a limit is placed on the amount of impervious cover on land. Impervious cover is any surface that cannot absorb and

filter water, like roofs and roadways. When roadways and parking lots are constructed, especially in areas that have lower elevation, it becomes increasingly difficult to mitigate water collection and runoff. For this reason, it is important to preserve existing green spaces or develop new ones in the form of parks and nature areas. Reducing the amount of impervious surface is a key strategy in LID for managing stormwater. This can be achieved by:

- Paving less, reducing lane widths and reducing impervious footprints
- Make use of existing infrastructure by redeveloping infill sites or greyfields

Consider fill restriction

Fill is earthen material, like gravel, dirt, or sand, which is brought in during development to level or elevate the land. Fill can cause issues in the floodplain because it can reduce its holding capacity, which further increases the risk of flooding in existing development. One way to reduce flood risk is to implement a zero net fill requirement in which new fill is offset by removing existing fill from another area of the floodplain. Additionally, a "no-rise" requirement can help with flood risk by ensuring that fill does not reduce floodplain carrying capacity.

Manage water where it falls

Flooding is often the result of increased runoff from large amounts of impervious surfaces and upstream development. To mitigate urban flooding and the impacts of stormwater runoff, the city should consider design strategies at several scales:

Design for small rain events (first ½" of rainfall or first flush)

- Direct downspouts to planter boxes, vegetated areas, rain gardens, etc.
- Direct runoff from paved areas to planted/vegetated areas
- Encourage xeric landscape design
- Plant trees along streets and in medians

Design for moderate rain events (1/2 to 1-1/2" of rainfall)

- Retain natural landscapes where possible

Design for large rain events (1-1/2" to 3" of rainfall)

- Use larger bio retention areas and rain gardens
- Vegetated swales with long flow paths to maximize the time runoff is conveyed through the swale

Design for extreme events (3" or more of rainfall)

- Combined flood measures – i.e. the "sponge city" approach
- Protect and restore riparian buffers along rivers, streams, wetlands, and coastlines
- Protect and restore wetlands, both those naturally occurring and "constructed."
- Increase vegetative cover in urban, suburban, or rural/agricultural areas.
- Increase the urban canopy by planting street trees and rwequiring all new development to comply with landscape requirements

MAPPING TOOL

The Texas Sustainable Coastal Initiative developed tools to allows users to query data and make maps based on different development scenarios and help communities make future decisions on sustainable growth while balancing other priorities. Users are able to answer the research questions on where growth will occur along the coast and the impact of such growth. The tool includes three Internet-based decision support systems that help users identify critical issues. Each of the three atlases listed below provide information about environmental degradation, natural hazard risks, and changes in land use patterns.

1. Texas Atlas
2. Texas Coastal Communities Atlas
3. Hurricane Evacuation Study

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT

The Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (H.R. 7279) was enacted in January 2019 (WIIA) to promote green infrastructure to meet water quality standards. The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act (CWA), was amended to permit local communities to develop a plan integrating wastewater and stormwater management to reduce economic burdens and protect water quality. Communities now have the freedom to develop an Integrated Plan (IP) that can be incorporated into their CWA permit. The Act permits the implementation of green infrastructure and projects to naturally reclaim, recycle, or reuse water by planting trees and restoring wetlands, rather than building a new water treatment plant.

Site-Level Techniques for Implementing GI and LID

The City of Rockport can encourage scalable techniques for implementing GI and LID on new sites or the redevelopment or existing sites. The practice of dispersed, small site applications addresses most rain events with an emphasis on managing the initial surface runoff of a rainstorm.

Paving Applications

- Porous pavements – a system used for surface paving that includes a subsurface gravel infiltration bed. The porous paving material (asphalt, concrete, or pavers) allows water to infiltrate through it and continue down through the gravel bed. This option can be used to detain runoff, thus saving land, and is particularly useful in urban redevelopment projects.

- Selective curb treatment – eliminating curbs along the edges of paved areas or roads allows runoff to be directed into adjacent bioswales or rain gardens to provide water for vegetation. Alternatively, flat (ribbon) curb edges or curb cuts can be used to accomplish the same purpose.

Landscape Application

- Bioretention Areas – also called rain gardens – are shallow depressions that capture runoff. They are planted with a variety of trees, shrubs, and perennials that mimic upper canopy, middle story, and ground floor conditions. Native or native-adapted plants that are able to withstand both drought and flood conditions and that possess the ability to form a dense root layer to cleanse pollutants from runoff should be chosen. Rain gardens can be used in residential lawns, in medians, along roadways, or in other areas adjacent to impervious surfaces.

- Bioswales – used to convey runoff from paved areas to retention ponds. The use of bioswales to connect a series of rain gardens creates a green network effective at reducing the quantity and velocity of runoff, increasing the time runoff is in a swale to allow for greater infiltration, and enhancing water quality.

- Subsurface infiltration beds – a uniformly open-graded aggregate bed under a vegetated or paved surface. Provide for storage and infiltration of runoff and are especially useful for athletic fields and parking areas. May be sloped in hilly or terraced areas.

- Tree trenches – a linear feature typically found along streets and sidewalks where runoff can be directed. These planted strips promote the health of street trees, especially when combined with structural soils designed to allow tree roots to penetrate more deeply than the compacted subsurface found beneath pavement.

- Street Bump-Outs – an extension of curbs that creates a widened landscape space to capture street runoff. Most effective when used at intersections, which increases their size and ability to handle more water. Can be used in a retrofitting strategy for "greening" urban areas and traffic calming.

LOW IMPACT DESIGN SUGGESTIONS

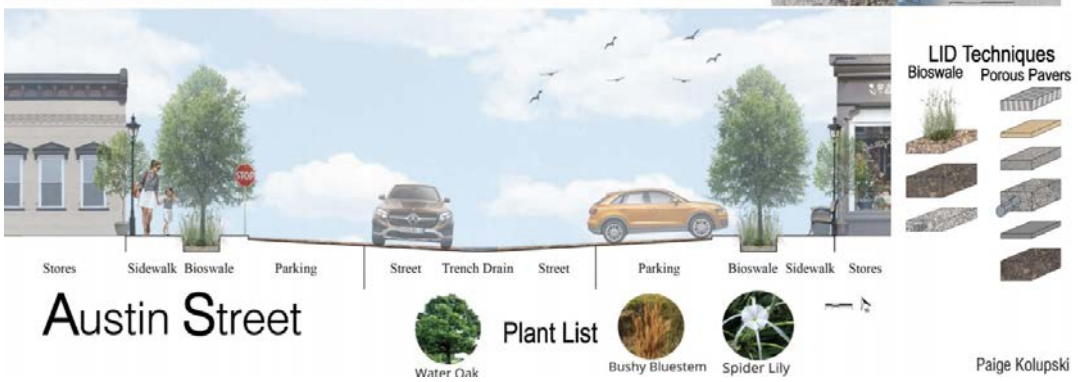
Several groups of Texas A&M and Texas Tech students worked in their classes to create design and infrastructure presentations with suggestions for Rockport. The goal for these presentations were to help with the community's resilience, diversity, accessibility, and sustainability. The figures below show some of the street design suggestions that would not only beautify Downtown Rockport, but also increase resilience. Some of these suggestions focus on several downtown streets (Austin St., Magnolia St., and Wharf St.). They include the addition of bike lanes and sidewalks, redesigning street slopes to direct water and improve drainage, implementing bioswale features and permeable land cover, and improving beautification with pavers and plant features.







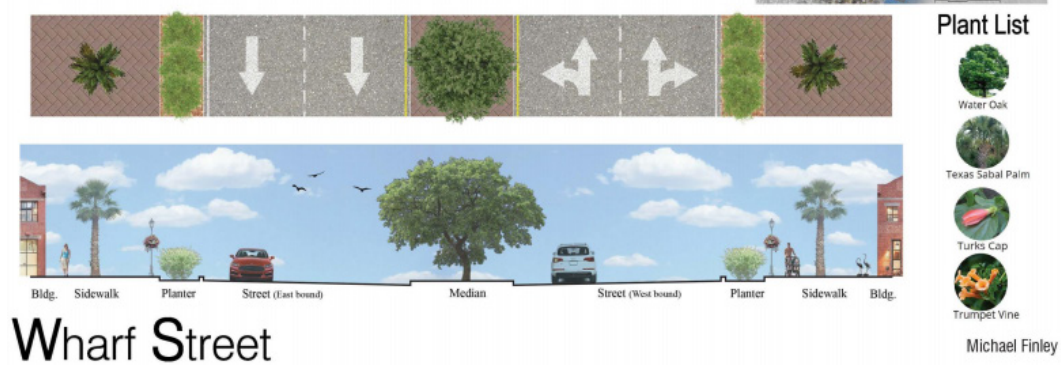



LID Techniques
Bioswale
Porous Pavers
Stores
Sidewalk
Bioswale
Parking
Street
Trench Drain
Street
Parking
Bioswale
Sidewalk
Stores
Austin Street
Plant List
Water Oak
Bushy Bluestem
Spider Lily
Paige Kolupski


Homes/ Business'
Sidewalk
Street
Bike Lane
Sidewalk
Magnolia Street
Gulf Muhly
Plant List
Water Oak
Spider Lily
Paige Kolupski






Plant List
Water Oak
Texas Sabal Palm
Turks Cap
Trumpet Vine
Bldg.
Sidewalk
Planter
Street (East bound)
Median
Street (West bound)
Planter
Sidewalk
Bldg.
Wharf Street
Michael Finley

RESOURCE: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE MODELING TOOLKIT

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) put together the Green Infrastructure Modeling Toolkit of cost effective and resilient tools to help communities green infrastructure implementation make decisions for stormwater management.

Storm Water Management Model (SWMM)

SWMM software is used for large-scale planning, analysis, and design related to water runoff, sewer systems, and other drainage systems. It helps users determine the effectiveness of managing runoff.

National Stormwater Calculator (SWC)

SWC software application allows users to estimate annual stormwater runoff amounts from specific U.S. locations on the basis of soil conditions, land cover, and rainfall records. Site developers can use SWC to determine how well stormwater retention target can be met with and without green infrastructure.

Green Infrastructure Wizard (GIWiz)

GIWiz is an interactive online application that gives users customized reports with EPA tools and resources based on the community's objective. The user can find tools and resources for community specific projects, and ideas. There is also an option to explore different categories and attributes to help the user find exactly what they want.

Watershed Management Optimization Support Tool (WMOST)

WMOST is a software that helps facilitate integrated water management by allowing water resource managers and city planners screen a wide range of practices for cost-effectiveness and environmental and economic stability.

Visualizing Ecosystems for Land Management Assessment (VELMA) Model

Regional planners and land managers can use VELMA to assess the effectiveness of natural and engineered green infrastructure management practices (riparian buffers, cover crops, and constructed wetlands).

Green Infrastructure Flexible Model (GIFMod)

GIFMod is a tool used to evaluate urban stormwater and agricultural green infrastructure practices. Users can build models of green infrastructure practices to make predictions about hydraulic and water quality performance under different weather scenarios.

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TAX ABATEMENTS

Provide tax abatement for property owners undertaking flood improvements. A tax increment reinvestment zone (TIRZ) would be used to encourage new development and growth through funding of critical infrastructure needs within the district and the waterfront. The TIRZ should mirror the boundary of the overall Heritage District including the waterfront to ensure that growth from areas likely to develop sooner can be captured to fund necessary infrastructure.

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STORMWATER MITIGATION

Short Term Recommendations

1. Create rain gardens and bioswales within higher and lower areas of Austin and Magnolia Streets.
   - Encourage private property owners to incorporate green infrastructure if possible.
2. Examine the two conveyance pipes to the bay in this area using a camera system to verify pipes (following Hurricane Harvey) remain fully functional.
   - If any segments are not fully functional, request a study to determine the feasibility of bringing the system into full performance.
3. Examine and test areas of the drainage system for accumulation of sand and silt and verify that the outlet points into the bay are clear and free of growth.
   - If there is any accumulation, a city street sweeper may be used periodically to clear accumulation between periodic vacuuming of the system.
4. Examine the functionality of backflow prevention devices on outlet points for the stormwater drains into the bay.

Long Term Recommendations

1. Examine the drainage system prior to future development.
   - New development requests could be conditioned for floodplain management purposes through the land development approval process to ensure the functionality of conveyance systems with respect to potential added impacts that may be mitigated by an applicant.
   - This would be supported through the city's planning process to ensure the floodplain management program meets the needs of new development within the Special Flood Hazard Area and to ensure new development does not aggravate the current flooding conditions.
2. Review repetitive-loss properties to identify potential acquisitions that may be made to assist in reducing flooding within the sub-basin (Austin Street and the Heritage District).

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POTENTIAL MITIGATION

For merchants or property owners with structures that cannot be structurally retrofitted pursuant to code, a second possible course of action is the potential to dry floodproof for a lesser amount of flood protection. One example includes small shields placed at doorways to minimize flooding into the building following a concurrent heavy rain event and high tide. The team recommends the city work with downtown merchants to hire a structural engineer to identify the best manner to install smaller systems to work effectively with the older structures.

- Solar energy and other renewable energy alternatives,
- Infrastructure improvements on Austin and Magnolia Streets that account for sea-level rise,
- Retrofitting and/or updating drainage, sewage, and electric to accommodate redevelopment and new development.

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A GREEN VISION FOR DOWNTOWN

Consistent with the city's comprehensive plan, considerations for a more resilient future in the long term may include the following with reconstruction and new development:

- Solar energy and other renewable energy alternatives,
- Infrastructure improvements on Austin and Magnolia Streets that account for sea-level rise
- Retrofitting and/or updating drainage, sewage and electric to accommodate redevelopment and new development.

The city and the Navigation District are looking to further promote and develop a walkway that will share not only new development, but also allow for foot traffic to experience the bay while also having access to Austin Street and areas to the east and west. To the east is the existing park, Festival Grounds, beach, and a host of other areas of interactions. To the west is a small shoreline that is currently experiencing erosion and is uninviting. The team witnessed the inundation of the road continuing further west along the shore during the wind-driven high tide. There are considerations for mitigating erosion that may be in addition to those already discussed with merchants, the community through the planning process, and government entities such as the planning commission and city staff.

The boardwalk could be designed to incorporate points of interest with a living shoreline, especially around any existing or future stormwater discharge areas. Strategically placed gathering points should allow access from the boardwalk to Austin Street. A living shoreline may include sea grasses, reefs, and different formations or connections with the bay and the Austin Street area. The shoreline may also serve to provide small habitats and should be designed to assist with stormwater runoff water quality. In addition to illustrating the relationship to natural systems, it will serve as a parallel priority in mitigating erosion for supporting stormwater and future infrastructure along the shore.

Integrating bioswales and rain gardens will help control loose soil and sedimentation in downtown Rockport.

Strategic placement will greatly assist with mitigation, but also contributes to the overall aesthetics of Austin Street and the Heritage District.

Market Street ends at Water Street, which is also the entry to the Navigation District's sea wall. The sea wall helps protect the Navigation District's property, including the marina. As an area of erosion, riprap is in place, which is not the most inviting, but many still come there to enjoy views of the bay. The area needs protection due to a drainage outfall. This is another good area for a living shoreline, as discussed above. A natural area that filters stormwater runoff and acts as an erosion control system could also serve as an observation area to view the water, experience sunrises, and enjoy wildlife. A launch for kayaks and canoes may also be possible.

Consult the full CPAT report for specific design recommendations.

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4 HOUSING



OVERVIEW

As Rockport continues to grow, emphasis is placed on improving current housing options and development of new housing. For individual neighborhoods to thrive, there must be quality housing options to meet the needs of diverse populations, lifestyles, and income levels. This chapter examines existing housing types, values, affordability, and household characteristics. Additionally, the chapter describes recommendations to expand quality housing, meet the needs of the community, and maintain a safe environment for all.

CONDITIONS BEFORE THE STORM

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Rockport is made up of a diverse range of people that require different types of housing structures, prices, neighborhood facilities, and infrastructure. In 2016, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that 3,857 households lived in Rockport. Of total households, 59.58% are married-couple households, while 57.60% and 50.14% are in Aransas County and Texas respectively. In addition, this city contains 158 male-led households, 269 female-led households; 949 households are individuals living alone, and 183 other households are individuals not living alone, but not related (Figure 4.1). These percentages indicate a lower number of single parents in Rockport than Texas and Aransas County.[1]

HOUSING TYPES

Rockport and the surrounding coastal areas are known for secondary/vacation homes, mobile/manufactured homes, and RV parks due to the availability of year-round recreational activities. An estimated 65.08% (4,238 out of 6,512) of homes in Rockport are "single family" (i.e. 1-unit, detached structures) which will include some of the secondary/vacation units (Figure 10). Other secondary/vacation units will be included in "multi-family" structures. Rockport has a higher percentage of mobile housing units than Texas.[2] Figure 4.2 exhibits and compares housing unit types against the County and the State.

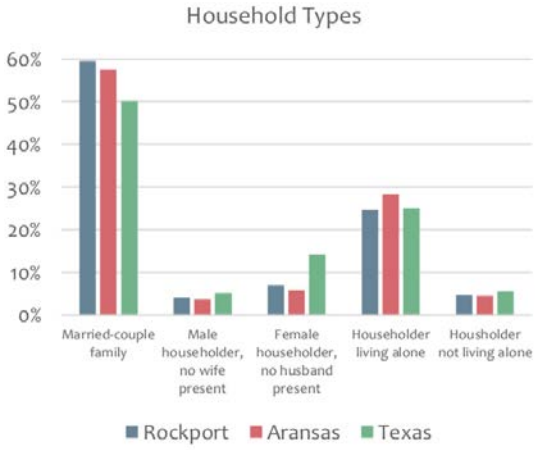


Figure 4.1: Household Types
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

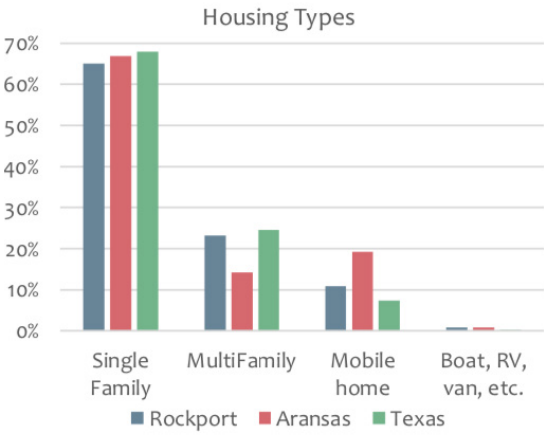


Figure 4.2: Housing Types
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Figure 4.3: Single Family Home in Rockport, TX
Source: www.zillow.com



Figure 4.4: Oaks Garden Apartments in Rockport
Source: www.apartments.com



Figure 4.5: Circle W RV Ranch in Rockport,
Source: www.tripadvisor.com

RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

The size of housing units is determined by the different residential districts, which are designated on the city's zoning map. In Rockport, single family districts with low density have a minimum living area of 800 square feet. The minimum living area size for other single family districts is 600 square feet; the minimum living area size for multi-family districts is 500 square feet per unit. The maximum height for buildings is 35 feet, with only one multi-family district allowance for 45 feet. The size and height of buildings will be significant if the city considers amending the zoning map to provide for a greater variety of housing types.

Housing density shows the number of dwelling units situated on a particular lot or district. Higher density provides easier access to public transportation and community facilities like shops and neighborhood parks, while lower density allows single family homes to sit on larger lots, putting more distance between homes. Most residential districts are zoned to have a minimum lot size of 7000 square feet, but two districts are zoned for lower density. Lot sizes and density will also be important when considering changes to the zoning map and increasing the variety of housing types.

OCCUPANCY VS. VACANCY

Vacancy status assists in determining housing demand and is used to create a comprehensive overview of the housing market. In 2016, the vacancy rate of housing units in Rockport was 40.8% (up from 32.4% in 2010) which is comparable to the County but is about 30% higher than the State (Figure 4.7).[3] Figure 4.8 shows recreational and seasonal housing represents the majority of vacant housing (over 65%). While it is understandable that a coastal community like Rockport would have a significant number of recreational and seasonal units, the continuing development of these units drives up housing and land prices and challenges the development of affordable units for year-round residents.

HOUSING PRICES AND AFFORDABILITY

The comparison of household income to housing costs determines housing affordability. According to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a household paying 30% or more of its income for housing cost is categorized as living in an unaffordable home. In the U.S., renter-occupied housing units commonly cost 30% or more of the total income

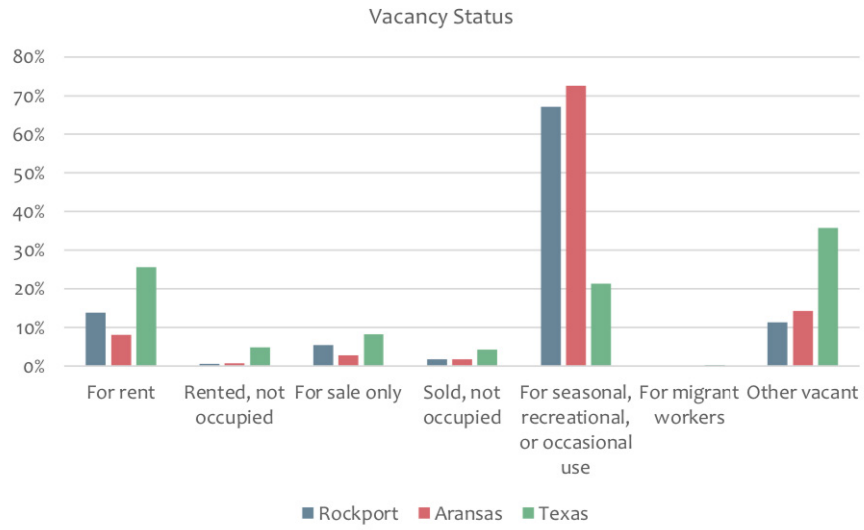


Figure 4.6: Vacancy Status
Source: U.S Census Bureau

of the household. A large portion of US households earning less than $20,000 annually, pay 30% or more of their income for housing fees (84.29% for owners and 86.52% for renters).

In Rockport, for households with annual income of $20,000 to $49,999, renter-occupied households experience more housing cost burden than owners (Figure 4.9 and Figure 4.10). Thus, offering more affordable rental units, in addition to owned units, can mitigate economic pressure and improve the quality of life of residents.[4]

There are five apartment complexes in Rockport that set rent based on income of the tenant, giving low-income residents the opportunity to spend a fixed 30% of their income on rent.[5]

- Fifty Oaks Apartments
- Saltgrass Landing
- Linden Oaks (Retirement Community)
- Bay of Aransas Gardens
- Sea Mist Townhomes

SPECIAL HOUSING

It is important to have housing for residents who have special circumstances, such as the elderly and people with long term health care needs. There is an interest in nursing homes, adult day cares, and rehabilitation centers because most of the Rockport population falls between the ages of 45-54 and 65-84. Within Rockport, there are 3 nursing, rehabilitation, and/or retirement centers: Gulf Pointe Plaza, Gulf Pointe Village, and Rockport Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (formerly Oak Crest Nursing and Rehab). Rockport Coastal Care Center Inc. was destroyed during Hurricane Harvey and will not reopen.

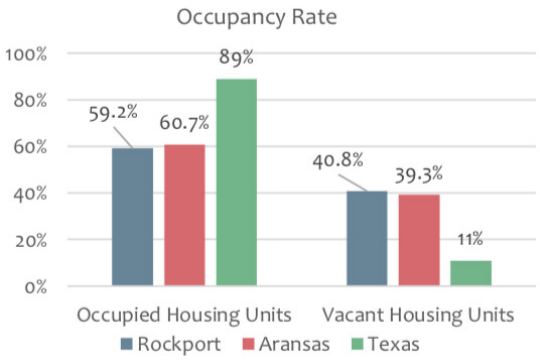


Figure 4.7: Occupancy Rates
Source: U.S Census Bureau

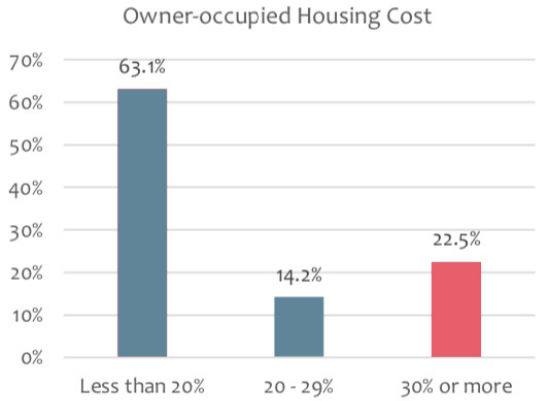


Figure 4.8: Owner Occupied Housing Cost
Source: U.S Census Bureau

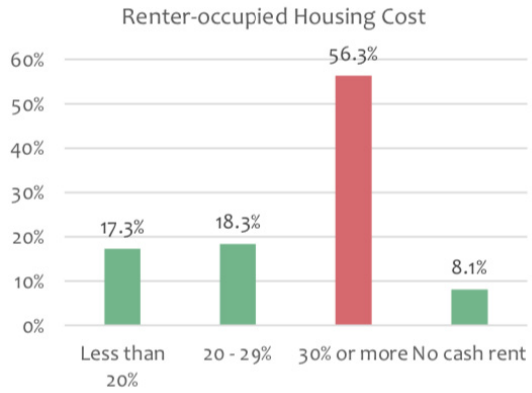


Figure 4.9: Renter Occupied Housing Cost
Source: U.S Census Bureau

HAZARD IMPACTS

Rockport, like many communities in Texas, suffered a great deal of devastation because of Hurricane Harvey. As a result, 94% of homes in Rockport experienced some level of damage while 30% of homes were destroyed entirely. According to FEMA statistics, 780,000 Texans were forced to evacuate their homes. Nearly 42,000 of evacuees went to stay in nearly 700 different temporary shelters. Many people could not return home after the hurricane due to the costs associated with repairing or rebuilding their homes, or due to the lack of alternate housing. This can be referred to as displacement. Often when people are forced to take up new housing and jobs in a different community, their temporary displacement becomes permanent. Rockport lost nearly 20% of its population due to displacement. The pre-existing condition in Rockport - a lack of affordable and low-income housing, including rental units - was exacerbated by Harvey for two reasons. Many of these housing units were the hardest hit during the storm, and they are less profitable to rebuild after the storm.[6]

The availability of affordable or "workforce" housing greatly impacts other conditions in Rockport. The city's economy has been largely dependent on the tourism industry, restaurants, and retail shops. When the workforce that supports these businesses cannot return to their homes, and thus their jobs, the economy of the whole city slows down and suffers. Many businesses have not been able to operate regular business hours, and some have not been able to reopen, since the storm. Similarly, when there are less residents living in a community, there is less contribution to the tax base and governmental operations suffer (e.g. schools, the police force, and the public works/building department). In order for the city at large to sustain itself and grow in the aftermath of Harvey, Rockport must provide a variety of housing that accommodates all incomes and household types.

PUBLIC FEEDBACK

For Rockport to continue growing, it is important to provide adequate and affordable housing for its diverse residents from all walks of life. The lack of affordable housing is a major concern for residents. Citizens want more diverse housing options for everyone, from families with children to single adults to senior citizens. It is important to residents to encourage a welcoming and respectful atmosphere for people of different cultures and ethnicities. The public desires to have more support resources for the underserved such as women's shelters and/or homeless shelters.

Additionally, residents care about promoting workforce housing with strong building standards to withstand natural hazards. Since Hurricane Harvey destroyed many homes in Rockport, the local government is facing population reduction and issues of homelessness. Therefore, promoting housing affordability is a priority in the revitalization of Rockport. Improving building resistance against storm surge, strong winds and flooding, is also important to reduce the risk and prevent losses for future development.



Figure 4.10: Aerial photo of the damage sustained of the Salt Grass Landing Apartments
Source: Courtney Sacco and Matt Woolbright[7]

RECOMMENDATIONS

EXPAND HOUSING VARIETY

In order to provide housing for a variety of income levels, the construction of single family homes can be supported by different means. To utilize current land, public infrastructure, and vacant lots efficiently, the language in the existing ordinances should be amended to allow for smaller homes on infill lots and accessory dwelling units. Partnerships with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group and other non-profit and faith-based organizations need to be continued. Additionally, the city can increase housing density in undeveloped or redeveloping areas by providing financial incentives for developers, such as tax abatements and waived permit fees. To assess future employee housing needs and create partnerships for housing developments, the city can reach out to companies that are expanding in communities south of Rockport.

Expanding housing opportunities for low- and middle-income households will strengthen neighborhoods and meet future demands. Said expansions should provide more flexible housing options with small lots, duplexes, and multi-family units. However, in order to accomplish this flexibility, the city needs to amend its land use and zoning maps, specifically adding inclusionary zoning. Further incentives can be provided to developers in order to encourage the construction of affordable housing units in new developments. Rockport can continue to apply for and prioritize state and federal funding for repairs, rebuilds, and maintenance to workforce and low income housing, in coordination with the Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan. By partnering with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC), Rockport can also hold public meetings to educate low income residents about homeownership programs (such as My First Texas Home) and home buying tips.

PLAN INTEGRATION HDMP

INFILL

Encourage potential infill and/or redevelopment tracts [residential, commercial]

PLAN INTEGRATION LTRP

HOUSING VARIETY

Pursue housing in Downtown.

To the extent possible, small scale developments such as duplexes, triplexes, and quad-plexes should be used to replace mobile homes and RV parks that have been used as permanent housing.

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) is a state agency that is responsible for homeownership, affordable rental housing, community and energy assistance programs, and activities in primarily low-income communities.

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) gives down payment assistance to homeowners, provides assistance to developers to build affordable housing, and helps prevent foreclosure.

RESILIENT HOMES, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AND ENHANCED COMMUNITY CHARACTER

In light of the impacts of Hurricane Harvey, resilient building standards will be integral to Rockport's housing plan. A new focus should be placed on educating and encouraging homeowners, contractors, and builders to use stronger building codes, such as the latest International Building Codes. Rockport should continue to partner with Smart Home America's for Lunch-N-Learns to educate people on FORTIFIED standards as well. Minimum building codes, including freeboard elevation, need to be enforced during rebuilds, renovations, and new construction. Furthermore, flood mitigation techniques need to be taught to homeowners, specifically to protect their property without adversely affecting their neighbors.

The city plans to create new avenues to improve conditions on household and neighborhood levels. By researching and establishing building maintenance codes, the city can provide minimum requirements for equipment, light, ventilation, heating, sanitation and hazard safety. To further improve existing neighborhoods, events like "Neighborhood Makeover" can provide opportunities for residents, city staff and volunteers to clean up and maintain the overall character of their neighborhoods. Efforts for neighborhood improvements can be coordinated with and conducted through the Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan.

PLAN INTEGRATION

LTRP

MITIGATION

The community intends to very actively pursue floodproofing and mitigation for residential and commercial properties.

FORTIFIED STANDARDS[8]

FORTIFIED is a building method created by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IIBHS) that strengthens homes and businesses against severe weather which reduces the risk of property damage and financial loss. These standards are stronger than most building codes and are cost effective, consistent and well-defined. There are three levels to the FORTIFIED standards: Bronze, Silver and Gold

- Bronze Level helps homes withstand wind and keep water out by keeping the roof securely attached.
- Silver Level includes the Bronze Level improvements in addition to strengthening of all openings, windows, doors, etc.
- Gold Level adds to Bronze and Silver requirements, ensuring the structure is tied together. It provides a continuous load path connections which keeps the roof connected to the walls, walls connected to the floor and the entire home tied to the foundation.

Not only do the FORTIFIED Standards protect structures and keep them standing strong, but they also increase the value of homes and businesses. These standards have been scientifically tested and widely accepted on national, state and local levels. It is important to keep in mind that these methods can be applied during new construction or in phases as home- and business-owners remodel their structures.



Figure 4.11: Comparison of an elevated home to an unelevated home after Hurricane Harvey
Picture Courtesy: Kate de Gennaro

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PLAN INTEGRATION

WORKFORCE HOUSING

Increase supply of permanent workforce and affordable housing.

- The existence of an Opportunity Zone south of the downtown area may provide opportunities for a developer to create more affordable housing options. The Opportunity Zone program could be used to attract needed investment to the area.

Allowing for Increased Density by Right

- The city should consider amending the zoning ordinance in the district to allow for more residential development near the downtown.
- To meet the need for more affordable service worker housing, adjustments to the zoning code will also be required. Right now, the smallest unit that can be built is 500 square feet. But zoning that would allow smaller micro units could allow for more units/acre.
- Reducing minimum lot sizes of 2,200 square feet per unit could also allow for higher density construction that is more economically efficient for workforce housing developers .

CASE STUDY - AFFORDABLE HOUSING : AUSTIN, TX [9,10]

The site of the former Robert Mueller Municipal Airport on the east side of Austin has been transformed into a sustainably planned community. The vision of the community was to attract businesses, and establish mixed-income housing. Upon the airport's closure in 1999, the plans began for a new community consisting of a variety of housing, commercial properties and multi-use green spaces. Today, the community has a similar focus of housing affordability, sustainable environment, economic development and community engagement.

The development includes single-family homes as well as apartment complexes to meet the needs of a diverse community. To ensure housing affordability, the development reserves 25% of total units for households below the median family income (MFI) - for sale units are priced for households at or below 80% MFI and rental units are priced for households at or below 60% MFI.

ADDITIONAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

High Density Zoning or Density Bonuses require or encourage developers to include more units within a given area. Increasing density in low risk areas can draw development out of hazardous zones. Increasing density can also increase accessibility in areas where there are community facilities and amenities such as stores, schools, parks, and medical centers.

Inclusionary Zoning or Policies require or encourage a percentage of affordable units within residential developments. The developments are commonly made up of multi-family units, but can also be for single-family units. The goal is to provide the same quality of housing and the same amenities to a variety of income levels and to eliminate the stigma associated with segregated "low income" or "affordable" developments.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are typically smaller units constructed on lots with a larger primary housing unit, but the accessory unit can also be included in the primary structure. Most zoning ordinances restrict property owners from renting out accessory units. Communities that wish to accommodate more density, affordability, and rental units should include specific language in their ordinances for ADUs.

Tax Incentives or Abatements are exemptions, reductions, or delays in tax payments for developers. They can be granted when the property is purchased or while it is being developed. The developer benefits financially, but the city specifies how the incentives relate to increasing housing unit density or affordability.

CASE STUDY - COTTAGE HOUSING ORDINANCE: KIRKLAND, WA[11]

Kirkland is an affluent, lakefront suburb outside Seattle. It is similar to Rockport in that it has a small-town feel and appreciation for quality of life. Changes in demographics and a slowing real estate market have caused cities like Kirkland to come up with ways to increase housing supply and offer residents more housing options. Kirkland's solution is a Cottage Housing Ordinance which promotes affordable housing by encouraging smaller homes.

Cottage housing is a grouping of small, single-family homes that are clustered around a common area. These homes provide the privacy and benefits of single-family housing along with the lower cost and maintenance of other housing options. The arrangement of cottages encourages a strong sense of community within the development.

Danielson Grove is featured in the demonstration program and well-received by focus groups, citizens and developers. Danielson Grove is known for its architecture, design and green building standards. The cottages are modestly sized, with one to one-and-a-half stories and 1-3 bedrooms, but the open floor plans and windows cause the interior to look bigger. This development holds 16 homes on private lots and one communal outdoor space. The exteriors of the cottages have distinguishable design features that provide character to the development, but fit in with surrounding areas.

To ensure affordability and opportunity for all income levels, a certain number of homes must be economically accessible to households earning 82-100% of the county's median income. The cottages give first time home-owners, singles and empty-nesters the opportunity to purchase homes when fewer single-family options exist.



Figure 4.12: A view of a cottage housing community
Source: Ericksen Cottages, Bainbridge Island, WA

CASE STUDY: INFILL WORKFORCE HOUSING - BOULDER, CO[12]

Boulder, Colorado is a desirable place to live and work, based on its location and job opportunities. However, the city is severely lacking in affordable housing. In 2014, the median home value was above $530,000 which is unaffordable for low-, moderate-, or even moderately high income households. According to city data, only 41% of Boulder's workforce actually lives within city limits. The 2010 Comprehensive Plan for Boulder Valley expressed the need for a creative solution to solve this housing issue with a limited amount of land available for construction.

In 2011, Thistle Communities, a nonprofit housing developer, and for-profit Allison Management joined together to acquire a vacant piece of land which became Yarmouth Way. Initially, this land was zoned for a community services building, but when those plans did not progress, the partners were able to step in and acquire the land. Yarmouth Way provides different housing types with varying sizes, including attached townhomes, duplexes, and single-family detached homes. This housing development consists of 25 units with 10 affordably priced homes and 15 market-rate units to expand homeownership opportunities to local families and meets the income limits established by Boulder's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

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5 TRANSPORTATION



OVERVIEW

The City of Rockport encompasses a State Highway (SH) 35 and a county airport. SH 35 passes through the center of the city, carrying the main thoroughfare traffic. Passenger vehicles commuting to Corpus Christi or Houston compose a large volume of traffic.

While there is heavy auto-dependence, many residents and visitors prefer walking to nearby destinations. The ecotourism industry and environmentally minded setting of the community facilitate multi-modal connectivity. This chapter provides existing transportation conditions along with recommendations to enhance transportation services for residents and visitors of Rockport. The transportation plan focuses on developing a sustainable system by which all modes of travel benefits. The recommendations include strategies for promoting biking, walking, and public transit. This chapter highlights areas of concern, and presents innovative ideas for enhancing the existing conditions.

CONDITIONS BEFORE THE STORM

The transportation system analysis includes traffic volume and related data analysis, alternate modes, and identification of a thoroughfare plan. Studying these elements provides solutions to challenges in the transportation system. This section provides information on annual average daily traffic, crash frequency and severity, the existing thoroughfare plan, and the existing bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

ROADWAY NETWORK

The City of Rockport transportation network encompasses local streets in a grid pattern and major roads used for higher mobility to other parts of the city, as well as commuting to surrounding cities. SH 35, FM 2165, and FM 3036 improve mobility throughout the community (see Figure 5.3). There is no clear classification of roads to date. Therefore, the future thoroughfare plan identifies classifications of the roads. The City should follow the standards of these classifications.

MODES OF COMMUTE

Most trips made by Rockport residents are made by automobile, 81.5% of residents drive alone, while 5.2% carpool and 0.4% use motorcycles, bicycles, or other means. In comparison, this indicates a slightly higher percentage of individuals to neither Aransas County nor Texas State who drive alone, carpool, or use a taxicab. Commuters in Rockport have an average travel time of 15.5 minutes.

ANNUAL AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC

It is crucial to identify transportation issues to satisfy the needs of the growing community in Rockport. Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) data for 2018 was provided by TxDOT. Figure 5.6 shows these traffic volumes. It shows that the traffic volume on SH 35 and part of Business SH 35 are highest among all roadways in Rockport. With this relatively high AADT, the major part of SH 35 and part of Business SH 35 from Prairie Road to Corpus Christi Street are critical roads in Rockport. High volume roads always require more maintenance. The north part of SH 35, which is away from the city limits, has an AADT of 300 to 600. The south part of Business SH 35 starts from Corpus Christi Street to further south and falls into the 300 to 600 AADT range. Figure 5.6 also shows Market Street, Church Street, and conjunction of SH 35 and Business SH 35 which have 100 to 300 AADT (TxDOT, 2018).



Figure 5.1: Austin St., Rockport, Tx
Picture Courtesy: Richard Amore



Figure 5.2: Copano Bay Bridge
Source: static.tti.tamu.edu

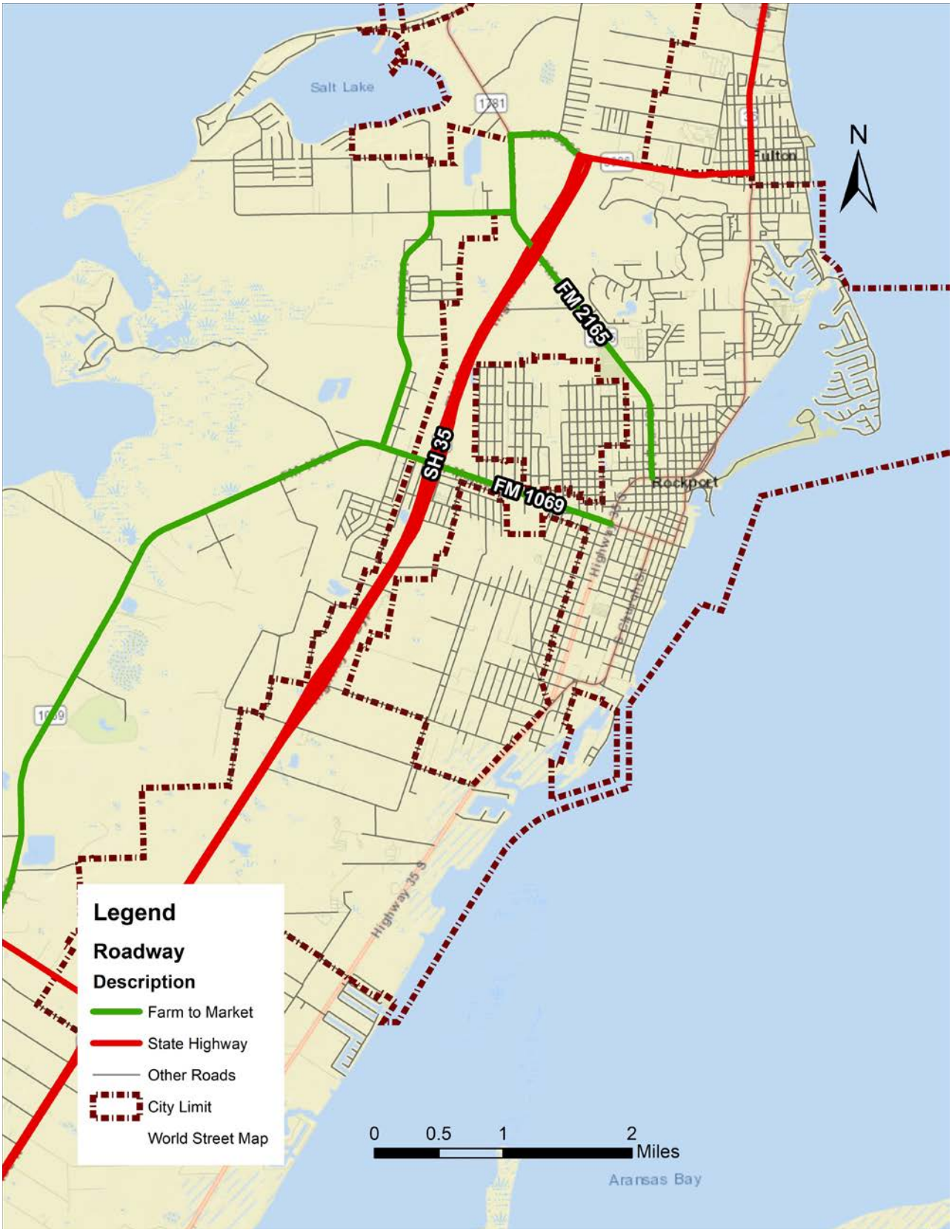


Figure 5.3: Roadways in Rockport

ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

The traditional classification model provides a list of design standards and a base from which we can evaluate current conditions and future improvements and expansions. This method has also been adopted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and therefore it is often required when applying for federal grants. The classification is defined by the following hierarchy:

- Principal arterial (freeway and other): Movement-focused (high mobility, limited access)
- Minor arterial: Connects principal arterials (moderate mobility, limited access)
- Collectors: Connects local streets to arterials (moderate mobility, moderate access)
- Local roads and streets: Access-focused (limited mobility, high access)

PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL

The main goal of principal arterial roads is to provide connection between all freeways crossing the County and lower-level roads. Roads classified as principal arterial are characterized by their high traffic volume and speed. They are responsible for carrying a major part of the traffic that enters and exits the County, including special freight.

MINOR ARTERIAL

Minor arterial roads are also responsible for carrying a large portion of traffic and providing connection between freeways and lower level roads. Roadways classified in this category are different from major arterial mostly because they are designed to support local traffic and land access. Yet, due to their high levels of speed and traffic volume, minor arterials should not allow direct access to local neighborhoods and highly dense regions.

MAJOR COLLECTOR

Major collector roadways are responsible for taking traffic from local roads and connecting them to arterial roads. They are supportive of traffic circulation and land access, especially in more rural environments. Hence, major collectors operate at medium speeds and are highly signalized.

MINOR COLLECTOR

Minor collectors provide the same function as major collectors, with more emphasis on access and generally with lower speed levels. Minor collectors are also shorter in length and have intersections more closely spaced.

LOCAL ROADS

Local roads are responsible for connecting traffic to their final destination. They offer the lowest level of mobility and provide direct access to adjacent land. Due to their design characteristics, local roads should carry no through traffic movement nor should they be used for bus routes.



Figure 5.4: SH 35 - Principal Arterial
Source: Google maps



Figure 5.5: West Market St. - Major Collector-
Source: Google maps

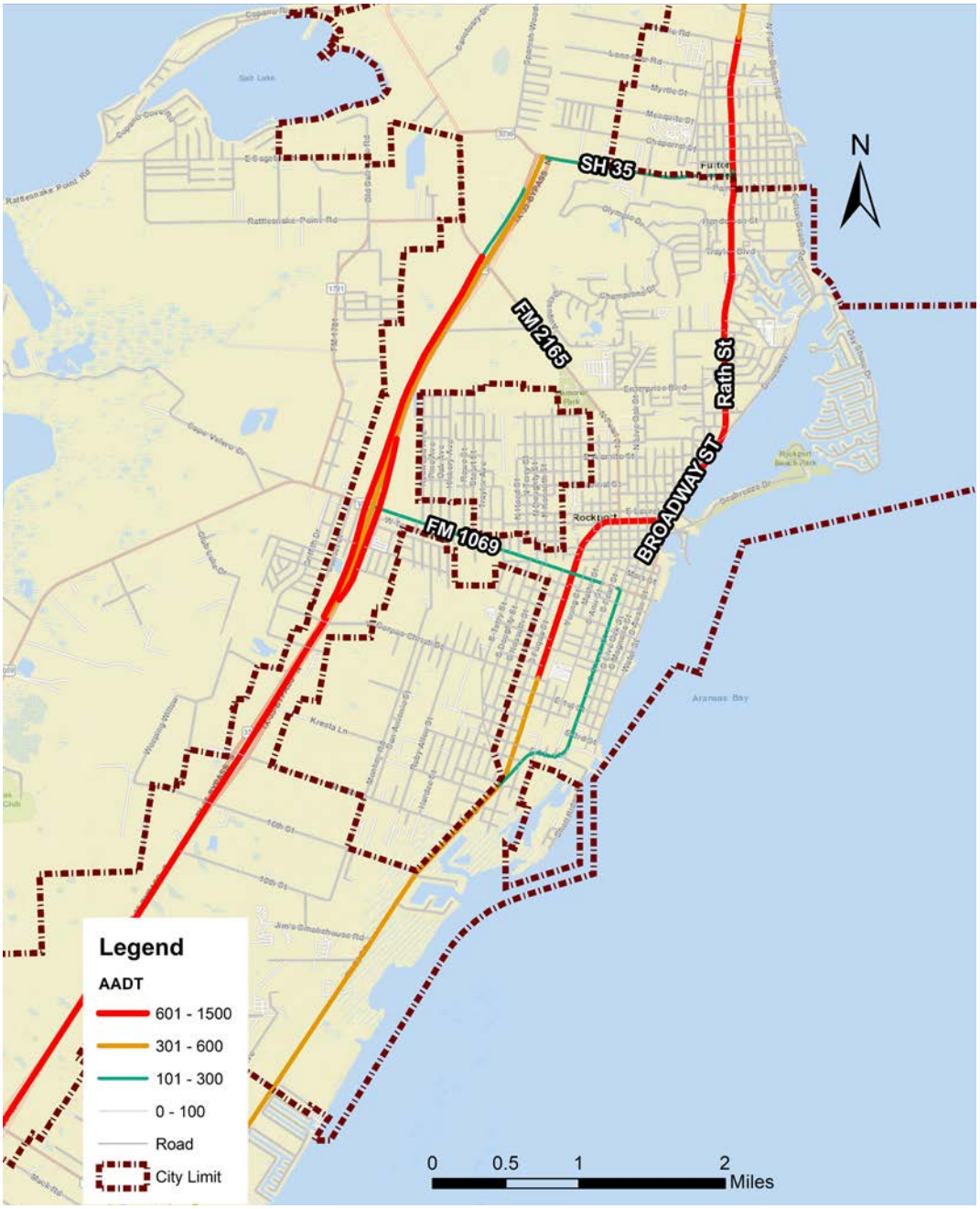


Figure 5.6: Rockport AADT Rates

CRASH FREQUENCY

This analysis investigates the number of crashes in Rockport from 2015 to 2018. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) collects data every year on crash rates. Between 2015 and 2018, Rockport experienced, on average, 165.25 crashes on its roadways. In comparison to the neighboring cities, Fulton had an average of 17 crashes, Corpus Christi had 7,470.25, and Aransas Pass had 134. Corpus Christi is much bigger with a higher population and visitor rate, so it is expected that there would be more crashes. Figure 5.7 "heatmap" identifies six different colors: white, yellow, orange, red, purple, and blue. White represents no crashes during that time period and the blue areas represent the highest crash frequency in the city. The north part of Business SH 35, intersection of N. Pearl Street and E. Liberty Street in the downtown area and the turning point of SH 35, which intersects with FM 3036 have relatively higher number of crashes in Rockport. The frequency of the crashes is correlated with volumes and the complexity of the geometric characteristics of the roads. However, further analysis that considers the severity of the crash, the number of crashes per million vehicles and comparison with other similar intersections is required.[1]

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

Highways

The transportation network in Rockport contains one state highway, farm-to-market roads, park roads, and arterials (Figure 5.8). State Highway 35 runs along the center of the city—it also serves as the main collector of traffic. On the north section of Rockport, the state highway becomes a bridge that connects the Live Oak Peninsula to the Lamar Peninsula.

Railroads

There are no railroads that pass directly through the City of Rockport. However, a branch of the Union Pacific Railroad passes through Aransas Pass, just beyond the south of the Rockport city limits.

Airports

The City of Rockport contains one airport within its city limits. The following airports are available to Rockport residents (Figure 5.9):

- Aransas County Airport: a public and general aviation airport. Located on the northside of Rockport, approximately 12-minute drive away from the center of Rockport.
- Corpus Christi International Airport: commercial service, primary, and non-hub airport located in Corpus Christi. Approximately 40-minute drive from Rockport.
- Kalt Ranch Airport: private use airport. Approximately 24-minute drive from the center of Rockport.
- Hunt Airport: Privately owned, public use airport in Portland. Approximately 29-minute drive from Rockport.
- Mustang Beach Airport: city-operated facility located in Port Aransas. Approximately 54-minute drive from Rockport.
- McCampbell-Porter Airport: county-owned, public use airport in Ingleside. Approximately 20-minute drive from Rockport.

Sea Ports

The City of Rockport has two harbors: Rockport Harbor-located near Downtown Rockport, and Cove Harbor. The Rockport Harbor offers public restroom facilities, private transit, laundry facilities, numerous hotels/motels, and restaurants within walking distance. The harbor offers other attractions such as the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, Maritime Museum, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport/Fulton Chamber of Commerce, and Women's Club of Rockport.[2]

Cove Harbor offers restroom facilities, cleaning stations, reclamation station and boat ramps. It is located on the south of the city and the banks of Aransas Bay.

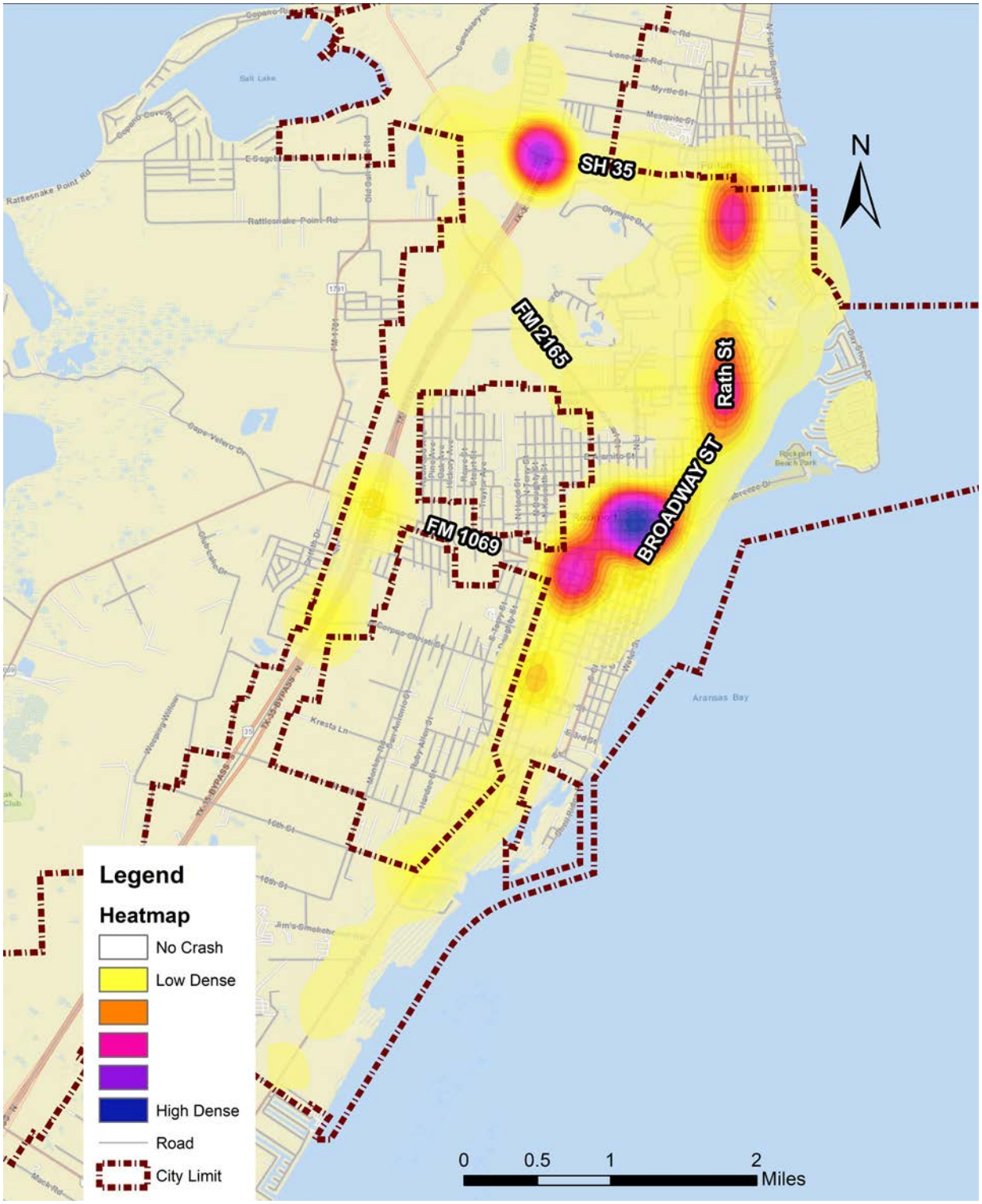


Figure 5.7: Crash Frequency Heatmap



Figure 5.8: Transportation Map of the City

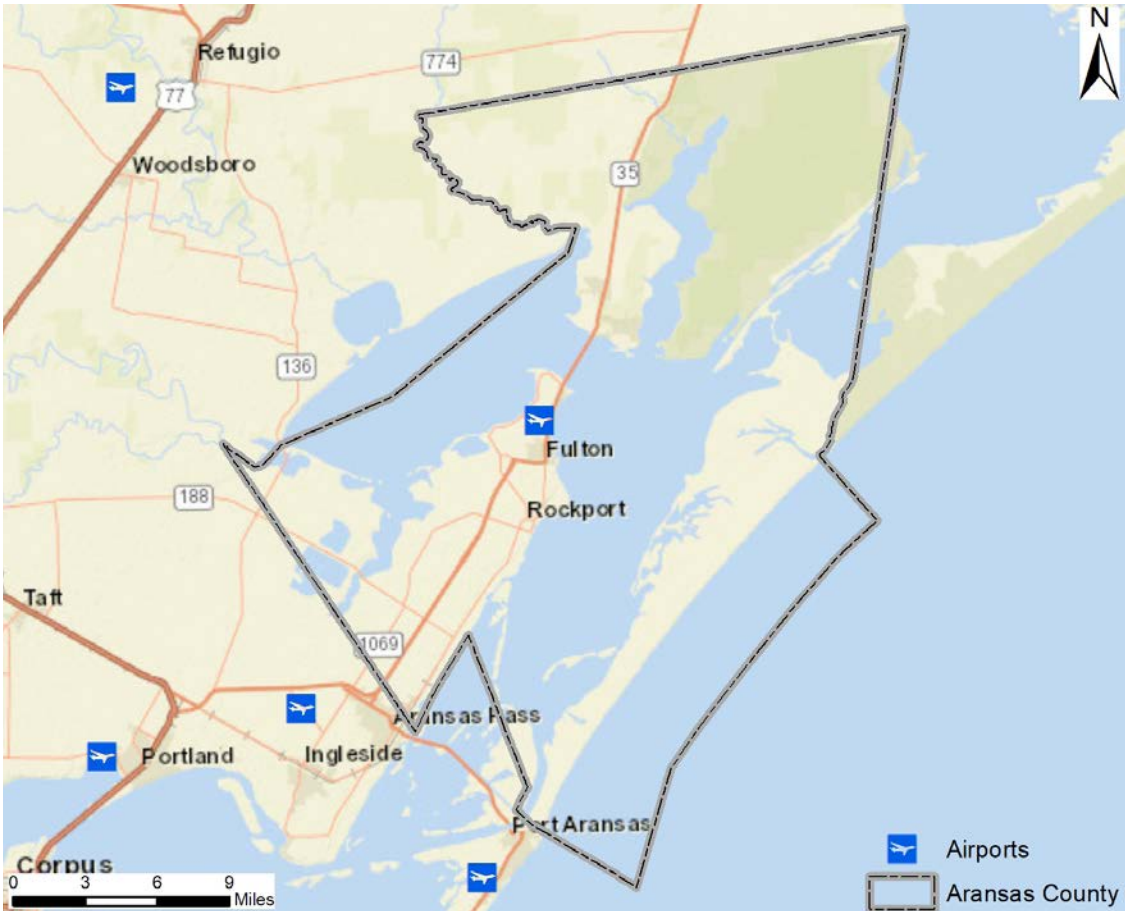


Figure 5.9: Airports near Rockport

The City of Rockport does not possess its own public transportation system. However, the following services are available through adjacent municipalities, Aransas County, and the Region:

- Fulton Trolley: Air-conditioned trolley that visits local businesses in the Town of Fulton and Downtown Rockport.
- Valley Transit Bus: full-service bus company serving South Central Texas and Northern Mexico with more than 50 daily schedules, as well as connections to nationwide travel on Greyhound Lines. This bus line makes two stops per day in Rockport, once in the North and once in the South.
- Jordan & Jordan Bus Charters: Charter Bus Company. Provides itineraries, travelers insurance, and tours to its customers.
- Aransas County Public Transportation: A local curb-to-curb service within the Rockport-Fulton area to Corpus Christi and Portland. Services are available to the public from 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday.
- Taxi Companies: Gulf Coast Taxi & Shuttle Service and City Cab (24-hour) provide service in Rockport and surrounding areas.

Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan

The Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan for The Coastal Bend (RCTPTCB) was approved on February 15, 2017 by the stakeholder steering committee of the planning region 20. The plan aims at collaborating effort involving dozens of stakeholders from all 11 counties of the Coastal Bend. The participating counties comprise Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio. The plan provides a detailed analysis of resources, needs, gaps, explores integration with other plans, identifies methods for sustaining implementation, provides vision, goals, and objects and concludes with ongoing performance measurements.[3] The plan's mission statement is "equal access to public transportation".[4]

The goals for the RCTPTCB for improving equal access are:

1. Establish and maintain strategic, efficient, and integrated transportation services.
2. Provide a variety of transportation services to improve mobility and options for riders.
3. Pursue long-term financial resources to provide affordable transportation services.
4. Extend operating hours and days of the week.
5. Improve public awareness of available services.
6. Coordinate for residents' mobility needs to destinations outside the region.

Transportation for Health Services

Rural Economic Assistance League (R.E.A.L) is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide safe, caring, and quality community-centered services for the elderly, people with disabilities, and the public. It serves 11 southern counties in Texas, including Aransas, and provides transportation services to people who need medical related visits, day-care, job interviews, and child care.[5]

PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Access to safe and affordable transportation is important to the success of a city. While many people commute via their own vehicles, there is also a need for public transportation to frequently accessed places. Feedback shows the public's desire to have more options for transportation and connections between parking and walkways.

Accessible public transportation is important for handicapped residents and visitors to medical facilities as well as parks and shops. There is a specific need for transport to and from medical facilities between Rockport and Corpus Christi; residents recommend a bus line between Rockport and Corpus Christi for medical services.

Safety is of prime focus for the transportation system of Rockport. Residents desire connected parking with walkways and areas where kids can safely bike, blade, and skateboard.

CHALLENGES

This section explores the challenges raised by residents and the task force members. To increase safety of motorists, task force members identified the intersections and nodes with higher perceived risks. In Figure 5.12, these spots are identified, further explanation is provided in Table 5.1. For many of these nodes, a proper road design is a potential solution. The intersection of FM 3036 with SH 35 is one candidate for road design improvements and alignment.



Figure 5.10: North Wood Street



Figure 5.11: Eighteenth Street

Table 5.1: Description of risk areas identified by the community

ID	Description	Suggestion
1	Hazardous traffic node	Roundabout
2	Unclear and hazardous node	Traffic control devices and improved road design
3	Turning left and right is hazardous	Traffic control device
4	Hazardous for cyclists and pedestrians	Traffic control device
5	Hazardous traffic node	Improved road alignment
6	Hazardous traffic node	Traffic control device or roundabout
7	Confusing node	Traffic control device or roundabout
8	Intersection of SH 35 with Bypass road is hazardous	Traffic control device
9	Hazardous intersection	Traffic control device
10	Quality of annexed road	Maintenance
11	Design Issue	Traffic control devices and improved road design

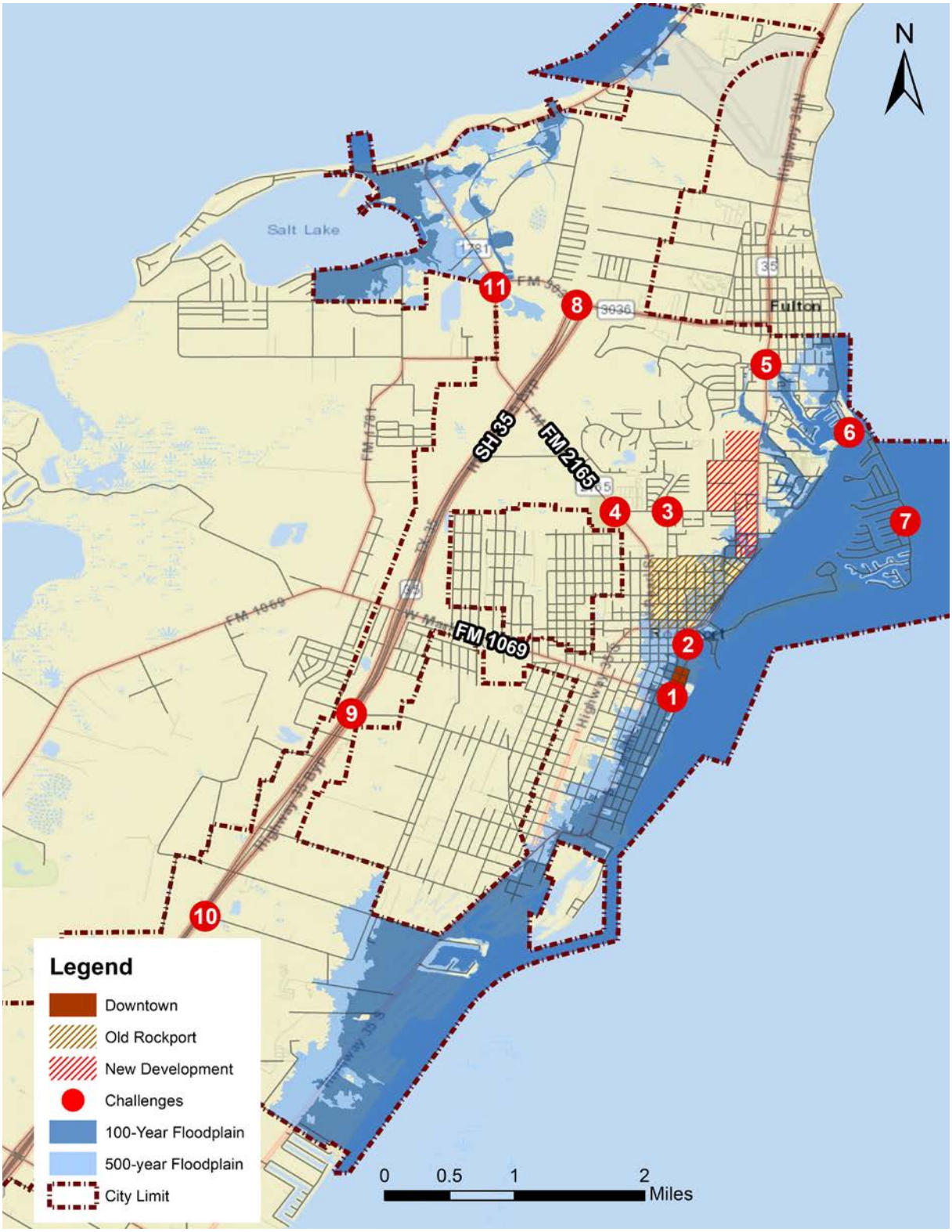


Figure 5.12: Community Identified High Risk Traffic Nodes

RECOMMENDATIONS

With the population projected to increase by only approximately 240 persons by 2050, the traffic volume is expected to remain about the same. In compliance with public demand and the desired future, the plan recommends thoroughfare plan, expansion of sidewalks and bicycle routes, and a regional approach to serve the public transportation needs of the community.

SAFE AND EFFICIENT ROADWAY NETWORK

To maintain and enhance public safety, Rockport needs to redesign critical roads and intersections to mitigate geometric and operational improvements. The City should maintain regular communication with TxDOT, the county transportation agencies and local transportation stakeholders to update project needs and progress.

In areas of the city where crash severity is high, speed, traffic, and crash studies need to be conducted to analyze traffic flow, issues, and promote the safety of travelers. Some things to implement near residential areas and community facilities are low-speed zones, speed bumps, chicanes, and diversions. Additionally, the city needs to provide adequate lighting, visibility, and wayfinding signage along major thoroughfares adjacent to commercial developments and public facilities. To ensure quality and standard of the roads that get annexed, the City needs to coordinate street design standards with the County. Functional classification of roads need to be updated based on the future thoroughfare plan.

FUTURE THOROUGHFARE PLAN

Thoroughfare planning plays a crucial role in public safety since it defines standards for road width, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and speed. It includes functional classification of roads. The TxDOT functional classification of roads shows how different routes contribute to mobility and accessibility. The thoroughfare plan for Rockport encompasses minor arterial, major collector, minor collector, and local roads. The arterial roads provides good mobility and is expected to have a good level of service. Collectors and local routes improve accessibility to publicly-used areas. Shared lanes and sidewalks cannot be a part of arterial roads. Collectors need moderate rate of movement and accessibility. Adopting a multi- modal connection helps to reduce the traffic volume. Similarly, local roads need lower speed limits and adequate side-walk space. Figure 5.16 shows the recommended thoroughfare plan in Rockport based on the TxDOT statewide planning map. SH 35 and Business SH 35 are two minor arterials. Market Street, Pearl Street, Church Street, FM 1069, SH-188, and a few others are major collectors. 12th Street, 10th Street, and a few others are classified as minor collectors.

All the improvements to the existing roads and new construction should ensure multimodal connectivity. Figure 5.15, 5.16, 5.17. illustrate the cross sections required for roadway based on its functional classification of minor arterial and major and minor collector.

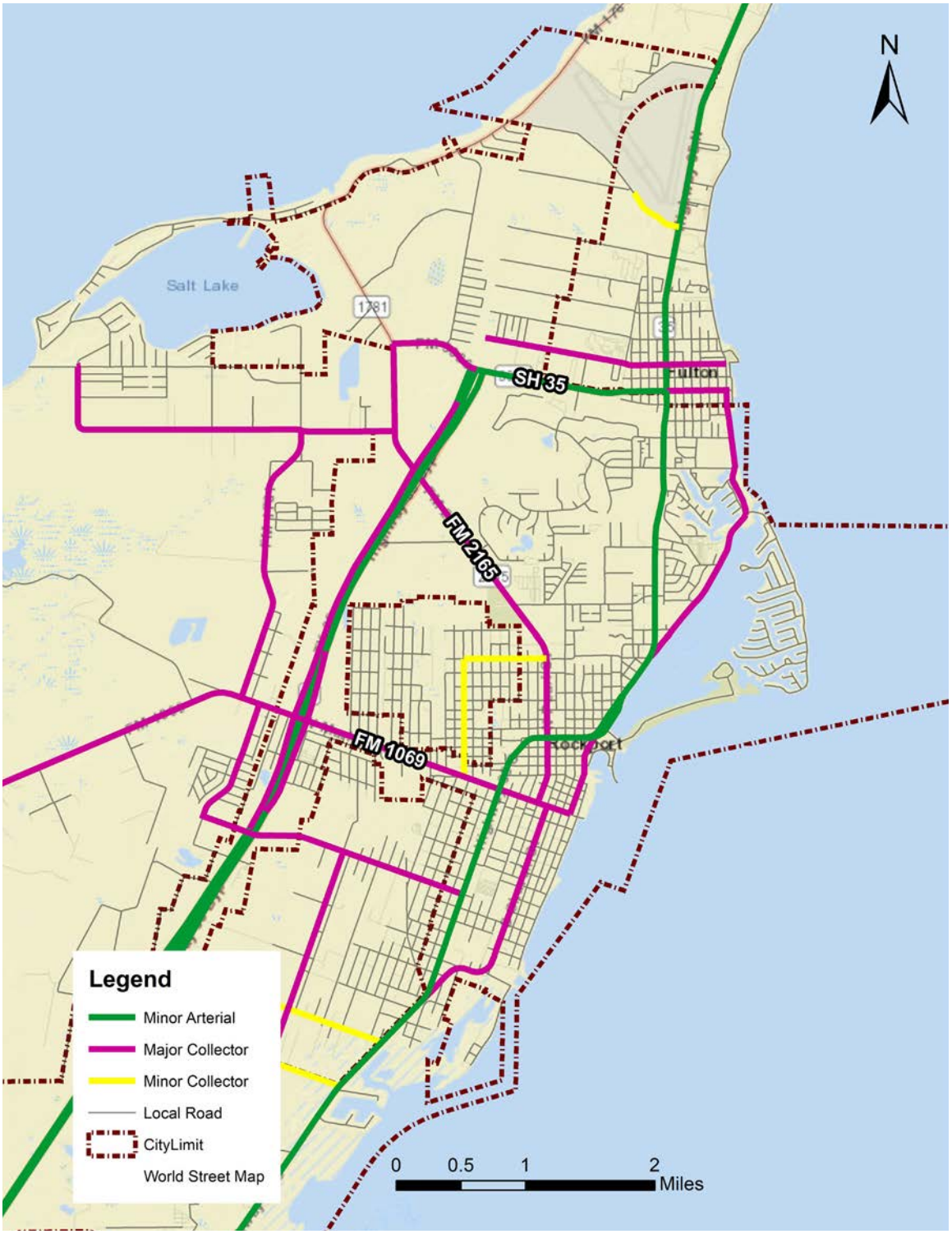


Figure 5.14: Proposed Thoroughfare plan

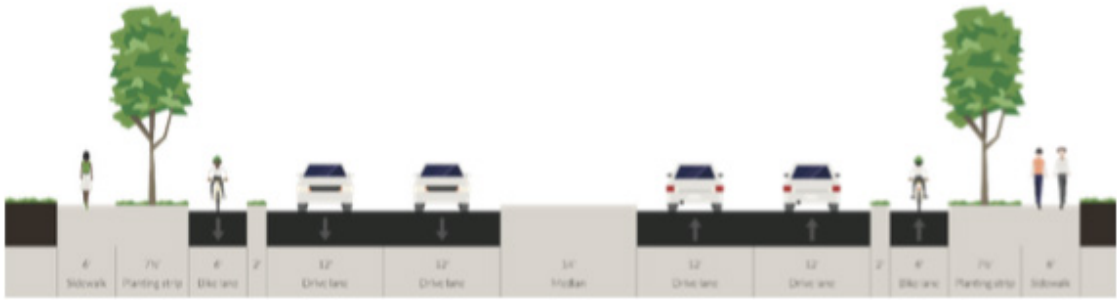


Figure 5.15: Minor Arterial Cross Section

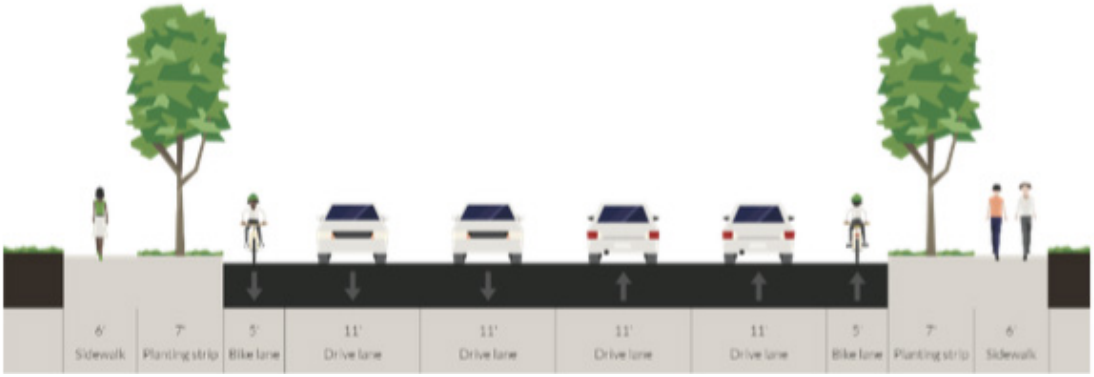


Figure 5.16: Major Collector Cross Section

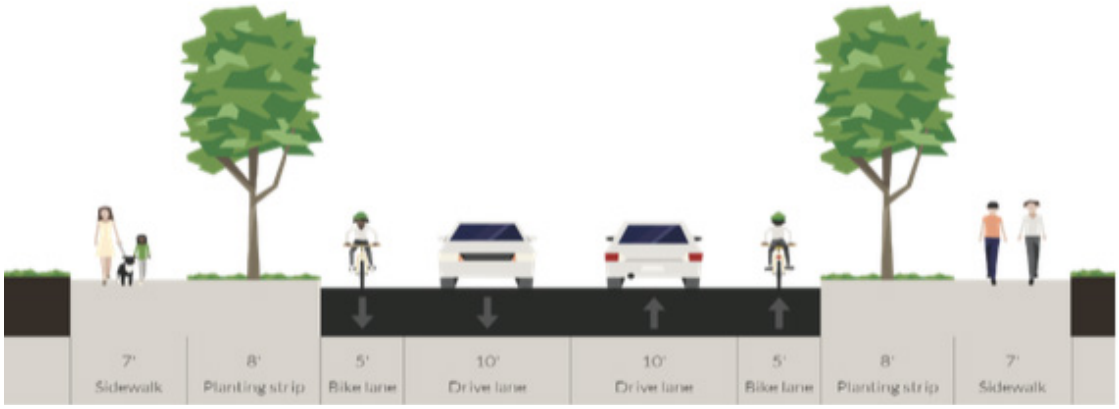


Figure 5.17: Minor Collector Cross Section

MAINTENANCE AND NETWORK INVENTORY

The City of Rockport should continue updating and utilizing its road maintenance schedule. The schedule should have an annually updated inventory of all the existing transportation facilities including, travelway, roadside, shoulders, sidewalks, bike lanes, drainage facilities, lighting, and traffic control devices. Funds need to be budgeted to continue updating and implementing the street maintenance schedule for conducting repairs and rehabilitation of roadways.

Historically, the city has worked with the city engineer to rate the streets in three categories based on needs for maintenance, repair and reconstruction. Streets with base failure require a cost benefit analysis to determine reconstruction needs.

The existing maintenance schedule can be expanded further by documenting the information collected about roads and other

facilities in the format of Table 5.2 and Table 5.3 respectively. Based on the existing condition and available funding, the priority of the maintenance schedule and the method to perform the maintenance can be chosen. Table 5.4 shows sample estimated costs and characteristics for selected materials. This type of data can inform maintenance decisions. Further, the City can use the travel way, roadside and traffic control and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices maintenance categories shown in Table 5.5, Table 5.6 and Table 5.7 respectively.

Table 5.2: Format for Road Evaluation

Road Name	Functional Class	Paving Materials	Length (ft.)	Width (ft.)	Area (Sq. ft)	Ownership	Estimated Repair Cost ($)	Total Maintenance Cost ($)
Name	Minor Arterial	Asphalt	100	10	1000.0	TxDOT	0.0	0.0

Table 5.3: Format for Road Evaluation

Facility Name	Location	Current Condition	Estimated Repair Cost	Total Maintenance Cost
Road Sign	Intersection of FM3036	Left turn sign needs repair	0.0	0.0

Table 5.4: Sample Estimated Cost and Characteristics of Materials

Material	Estimated Cost	Pros	Cons	Cost Source
Asphalt Paving	$3-$4 per sq.ft ($3.5/sq. ft can be used)	• Even Surface • Long Lifespan • Sleek Appearance • Lasts 12-35 years	• Needs frequent seal coating to prevent cracks and pot holes • Costly • Requires maintenance once in every 2-5 years • Cracks and holes should be repaired as soon as possible • Gets damaged during extreme hot conditions	https://www.homeadvisor.com/cost/outdoor-living/install-asphalt-paving/
Chip Seal Pavement	$15,000 per mile ($2.84 per sq.ft can be used)	• Best alternative for asphalt • Rapid installment • Relatively durable • Easy maintenance • Competitive pricing	• Forms ruts and sink holes • Hard to maintain the appearance and smoothness • Creates lightweight dust, debris and dirt which can be carried by air flow • Neighborhood needs frequent cleaning to remove dust • Not very feasible for bicycle riding and walking	https://www.homeadvisor.com/cost/outdoor

Table 5.5: Travel Way Maintenance Categories

Routine Maintenance	Preventive Maintenance	Major Maintenance
Pavement related work involving restoration of pavement serviceability which involves recondition, rebuild, level up and overlay of the pavement surface. This includes, but not limited to; pavement repair, crack seal, bituminous level ups with light overlays to restore rideability (Overlays not to exveed total average depth of 2"), additional base to restore ridability and seal costs.	Pavement related work performed to prevent major deterioration of the pavement. Work normally includes, but not llimited to bituminous level ups to restore rideabililty, light overlays (Overlays not to exceed total average depth of 2") seal coats, crack sealing, and micro-surfacing. Preparatory works Milling, repairs or level-ups may also be performed under preventive maintenance.	Pavement related work to strengthen the pavement for existing and future traffic. Work includes restoration of pavement serviceability of roadway. This includes but is not limited to: recondition and stabilize base and subgrade, add base, level up, overlays and seal coats. Pavement widening can be considered as major maintenance if its performed to solve a maintenance issue.

Table 5.6: Roadside Maintenance Categories

Routine Maintenance	Preventive Maintenance	Major Maintenance
All work to maintain sides of roadway including but not limited to: maintenance and operation of picnic spots, rest areas, removal of litter, mowing, trees, and bush trimming, repair and upgrade guard rails and extrude terminals, repair slides and side slopes, placing topsoil, sod, shrubs, etc., to re-establish proper grade and vegetative cover, landscaping, removal or treatment of roadside hazards, installation and maintenance of environmental protection devices, and mitigation of spills/ hazardous materials.	None	None

Table 5.7: Traffic Control ITS Devices Maintenance

Routine Maintenance	Preventive Maintenance	Major Maintenance
Installation, repair and replacement of signs, delineators, illumination, signals, and related appurternances; installation and replacement of stripping, pavement graphics, raised pavement markings rumble strips; maintenance of traffic control cabinets and the corresponding appurtenances.	Replacement of raised pavement markings, pavement graphics, striping, and rumble strips may be performed in conjunction with a resurfacing operation.	Installation of new signal systems to upgrade outdated signal designs.

COMPLETE STREET POLICIES IN THE MULTI-MODAL NETWORK

Complete Street policies are one way for the city to ensure safe access to alternate modes of transportation. Residents of Rockport requested for safer sidewalks and bicycle routes for seniors and children. Rockport should look into grants that fund sidewalks and other multi-modal transportation paths such as the TxDOT Safe Route to School grant. Further, the city should require developers to build sidewalks as part of new development.

The city should ensure that the multimodal network is maintained by annually updating the maintenance schedule. Appropriate signage and painted lines on the roadways can help assist travelers and pedestrians and reduce conflicts. Provision of adequate sidewalks and crosswalks improves pedestrian mobility and safety. Figure 5.18 shows the recommended sidewalks that connect downtown to other activity centers and publicly-used facilities in the community.

HIKE AND BIKE PATHS

For a popular tourist destination like Rockport, tourists might rely on bikes to reach their destinations. In such cases, providing more bicycle paths is beneficial to visitors as well as residents, resulting in a more accessibility and safety. To expand the hiking and biking facilities in Rockport, the city should work with Aransas Pathways and other partners to develop a hiking and biking trail master plan. Aransas Pathways has identified different levels of easements for pedestrians and cyclists.The trails and bicycle paths should be developed with adequate signage. The recommended bicycle paths are according to the public feedback and the existing paths as identified by the Aransas Pathways (Figure 5.19). Rockport residents also expressed the desire to expand the golf cart usage. However, golf carts can only be used in areas permitted by the state law and city ordinance.

COMPLETE STREETS

Complete Streets are designed to ensure the safety and convenience for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. The provision of sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike paths are part of Complete Street policies. According to the 2010 Future of Transportation National Survey, 66% of Americans want more transportation options because they want the freedom to choose how they get around. These projects do not have to be accomplished all at once, but they can be accomplished along with routine maintenance.

Complete Streets help ensure the safety and accessibility of those who no longer drive and rely on the opportunity to walk or bike to their destinations safely. Due to the higher percentage of aging populations in Rockport, it is important for the city to provide adequate sidewalks and secured bike lanes. According to surveys, 47% of older Americans feel it is unsafe for them to cross major streets near their home. Complete Street policies ensure that streets are planned, designed, constructed, and maintained to provide safe and convenient access.

ECOTOURISM

The thriving ecotourism industry of Rockport demands a multi-modal transportation network. Therefore, more bike routes, bus stops, sidewalks and golf cart routes fulfill residents' and visitors' desires. Having multi-modal connectivity will increase accessibility to public spaces as well as promoting equity in serving the community. This improvement can invite more visitors to the city and increase revenues.

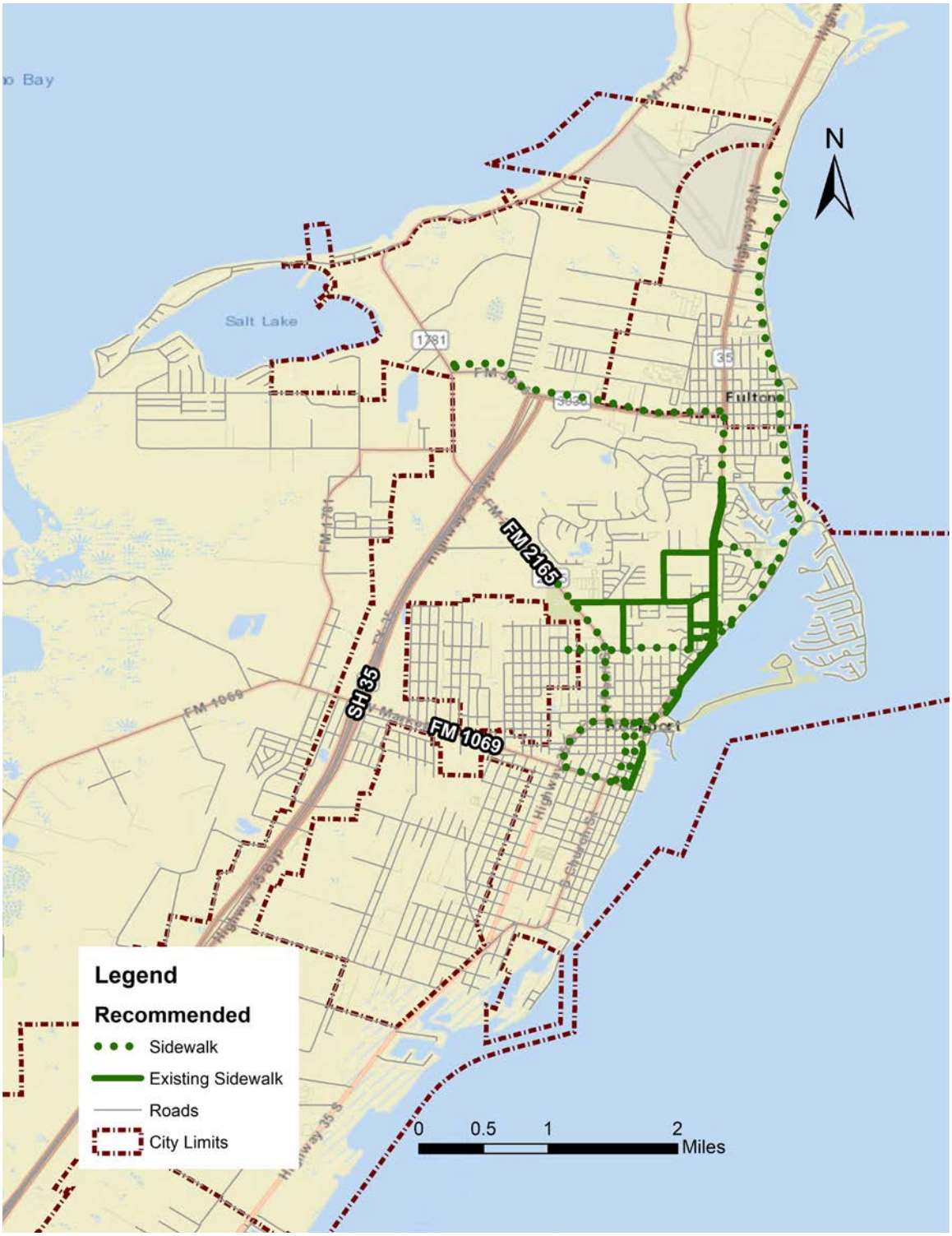


Figure 5.18: Recommended Sidewalks

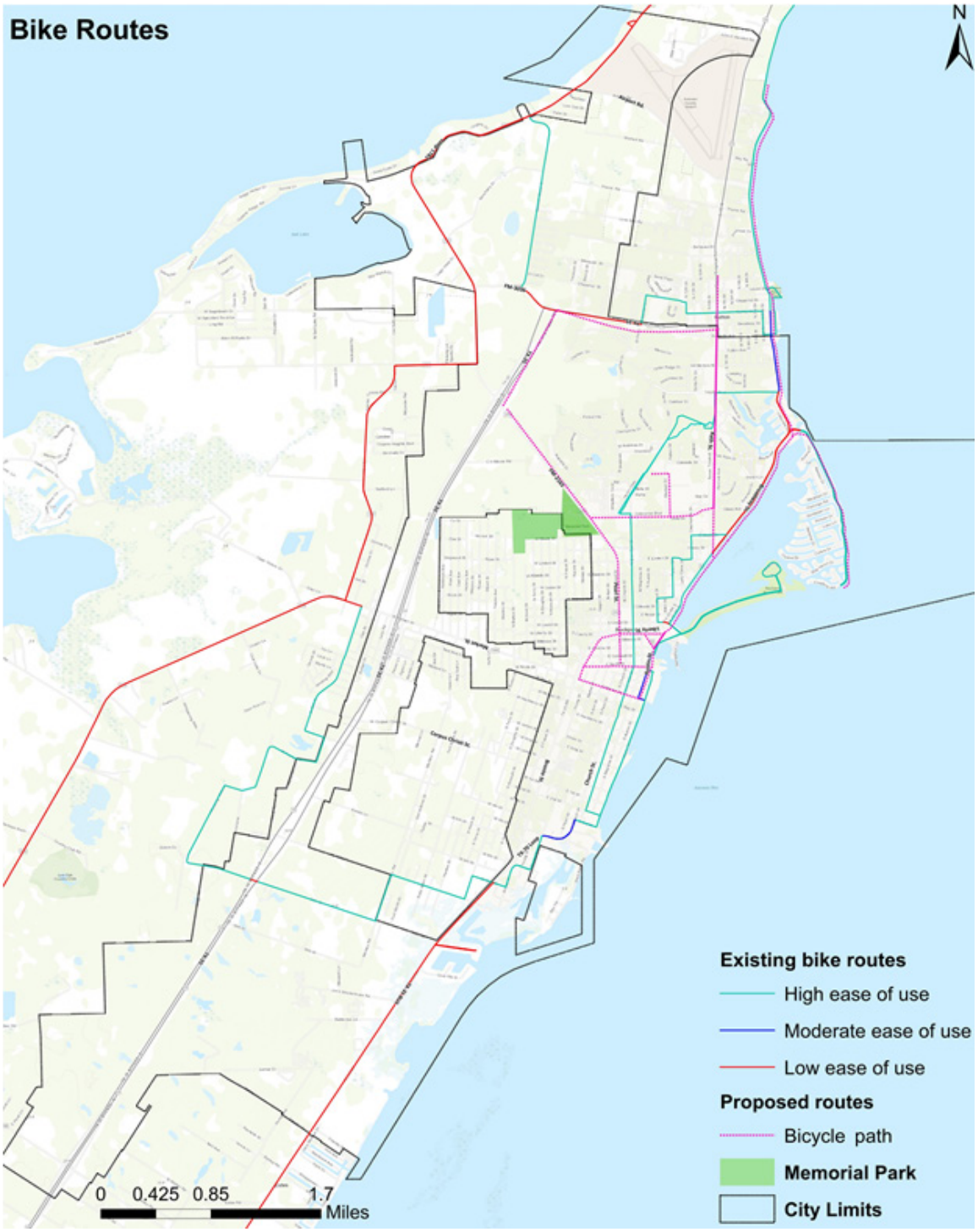


Figure 5.19: Recommended Bicycle Paths

REQUIREMENTS OF OPERATING GOLF CARTS AND NEV - *CITY ORDINANCE ARTICLE VI*

Golf carts and neighborhood electric vehicles (NEV) are permitted within city limits, but drivers must be aware of certain laws and restrictions in order to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians. Drivers of golf carts and NEVs must comply with state and local laws.

Permitted areas of operation within city limits are in master planned communities and neighborhoods, public or private beaches, and roadways for which the speed limit does not exceed 35 miles per hour. Golf carts and NEVs are only permitted for use during the daytime and not more than two miles from the location it is usually parked and for transportation to or from a golf course.

Operation of these slower moving vehicles are prohibited on the State Highway System including Farm to Market Roads, regardless of the speed limit. Additionally, golf carts and NEVs are not to be driven on sidewalks or hike and bike trails within the corporate boundaries of the city.

The city has set up certain requirements for the operation of these vehicles. Golf carts and NEVs are subject to yearly state inspection, like any other motor vehicle, and the inspection sticker must be attached to the rear of the vehicle. As with any other motor vehicle, operators must be covered by insurance and have a valid driver's licence. The city added additional requirements to ensure safety. The vehicle must have:

- Headlamps
- Tail lamps
- Reflectors
- Parking brake
- Mirrors
- Turn signals
- A "slow moving vehicle" reflective triangle attached to the rear
- Seat belts
- A flag on a six-foot pole attached to the rear of the vehicle
- All equipment must be verified and inspected by the Rockport Police Department

These requirements and expectations have been implemented to ensure public safety and create an accessible environment for all residents and visitors.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

During community meetings, residents raised the need for public transportation to improve accessibility. The City of Rockport should evaluate a more robust, regional approach to serve the public transportation needs of the community. To encourage visitors and residents to use alternative travel modes, Rockport should work with Fulton to fully implement the trolley service.

The task force members have identified bus routes close to publicly used centers such as churches, schools, downtown, and some commercial uses, which can be implemented in the future. The recommended timeline for implementation of public transportation is by 10 to 15 years. Figure 5.20 represents the suggested bus route.

CASE STUDY - SHARED-USE STREETS: 2ND STREET - LONG BEACH, CA[6]

Long Beach is a coastal city in Southern California. It is a popular tourist destination due to its proximity to the ocean and access to restaurants and other amenities. 2nd Street is a Major Arterial street for the city, specifically the Belmont Shore. In the past, cyclists rode their bikes on the sidewalks rather than in the street because this street lacked the space for an adequate bike lane. 2nd Street was a four-lane roadway divided by a median with parking lanes along the curbs. In 2009, as part of the Bike Long Beach project, the City began plans for implementing sharrow bicycle markings in the outer travel lanes to increase accessibility and safety for cyclists and draw attention to drivers. After the three day construction, they saw a steady increase in cyclist use of the shared lanes.

During a three-day 2010 Usage Report, they reported an increase of over 400 more cyclists using the green lanes and a decrease of over 100 cyclists using the sidewalks. In the first 12 months after the green lanes' inception, the facility usage doubled. However, studies have found that the increased cyclists have not caused increased traffic congestion.

The implementation of the green lanes, "Bikes in Lane" signs, and decorative bike racks have encouraged more cyclists to commute in this area due to cyclist awareness and safety. It is important to recognize the key benefits of this street. Local businesses have reported that they have seen an increase in consumers coming by bicycle after implementation of the shared lanes. Additionally, the increase in cyclists will provide for a healthier environment and community.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA)

The RTA provides transportation services for Corpus Christi and the surrounding areas of Robstown/Calallen, Downtown/North Beach, and Flour Bluff/Padre Island on the "B". The Corpus Christi RTA will soon provide transportation for residents in Aransas Pass and Ingleside to their workplaces in Port Aransas. The new stops will be located near HEB stores in Aransas Pass and Ingleside and will cost just 75 cents to ride the "B".

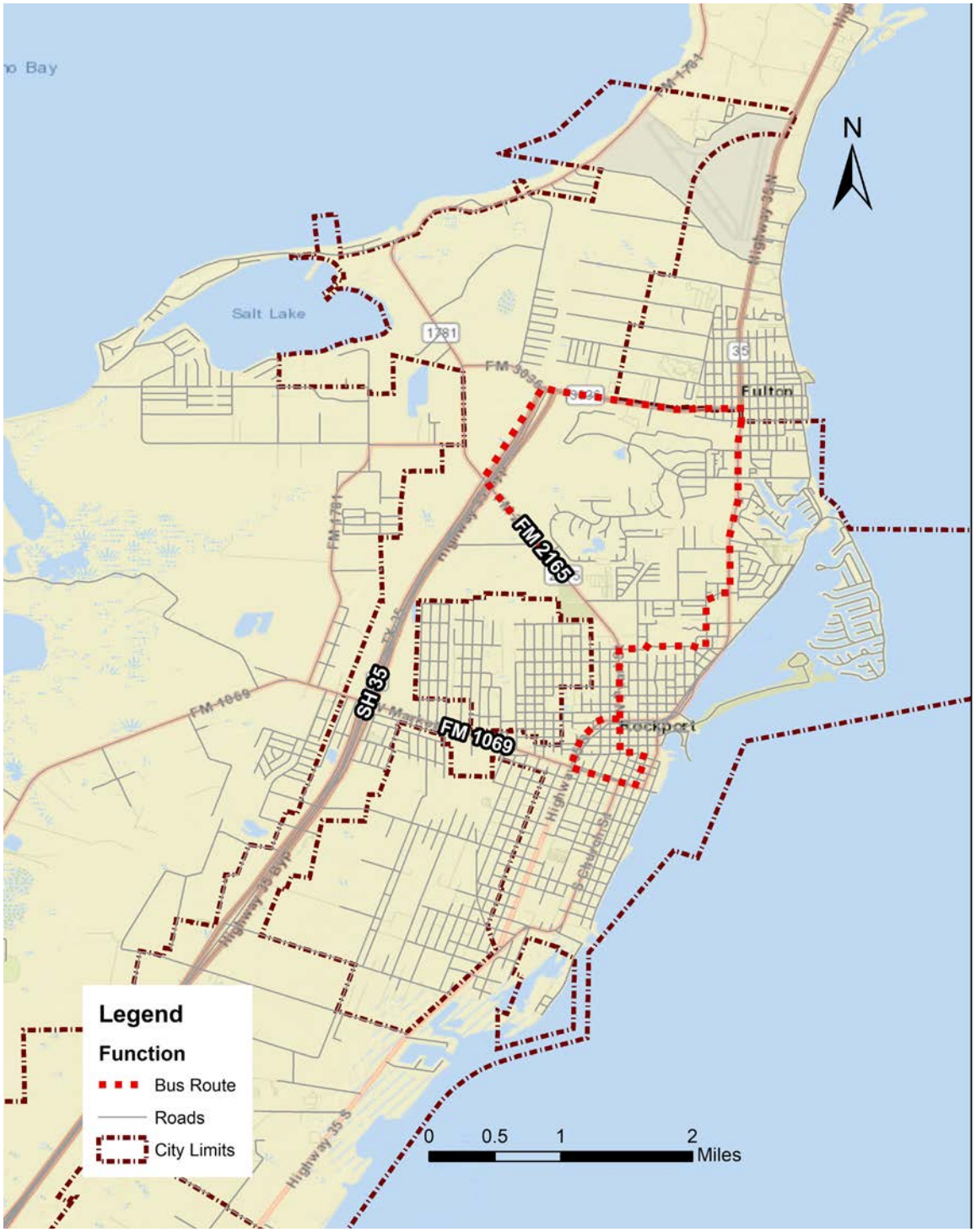


Figure 5.20: Suggested Bus Routes

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT

Transportation demand management (TDM) is a set of strategies to encourage residents to use all the transportation options to maximize traveler choices. TDM strategies include providing information and incentives to increase ridesharing, walking, and biking. The city should consider encouraging ride-sharing programs, and providing informational resources on the city website and through other marketing materials.

To minimize excessive traffic and allow more consumer parking availability, incentivize businesses to encourage employees to use alternative transportation options. Rockport can develop recommended shared-lanes to promote public accessibility and provide a more convenient connection to Fulton. The city should consider learning about initiating quarterly bicycle and pedestrian counts, using the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation project methodology to assist with planning improvements and inform funding requests.

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PLAN INTEGRATION

SIDEWALKS, BIKE LANES, AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Sidewalks are the most fundamental element of the walking network. They provide a dedicated space for pedestrian travel that is safe, comfortable, and accessible. The team recommends improving and expanding sidewalks in downtown Rockport including:

- **Austin Street:** Expand and fill in the gaps of sidewalks north along Austin Street along the east and west side of the street, fronting Veteran's Park, connecting to the former HEB grocery site, and to the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.
- **East Concho Street**: Expand sidewalks along both sides of the street to connect to the future city hall and courthouse site (downtown anchor site) to Austin Street.
- **Veterans Memorial Drive/Seabreeze Drive:** Expand and fill in the voids for sidewalks along both sides of the street, connect the Chamber, Veterans Park, the Festival Grounds, and Rockport Beach to Austin Street and downtown.
- **Bike Lanes:** Provide on-street bicycle lanes along Austin Street connecting to the Festival Grounds, Veterans Park, Rockport Beach, and to the Aransas Pathways biking trails.

Rockport may want to consider a bike sharing program to encourage the use of bike lanes, decrease motor vehicle traffic, and provide more recreation options. Many different models exist. The city should conduct research to select the appropriate model and company.

- Conduct a pedestrian/bicycle plan (scoping study) for Austin Street and Downtown Rockport to identify gaps, destinations, alignments, and costs of the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements.
- Systematically construct sidewalks and bike lanes along Austin Street, first filling in the gaps, and then expanding sidewalks and bike lanes to connect downtown to the beach and city hall/courthouse property.

TRAFFIC CALMING AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

- Restripe crosswalk stripes on Austin Street to improve visibility of crosswalk. Add public art murals on crosswalks.
- Implement intersection improvements, including crosswalk treatments, improved bulb-outs, including brick pavers/stamped concrete, raised intersections, street trees, and lighting. Intersection and crosswalk improvements should be made in close coordination with new public or private development (i.e. the opening of the Arts Center).

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PLAN INTEGRATION

STREET TREES AND LANDSCAPING

- Develop a Tree Master Plan to use as a framework to help guide tree planting within public and private property. A tree inventory of the community would be a useful project to begin the master plan effort.
- Provide strategic tree plantings along Austin Street, at key intersections, on vacant lots, and along the streetscape to provide shade, visual appeal, and help capture stormwater. Planting trees downtown is possible through using urban forestry best practices and close coordination with underground utilities and Rockport's public works department.

The city should consult an arborist or other landscaping professional to understand tree and plant selection that helps reduce the need for and costs of maintenance.

IMPROVE LIGHTING DOWNTOWN

- Encourage (and financially support/incentivize) businesses to leave porch/facade lights and window display lights on in the evening hours.
- Provide mini-grants to businesses to add building facade and awning lighting to illuminate the sidewalks at night.
- Incorporate pedestrian scale lighting into future streetscape engineering and design plans along the Austin Street corridor.
- Construct pedestrian scale lighting along the east and west sides of Austin Street along the sidewalks connecting to Veterans Memorial Park and Market Street.

RESILIENCE AND GREEN STREETS

- Develop a Tree Master Plan and GI Plan to use as a framework to help guide tree planting within public and private property.
- Retrofit bulb-outs and provide strategic live oak tree plantings along Austin Street, at key intersections, on vacant lots, and along the streetscape to provide shade, visual appeal, and help absorb stormwater.

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6 ECONOMY



OVERVIEW

Collectively speaking, Rockport's economy took a big hit due to Hurricane Harvey. However, the economy is recovering with a promising future for development. Economic development should capitalize on the city's historic strengths and cultural identity, including tourism and the arts. The local government plays an important role in attracting business investments, maintaining and expanding the city's labor force, and helping the local economy thrive.

This chapter begins with the economic characteristics of the city in relation to the county and state, in order to get a better understanding of the conditions before Hurricane Harvey. The economic analysis describes local industries, employment, and income. The impacts of the hurricane and current conditions will also be addressed. Finally, recommendations will be presented to support the future economy of Rockport.

CONDITIONS BEFORE THE STORM

ECONOMIC GROWTH

The city experienced significant economic growth over the last decade. From 2005 to 2015, the number of jobs in Rockport increased 45.18%, from 2,853 to 4,143. This growth rate is slightly higher than both Aransas County (33.23%) and Texas (25.62%).

From 2005 to 2015, the fastest growing industries were:

1. Educational Services with 261 added jobs and a 3.2% increase in the employment share;
2. Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction with 206 added jobs and a 3.6% increase in the employment share; and
3. Health Care and Social Assistance, with 141 added jobs but no change in the employment share.

Meanwhile, Rockport lost 15 jobs in Wholesale Trade, with a 0.4% decrease in the employment share, and lost 12 jobs in Transportation and Warehousing, with a 0.6% decrease in the employment share. The overall change in the number of jobs indicates that the economy in Rockport generally grew from 2005 to 2015. Table 6.1 shows changes in total number of jobs in Rockport from 2005 to 2015.



Figure 6.1: Local Business in Downtown Rockport.
Picture Courtesy: Emily Tedford



Figure 6.2: Local Business in Rockport.
Picture Courtesy: Emily Tedford

Table 6.1: Total Number of Jobs by Industry in Rockport, 2005-2015

NAIC Industry Sector	2015	2005	Absolute Change
Educational Services	546	285	261
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	332	126	206
Health Care and Social Assistance	455	314	141
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	219	96	123
Public Administration	268	156	112
Accomodation and Food Services	710	598	112
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	216	134	82
Retail Trade	683	614	69
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	124	65	59
Administration & Support, Waste Management & Remediation	95	48	47
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	27	0	27
Information	60	34	26
Manufacturing	65	40	25
Finance and Insurance	122	102	20
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	75	59	16
Construction	123	122	1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0
Utilities	0	11	-11
Transportation and Warehousing	12	24	-12
Wholesale Trade	10	25	-15
Total	**4,142**	**2,853**	**1,289**

Source: OnTheMap Application, 2005, 2015

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

In 2015, the median household income in Rockport was $47,865 per year 73, a 7.6% increase from $44,487 per year in 2010. The median household income in Rockport is lower than Texas ($53,207), and the U.S. ($53,889) but higher than the median household income of Aransas County ($41,690). Table 6.2 compares family, household, and per capita incomes between Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, and the United States.

Table 6.2: Income Overview in Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, and the United States, 2015

	Rockport	Aransas County	Texas	United States
Median Family Income	59,098	51,267	62,717	66,011
Median Household Income	47,865	41,690	53,207	53,889
Per Capita Income	26,776	28,472	26,999	28,930

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015, Table DP03

UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE

In 2015, 46.6% (3,731) of the 8,006 Rockport residents 16 years and older were not in the labor force, yet most of these residents are of retirement age. This number is about 10% higher than the county (35.06%), state (35.27%), and nation (36.35%). Figure 6.3 shows the employment status for residents 16 years and older for Rockport in 2015.



Figure 6.3: Employment Status (Population 15 years and Older in Labor Force)
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015, Table DP03

The unemployment rate is defined as the share of the population 16 and over in the civilian labor force who are jobless. In 2015, Rockport had an unemployment rate of 6.4%, which is slightly lower than Aransas County, Texas, and the nation. Figure 6.3 compares employment statistics of individuals over 16 in the civilian labor force for Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, and the United States.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS AND INDUSTRIES

The top ten major employers, having the highest number of employees, in the Rockport-Fulton area include the Aransas County School District, retail stores (Walmart and H.E.B), government entities (the City of Rockport, Aransas County, and the State of Texas), the medical services industry (including Care Regional Medical Center, Gulf Pointe Plaza), and Wood Group (an oilfield/industrial company). Table 6.3 shows major employers in Rockport-Fulton area.

Table 6.3: Major Employers in the Rockport-Fulton Areas

Employer	Industry	Employees
Aransas County I.S.D.	Education	521
Walmart	Retail	250
Care Regional Medical Center*	Hospital	210
H.E.B.	Retail Grocer	185
Wood Group Production Services*	Oilfield & Industrial	181
Aransas County	Government	175
City of Rockport	Government	130
State of Texas	Government	107
Gulf Pointe Plaza	Health Service	93
Rockport Coastal Care Center	Health Service	75

Source: Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce

In 2015, 4,142 people held a primary job in Rockport. The industry sectors with the largest absolute number of employees were:

- Accommodation and Food Services with 710 employees (17.1% of total jobs),
- Retail Trade with 683 employees (16.5% of total jobs),
- Educational Services with 546 employees (13.2% of total jobs), and
- Health Care and Social Assistance with 455 (11% of the total jobs).

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) generates economic reports for coastal counties throughout the United States. The data focuses on six economic sectors that are dependent upon oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, or the Great Lakes, depending on where the counties are located. NOAA calls this "Ocean Economy," and the six economic sectors which are: living resources, marine construction, ship and boat building, marine transportation, offshore mineral extraction, and tourism and recreation. The ocean-related industry is significant in Rockport, providing 24% of the total share of economy and 1,539 job positions.

Employment share by industry offers an efficient way to identify local economy drivers. It provides insight into the region's workforce, the strengths and weaknesses of the local economy, and potential available job opportunities.

Rockport has a higher share of workers than both Aransas County and Texas in the following industries:

- Accommodation and Food Services,
- Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction
- Retail Trade

On the other hand, Rockport has less employment share in:

- Administration Support, Waste Management, and Remediation
- Construction
- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- Transportation and Warehousing
- Wholesale Trade

Figure 6.4 shows the employment share of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industry sectors in Rockport, Aransas County, and the State of Texas in 2015.

ECOTOURISM

Ecotourism, as defined by Megan Epler Wood, the co-founder of The International Ecotourism Society, is "responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and improves the well-being of local people."[1] Ecotourism is not simply a visitor enjoying activities related to the natural environment; the activities must make a positive impact on both the ecology and economy of a given destination.

Although Rockport has fostered the conservation and protection of its natural resources, these actions are becoming even more fundamental in the city's ability to remain eco-friendly and sustain its economic development. Because of Rockport's coastal location and moderate climate, there are many year-round opportunities for sport fishing, kayaking, bird-watching, hiking, and camping for visitors and residents alike. Not only can these ecotourism activities help the environment through education (as discussed in the following chapter), they also provide economic benefits to Rockport's citizens. These benefits are affiliated with job opportunities and complementary businesses, such as restaurants, hotels, and stores.

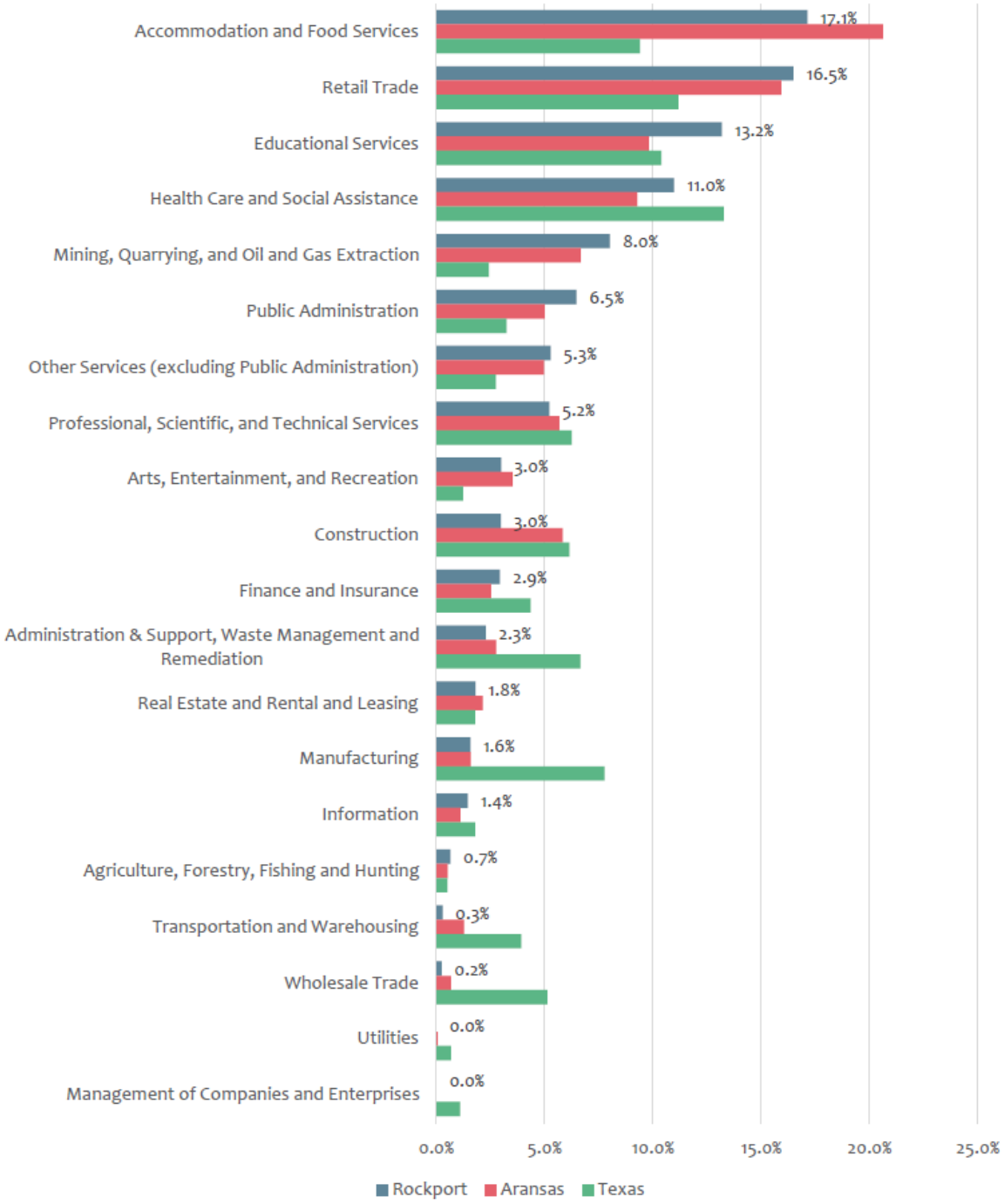


Figure 6.4: NAICS Industry Sectors by Employment Share in Rockport, Aransas County, and Texas, 2015
Source: OnTheMap Application, 2015

IMPACT OF HURRICANE HARVEY

In addition to the physical damages, Hurricane Harvey impacted the economy of the entire Texas coast through business disruptions and loss of productive activities. Business disruption and production loss could be related to displaced employees, cutbacks in the hours of operation, unusable facilities, and the interdependency of industries. Due to Rockport's housing shortage in the aftermath of the storm, many local businesses suffered from a reduced workforce and had to cutback on hours of operation. Some businesses still experience these conditions.

Also due to Rockport's dependency on the tourism industry, the city's economy was negatively impacted by the physical damage to several tourism sites. The Aquarium, the Big Blue Crab sculpture, and the Beach Bandshell were destroyed and have yet to be rebuilt. The Paws & Taws Convention Center and the Fulton Pier were heavily damaged and and torn down. The Rockport Center for the Arts building had severe damage, and eventually reopened in a new location. The Texas Maritime Museum and the Fulton Mansion had roof damage. Furthermore, the damages sustained by numerous hotels disrupted the number of tourists that could visit the city and support businesses that were not otherwise physically damaged. Because of the damage to these and other local tourist venues, Rockport estimates a loss of about $100 million annually in tourism revenue until the community is fully restored.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - "HARVEY, WE WON"

Since Hurricane Harvey struck, local businesses in Rockport have worked to rebuild and reopen with the help of many community organizations and leaders. In the past two years, the Chamber of Commerce has helped hundreds of businesses celebrate their grand re-openings.



Figure 6.5: "Harvey, We Won" ribbon cutting at the Sears re-opening, August 2019
Source: Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce



Figure 6.6: "Harvey, We Won" ribbon cutting at the Rockport Center for the Arts, August 2018

PUBLIC FEEDBACK

In order for the economy to flourish, development and the environment need to be balanced in Rockport. Local business is very important to the economy in Rockport, hence more policies that influence developing private firms or train people about professional skills should be generated. The basis of the economy, however, is tourism, so the community hopes to see more opportunities for small businesses and investments to be developed. One thing that is important to the community is the reopening of the Aquarium. It was destroyed during Hurricane Harvey and was subsequently closed. However because it was the fourth largest tourist attraction in the county, it would bring in a great deal of tourism dollars to the city.

The community wants more entertainment and activities to meet the local and tourist demand (e.g. restaurants, muti-use sports venues, shopping center). Considering the external economic situation, Rockport should encourage more local businesses and industries. There is a need for business and technical training for those outside the workforce to find work opportunities.



Figure 6.7: Downtown Rockport storefront
Picture Courtesy: Emily Tedford

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION[2,3]

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, the Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan was developed for the county and the jurisdictions within the county. Through the groups working on that recovery plan, an Economic Development Corporation and a Local Government Corporation are in the process of being established. These two corporations will actually act as a "one stop shop" for business attraction, expansion, and retention in the region. However, each corporation has different legal responsibilities regarding donations, federal and state grants, and public-private partnerships. Many activities will build upon what the Chamber of Commerce has been doing historically for the region. Bylaws, budgets, and public meetings will be provided to ensure transparency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

DIVERSE AND RESILIENT ECONOMY

Rockport needs to support sound economic growth and promote operational efficiency. Partnerships with other local jurisdictions and the proposed Economic Development Corporation will provide a "one stop shop" for prospective businesses and provide resources for existing businesses. The city should create tax incentives and enhance infrastructure to attract target industries to the area and to assist local businesses. The city can also further its partnership with the Chamber of Commerce to pursue new economic growth strategies and maintain successful ones. To bring business to Rockport's Opportunity Zones, the city should assist collaboration between investors and entrepreneurs.

Despite the acute impacts from Hurricane Harvey, tourism and ecotourism will remain important industries for Rockport. Improvements to infrastructure, signage, and safety in key areas would encourage waterfront development and increase the use of public spaces and trail systems for tourists, Winter Texans, and year-round residents. A variety of development strategies, such as multimodal transportation, and small area plans, can serve the tourism industry while maintaining community character. The city should re-evaluate its use of Hotel Occupancy Taxes to meet current tourism needs. To maximize the presence of seasonal tourists and Winter Texans, the city should emphasize the advantages of coordinated business hours and activities in the downtown areas. Public relations campaigns (i.e. "Find Yourself in Rockport-Fulton") can also be expanded by focusing on social media and regional tourist websites.

In light of Hurricane Harvey, Rockport has realized that it needs to diversify its economy and not rely so heavily on tourism. New industry sectors that complement Rockport's existing businesses should be considered, particularly along the 35 Bypass. Because the city is also known for its cultural arts district, businesses that deal with art-handling, framing, and graphics may be suitable. Outdoor activity supply companies would be fitting, as they relate to tourism, but are not dependent on the local environment and weather conditions. Nevertheless, any new industry sector should be "clean" and not create negative impacts on the surrounding ecosystems and wildlife habitats. Other potential low impact industries involve electronics and information processing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND INCENTIVES

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) or Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) are similar methods of using tax revenues for redevelopment. The methods start with the local government designating an area that is expected to accrue more tax revenue after redevelopment. The local government then borrows money from another entity or sells bonds to make improvements to the area (e.g. installing utilities and other infrastructure, purchasing properties, and demolishing or enhancing structures). After private development occurs in the area, and tax revenue increases to anticipated levels, the amount over the pre-development taxes pays off the loans or bonds.

Tax Abatement exempts a property owner from all or part of their property taxes as they develop/redevelop and the property value increases. The property owner and taxing entity agree on the length of contract, the conditions for improving the property, and the ultimate use of the property.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND INCENTIVES

Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT)[4] are room rental taxes required by a city, county, or state. HOT taxes are applied to rooms that are rented out for less than 30 days in hotels and motels, bed-and-breakfasts, apartments, condos, houses, etc. Two rates are paid by the customer, a state tax and a local tax. The local rate (7% in Rockport) is solely used to enhance and promote tourism venues, events, and related operations. The state rate (6% in Texas) flows directly to the Comptroller's Office, but has been returned to certain communities on occasion for similar tourism purposes.

Opportunity Zones are low income census tracts and economically-distressed communities, that are nominated by state governors and certified by the US Department of the Treasury to encourage economic development and job creation. The program offers several tax incentives for investments in an Opportunity Fund that contributes to development in the zone. The investor receives tax deferrals or exclusions, depending on how long they leave their capital gain in the fund or if they make new gains from development in the zone.

FOSTER A SKILLED WORKFORCE

As the workforce grows over time, with new or returning residents, marketing strategies and recruitment sessions should be developed to connect existing companies to potential employees. The city and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) should identify new target industries and generate a stronger demand for workers. An assessment of the strengths and weaknesses in the existing workforce can help the city and the EDC establish professional training programs to advance local skill sets. Partnerships with the Coastal Bend Workforce Solutions, Del Mar College (in Corpus Christi), and other universities and organizations can create job fairs and seminars to encourage entrepreneurship and coach people on business trends, resumes, and interviews. Furthermore, it is important to get young people involved in the workforce, so mentorship and internship programs should be developed for high school and college students. Opportunities could be offered by the local government, nonprofits, and businesses. The City should support training and trade-specific licensing for the local unskilled workforce on building codes, including windstorm requirements.

SUPPORT EXISTING ASSETS

To retain and boost existing businesses, the city and the proposed EDC need to support small businesses. A business needs assessment should be conducted, as identified in the Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan, in order to facilitate more business re-openings and a return to normal business hours. The Heritage District Overlay Code could be reassessed and updated. The EDC and the Chamber of Commerce should arrange professional assistance for businesses to cultivate their merchandising and websites. Special events, like the Rockport Business Expo, could be organized for the downtown or cultural arts district. Additional media campaigns, building on the "Find Yourself in Rockport-Fulton" campaign, should be developed to communicate specific, current information and that small businesses are open.

RPAT

PLAN INTEGRATION

TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE

Rockport should assist businesses in being better prepared for future flood events and storms and more rapid recovery through development of educational resources. Rockport and downtown advocates should help to prepare area businesses for future flooding and or storm damage in advance of storms, aiming to minimize businesws interruption and/or losses and thus speeding up subsequent recovery. Informational materials should be disseminated to businesses throughout the community to help them prepare financially as well as structurally to weather-related threats. The city needs to encourage businesses to be eco-friendly and assist them in being better prepared for future flood events & storms & more rapid recovery through development of educational resources.

CASE STUDY: ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION - DOUGLAS, GA

Douglas is a small town in Coffee County, Georgia with a population of about 12,000. Up until the 1950s, the economy was driven by agriculture, but over time the Douglas-Coffee County Economic Development Authority sought to diversify. After some initial successes with the manufacturing industry, jobs declined in the early 2000s.

Cooperation among the city, county, business community, education institutions and civic leaders has been the basis for Douglas' economic development strategy. In addition to bringing in manufacturing jobs, the city has focused on small and local businesses. Leaders in the community recognized that development of small business would support a more diverse economy and provide services that could attract industrial employers as well.

In the late 1980s, a Main Street Program was initiated and aimed to preserve the heritage and improve the aesthetics of Douglas' downtown area. Through a series of grants and matching funds, storefronts were restored and improved, and a streetscape project added trees, landscaping, lighting, and sidewalks with decorative brickwork. These improvements made the downtown area a community gathering place and spurred a "Second Saturday" market for artists, farmers, and other vendors. In 2007, when the city's comprehensive plan was updated, the plan included strategies to continue improvements, a mix of businesses, and redevelop vacant lots. Between 1995 and 2012, the vacancy rate in downtown dropped from 25% to 6%.

In 2002, a new director of entrepreneur and small business development, within the Chamber of Commerce, initiated a document outlining permitting and zoning processes, tax policies, business loans, and other resources. Additionally, the Chamber began offering programs for new business owners by connecting them with experienced business owners, providing training for workplace and community leadership skills, and encouraging community members to shop locally by giving discounts.

In 2004, Douglas and Coffee County were the first community in Georgia to be recognized by the state for its strategies and commitment to support local entrepreneurs. The decisions of the city and county to improve the economic environment for businesses and consumers helped Douglas become a more welcoming place for entrepreneurs and created nearly 800 new jobs.

CASE STUDY: DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION - MOUNT MORRIS, NY

Mount Morris, New York is a small village south of Rochester in Livingston County with a population of 2,929. Historically, its economy was driven by farming, commercial agriculture, and milling. The local farms and businesses were able to ship goods directly to markets via the Genesee Valley Canal and, later, a new rail line. Yet, the village and many surrounding communities fell into decline when manufacturing jobs left the area. In the 1970s, a new expressway and competition from big box stores also drew attention away from downtown Mount Morris and left storefronts empty and falling into disrepair.

The Livingston County Development Group (LCDG) stepped in to help revitalize the economy. The group supported small businesses, encouraged entrepreneurship, and promoted downtown revitalization. LCDG began to provide instruction, technical assistance, relocation services, and a loan fund for start-ups or expansion expenses. They subsidized rent, put together a catalog of downtown businesses, and advertised the community to developers with the hopes of bringing in investments.

Greg O'Connell, a developer and a graduate of State University of New York (SUNY) - Geneseo found Mount Morris to be a significant investment opportunity. He spent over $2 million on purchasing and restoring 20 downtown buildings. He provided lower rent for businesses to help them get a head start and, in exchange, requested more dynamic downtown activities such as longer hours one night a week. Renting out second story apartments also gave O'Connell a return on his investment.

Mount Morris worked to get the whole community involved in the downtown revitalization efforts, so it took advantage of its proximity to SUNY-Geneseo. By enlisting O'Connell's alma mater, the students helped with projects related to beautification and event publicity. O'Connell created and funded the position of Main Street Manager for which a SUNY student works to coordinate advertising and social media for downtown businesses.

The efforts of O'Connell and other community leaders have brought downtown Mount Morris back to life by filling vacant storefronts with new businesses such as a cafe and bakery, a barbershop, and antiques dealer. In 2010, the village received a "Restore NY" grant to preserve and repurpose an old downtown theater building. Some business owners have been successful enough to open new establishments as well.

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7 ENVIRONMENT



OVERVIEW

The City of Rockport resides on the Live Oak Peninsula, a mostly rural region that has very unique ecosystems that contribute to its economic development and sense of place. Rockport encompasses a total area of 15.0 square miles, of which 10.7 square miles is land and 4.3 square miles is water.[1] The abundance of coastline makes for a variety of unique coastal ecosystems that are not found anywhere else. Outdoor recreational activities are a common pastime for locals tourists.

The first industries of the region incorporated the natural environment, centering on fishing, boat building, and tourism. The generally mild weather created an ideal environment for outdoor recreation and industry. Though fishing and shrimping are no longer the main economic drivers on the Live Oak Peninsula, the water is still the focus for most residents. This region is home to the Windswept Oak, an icon for Rockport, productive wetlands and estuaries, multiple bay systems, and important critical habitats for threatened and endangered species.

It was clear through the public outreach and feedback process of the comprehensive plan update that Rockport residents rank conservation and protecting natural environmentally sensitive areas as high priorities. This also includes enhancing resilience by identifying wildlife habitat corridors, promoting mitigation options, particularly natural mitigation strategies, and encouraging disaster preparedness through public outreach and education. Numerous threatened and endangered species call this region home which alone draws in thousands of tourists every year.

Due to Rockport's location on the water and its proximity to the Gulf, the city is very susceptible to floods and tropical storms. Hurricane Harvey is the most recent disaster in 2017, but the area has had frequent confrontations with natural disasters that threaten public safety and economic security. On top of that, the region has struggled with localized water quality and drainage issues.

The following chapter will highlight the existing natural conditions in Rockport, go into detail about threats, highlight public feedback, and outline recommendations for the future.

CONDITIONS BEFORE THE STORM

WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION

The City of Rockport is located on a peninsula surrounded by Copano Bay to the northwest and Aransas Bay to the south. Along with those essential ecosystem features, Rockport also has two bodies of water that create nooks along the shore, Little Bay and Salt Lake. Due to these naturally occurring features, the peninsula is home to a variety of habitats comprised of many different species of birds, fish, and amphibians.



Figure 7.1 Lightning Whelk
Source: photo by Jarek Tuszynski on Wikipedia

Wildlife

Aransas County is located at a pinch point, a location where species of migrating birds pass through on their journeys from north to south. Figure 7.4 displays North and South America Migration Patterns for many bird species in the Spring and Fall. As can be seen following the Central Flyway (purple), Rockport's location guarantees a variety of avian visitors every year. Rockport has been able to protect important ecosystems and provide a habitat for millions of migrating birds, such as geese, ducks, and songbirds.[2] The migrating birds bring in numerous tourists year-round, which helps boost the city's economy. Other major species in the region include, alligators, fiddler crabs, spoonbills, and sea turtles.[3] Spoonbills prefer the bays, marshes, and estuaries since these shallow waters allow for easy access to fish.[4] The Lightning Whelk, and the Texas State Shell has been found frequently and holds cultural significance. The shell was valued for its design and used for religious ceremonies and as a practical tool.[5]

Threatened and Endangered Species

Due to ecological changes, Rockport has experienced significant degradation in species richness and habitat. The greatest threats include power lines, illegal hunting, loss of land, and chemical spills. Knowledge about these species helps with future development plans to reduce and control possible negative impacts on vegetation and wildlife in the region.

In 1973, the U.S. government implemented a piece of key legislation, the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Under the ESA, species that are vulnerable to extinction are listed as either endangered or threatened. The purpose of the Act is to provide financial assistance to conservation efforts in order to help states maintain environmental programs. This legislation establishes a "framework to conserve and protect endangered and threatened species and their habitats" on an international and domestic scale. The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) keeps records of endangered and threatened species which include birds, insects, fish, reptiles, mammals, crustaceans, flowers, grasses, and trees. In Rockport, there are several species that are listed as endangered or threatened or proposed threatened by the FWS. The most well-known endangered species that nest in Aransas County is the Whooping Crane.

According to the ESA, endangered species are defined as species that are "in danger of extinction within the foreseeable future throughout all or a specific portion of its range," and threatened species are "those animals and plants likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a specific portion of its range." So far, the Piping Plover is the only animal in Aransas County that is listed Threatened. Animals within the County that are listed endangered include the following:[6]

- Northern Aplomado Falcon
- Ocelot
- Whooping Crane
- Leatherback Sea Turtle
- Atlantic Hawksbill Sea Turtle
- Golden-Cheeked Warbler
- Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle



Figure 7.2: Whooping Cranes
Source: texasstandard.org



Figure 7.3: Northern Aplomado Falcon
Source: allaboutbirds.org

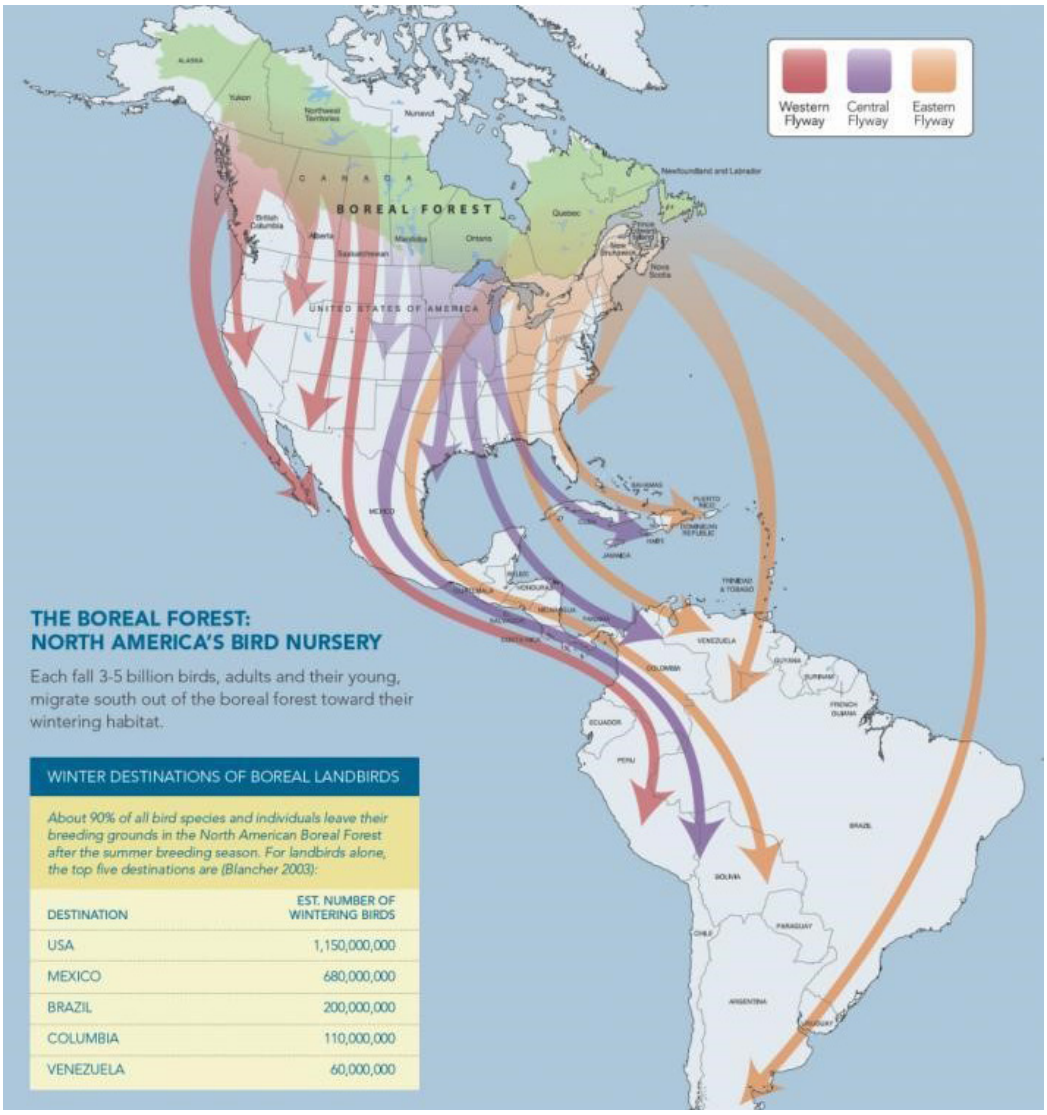


Figure 7.4: North and South America Bird Migration Patterns
Source: Boreal Songbird Initiative

Critical Habitats and Disturbances

The ESA defines a Critical Habitat as a specific geographic area containing many features essential to the conservation of an endangered or threatened species that may require special management and protection.[7]

To minimize the influence of human activities, critical habitats and ecosystems are managed through conservation areas. The Aransas National Wildlife Refuge supports a diverse community of species, some of which are considered endangered or threatened. Migrating birds are attracted to the mild temperature and abundance of food the refuge has to offer during the winter.[8] The Wildlife refuge provides rehabilitation efforts for vulnerable species and are critical habitats for fostering the life of species. The Whooping Crane is one of North America's rarest birds; only three populations exist today. Therefore, the 22,500 acres of Refuge in Aransas County is imperative for their survival.[9]



Figure 7.5: Rockport Demo Bird Garden
Source: www.shinebeautifully.me



Figure 7.6: Rockport Wetlands
Source: www.shinebeautifully.me

Little Bay is a small, semi-enclosed estuary located in the center of Rockport and next to the city's fair grounds. This ecosystem is extremely valuable as it provides the city with flood protection, filters unwanted nutrients and contaminants from larger sources of water, provides a habitat for species and is a major nursery area for many commercially and recreationally important fish. However, there are many concerns regarding the health and vitality of the Bay, in order for it to continue to foster its intended environmental functions.



Figure 7.7: Little Bay Estuary, Rockport, Tx
Source: Aransas County Navigation District

Vegetation

Rockport is the largest city in Aransas County and falls into the Gulf Coast Prairie and Marsh region. This ecological region experiences oceanic impact from severe wind and rain. According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, the primary vegetation coverage of Rockport includes bushes and marshes, with some special vegetation and plants.[10] Short rooted plants, commonly found in this area and ecological region, can be found among the side of open waters. Table 7.1 provides a list of plants grown in this area.[11]



Figure 7.8: Rockport Demo Bird Garden & Tule Marsh East
Source: www.shinebeautifully.me

Table 7.1: Plant Species in Coastal Gulf Prairies

Trees	Wildflowers	Vines	Grasses	Wildflowers
American Beauty-berry	Beach Evening Primosa	Carolina Jessa-mine	Big Blue Stem	Prickly-Pear Cactus
American Elm	Cardinal Flower	Coral Honeysuckle	Bushy Bluestem	Spanish Dagger
Buttonbush	Coral Bean	Cross-Vine	Eastern Gamma Grass	
Eastern Red Cedar	Gulf Coast Penste-mon	May-Pop	Gulf Cordgrass	
Flame Leaf Sumac	Indian Paintbrush	Muscadine Grape	Inland Sea-oats	
Lantana	Lance-Leaf Core-opsis	Pipevine	Sugarcane Plume Grass	
Loblolly Pine	Meadow Pink	Trumpet Creeper		
Red Buckeye	Scarlet Sage			
Red Mulberry	Showy Evening Primrose			
Short-Leaf Pine	Spider Lily			
Shrubs	Turk's Cap			
Shumard Red Oak				
Southern Live Oak				
Sugarberry				
Water Oak				
Wax Myrtle				
Willow Oak				
Yaupon				

Source: Texas Parks and Wildlife, 2016[12]

Conservation Efforts

Throughout Aransas County, there are initiatives to protect and conserve these endangered and threatened species and their habitats. A prime example of Rockport's conservation effort is the work done to protect the Whooping Crane, in part, through the establishment of the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, which is the only known area in the United States that Whooping Cranes come to mate.

The Whooping Crane is a highly sought after by bird watchers due to its rarity; this species alone draws in tourists from around the nation and has created a market for Whooping Crane related tours and festivals. There is only one self-sustaining population that survives in the wild and spends the winter (November – March) on the Texas Gulf. Unfortunately, impacts from the changing climate are altering migratory patterns and increasing drought, putting the Whooping Crane's future generations in jeopardy. As of the 2017-2018 winter season, 505 Whooping Cranes were counted in the area, which is 16 more than what was recorded the previous year. The Whooping Crane is following a trend of improvements and it is these conservation efforts that will keep them from extinction.

Experiments, monitoring efforts, and management practices occur in this critical habitat to further understand the status of the species and prevent further population losses. Experiments, such as the one shown in the picture of decoys being placed on the reef, help to test the accuracy of the aerial counting method used to determine how many Whooping Cranes there are each migratory year.



Figure 7.9: Whooping Crane Decoys being placed on Oyster Reefs
Source: www.naturetourism.tamu.edu

A recently completed partnership project between Texas A&M Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuary Program (CBBEP) was Bacterial Source Tracking in Little Bay. This project was initiated in response to stakeholder concerns of elevated levels of enterococci in Little Bay. The main objectives were to conduct an analysis of historical data in the Bay, monitor enterococci concentrations for seven months, and determine probable sources of fecal pollution. The project recommended future Best Management Practice efforts to hopefully alleviate future events. More information can be found on the publication website for the CBBEP.[13] In 2012, the CBBEP also worked with Aransas County on Tule Lake wetland restoration efforts.

There are several other conservation organizations that serve Rockport and the surrounding areas; for example, Aransas Bird and Nature Club, International Crane Foundation and Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) through the University of Texas Marine Science Institute (UTMSI).

Wetlands

Wetlands located along the coast contain a rich abundance of wildlife and nutrients. The composition of this ecosystem provides a habitable place for numerous birds, fish, and amphibians, which is why wetlands are often referred to as the "cradle of life." Wetlands not only foster breeding and feeding areas for wildlife but can also help mitigate flooding. Wetlands have the natural ability to manage extensive rainfall by storing flood waters and reducing the speed of streamflow. This results in reduced peak flows, allowing for the rate and volume of flood waters to penetrate the soils and minimize inland effects as well as erosion. This process diminishes the strain of flood events on life and property. They mimic the absorption qualities of a sponge, therefore assessing the usefulness of wetlands is to measure their ability to naturally hold excess water and slowly release it.

The major types of wetlands include estuarine and marine, freshwater emergent, and freshwater ponds, as seen in Figure 7.9. However, as development increases and human activities become more prominent in the area, wetlands become more susceptible to harmful contaminants that ultimately impact the wildlife inhabiting the area and the quality of water for city use.

The economy of Rockport thrives on activities related to its wetlands; such as commercial fishing, shrimping, birdwatching, sport fishing, kayaking, and boating.[14] These activities provide an economic base for the city and influences tourism numbers. Water management programs, such as the one mentioned in the water demand section, helps to ensure the quality of water remains at healthy levels.

Watersheds and Aquifers

Underground aquifers provide the region with the potential to harvest groundwater. The aquifers recharge from rivers, lakes, and wetlands by seeping through its permeable layers.[17] Water conservation practices help fill out the aquifers artificially. High water demand, combined with extended periods of low precipitation and the inability of aquifers to recharge can lead to water depletion and, eventually, regional drought.[18] Communities often regulate the extraction and use of water resources for non-essential activities to conserve water and ensure availability. Rockport belongs to Groundwater Management Area 15, which consists of 13 counties.[19] Figure 7.10 shows the major aquifers in Texas and indicates that Rockport is part of the Gulf Coast Aquifer (denoted in yellow on the map).

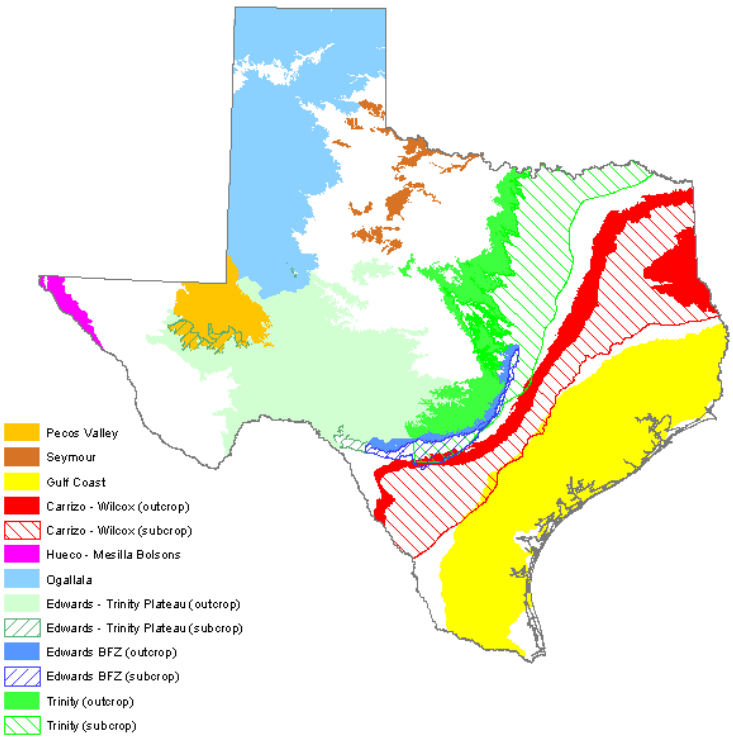


Figure 7.10: Major Aquifers of Texas
Source: Texas Water Development Board[20]

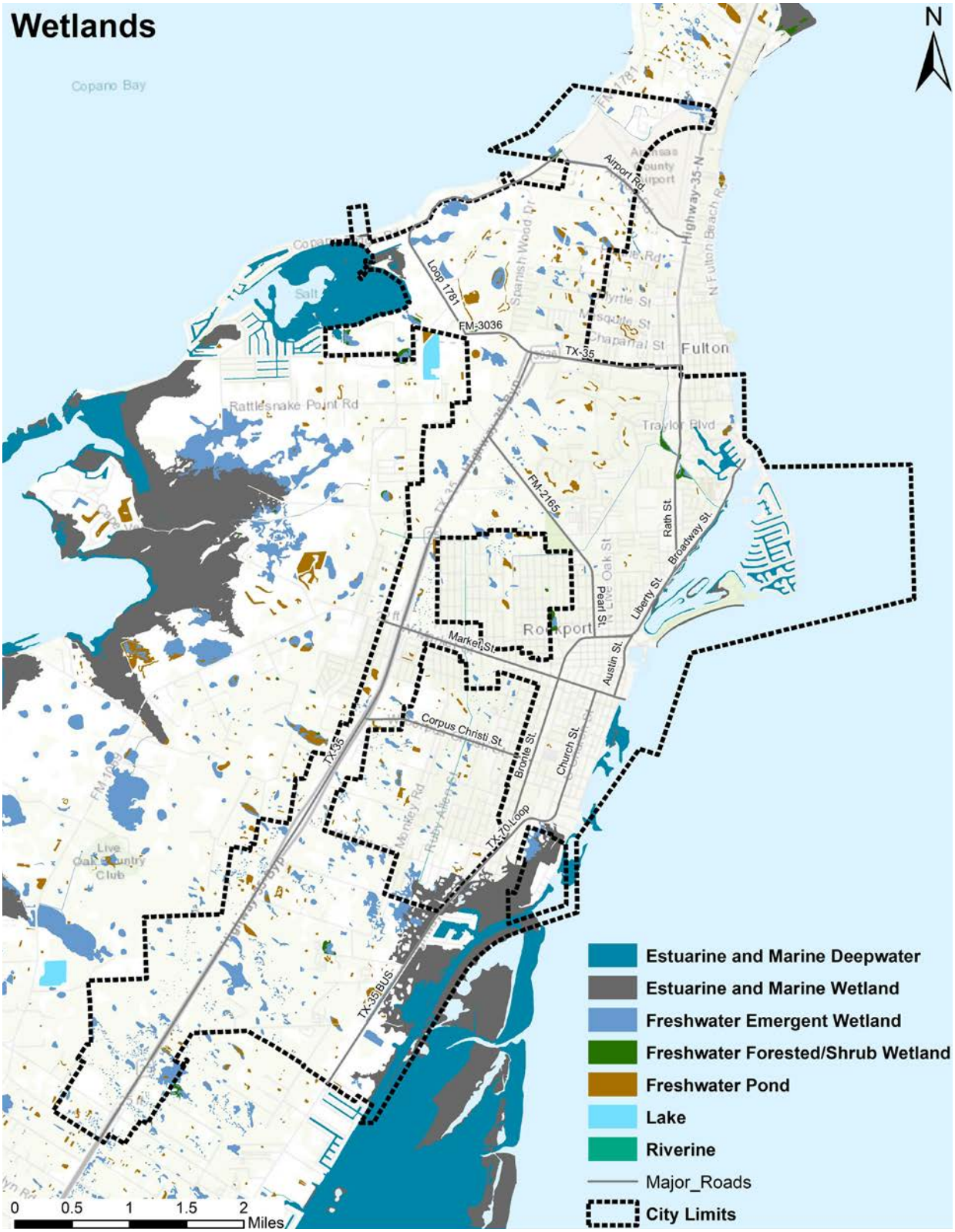


Figure 7.11: Wetland Types in Rockport, Texas
Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2018[15]

BAY EDUCATION CENTER

In 2010, the Bay Education Center (BEC), a free to the public education and outreach center, to bring awareness to the importance of wetlands and conserving natural habitats. The main purpose of the center is to highlight the ecological and economic importance of the Mission-Aransas Estuary through engaging and interactive exhibits.

The BEC is a partnership between the Aransas County Navigation District (ACND), which donated the land for the center, the City of Rockport, the Mission-Aransas NERR, the University of Texas, Marine Science Institute (UTMSI), the Texas General Land Office (GLO), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Construction of the BEC was made possible by Reserve funds received through a NOAA grant, GLO granted funds, and City funds. NOAA grants provided funding for the Visitor Center exhibits and Science On a Sphere© (SOS).

Unfortunately, The Center was damaged extensively by Hurricane Harvey and has since been closed. The Aransas County Navigation District commissioners recently approved an interlocal agreement with the UTMSI to help get the insurance money ready for repairs to begin. The agreement sets a maximum cost of $475,000 for the repairs. The Aransas County Navigation District and the University of Texas at Austin are partners in the BEC, with UT serving as the managing partner of the Mission-Aransas NERR. The BEC is set to re-open by the time the Comprehensive Plan updates are adopted.

One example of a program the BEC organized each year was the Wetlands Week for elementary students across the region. Reserve educators have presented programs for Wetlands Week at the Bay Education Center each October for the last six years. Wetlands Week was initially funded through a grant that Martha McLeod, a fifth grade science lab instructor with Fulton Learning Center, received from the Aransas County ISD Education Foundation and the support of community organizations and volunteers has allowed this valuable, annual project to continue. Additionally, the BEC is home of Bay Talks which featured lunch hour talks on Fridays about various environmental and ecosystem topics.[16]



Figure 7.12: Bay Education Center suffered damage in Hurricane Harvey
Source: missionaransas.org

Water Quality

Water quality refers to the chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of water with respect to its usability for particular purposes such as drinking and recreation. Rockport and other coastal communities have access to freshwater and saltwater ecosystems. These communities rely on local aquatic ecosystem for many recreational and commercial activities such as fishing, swimming, boating, and bird watching. In order for those activities to be possible, the water quality level must be sustained. Vegetation and soil act as natural filters that remove pollutants from water, so the city focuses on maintaining the integrity of these natural flood barriers.

New development in the city and increasing amount of impervious land results in more runoff pollution affecting Little Bay. Monitoring programs have since then been conducted to try and understand the status of the Bay and its health trends over time. The Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) manages the water quality station located in Little Bay, which measures the Bay's quality based on temperature, salinity, and dissolved oxygen. The System-Wide Monitoring Program (SWMP) at the Mission-Aransas NERR is used to monitor water quality and weather indicators, biological monitoring, and mapping of Reserve habitats and watersheds. Two of their five monitoring stations are located near Rockport in Aransas Bay and Copano Bay West. Each station measures temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, depth, pH, turbidity, and chlorophyll/algal biomass. Nutrients, such as nitrates and phosphates, are monitored at the bay stations on a monthly basis and diel monthly samples are collected at the Port Aransas Ship Channel. Figure 7.14 shows the different sampling locations around Rockport.

On top of monitoring efforts, volunteers are also vital for improving the health of the ecosystem. The City of Rockport's committee for Water Quality Issues initially spearheaded an exciting new water quality monitoring project in Little Bay, Rockport, Texas. This project is designed to monitor spatial and temporal variations in salinity and turbidity, which are two of the factors known to impact seagrass growth and reproduction. Volunteers from Rockport and Port Aransas were provided training, so they can collect consistent water quality data using various types of sampling equipment around Little Bay.

The Bay itself is connected to Aransas Bay through two outlets and serves as the primary recipient of stormwater drainage for the City of Rockport from Tule Creek, at least 11 storm outfalls and runoff from the adjacent neighborhood, Key Allegro. The abundance of the seagrass community, mostly made up of Halodule wrightii, has been steadily declining. The community reached out the Mission-Aransas NERR and University of Texas Marine Science to try and find a source of this decline. Dr. Kenneth Dunton and Christopher Wilson from the University wrote up a report in 2010 of their findings and can be found on the Mission-Aransas NERR website.

The availability of water and its quality largely depends on the naturally occurring systems in the region, e.g., the watersheds and aquifers.[21] The bodies of surface water belonging to watershed regions all converge and drain to one outlet.[22] Along the coast, the rivers and streams converge into coastal basins made up of estuaries and bays. Rockport is in the Copano Bay Watershed and the Aransas Bay Watershed, while also receiving the influence of several other watersheds around it.

The Texas Water Development Board publishes the estimated water demand for all the counties and cities in Texas. Figure 7.13 illustrates the Municipal Water Demand projections from 2020-2070 for Rockport.

Rockport's population is expected to grow at a slow rate, therefore the supply of water tends to dwindle. The water demand provided by the Texas Water Development Board highlights this projection trend. Even though the city is not expecting exponential growth, there is still a demand for well-managed water resources. Rockport's treated water supply comes from the San Patricio Municipal Water District (SPMWD), who provides water to community water systems and other industrial customers.[23] The city's contract with SPMWD requires the city to follow SPMWD's plan.[24]

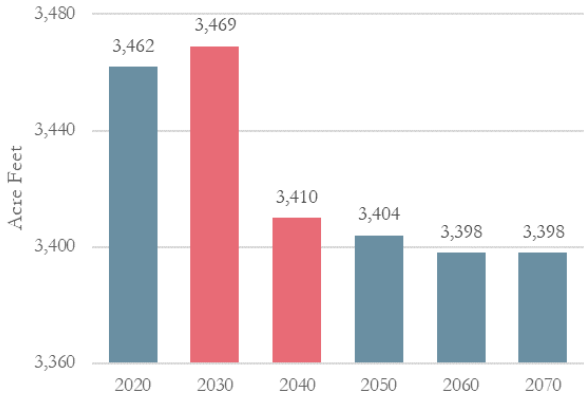


Figure 7.13: Water Demand in Rockport, Texas
Source: Texas Water Development Board, 2018[25]

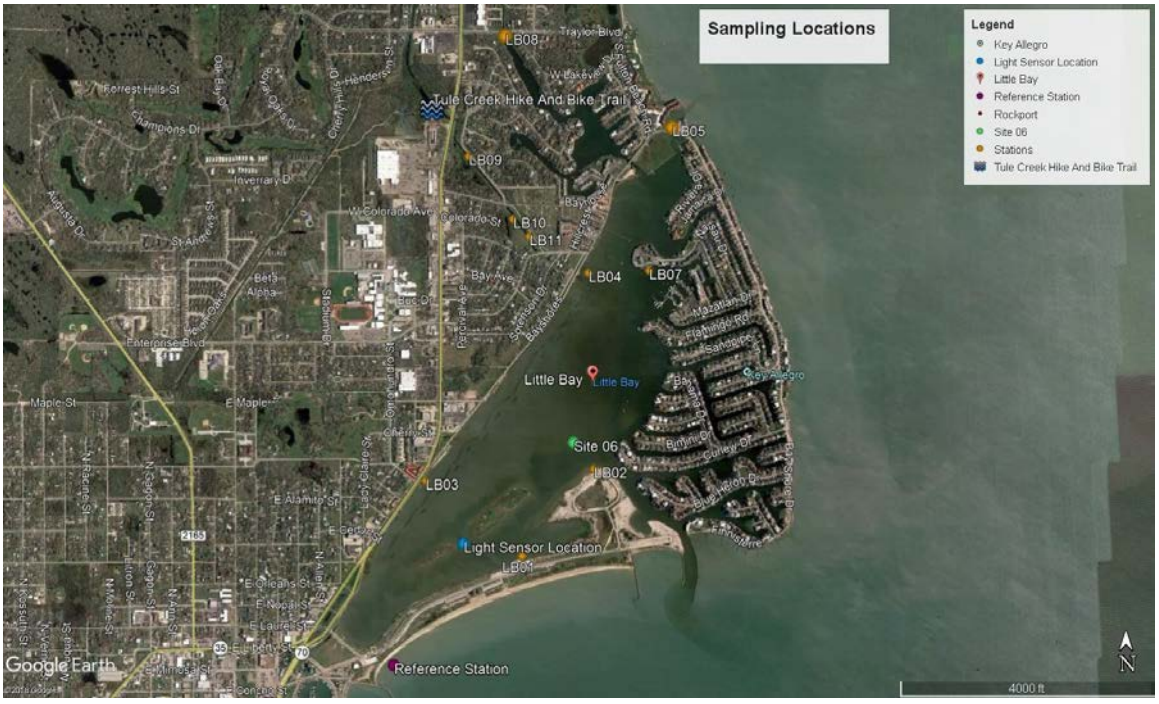


Figure 7.14: Sampling locations around Tule Creek and Little Bay
Source: Google Earth

Aransas County is particularly susceptible to a wide range of natural hazards: floods, hurricanes, drought, extreme heat, lightening, coastal erosion, hailstorms, tornadoes, and wildfires.

Not only are the homes and businesses of the citizens at risk, but also the habitats of animals. Preservation of the soil and floodplains protect the city from floods and will play an enormous role in how the city protects itself in the future. The following section highlights the breadth of hazards that affect Rockport, the different organizations that can provide assistance, and strategies for mitigation.

Hurricanes and Tropical Storms

Hurricanes and tropical storms are dangerous weather systems that create strong winds, storm surges, and large amounts of rain in a relatively short time span. In recent years, NOAA meteorologists have stated that storms are becoming more intense and are causing more extreme destruction.[26]

The Aransas County Hazard Mitigation Plan includes a map that shows the FEMA Wind Zones. Aransas County is in Wind Zone III region, which can have maximum winds of 200 mph. The majority of storms that have come within 15 miles of Rockport have been weakening storms of Category 3 or lower, with the exception of Hurricane Harvey. The most common types of storms to hit the city are tropical storms, tropical depressions, and Category 1 Hurricanes.[27] Since 1950, there has been a total of 70 tropical systems to make landfall within a 100 mile radius of the City of Rockport.[28]

The best course of action for citizens to protect their health is to evacuate. In most cases, strong infrastructure will be imperative, not only for safety, but also to avoid significant economic losses and diminishing housing infrastructure for citizens. The weakest points on a building are often the roof, windows, and entry ways. Once the wind has damaged these components, it can also drive rain into the building, causing further destruction.

Figure 7.17 displays the main areas in Rockport that were damaged by flood waters from the hurricane. The majority of the affected area is on the northwest side of the peninsula due to the arms of the hurricane pushing storm surge from the Gulf into Copano Bay. The west side of the peninsula has a lower elevation than the east side, so the impact of flooding was higher.

The evacuation routes for Rockport citizens are limited to two main routes. For Hurricane Evacuation Routes, TxDOT has designated Highway 188 (West-Bound) and Highway 35 (North-Bound). There are no hurricane shelters in the City of Rockport or Aransas County. When a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico is determined to impact the area, the city and County Emergency Operations Center will likely announce a mandatory evacuation procedure.



Figure 7.16 TxDOT Hurricane Route Sign
Source: www.txdot.gov

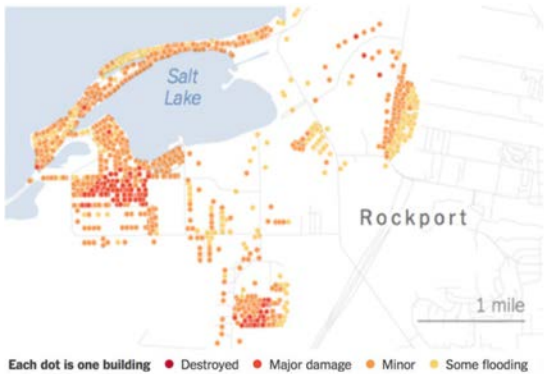


Figure 7.17: Damaged Structures from Hurricane Harvery Source: New York Times, 2017[135]

Coastal Erosion

Coastal erosion is an increasing threat to many cities around the world, but Rockport in particular is facing more direct exposure to the Gulf of Mexico due to tropical systems eroding the barrier islands that protect the mainland. Both Rockport and Fulton are highly vulnerable to coastal erosion and the peninsula is more likely to experience more erosion along the bay's coastline in the future.

The northwest side of the peninsula has many wetlands, marshes, and critical habitats as stated in the previous section. The city and surrounding area has a large migratory bird population that can potentially be impacted. Table 7.2 identifies the types and causes of coastal erosion.

Sea Level Rise and Subsidence

The Texas coast is experiencing a high rate of relative sea level rise caused by both vertical subsidence and eustatic sea level rise. Subsidence can be attributed to many different factors such as land compaction, aquifer drawdown, and declining fluid pressures in subsurface hydrocarbon reservoirs.[26] The contributions to sea level rise range from a warming climate, leading to a warming and expanding ocean as well as melting ice caps. It is understood across the country that all coastal communities should consider the future of their coastlines when contemplating new development and mitigating for natural disasters.

Floods

In recent years, localized flooding has become a significant hazard for communities like Rockport.[31] From 1997 – 2017, there were a total of 21 flash floods reported in Rockport. The total amount of property damages that have accrued over the course of the past 20 years is $1,850,000.[32]

Table 7.2: Coastal Erosion Causes and Examples

Natural Impacts	
Agent	**Examples**
Erosion	Waves/Currents Storms Landslides
Sediment Reduction	Climate Change Stream Avulsion Source Depletion
Submergence	Land Subsidence Sea-level Rise
Wetland Deterioration	Herbivory Freezes Fires Saltwater Intrusion
Human Impacts	
Agent	**Examples**
Transportation	Boat Wakes Altered Water Circulation
Coastal Construction	Sediment Deprivation (Bluff Retention) Coastal Structures (Jetties, Groins, Seawalls)
River Modification	Control and Diversion (Dams, Levees)
Fluid Extraction	Water, Oil, Gas, Sulfur
Climate Alteration	Global Warming and Ocean Expansion Increased Frequency and Storm Intensity
Excavation	Dredging (Canals, Pipelines, Drainage) Mineral Extraction (Sand, Shell, Heavy Mines)
Wetland Destruction	Pollutant Discharge Traffic Failed Reclamation Burning

Source: Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan - Section 11 Page 2.

Other Common Hazards

Drought, extreme heat, tornadoes, hailstorms, wildfires, winter storms, and earthquakes are other types of hazards that can impact Rockport's environment. These hazards are listed in the Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as medium to low risk events.[33] All of these hazards have the potential to affect Rockport; however, looking at the historical data, they are not as likely to affect the city on an annual basis.

For more information about these hazards please refer to the Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan dives into more detail about all the hazards mentioned including; what they are, where they can occur, the potential vulnerable populations, and economic impacts they might endure.[34]

Disaster Recovery Organizations

Within and around Aransas County there are several organizations that provide assistance to residents and businesses that have been impacted by natural disasters. Some of the organizations include:

All Hands and Hearts - Through volunteer and community engagement, this group works to help families recover from natural disasters. The group commits to working in a given area for three years. They opened two programs in Texas after Hurricane Harvey: one in Houston and one in the Coastal Bend. The volunteers that comprise this group come from all over the region, and, in the event of a disaster, they have been able to draw volunteer groups from all over the country. In addition to helping rebuild, they have training programs for people who are interested in construction.

Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group (CB-DRG) - This group was established in 2015 as a volunteer-based coalition to help areas and residents within the Coastal Bend counties (Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio). The organization focuses on coordinating long-term disaster recovery through repairing and rebuilding homes, fundraising and raising awareness for current and future disasters.

In addition to these three non-governmental organizations, there are several state-level and federal organizations that can provide financial assistance and mitigation planning assistance to Texas communities and individual homeowners.

Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) - is administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO), but the funding comes from the CDBG-DR. The GLO creates a statewide action plan after a disaster has been declared, accepts public comment on the plan and then HUD must approve the plan. CDBG-DR funds and projects generally support fair and affordable housing, infrastructure upgrades and economic development. Rockport and the surrounding area received DBG-DR funds for several projects, outlined in the Aransas County Long Term Recovery Report, after Hurricane Harvey.

Habitat for Humanity - Habitat for Humanity has had a presence in Aransas County for 17 years. They are 100% volunteer run with the exception of the Executive Director that was recently brought on with funding from a 3-year grant. The group's involvement in disaster recovery developed in the last 10 years and operates with 100% donations to help residents get into and own a home. Families and individuals in need of affordable housing can apply for homeownership and, depending on their eligibility, may be selected to participate through a Sweat Equity Program.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - is organized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) but is locally administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Hazard Mitigation in theory is implemented before a disaster, in order to reduce the risk from hazards. However, communities can receive recovery funding if they have developed a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Rockport is included in the Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Hazard mitigation projects can be structural (e.g., levees and floodwalls) or non-structural (e.g., protecting wetlands and land use planning).

Rebuild Texas Fund (RTF) - The Rebuild Texas Fund is a collaborative project from the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and the OneStar Foundation, with the support of thousands of corporate and individual donors. RTF helps in the rebuilding and restoration of disaster affected cities in Texas.The funds will be fully allocated by July 2019. Rockport is using RTF to construct the Memorial Park Fitness Courts with a total project amount of $149,451.

Small Business Administration (SBA) Recovery Loan - After Aransas County was presidentially declared a "disaster area" from Hurricane Harvey, many impacted small businesses and homeowners may have become eligible for SBA loans. If their insurance policies and assistance from FEMA did not cover everything, they could apply for this loan to rebuild and recover from physical damage and economic losses.

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) - provides financial, technical and planning assistance to communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Examples of projects are: early warning systems, relocating residents, elevating buildings and other structural flood mitigation measures. The TWDB website also has tips for homeowners before, during and after disasters.

Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) - TWIA provides essential property insurance policies and services to eligible Texas properties in the gulf-coast area for windstorm and hail storm events.

PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Residents of Rockport aspire to maintain the city's unique environment and small-town atmosphere. The community values the protection of natural resources and wildlife for the purposes of overall conservation efforts and protection from natural disasters. Residents wish to see the extension of pathways and connections to green spaces, so that those areas can be more easily accessed and enjoyed but individuals of all socio-economic status and physical ability. Due to Rockport location on the coast and its' risk for hurricanes and floods, it is important to the community that coastal barrier protection is increased and wetlands are preserved for flood mitigation purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

NATURAL RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION

Public feedback highlighted the need for the city to work on improving connectivity of open spaces to expand wildlife corridors and conserve natural habitats. The city should encourage public participation in the Texas Wildscapes certification program offered by the TPWD. This program restores and conserves habitats by providing expertise on the design and maintenance of habitable land for wildlife and threatened species. Additionally, the city should look into options to amend the zoning ordinance to include a conservation overlay, or other land use regulations to ensure critical habitats are protected.

To ensure the Whooping Crane's survival, wildlife protection areas are necessary. The 22,500 acres of the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge acts as a rehabilitation ground for vulnerable species and is considered a critical habitat. A critical habitat is an area that is essential for the conservation of a species and requires special management and protection. To help with the conservation and protection of Whooping Cranes, management and monitoring practices are therefore needed to combat this issue. Additionally, the city should continue working with organizations such as the Aransas Bird and Nature Club and International Crane Foundation to identify critical habitats and ecological corridors to be conserved and maintained.

The protection of natural resources, habitats, trees and plants is just as important to the city as the is preservation of animals. The Tree Ordinance needs to be reviewed and revised to ensure that it is meeting its intended goals. It should include a goal for percentage cover of canopy and language about protecting understory vegetation. The City of Rockport is focused on the protection of certain trees which add to the character and charm of the city. The Code of Ordinances Section 106-4 defines protected trees as any tree that is on private or public property and has a trunk that is six inches (18.75-inch circumference) or larger measured at Diameter at Breast Height (DBH). Clear regulations and expectations for the preservation of trees within Rockport are outlined in the city's Code of Ordinances.

PLAN INTEGRATION — **HDZO**

TREE REQUIREMENT

Plan recommendation on the revision of the Tree Ordinance is aligned with Policy 8.2.1 street tree requirements and 8.2.5 turf and groundcover of the HDZO.

PLAN INTEGRATION — **RPAT**

TREE MASTER PLAN AND GI PLAN

Develop a Tree Master Plan and GI Plan to use as a framework to help guide tree planting within public and private property. Provide strategic tree plantings along Austin Street, at key intersections, on vacant lots, and along the streetscape to provide shade, visual appeal, and help capture stormwater.

In addition to the protection of critical habitats, a wetland preservation plan throughout the city, especially along the bypass, could be encouraged and implemented by Environmental Services of the Public Works Department. A staff member should be designated to oversee the implementation of the plan and organize maintenance efforts with involved stakeholders. The city should create long term strategies and conservation tools such as: a conservation overlay zone, transfer and purchase of development rights, wetland banking, revitalization and restoration incentive programs. An implementation table of outlined strategies and tools should be used to organize funding sources and uphold accountability aspect.

WINDSWEPT LIVE OAK TREES

Windswept Live Oak trees are protected under the Code of Ordinances due to their uniqueness to the city. Any live Oak Tree is considered "windswept" when there is a definite south-east to north-west lean because of Rockport's southeasterly winds. These trees add to the character and beauty of the city, so specific focus and protection is needed. Such trees are not to be removed without permission from the Tree and Landscape Committee. This is of utmost importance during development and construction as clear-cutting of land or removal of trees is not allowed without specific authorization. If authorization is given to remove a tree, one of equal or greater height is to be planted as a replacement. The goal for this is to maintain the natural resources and character of the city. Another thing for the city to consider is including language about protecting understory plants in order to protect the trunk of the tree and maintain biodiversity. The concrete language in the Tree Ordinance is very important for the protection of trees that are not designated for removal, especially those Windswept Live Oaks, during development.



Figure 7.18: Windswept Oaks
Picture Courtesy: Kate de Gennaro

All bay systems within Rockport need to be monitored and protected from runoff pollution and unwanted nutrients that would otherwise disturb the ecosystems natural state. Continue to support the efforts of the Mission-Aransas NERR's program Little Bay Report Card to monitor and compare water quality in Little Bay. The Mission-Aransas NERR wanted to continue to monitor the bay and compare its health with other bays so they established a report card aspect to measure water quality through temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, turbidity and chlorophyll. The measurements are compared with Aransas Bay as a control as it is generally regarded as a "healthy" bay with good water quality and healthy habitats. Educational seminars and volunteer programs that cover techniques to reduce impact on water quality, review signs of poor water quality and steps to prevent illness should be provided. The city needs to ensure compliance with governmental regulations on wastewater disposal and runoff contaminants and implement an enforcement program to maintain healthy water quality.

To enhance the management of flood waters and quality of water, the city should increase the use of green infrastructure practices throughout the city. Rockport should encourage public-private partnerships to help with funding sources, the design and functionality of projects, as well as implementation. The Housing and Urban Development Federal Department's Community Development Block grant could also be a source of funding for green infrastructure projects. Building incentives can be provided to encourage developers to incorporate low impact design techniques throughout their projects and consider using strategies to manage rainwater onsite to reduce negative side effects of runoff. Developers should also be incentivized to promote the connection of identified ecological corridors and avoid building in those areas.

Water retention methods need to be supported and managed throughout the city. The planning team recommends that Rockport amends the code of ordinances to include a land use tool, Transfer of Development Rights (TDR), to ensure wetlands ability to function and retain water. Sending areas should be established and outlined in the conservation management plan in places that have been identified as environmentally sensitive areas, critical habitats and wetlands providing flood mitigation functions. The lands need to be managed and protected properly so that the environmentally sensitive areas are preserved. The city needs to utilize tools such as a conservation easement or mitigation banking program so that conservation goals are achieved.

Directly coordinate with the Aransas County Navigation District to come up with strategies to strengthen the coastal shoreline to protect Rockport's residents and infrastructure from powerful storm surge. Coastal erosion can be mitigated through the construction of an artificial reef and marsh vegetation plantings; both will provide protection, filtration services and stabilization. Strengthening the coastal shoreline will protect Rockport's residents and infrastructure from powerful storm surge.

The Fulton Beach Road Project is a good model for future shoreline stabilization projects in Rockport. The city should continue striving to protect their shores by reaching out to nonprofits and advocacy groups for voluntary aid to help construct the artificial reef. Another example to use in the design and implementation of the erosion protection projects is the project along Shell Ridge Road, which is being funded by FEMA 404 mitigation dollars. The city should continue reaching out to nonprofits and advocacy groups for voluntary aid. Funding for construction and implementation can come from sources such as the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant, the Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program for Disaster Recovery, and RESTORE Act Buckets. Regular community meetings conducted by local emergency managers and mitigation experts need to be held regularly to cover disaster preparedness and recovery efforts. The city's media methods and other marketing tools should be utilized and enhanced to promote educational meetings, seminars, tool sets etc. and encourage citizen engagement and outreach.

WETLAND MITIGATION

Wetland Mitigation is the practice of offsetting unavoidable impacts to aquatic resources at one site by restoring and/or enhancing wetlands on another site in the same or adjacent watershed.[35] The Wetland Mitigation Banking Program came out of the 2014 Farm Bill and can be a great strategy for conserving essential habitat. This approach uses a market-based system to restore/enhance wetlands in one place to compensate for unavoidable impacts to wetlands in another place. The process requires the replacement of all lost wetland functions, values and acres. Wetland Banking has been used in Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North & South Dakota and Ohio.[36]

MHMP

PLAN INTEGRATION

MITIGATION

Evaluate best mitigation solution (i.e. buyouts, reconstruction) for repetitive loss properties. Evaluate list of repetitive loss properties for opportunities to partner with property owners regarding potential mitigation actions.

LIVING SHORELINE: REEFS IN LITTLE BAY

The Aransas County Navigation District acquired a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers in July of 2012 to construct a living shoreline in Little Bay. The project consisted of 28 constructed reefs using a crushed concrete base and reclaimed oyster shells on top for new oysters to attach to. The reefs occupied 4.3 acres and extends 1.2 miles along the western shoreline of the bay. The construction of the reefs wrapped up in September 2015 and a quantitative survey was conducted on the reefs productivity in November 2017, right after Harvey. The goal of the project was to establish a population of five oysters per square foot of reef surface. When the team went back in November 2017 it was found that the average oyster population was 12 live oysters per square foot and ranged in size from one to six inches. The survey showed that there was not a significant impact on the reef from Hurricane Harvey, most likely due to the direction of the prevailing winds and lack of storm surge on the gulf side.



Figure 7.19: Little Bay Oyster reef, marsh restoration project
Picture Courtesy: Mike Probst

Community awareness and preparedness is very important in regard to natural disasters. Local advocacy groups and non-profit organizations can help to improve community education. Rockport should work with the official long-term disaster recovery operator in the region, the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group, to provide community workshops. Meetings should be considerate of residents' other obligations, so that everyone has the ability to attend. Social media outlets and other marketing tools should be used to promote educational meetings, seminars, tool sets etc. and encourage citizen engagement and outreach.

In the event of new development, every effort should be made to avoid developing in flood-prone areas and within floodplains. When left undeveloped these regions can provide priceless benefits that protect life and property. Along with this the city should implement a limit on impervious surfaces. They can do this by making use of existing infrastructure and redevelop infill sites or greyfields.

Rockport recently implemented FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) which should continue to be utilized by residents and business owners. City officials should be in coordination with CRS Specialists, so they can assist community officials with the implementation of activities that earn premium discounts. CRS accreditation as determined by FEMA and the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) should be maintained. The city should examine new CRS activities frequently to add to the existing program. Additionally, the planning team suggests that the city evaluate the best mitigation solution (i.e. buyouts, reconstruction, etc.) for repetitive loss properties. Further, the city should evaluate a list of repetitive loss properties for opportunities to partner with property owners regarding potential mitigation actions.

MAXIMIZE BENEFITS OF ECOTOURISM INDUSTRY

The planning team encourages the protection of assets related to ecotourism and the assistance of businesses and tourist attractions to evaluate ecological footprint. Rockport should work with the chamber of commerce and environmental groups to educate local businesses on the importance of environmentally-friendly practices, such as recycling, water and energy conservation, and reducing the use of plastics.

Environmental education programs are an important part of the protection of the environment while encouraging a thriving ecotourism industry. The city needs to enhance community education programs for ecologically conscious tourism and lifestyles.

Because of Rockport's geography and topography, it is often a destination for vacationers. The city has a thriving ecotourism industry due to its many offerings of outdoor recreation. The International Ecotourism Society (TIES) defines ecotourism as "responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment, sustains the well-being of the local people and involves interpretation and education."[29] The goal of ecotourism is to maximize environmental and economic benefits while minimizing ecological damage and disruption.

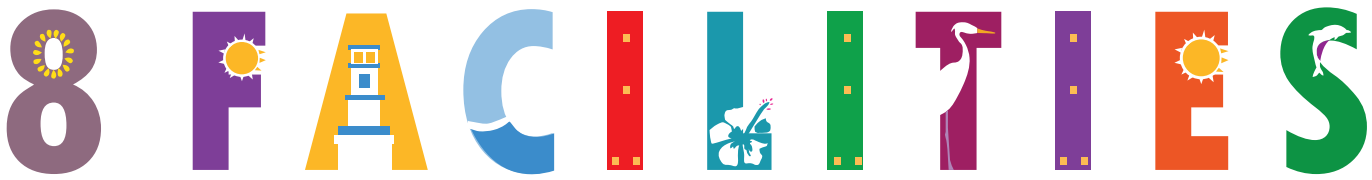
Texas Parks and Wildlife has a specific focus on nature-based tourism. Nature-based tourism comes in many forms. Whether it is kayaking through canals and marshes or biking and walking through nature trails and wildlife reserves, tourists can experience nature through low-impact, ecologically sound activities.

In Rockport there are many environmentally conscious tours that visitors and locals alike can enjoy. Rockport Kayak, for example, offers Kayak eco-tours where guests can get an up-close-and-personal view of many different marine animals without disturbing their habitats. Aransas Pathways was created out of a desire to maintain natural areas around the county and encourage residents and visitors to experience all that Rockport and Fulton have to offer from birding and historical tours to kayaking and hiking. They have continually invested in clean-up efforts and seek funding to expand and connect the existing trail network. The city should continue working with Aransas Pathways to maintain the natural environment.The key to a successful ecotourism industry and an environmentally sustainable community is education. By educating the community on conservation through raising awareness, communities can reduce the impact of tourism on their local ecosystem and increase environmental and economic benefits.

Flood-related education in coastal communities is becoming increasingly important. For coastal cities like Rockport, it is especially important to educate the community on the causes of flooding and the impact individuals have on the environment with the goal of helping them make environmentally conscious decisions. An environmentally-minded community and flourishing ecotourism industry helps protect the ecosystem which, in turn, protects the community from floods.

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8 FACILITIES



OVERVIEW

The City of Rockport aims to maintain excellent quality of life by providing for residents' and visitors' basic needs, recreational areas, and a safe environment. As the city grows and attracts new residents and businesses, the services and facilities will play a major part in the success and further development of Rockport. This chapter provides an inventory of the current community and governmental facilities.

The existing facilities are followed by in-depth recommendations for the existing and future community facility demands through the promotion and preservation of the historic resources and cultural identity of the city.

CONDITIONS BEFORE THE STORM

SCHOOLS

Aransas County Independent School District serves five communities including Rockport and consists of 5 public schools and one private school. Public schools include Rockport-Fulton High School, Rockport-Fulton Middle School, Fulton Learning Center, Little Bay Primary School, and Live Oak Learning Center. All schools in Rockport, except Little Bay Primary School and Live Oak 1-3 Learning Center, met the standards of Texas Education Agency for Accountability Rating in 2017.[1]

The private and learning centers in Rockport include:

- Sacred Heart Elementary School: Pre-Kinder, Kindergarten, and First through fifth grades. The school was founded in 1981 and has a total body of 153 students.
- All Children Begin Learning in a Christian Environment (ABC) Learning Center: The non-profit corporation organized in 1976 for the purpose of providing educational programs for preschool age children within a Christian environment in preparation for public/private school.

Table 8.1 shows Rockport public schools by student enrollment and Accountability Rating in 2017 and Figure 8.2 shows the location of the public and private schools in Rockport.

There are two Community Development Institute (CDI) Head Start locations within the City of Rockport. Head Start is a federal program that provides tools to enhance social, emotional, language and literacy development to low-income children up to the age of five. The CDI Head Start Rockport serves low- income disadvantaged, pre-school children and their families.[2] There are two CDI Head Start Rockport locations within the City of Rockport.

The Aransas County ISD Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization[3] committed to advancing education excellence in Aransas County, including the schools located within Rockport city limits.[4] The foundation has supported over $1 million in funds to the Rockport community through scholarships, grants, and an endowment.[5] The funds are used to enhance the educational programs in campuses throughout the county. This program has been an asset to the community's education and has assisted in making Aransas County the progressive educational leader within the Coastal Bend.

HEALTHCARE SERVICES

It is important that all residents have convenient access to health clinics, acute care, and emergency services. The following are the regional and local medical services that are available to Rockport residents. Prior to the hurricane, Allegiance Ambulance, Code3ER, Rockport Urgent Care Center, and Care Regional Medical Center in Aransas Pass provided emergency and urgent care for Aransas County.

Table 8.1 Public Schools by Student Enrollment and Accountability Rating in Rockport, TX, 2017

School Name	Grade Span	Students	Accountability Rating 2017
Little Bay Primary School	EE-PK	343	Improvement Required
Live Oak 1-3 Learning Center	1-3	788	Improvement Required
Fulton 4-5 Learning Center	4-5	492	Met Standard
Rockport- Fulton Middle School	6-8	777	Met Standard
Rockport-Fulton High School	9-12	987	Met Standard

Source: Texas Education Agency, Accountability Rating, 2017



Figure 8.1: Rockport Public Schools

Regional Medical Services

Christus Spohn Health System provides medical services throughout the Coastal Bend. The system consists of six hospital campuses, six family health centers, and a variety of other services. Christus Spohn does not have any facilities in Rockport; however, there is one Family Medicine location in Portland.

Care Regional Medical Center is located in Aransas Pass and provides a variety of emergency to specialty services. It has 75 beds, 80 physicians, and 200 employees. This structure serviced the entire peninsula, about 90,000 people,[7] but was severely damaged in the storm and has since been closed with no concrete plans for reopening. This has left a significant void in the community further exacerbating poor access to health care services.

The Coastal Plains Community MHMR is located in Portland, Texas about 20 miles south of Rockport. The facility provides mental health services and programs for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There are two mental health clinics in Rockport, Aransas County Mental Health Clinic and the Rockport Clinic Youth and Family Service Center.

Allegiance Ambulance provides three vehicles for EMS and 911 calls in Aransas County.

Rockport Medical Services

Rockport Urgent Care is managed by Twin Fountains Medical Center. In addition to urgent care, it offers basic services such as physicals, x-rays, pediatrics, and vaccinations/immunizations. The center closed indefinitely on May 29, 2019.

Rockport has three facilities that serve as nursing homes, adult day care centers, and rehabilitation units: Gulf Pointe Plaza, Rockport Coastal Care Center Inc., and Oak Crest Nursing Center.

MICRO HOSPITAL PROPOSITION

After Hurricane Harvey, Rockport and the surrounding cities were left with a deficit in emergency medical facilities. In June 2019, Aransas County commissioners and city officials met to discuss the potential for a new hospital facility in Aransas County like no other medical facility in the county.

The proposed facility is a micro-hospital that will fulfill the need for emergency and acute-care medical services. Micro-hospitals are small-scale inpatient facilities with between eight and fifteen short stay beds. These facilities can provide many of the same services as a full-scale hospital but are much less expensive to run.

The county has formed an agreement between the county and Texas A&M College of Medicine and other governmental entities and paid the fees to initiate a study, supporting the establishment of this new medical facility. Funding is said to come from the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR).

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Four companies provide hospice and home health services: AIM Hospice, Cornerstone Home Health, Harbor Hospice, and Sea Crest Home Health. Table 8.2 shows medical facilities available in Rockport.

GOVERNMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Governmental facilities in the City of Rockport include the city hall, which, as of the completion of this Comprehensive Plan, has been demolished, Rockport Service Center, a public library, Aransas County Appraisal District and the county courthouse. In 1956, the Woman's Club of Aransas County established the Aransas Public Library. Before Hurricane Harvey, Aransas County Courthouse was located in the south region of Rockport since 1956.[8]

After Hurricane Harvey, some government facilities were left in a bad shape and had to relocate. Currently the courthouse is located in a strip mall at the corner of Henderson St. and Highway 35, but construction for the new location is underway on or within a short distance of where the old courthouse stood. This new location will be known as The Downtown Anchor Project and will soon be home to the courthouse and city hall complex. The Anchor Project is a joint venture between the City of Rockport and Aransas County and it is a major step toward recovery and reconstruction of the government facilities that were lost to the hurricane. The new facility will include the Aransas County Courthouse, Rockport City Hall, and public meeting spaces. The estimated cost of the project is around $16.4 million for the county and $8.4 million for the city.

In addition to the devastation of the courthouse many other government facilities experienced damage and a slow down in services. The Aransas County Appraisal District and Rockport City Hall also sustained damage. Rockport Post Offices took a hit and operated with reduced services following the storm.

Table 8.2: Rockport Medical Facilities

Medical Facilities	Type
Rockport Urgent Care	Emergency care facilties
Coastal Medical Clinic	Medical clinic and lab
Medical Beaches	Medical clinic and lab
Corpus Christi Heart Clinic	Rockport Medical Clinic
MCCI Medical Gulf Side	Medical Clinic
Health Care Professional Equipment Services	Medical Clinic
Liugao Health	Medical Clinic
Rockport Physical Medicine PA	Medical Clinic
Premier Sleep Disorder Center	Medical Clinic
Rockport Pediatrics	Medical Clinic
Diabetes Cardiovascular of Rockport, PLCC	Medical Office
Humpal Physical Therapy	Physical Therapists
Interna Medicine Associates	Hospitalist
Live Oak Family Medicine	Primary/Family Medical Clinic

To keep its residents safe, the city has a police department and fire department that is comprised of four fire stations. The Rockport Volunteer Fire Department is a nonprofit organization that serves Rockport and consists of four fire stations. Since 1855, the Fire Department has served as an organization independent from the City of Rockport; however, the department receives annual funding through the city's "General Fund." The stations comply with the Texas Commission on Fire Safety Protection and financial procedures. The organization is provided funding through the City of Rockport's General Fund, Aransas County, and the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assessment Program.

The organization is made up of approximately 50 volunteers who do an impressive job with providing aid for the community. The city encourages residents to volunteer if they are willing and able to go through the mandatory training and assist this organization.

The City of Rockport adopted the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code, which prohibits the burning of brush, trash, or other rubbish within the city limits without the expressed permission of the Fire Marshal.

The Rockport Police Department conducts a variety of monitoring activities throughout the community including motor, tactical bike patrols and water safety. The department includes a "Criminal Investigation Division" which reviews and investigates reports of felony and misdemeanor criminal acts. This department also prepares for cases for prosecution with the U.S. District, County and City Attorneys' offices. Rockport's critical facilities can be seen in Figure 8.2.



Figure 8.2: Map of Critical Facilities in Rockport, TX

WATER, WASTEWATER, AND PUBLIC WORKS

Rockport's Public Works department is in charge of maintaining the streets, infrastructure, drainage, natural gas, environmental services, building maintenance, and water storage and distribution. The San Patricio Municipal Water District (SPMWD) was created in 1951 by the Texas Legislature. San Patricio purchases and treats untreated water from the City of Corpus Christi. The City of Rockport then purchases this water supply from the SPMWD.[9] The Rockport Public Works Water Storage and Distribution Department services maintains over 9,000 water connections and over 100 miles of waterlines.[10] The department maintains two pump stations, four ground water storage tanks, one wastewater treatment plant, and three elevated tower storage tanks.

The wastewater collection and treatment department maintains over 4,000 sanitary sewer connections and over 60 miles of sanitary sewer lines. The department performs daily inspections, cleaning, and maintenance of 40 sanitary sewer lift stations.[11]

The City of Rockport has a Master Drainage Plan that includes a prioritized list of drainage improvement projects. Following Hurricanes Ike and Dolly, the city received $2 million dollars in disaster relief funds to complete two of the Master Drainage Plan projects that helped to ensure water is flushed offshore rather than being allowed to sit in developed areas.[12] After Hurricane Harvey, Aransas County completed a Long Term Recovery Plan with assistance from Texas Sea Grant and prioritized a number of drainage improvement projects to alleviate flooding in different regions of the County.

PARKS

Rockport has twelve parks totaling an area of about 200 acres which includes (Figure 8.3):

- Publicly-owned local, state, and national parks
- School parks with a joint-use agreement with the local government
- Privately-owned parks managed for full public use.

The City of Rockport maintains several city parks, school parks, and sport fields. The Community Aquatic Park is collectively funded by the City of Rockport, Town of Fulton, and Aransas County. The Aquatic Park consists of a skate park, a multipurpose, a competition, and a recreational pool that are accessible year-round. The pools offers eight lanes in a 25-yard pool with a diving area, a whale-shaped children's pool with slides and a bathhouse. Adjacent to the Aquatic Park is a skate park, playground, and two nature trails.

Memorial Park is Rockport's largest park totaling over 100 acres, including recreational facilities, athletic fields, exercise stations, birding sites, a dog park, and picnic facilities. Additionally, the Park includes 1.65 miles of paved Hike and Bike trails and a ¾ mile Nature trail with interpretive signs and rest benches.[13]

Recently, the Memorial Park Ball Fields underwent renovations after the hurricane destroyed the old playing fields. The renovations concluded in March 2019. The city continues to push efforts to better the community and ensure allocation of resources from the city Annual Budget.



Figure 8.3: Existing Parks, Schools, and Facilities in Rockport, TX
Source: City of Rockport

Other city parks include the Tule Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Compass Rose Park, Zachary Taylor Arboretum Park, Mathis Park, Bent Oaks Rookery Park, Spencer Park, Magnolia Park, Tule Park, Pride Park, Wetland Pod/Demo Garden, and Water Street Hike and Bike Trail.

Rockport Beach is a major attraction for residents and tourists alike. The land adjacent to Aransas Bay offers a lot of activities for people to enjoy such as fishing, birding, a pavilion that can be rented out and a 800' fishing pier to name a few.

Aransas County and the Cities of Rockport and Fulton have many unique and beautiful natural resources anyone can enjoy. Aransas Pathways works to maintain the natural environment and provides opportunities for birding, tours, kayaking, and hiking.

Goose Island State Park is located north of the city near the community of Lamar and comprises of an island and mainland park containing some of the oldest trees in the region. Texas Parks and Wildlife maintain the park and, though they do not recommend swimming due to the terrain, concrete bulkhead and oyster reef restoration activity, there are plenty of ways to enjoy the space including hiking, camping, fishing, boating and birding. The state park is tucked away in a neighborhood but still comprises of 101 campsites with water and electricity, restroom and shower facilities, a 1,620-foot long fishing pier, a regular boat launch, a kayak/canoe launch and a fish cleaning station.[14]



Figure 8.4: Memorial Park
Source: www.tripadvisor.com



Figure 8.5: Memorial Park trails
Source: www.tripadvisor.com



Figure 8.6: Compass Rose Park
Source: www.rockport-fulton.org



Figure 8.7: Zachary Taylor Arboretum Park
Source: www.tripadvisor.com

Rockport Cultural Arts District

Located in Downtown Rockport, the Cultural Arts District is home to many galleries, restaurants and shops that reflect the culture and values of the city. The purpose of this area is not only to enhance the economy of Rockport, but also enhance public spaces and to preserve and encourage cultural understanding and appreciation.

Throughout the year, residents and visitors can count on a full schedule of cultural and arts events in and around the Cultural Arts District, from art camps for kids to open markets, and festivals.

The Rockport Center for the Arts (RCA)

The Center is a hub for the Arts in the beautiful coastal Rockport-Fulton area, and 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Center in Rockport. The original location was severely damaged by Hurricane Harvey, but the new temporary facility is now open. After Harvey, the community joined together to rebuild and get the Center back up and running. Less than a month after the hurricane, the youth programs were back and just two months later, RCA hosted its annual Film Festival. Because of the damage sustained during the hurricane, Rockport is planning to rebuild and expand the RCA facilities.

RCA has a goal of encouraging cultural tourism in Rockport, so throughout the year, the RCA hosts 10 exhibits a year featuring both local and visiting artists, events, workshops and classes for all ages, sculpture garden, and much more.

Rockport Art Loop

The Rockport Art Loop was initiated in 2019 as the newest cultural activity in Rockport. Nine Saturdays a year, the Austin Street corridor features seven simultaneous gallery openings to give residents and visitors the opportunity to walk around and experience as many galleries as they desire.

In addition to the RCA, participating Art Loop Galleries include:

- Anita Diebel Studio
- Yellow Rose Gallery
- The Gallery at Latitude 28° 02' Restaurant
- Coast Modern
- Wind Way Gallery
- The Gallery Collection at Maison
- Estelle Stair Gallery
- John Martell Photography
- Stan Irvin Unique Clay Works



Figure 8.8: Rockport Center for the Arts
Pic Courtesy: Emily Tedford



Figure 8.9: Public Art in the Downtown
Picture Courtesy: Emily Tedford

Rockport Art Festival

What began as a way to stimulate the arts economy has grown to become a major summertime event with over 120 artists presenting their work to the over 10,000 festival attendees. In addition to artist presentations, visitors can enjoy the gift shop, the kids' tent, and a big, central tent which houses food, drinks, live music, and air conditioning to give attendees a break from the Texas summer heat. Proceeds from the Art Festival go back to the RCA in order to continue providing its year-round free and low cost programs.

Art Educator Days

Every year, RCA hosts art educators from across South and Central Texas to come together and learn new ideas and strategies for their classrooms. They are able to collaborate and learn from one another to develop new skills, exchange lesson plans, and build relationships with others in their field.

Rockport Clay Expo

The annual Clay Expo takes place every February and hosts dozens of potters to exhibit and sell their work. Attendees can visit with the artists and learn about their work during an hourly demonstration. In addition, each artist donates a piece of their pottery for a Silent Auction.

Rockport Film Festival

The Film Festival takes place during the first weekend in November each year. It begins with a Red Carpet Event the Thursday before and screens films all day Friday and Saturday. The Festival has six categories of independent films that are made by filmmakers from the U.S. and abroad: documentary feature, fiction feature, documentary short, fiction short, animated short, and student film. The Rockport Film Festival provides residents and visitors with a unique and innovative event during what is typically an off-season for tourism.



Figure 8.10: Rites of Spring by Kent Ulberg
Source: Rockport Art Center



Figure 8.11: Spirit Columns by Jesus Bautista Moroles
Source: Rockport Art Center

Classes & Workshops

RCA offers hands-on classes and workshops in many mediums, from painting and drawing to jewelry and metalwork and mediums that are not typically seen in Rockport.

Artist-In-Residence Program - The program invites artists to Rockport for a month long stay to get out of their normal environments and obligations. RCA has had artists from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Kentucky, California, and Holland. The visiting artist exhibits their work in the RCA's main gallery, and teaches free workshops for high schoolers and the community.

Penny Redmon Visiting Lecturer Series - The Series began in 2016 and brings up to four artists from outside the community to the RCA. Visiting artists present their work through public talks and hands-on workshops for members. The program promotes highly accomplished artists and introduce the community to their style and media.

Sculpture Garden

The Sculpture Garden was opened in 2000 after the dedication of its first permanent sculpture by Kent Ullberg, Rites of Spring. Since then, the garden has expanded to include works from many other local and visiting artists. Before he passed unexpectedly in 2015, Jesus Bautista Moroles lived and worked in Rockport. Three of his massive, granite sculptures are located in the sculpture alongside dozens of others. While some of the sculptures sustained damage during Hurricane Harvey, none were lost. In August 2018, a complete beautification of the Garden was completed for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Throughout the year, the Rockport community is host to a variety of events. Several of the events are described below and are just the beginning of the fun that brings the community together year after year.

C.A.D Kite Festival

Every spring, the Rockport Cultural Arts District hosts the annual Kite Festival at the festival grounds. This event features professional kite-flying demonstrations, kiteboarders in the ski basin, food vendors, and live music. The Festival is a great, family-friendly event for residents and visitors alike to come and enjoy the springtime weather and have fun.

Crawfish Boil

To celebrate Memorial Day and support great local cause, the Coastal Bend Troop Support, Inc. hosts the annual Crawfish Boil as a tribute to Active Military and local Veterans and raise money for care packages. It hosts many different vendors, auctions, and drawings to benefit the organization.

THE ROCKPORT PILOT



Figure 8.12: Office of the Rockport Pilot
Pic Courtesy: Emily Tedford

Although it has been restructured and renamed a number of times, The Rockport Pilot newspaper has been Rockport and Fulton's source for news since 1868.

Festival of Food and Wine

The Festival of Food and Wine is an annual event hosted by the Texas Maritime Museum that brings wine, food, and fun together for an exciting event. The Festival provides over 75 varieties of wine, craft beer, local cuisine, vendors, and live music.

Gospel Music Festival

The Gospel Music Festival began back in 1994 as a concert hosted by "Rockport's Gospel Force" police quartet. It has since grown to a full weekend festival. Because of Hurricane Harvey, the 2018 festival was cancelled, but they were able to come back in 2019 and are planning for the upcoming year. The family-friendly festival takes place at First Baptist Church and welcomes everyone to attend. They bring in music artists from all over the country to perform.

Market Days

On the third Saturday and Sunday of every month, the Rockport-Fulton Market is open for artists, crafters, and resellers to come together and sell their products. During Market Days, visitors and residents come to shop, enjoy the live music, and have some great food.

Nautical Flea Market

In 2019, The Rockport Yacht Club hosted its 19th Annual Nautical Flea Market. The Market offers a wide variety of nautical-themed items for sale. Vendors bring many handmade and used nautical items relating to fishing, sailing, powerboating, and more. This event is an homage to Rockport's seafaring history and has been very popular over the years. In addition to the many vendor booths, the Market also provides several food trucks for guests to enjoy.

Whooping Crane Strut

The Whooping Crane Strut has taken place every year for the past 31 years which includes a 2-mile walk, a 5k run, and a 10k run. The funds raised by the races go to the Friends of Aransas and Matagorda Island (FAMI) "Water for Wildlife" fund to provide fresh water for Whooping Cranes and other wildlife on the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.



Figure 8.13: Kite Demonstration at the Festival
Source: Rockport Chamber of Commerce



Figure 8.14: Vendors and shoppers at a Rockport-Fulton Market Day
Source: fultonmarketdays.com



Figure 8.15: Whooping Crane Strut mascot Super Whooper
Source: Aransas National Wildlife Refuge

HURRICANE HARVEY IMPACT

Hurricane Harvey spared no mercy on Rockport's community facilities. Over 1,000 of Rockport's structures were destroyed by the hurricane, 2,261 were majorly damaged, and 3,000 were minimally damaged. Such destruction requires the city to put together a plan to rebuild and restore those structures, so the city can get up and running again. As of April 2019, about 93% of Rockport's businesses, churches and organizations, and facilities are open, with more slated to open in the coming months and years.

Some of the educational facilities were impacted by Hurricane Harvey which caused a decrease in student enrollment by as much as 500 students or about 15%. Overall, Aransas County ISD facilities sustained more than $55 million in damages. The damage from the hurricane lead to the permanent closure of Little Bay Primary School. The property has been sold to the Rockport Land Trust.



Figure 8.16: Hurricane Harvey's destruction of the Heritage District
Picture Courtesy: Kate de Gennaro



Figure 8.17: The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor after Hurricane Harvey
Picture Courtesy: Kate de Gennaro

THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The City of Rockport and other stakeholders have over $50 million in public projects on the following projects.

Rockport Beach Pavilions

The beach pavillions experienced a great deal of damage from the hurricane. and have since been renovated and are now open for the public.

Additionally, Rockport Beach is undergoing a makeover. Cabanas and barbecue pits are being replaced and more palapas are being added along the beach. A children's playground is being donated by the Lions Club along with benches. More sand is being added to the beach for visitors and residents to enjoy.



Figure 8.18: Rockport Beach Pavilions
Source: www.tripadvisor.com

Rockport Center for the Arts

The plan for the expansion of the Center for the Arts will include a main arts building with classrooms, exhibit spaces, multipurpose rooms, and a kitchen. The second building will be dedicated to performance and cinematic arts and a convention space for business meetings. This dedicated center will be designed to uphold Rockport's character to draw in visitors and residents alike.

This expansion is projected to bring in an estimated 114,500 visitors a year. The project was funded through an Economic Development Administration Grant.



Figure 8.19: RCA Renovation
Source: Dykema Architects.INC

THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Aquarium at Rockport Harbor

The Aquarium is being rebuilt with the funding by insurance proceeds and federal public assistance dollars. This is an important project as the Aquarium is a big part of Rockport's tourism industry and provides activities for low income families.



Figure 8.20: Aquarium at Rockport Harbor
Source: mnkcusa.blogspot.com

Downtown Anchor Project

The Downtown Anchor Project will be the governmental hub of Rockport and will house City Hall, the Courthouse, and public meeting spaces. The new site will be next to the location of the former Aransas County Courthouse and county jail and offices.

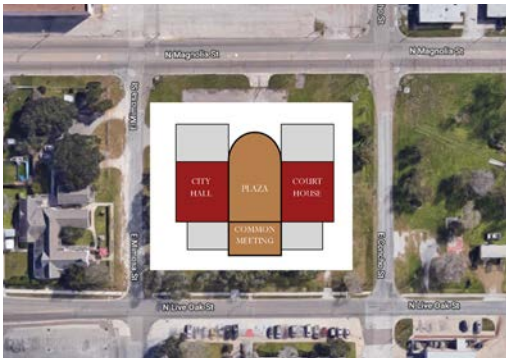


Figure 8.21: Downtown Anchor Project Layout
Source: www.virtualbx.com

PUBLIC FEEDBACK

As Rockport continues to grow, residents will require and desire places for recreational activities. Parks provide quality-of-life and can impact whether residents and businesses move to a community. Residents that participated in the public outreach meetings, identified the need for many different types of community facilities and engagement programs to fit the makeup of the families and individuals that live here. For example, Rockport lacks entertainment facilities for all ages and income levels since the local movie theater shut its doors in 2017. Many residents commented on the need for public restrooms in more heavily trafficked public areas. They desire things like an amphitheater for concerts, arcades, trampoline parks, a movie theater and a bowling alley. The Rockport Aquarium is of primary concern for the community as it is a center for education and tourism. Currently, the Aquarium is closed, but the desire to see it rebuilt and open once again is strong.

Public feedback shows that there is a community-wide desire for multi-use facilities or a community center to house youth and kids programs and other community events.

Residents indicated the maintenance and preservation of Rockport's history, charm and culture as a high priority. They expressed the desire for investment in arts and cultural centers. They suggest different ideas for events like arts and writers festivals and murals/public art displays in the heritage district.

RECOMMENDATIONS

EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Investments in public parks and spaces to increase the number of recreational facilities will better meet the needs of future and current residents. The city should leverage funding for park maintenance and green infrastructure projects. It is recommended that the city adopts a trail dedication ordinance that requires land dedication (or fee-in-lieu) for trails, parks, and improvements. This ordinance needs to require developers to dedicate and construct trails or to invest in public spaces. The planning team recommends that the city identifies possible corridors to further expand and connect the existing trail network in Rockport. For example, the land at the crossroad of Bypass 35 and 3036 could be acquired and turned into a trail.

Utility easements are recommended to connect parks and open spaces (Aransas Pathways) throughout Rockport by developing an implementation plan that encourages utility and drainage easements.

The city needs to increase the number of public facilities to meet the needs of current and future residents of all ages. The planning team recommends that the city collaborates with Aransas County ISD to provide neighborhood parks by considering keeping school playgrounds open after hours for the use of residents in neighborhoods near schools. The city should also partner with the Nature Conservancy to identify parkland and open space in the floodplain that can be suitable and acquired for wildlife habitat, floodplain mitigation, or wetland banking. It is encouraged to have public offices and activity centers near residential areas in the downtown and bypass areas to promote convenience and accessibility. A partnership with the Parks & Leisure Services Board is recommended to recognize recreational opportunities in Rockport.

Rockport should enforce strict building codes on community facilities and civic buildings. Further, the city should continue to complete capital improvement projects that have been identified to build resilience.

PLAN INTEGRATION — MFMP

OPEN SPACE IN FLOODPLAIN

Evaluate areas in the floodplain viable for open space preservation

PLAN INTEGRATION — HDMP

RESILIENT FACILITIES

Ensure for community facilities and civic buildings are fortified and enforce building to strict building codes.

PLAN INTEGRATION — MFMP

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- Fund drainage projects that were modeled in the 2016 Drainage Master Plan Modeling Report
- Design and conduct an engineering study to address flooding in downtown Rockport
- Repair outfalls of pump station that pump into Aransas Bay
- Build City Hall to withstand future flood events
- Little Bay Hydraulic Restoration - remove sediment from the bay and use it for nourishment and habitat restoration projects.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE HERITAGE AND CULTURE OF ROCKPORT

During the outreach portion of the comprehensive plan update, emphasis from community members was placed on the city's need to maintain historical and cultural heritage of the region to preserve its unique character and to encourage community members in prioritizing conservation in the future. The city should continue supporting and promoting events and workshops about the culture and history of Rockport. The city can promote its history and culture through an agritourism plan that highlights the significant impacts from the civil war, the cattle industry and the presence of the chamber of commerce. Aransas Pathways would be an ideal organization to collaborate with on this effort.

Work with entities such as 4-H club, Agrilife Extension, and the Aransas County Independent School District to increase the amount of education and related programs for the youth to engage them in community development at a young age. Based on feedback, the planning team suggests establishing a systematic approach to identifying and focusing resources to further foster education and youth programs. For example, the city's Environmental Services program can assist in facilitating education and engagement activities with the natural environment to educate local youth on the importance of the environments' place in the community. During a public meeting at the Agrilife extension office in May, resident participants expressed the importance of Agrilife in fostering youth education and outreach and feel that this organizations' contribution to the community is invaluable, and in order to ensure their services continue, the organization should seek out more collaborative opportunities with the city, county and independent school district. These programs can take place at a centrally located, easily accessible public community facility. A preferable location for the center will be near the high school and middle school.

Improvements, promotion, and economic restructuring in Rockport is important for downtown heritage revitalization. The city should explore the possibility of using tax increment financing or other funding mechanisms in the historic downtown to redevelop and bring new life into the area.

As a community that reveres the arts and its natural beauty, art and beautification in the parks, open spaces, and Historical Downtown is highly recommended. The Cultural Arts District and the Center for the Arts can help in the establishment of a public art grant program that encourages public art installations and strategic placemaking activities throughout the city.

Encourage residents to help with park beautification through volunteer programs that also include a socialization aspect. This can achieve the goal of enhancing the parks while also building community support and gathering their input on what they want to see in public spaces and parks. Local businesses and groups can get involved with the creation of an "adopt-a-park" model, mirrored after the "adopt-a-highway" model, and market to local businesses to get buy-in for beautification initiatives.

To attract future investments and visitors, the city needs to enhance and maintain the character and resilience of the community. The city should create a Branding/Wayfinding Design Manual and signs to execute common character elements for public facilities, beach facilities, parks, and private sector buildings as old ones are rebuilt and new ones are constructed. Strong relationships, city beautification and the community's sense of place can be maintained and enhanced through programs like "Keep Aransas County Beautiful" and "Aransas Pathways" and organizations like Texas A&M Agrilife County Extension. Evaluate and amend the Heritage District Zoning Overlay Code with the goal of preserving and enhancing the strip. Various funding sources can be explored and considered for infrastructure and community improvements of historic and cultural assets.

CASE STUDY: PUBLIC RESTROOMS IN THE DOWNTOWN

The Portland Loo was first installed in the Old Town Chinatown neighborhood of Portland in 2008. Since then, dozens of free-standing restrooms have been installed around Portland, addressing the problem of public safety in public restrooms.

The modern and durable design is easily maintained and sustainably built. Its design discourages criminal activity by coating the walls with a graffiti proof coating. The slats on the walls provide privacy for users while allowing law enforcement to monitor activity. The free-standing stalls are built with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) standards by placing them in visible areas with open sight lines.

These facilities are installed in areas that are heavily trafficked in order to provide service to a variety of people from shoppers to beach goers and special event attendees. The walls can even be wrapped in vinyl to show artwork or advertisements.

Other cities around the country are following suit, and several Texas cities are giving the Portland Loo a shot. In 2017, Galveston installed their first Portland Loo as part of the city's beautification project. San Antonio installed their second Portland Loo in 2018 after the city saw improvements in criminal activity and public sanitation. In Austin, some temporary public restrooms are being tested before installing Portland's model.

Support resources for public restrooms can be found through the World Toilet Organization (WTO) and PHLUSH (Public Hygiene Lets Us Stay Human).



Figure 8.22: The Portland Loo
Source: portlandloo.com

PLAN INTEGRATION

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AMENITIES AND BEAUTIFICATION

Activate Austin Street daily by providing movable tables, chairs, and umbrellas. Moveable furniture provides maximum flexibility by allowing users to sit alone, in groups, in sun or in shade. If there are concerns of theft, chairs and tables can be secured with long locked cables that still allow portability within a certain distance. Ideally, the tables and chairs would only be secured overnight to ensure maximum flexibility.

Develop and provide public restrooms in any public park improvements, marina and waterfront development, and public buildings downtown. Explore creative mechanism to develop public restrooms downtown to serve visitors and residents alike

Consider setting aside funding for public artwork and programming. Explore developing a one percent-for-art-ordinance in Rockport. A "one percent for the arts" program specifies that one percent of eligible city capital improvement project and private development funds be set aside for the commission, purchase, and installation of artworks, including art related events and creative placemaking in the Cultural Arts District and Downtown Rockport.

CASE STUDY: COMMUNITY AND PARK BEAUTIFICATION

Given the community's desire for the arts and youth involvement, the city can put forth a volunteer program dedicated to art installations and murals around Rockport. Great examples of such programs can be seen in Seattle, Washington and in San Francisco, California.

Urban Artwork is a non-profit organization that was founded in Seattle with the mission to "create public art that empowers the young people and transform communities." The program was started as an effort to clean up the trash and graffiti in the industrial zone with the help of at risk-youth volunteers as a strategy to keep them out of trouble. Today the program has had a big impact in its community and provides an after school mural program, summer youth program, young curators program, and a mural intern/apprentice program. The programs not only teach the youth about art, but also instill in them a sense of responsibility by allowing them to plan, build solid relationships, and earn money for the time they spend creating large scale public art pieces.

The program in San Francisco is called Precita Eyes Muralists. The organization is "committed to enriching communities through collaborative murals that celebrate culture, unity, history, and nature." The individuals that run the organization focus on collaboration and dedication to developing the individuality of each community with which they work. The organization not only produces murals, but also provides educational programs and festivals and gets involved in other programs such as community gardens.

Both programs are great examples of volunteer programs that can assist in beautifying the city and assisting in the maintenance of parks and public spaces. By working off of the efforts of Agrilife County Extension agents and their 4H program, the city can pilot a volunteer program that can engage the youth and the rest of the community in the arts and the history of Rockport.

POCKET PARKS

Downtown areas often have vacant lots that can decrease appeal. Pocket parks are a small-scale solution for open or unused spaces, providing an opportunity for community beautification and recreation. These parks are not usually larger than ¼ of an acre in urban areas surrounded by buildings or houses. They provide safe, inviting spaces for community members for small event space, play areas for kids, relaxing and meeting friends, or even taking lunch breaks during work. Open spaces can be filled with programming that enhance social and economic income (Ex. Food Truck Park).

Over the last decade, Austin, Texas has seen new pocket parks popping up or being revitalized throughout the city. Now, there are 20 parks that provide quaint neighborhood getaways rather than citywide attractions. In the pocket parks, residents and visitors can take advantage of the small-scale green space, picnic areas, splash pads, play spaces for kids, and sport courts. Renovation and construction projects of the pocket parks are planned by the city's Parks Department and with input from community members. Community involvement and neighborhood improvements have made Austin's many pocket parks into popular tourist and resident destinations.

During Rockport's meeting with the CPAT Team in May of 2019, the planning team presented different ideas for downtown design and vitality improvements. With the goal of creating linkages and gathering spaces and enhancing the experience of Downtown Rockport. Based off of Texas A&M Landscape Architecture student presentations, the CPAT team suggested the implementation of pocket parks within Downtown Rockport in the unused open spaces in the area to fulfill needs for social meeting areas, public art showcases, environmental learning opportunities, and play spaces for children. In their presentation, they provided example illustrations, generated by a Texas A&M Landscape Architecture student, of locations and what the pocket parks can look like in Downtown Rockport.



Figure 8.24: Mock-up of Rockport Park
Source: www.nrpa.org

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9 IMPLEMENTATION



PRIORITIZE & IMPLEMENT

Rockport's vision statement is: ***"Rockport is a friendly, culturally diverse, and economically vibrant community that respects its history and embraces the arts and humanities while preserving the best of small town life on the water, including health, beauty, comfort and safety."*** The Comprehensive Plan and its goals, objectives, and action items are a reflection of that vision. In order to fulfill that promise to the community, implementation must be a thoughtful, organized process. These strategies and policies are meant to align with the needs, opportunities, and existing initiatives.

The items in this chapter are not just a list of 'to-dos', they are an outline for the process that requires various leaders and coordination within the community to achieve the goals and objectives to make the community the best it can be.

The Comprehensive Plan is meant to be a 'living document' that is visited regularly. The Implementation Table specifies recommended policy changes, goals, objectives and actions, along with an annotated timeline with responsible parties involved. It also identifies potential opportunities to finance implementation of actions or projects, outlining potential grant opportunities. Comprehensive Plans are living documents that need ongoing evaluation and monitoring to ensure the relevance and effectiveness for the city.

PLAN MAINTENANCE

Stakeholders and those responsible for certain action items should continue to ensure that their action items are being fulfilled in order to continue to be an asset to the community's needs. The city can amend the Comprehensive Plan in order to respond to changes in conditions or needs of the community, to improve or clarify content, or to incorporate other documents or plans. To help evaluate Rockport's progress, an agreed upon time frame is needed. The Implementation Table contains information regarding the suggested time frame for each of the Action Steps, separated into four categories:

1. Short-term: 0 - 5 years
2. Medium-term: 5 - 10 years
3. Long-term: 10 - 20 years
4. Continuous ("On-going")

ACTION TYPE

Capital Project Program: The Capital Project Action Type means there will be a significant investment in order to achieve the action item. These are projects that help maintain or improve a city asset. Capital projects should be included in the capital improvement program (CIP) and should include infrastructure, drainage improvements, parks facilities, public buildings, etc.

Regulation or Standard: Regulations or standards refer to the local policies that can be adopted as a part of development regulations and other County and City standards.

Partnership or Collaboration: Action steps that require additional partners or coordination with other agencies, organizations, or companies. Developing relationships with other partners within the community and surrounding communities will yield more connections and resilience.

More Targeted Planning: This Action Type refers to actions that are related to additional studies, plans, reports, etc. Typically these studies are needed for a more detailed analysis of conditions or more specific solutions.

ACTION LEADERS

To achieve the goal of building a better Rockport community, the following is a list of presumable action leaders corresponding to certain action items. This would help Rockport authorities to maintain transparency and create consistency across all associated departments and organizations.

Entities are classified as follows:

AC: Aransas County

AP: Aransas Pathways

ACAD: Aransas County Appraisal District

ACHD: Aransas County Health Department

ACHS: Aransas County Historical Society

ACISD: Aransas County ISD

ACLTRT: Aransas County Long Term Recovery Team

ACND: Aransas County Navigation District

AISD: Aransas County Independent School District

ALEO: Agri-Life Extension Office

ANWR: Aransas National Wildlife Refuge

AP: Aransas Pathways

BD: Building and Development Department

BOA: Zoning Board of Adjustments

BUS: Businesses and Stakeholders

CC: City Council

CE: City Engineer

CM: City Manager

CPTF: Comprehensive Plan Task Force

CS: City Staff

DTF: Downtown Heritage Task Force

EDC: Economic Development Corporation

EM: Emergency Manager

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FHA: Fair Housing Board

FI: Finance Department

FLTN: The City of Fulton

FM: Fulton Mansion

HR: Human Resources Department

HUD: Housing and Urban Development

KACB: Keep Aransas County Beautiful

LEED: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

LTR: Long Term Recovery

MC: Municipal Court

PB: Parks Board

PL: Parks and Leisure Department

PO: Property Owner

PW: Public Works Department

P&Z: Planning & Zoning Commission

RCA: Rockport Center for the Arts

RCAD: Rockport Cultural Arts District

RCM: Rockport Community Members

R-FCC: Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce

RPD: Rockport Police Department

RVFD: Rockport Volunteer Fire Department

TCEQ: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

TDHCA: Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs

TSAHC: Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

TLC: Tree and Landscape Committee

TMM: Texas Maritime Museum

TPWD: Texas Parks & Wildlife

TSG: Texas Sea Grant

TWDB: Texas Water Development Board

TX: The State of Texas

TxDOT: Texas Department of Transportation

UCGA: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

UT: Utilities

YMCA: YMCA Development Committee

PLAN INTEGRATION FOR RESILIENCE SCORECARD

To ensure the comprehensive plan integrates with other planning documents that influence development, the following "network of plans" indicate the policies that are aligned across plans, as described in Chapter 2. Within the implementation table, the city can discern the relevance and applicability of policies. The acronyms for the "network of plans" include:

- Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan and Report (2018): LTRP
- Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (2017): MHMP
- Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Floodplain Management Plan (2017): MFMP
- A Vision for Rockport: A Master Plan for the Heritage District and Downtown Rockport (2006): HDMP
- Rockport Heritage District Zoning Overlay Code (2014 update): HDZO
- Recovery Planning Assistance Team: RPAT

Development Consideration

Objective	Action	Notes	Timeframe				Action Type					Action Leaders	Other Partners	Funding
			Plan Integration	On-Going	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term	Capital Project	Program	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration	More Targeted Planning			
Goal 3.1 Achieve a more inclusive land use plan and comprehensive zoning ordinance by providing land uses that preserve the integrity of Rockport's Community Character															
Objective 3.1.1. Provide for a Balance of Land Uses & Associated Regulations to Enhance Quality of Life	Action 3.1.1.1. Revise and amend the Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the recommendations indicated in this plan.			X						X			CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	In-House
	Action 3.1.1.2. Monitor and report the plan progress to City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission annually.			X							X		CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	In-House
	Action 3.1.1.3. Conduct a thorough review and potential revision of the plan every 5 years.			X							X		CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM; Consultant	City Budgeted Funds; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
	Action 3.1.1.4. Encourage development in areas that are served by existing municipal services and infrastructure and outside the Special Flood Hazard Area.			X						X		X	CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Distressed Cities Technical Assistance, Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities
	Action 3.1.1.5 Adopt and implement the preferred land use scenario as to help grow Rockport to the desired place over the next several decades.			X						X			CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	In-House
	Action 3.1.1.6 Revise and update ordinances pretaining to RV Park.			X						X		X	CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	In-House
	Action 3.1.1.6 Review and update the existing design guidelines.			X						X		X	CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	In-House

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Objective	Action	Notes	Timeframe				Action Type					Action Leaders	Other Partners	Funding
			Plan Integration	On-Going	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term	Capital Project	Program	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration	More Targeted Planning			
Goal 3.2 Guide the future growth of the city according to the community's vision															
Objective 3.2.1. Develop land use regulations for the implementation of the future land use map.	Action 3.2.1.1 Explore the option of creating a conservation subdivision and environmental corridors to protect environmentally sensitive areas.	MFMP; MHMP			X					X		X	CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	In-House; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Distressed Cities Technical Assistance, Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grants, Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities, The Conservation Fund
	Action 3.2.1.2 Provide Infrastructure and Financial Assistance (through Development Agreements) to Target Areas for Private Developers building SF and MF Housing (some of this may be geared towards homeowners, through developer or builder-initiated programs)	LTRP					X				X	X	CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM; EDC	Building Neighborhood Capacity Program (BCNP), Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Multi-Family Housing Loan Guarantees
	Action 3.2.1.3 Examine the drainage system prior to future development.			X						X		X	CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	In-House
	Action 3.2.1.3 Consider developing a corridor plan for Highway 35 Bypass.			X						X		X	CS: PW; CC	CPTF; RCM	In-House

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Objective	Action	Notes	Timeframe				Action Type					Action Leaders	Other Partners	Funding
			Plan Integration	On-Going	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term	Capital Project	Program	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration	More Targeted Planning			
Objective 3.2.2. Develop an annexation plan to annex properties based on the future expansion needs of the city and the prospects of development within the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction.	Action 3.2.2.1 Re-evaluate zoning policy for newly annexed lands.				X					X		X	CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	In-House
	Action 3.2.2.2 Zone newly annexed land into the most restrictive, least dense zoning category, R-1 1st Single-Family Dwelling District.				X					X			CS; CC; P&Z		In-House
Objective 3.2.3. Develop a plan for the increased development and protection of the Heritage District.	Action 3.2.3.1. Evaluate and amend the Heritage District Zoning Overlay Code (HDZO) to preserve and enhance the area	HDZO			X				X	X			CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Cool & Connected Program, Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund, Texas Main Street Program
	Action 3.2.3.2 Consider developing a partnership with the Texas Main Street Program.	RPAT			X						X		CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund, Keep America Beautiful's Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund, Texas Main Street Program
	Action 3.2.3.3 Follow the codes and development standards and restrictions within the HDZO to maintain the character and history of the downtown district.	HDZO		X						X			CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program, Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program (HRSP)

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Objective	Action	Notes	Timeframe				Action Type					Action Leaders	Other Partners	Funding
			Plan Integration	On-Going	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term	Capital Project	Program	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration	More Targeted Planning			
	Action 3.2.3.4 Implement Urban Land Institute principles for rebuilding downtown	RPAT					X		X	X			CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM	Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program
	Action 3.2.3.5 Review and implement the recommendations from the RPAT team regarding flood mitigation and resilience, economic resilience, and downtown design and vitality.	RPAT				X			X	X		X	CS; CC; P&Z	CPTF; RCM; RCAD; BUS; COC	NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
Objective 3.2.3. Continue to promote the Tourism industry, while also carefully maintaining the cultural Heritage	Action 3.2.3.1. Utilize a variety of development incentives that promote the tourism industry, yet maintain the community character within Rockport and the surrounding areas.					X				X		X	CS; R-FCC	CC; CPTF; RCM	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Cool & Connected Program, Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund
Goal 3.3 Establish development regulations to reduce hazard exposure within the city.															
Objective 3.3.1. Actively persue floodproofing and hazard mitigation for residential and commercial properties.	Action 3.3.1.1 Continue participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and enforce adopted floodplain regulations based on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps.	MHMP MFMP		X					X	X	X		CS; CC		Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program

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Objective	Action	Notes	Timeframe				Action Type					Action Leaders	Other Partners	Funding
			Plan Integration	On-Going	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term	Capital Project	Program	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration	More Targeted Planning			
	Action 3.3.1.2 Continue implementing the freeboard requirements to alleviate further risk of flood damage to homes and businesses.	MHMP; MFMP		X						X			CS; CC		NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program, Distressed Cities Technical Assistance
	Action 3.3.1.3 Incorporate activities outlined in the CRS Coordinator's Manual that would help achieve a higher class rating.	MHMP; MFMP					X		X	X			CS; CC		NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program, Distressed Cities Technical Assistance
	Action 3.3.1.4 Ensure the city is following the guidelines set in the Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.	MHMP		X						X			CS; CC		NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program
	Action 3.3.1.5 Utilize the Inundation Dashboard created by NOAA to prepare for and manage flood events.				X					X			CS; CC		NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program
	Action 3.3.1.6 Review repetitive-loss properties to identify potential acquisitions that may be made to assist in reducing flooding within the sub-basin (Austin Street and the Heritage District).	RPAT				X						X	CS; CC		Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program

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Objective	Action	Notes	Plan Integration	Timeframe: On-Going	Timeframe: Short-Term	Timeframe: Mid-Term	Timeframe: Long-Term	Action Type: Capital Project	Action Type: Program	Action Type: Regulation or Standard	Action Type: Partnership or Collaboration	Action Type: More Targeted Planning	Action Leaders	Other Partners	Funding
	Action 3.3.1.7 Provide tax abatement for property owners undertaking flood improvements.	RPAT			X				X				CS; CC		Housing Preservation & Revitalization Demonstration Loans & Grants, Single Family Home Repairs (Section 504)
	Action 3.3.1.8 Consider using the solar energy and other renewable energy alternatives, infrastructure improvements on Austin and Magnolia Streets that account for sea-level rise, and retrofitting and/or updating drainage, sewage and electric to accommodate redevelopment and new development.	RPAT				X		X				X	CS; PW; UT; CC		Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities
	Action 3.3.1.9 Examine the two conveyance pipes to the bay in this area using a camera system to verify pipes (following Hurricane Harvey) remain fully functional	RPAT			X			X				X	CS; PW; CC		Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program
	Action 3.3.1.10 Examine and test areas of the drainage system for accumulation of sand and silt and verify that the outlet points into the bay are clear and free of growth.	RPAT			X			X				X	CS; PW; CC		Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program
	Action 3.3.1.11 Examine the functionality of backflow prevention devices on the outlet points for the stormwater drains into the bay.	RPAT			X			X				X	CS; PW; CC		WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grants

Development Consideration

Objective	Action	Notes	Plan Integration	Timeframe: On-Going	Timeframe: Short-Term	Timeframe: Mid-Term	Timeframe: Long-Term	Action Type: Capital Project	Action Type: Program	Action Type: Regulation or Standard	Action Type: Partnership or Collaboration	Action Type: More Targeted Planning	Action Leaders	Other Partners	Funding
	Action 3.3.1.12 Evaluate and adopt a No Adverse Impact policy to City floodplain ordinance to help contain drainage on residential lots.				X				X			X	CS; PW; CC		
Objective 3.3.3. Implement low-impact development techniques to manage stormwater runoff	Action 3.3.3.1 Explore Green Infrastructure (GI) and Low Impact Development (LID) practices to mitigate the effects of future disruptions.				X							X	CS; CC		Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program, Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities
	Action 3.3.3.2 Create rain gardens and bioswales within both the higher and the lowest areas of Austin and Magnolia Streets.	RPAT			X			X					CS; CC	RCAD; BUS; PO	Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program, Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund
	"Action 3.3.3.3 Utilize the Green Infrastructure Modeling Toolkit provided by the EPA to help implement green infrastructure and make decisions for stormwater management."				X							X	CS; CC	PW	Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program
	Action 3.3.3.4 Consult full RPAT report for specific design recommendations on creating "A Green Vision for Downtown."	RPAT				X						X	CS; CC	PW	Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program, Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund

Housing

Objectives	Action	Notes	Timeframe				Action Type				Action Leaders	Other Partners	Funding
		Plan Integration	On-Going	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term	Capital Project	Program	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration	More Targeted Planning			
Goal 4.1 Expand the Variety of Housing to Meet the Needs of a Diverse Population and Encourage the Return of Hurricane-displaced Residents														
Objective 4.1.1 Support Single Family (SF) home construction for a variety of income levels	Action 4.1.1.1 Amend language in existing ordinance(s) to allow for smaller homes on infill lots (except in SFHA)	HDMP; LTRP		X					X			CS		Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants, Single Family Home Repairs (Section 504)
	Action 4.1.1.2 Continue to partner with Habitat for Humanity, Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group, other non-profit and faith-based organizations	LTRP	X							X		CS		Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants, Single Family Home Repairs (Section 504)
	Action 4.1.1.3 Provide financial incentives for developers to increase housing density in undeveloped areas (such as tax abatements and waived permit fees) (except in SFHA)					X			X			CS; EDC; CC		Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants, Single Family Home Repairs (Section 504)
	Action 4.1.1.4 Reach out to companies that are expanding in communities south of Rockport to assess future employee housing needs and create partnerships for housing developments.			X						X	X	CS; EDC; CC		Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants, Single Family Home Repairs (Section 504)
Objective 4.1.2. Expand housing opportunities for low- and middle-income households	Action 4.1.2.1 Amend landuse/zoning to allow flexible housing options such as small lots, accessory dwelling units, duplexes, and multi-family units in areas for redevelopment and new development			X					X			CS; P&Z; CC		Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants

Housing

Objectives	Action	Notes	Plan Integration	On-Going	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term	Capital Project	Program	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration	More Targeted Planning	Action Leaders	Other Partners	Funding
	Action 4.1.2.2 Implement inclusionary zoning or financial incentives for developers to build affordable housing (affordable units can be a percentage of their overall development or a separate development) (except in SFHA)	LTRP			X					X			CS; P&Z; CC	EDC	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants
	Action 4.1.2.3 Identify areas that would benefit from providing greater accessibility to community facilities and amenities.	LTRP					X			X			CS; P&Z; CC		Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
	Action 4.1.2.4 Continue to apply for and prioritize state and federal funding for repairs, rebuilds, and maintenance to workforce and low income housing. Coordinate with the Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan	LTRP			X				X		X		CS; ACLTRT	TDHCA, GLO, HUD, USDA	Housing Preservation & Revitalization Demonstration Loans & Grants, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Single Family Home Repairs (Section 504), Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), Housing Preservation & Revitalization Demonstration Loans & Grants, Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants , Public Housing Agency's Housing Choice Voucher program

Housing

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	Action 4.1.2.5 Partner with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) to hold public meetings where residents can learn about homeownership programs (such as My First Texas Home) and home buying tips.				X						X		CS	TDHCA; TSAHC	Building Neighborhood Capacity Program (BCNP), Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants,
	Action 4.1.2.6 Increase supply of permanent workforce and affordable housing.	RPAT					X				X		CS; P&Z; CC; EDC	PO; HUD	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (4%/9%), Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), Multi-family (Rental Housing) Development Program
Goal 4.2. Build Resilient Homes, Maintain Safe Neighborhoods, and Enhance Community Character															
Objective 4.2.1. Improve building standards for all homeowners	Action 4.2.1.1 Educate/encourage homeowners, contractors, and builders to use stronger building codes, such as the latest International Building Codes. Continue to partner with SmartHomeAmerica for Lunch-N-Learns for FORTIFIED standards.	LTRP		X					X		X		CS	SmartHomeAmerica, IBHS, TDHCA	Building Neighborhood Capacity Program (BCNP), Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants, Housing Preservation Grants (HPG), Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities
	Action 4.2.1.2 Enforce city's minimum building codes (including freeboard elevation) during rebuilds, renovations, and new construction			X						X			CS		Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Program, Housing Preservation Grants (HPG)

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	Action 4.2.1.3 Educate homeowners on techniques to mitigate flooding on their own property/in their yard, without adversely affecting their neighbors.			X					X		X		CS	CFMs in the area	Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)
Objective 4.2.2. Create new avenues to improve conditions on household and neighborhood levels	Action 4.2.2.1 Research and establish building maintenance codes, which provide minimum requirements for equipment, light, ventilation, heating, sanitation, and hazard safety				X					X		X	CS; CE		Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities, Housing Preservation Grants (HPG)
	Action 4.2.2.2 Facilitate "Neighborhood Makeover" events where residents, city staff, and volunteers can clean up and maintain the overall character of their neighborhoods. Coordinate with any efforts conducted through the Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan.	LTRP		X				X	X		X		CS; CE; ACLTRT		Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants & Implementation Program, Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), Community Impact Grants, Keep America Beautiful's Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund

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Goal 5.1 Provide Safe and Efficient Roadway network														
Objective 5.1.1 Redesign critical roads and intersections to mitigate geometric and operational improvements.	Action 5.1.1.1. Maintain regular communications with city and county transportation agencies and local transportation stakeholders to update project needs list and progress.		X					X		X		CS; PW; CC	CS: PW	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
	Action 5.1.1.2. Prioritize listed challenges and problem areas.		X						X		X	CS: PW	AC; TxDOT	INVEST 1.0 Implementation Projects, The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
	Action 5.1.1.3. Implement low-speed zones, speed bumps, chicanes, and diversions in residential areas around community facilities.		X				X				X	CS: PW	AC	The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
	Action 5.1.1.4. Provide adequate lighting, visibility, and wayfinding signage along major thoroughfares adjacent to commercial developments and community facilities.			X			X				X	CS: PW	AC; TxDOT	BUILD Discretionary Grants, The National Complete Streets Coalition
	Action 5.1.1.5. Update the functional classification of roads based on the future thoroughfare plan.			X							X	CS: PW		Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
	Action 5.1.1.6 Coordinate street design standards with the County to ensure the quality and standard of the roads that get annexed.			X			X			X		CS: PW	AC	The National Complete Streets Coalition, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)

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	Action 5.1.1.7 Implement intersection improvements, including crosswalk treatments, improved bulb-outs, including brick pavers/stamped concrete, raised intersections, street trees, and lighting.	RPAT					X	X					CS: PW		Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
Objective 5.1.2 Conduct speed studies where crash severity is high.	Action 5.1.2.1. Conduct traffic studies to analyze traffic flow in the city.				X				X			X	CS: PW	AC; TxDOT	The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
	Action 5.1.2.2. Conduct traffic crash studies and analysis to promote safety of travelers.				X				X			X	CS: PW	COU; TxDOT	The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
Goal 5.2 Develop an annual maintenance and inventory for the transportation system															
Objective 5.2.1 Continue and update existing roadway maintenance schedule annually.	Action 5.2.1.1. Budget funds to continue implementing street maintenance schedule for conducting repairs and rehabilitation of roadways.			X					X		X		CS; PW; CC	AC; TxDOT	BUILD Discretionary Grants, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
	Action 5.2.1.2. Update the roadway maintenance schedule annually.				X			X				X	CS; PW	AC; TxDOT	BUILD Discretionary Grants, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
	Action 5.2.1.3. Consider requiring a traffic impact analysis for new development projects in high traffic areas				X							X	CS; PW		The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
Goal 5.3 Implement Complete Street policies in the multi-modal network to enhance safety and connectivity															
Objective 5.3.1 Provide safe multi-modal Connectivity.	Action 5.3.1.1. Construct secured sidewalks to ensure safety and accessibility and to encourage on-foot travel.				X			X					CS; PW		Walk Friendly Community (WFC), Safe Routes To School, Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC)

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	Action 5.3.1.2 Construct sidewalks and bike lanes along Austin Street, first filling in the gaps, and then expanding sidewalks and bike lanes to connect downtown to the beach and city hall/courthouse property.	RPAT					X	X					CS; PW	TxDOT	Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program, Walk Friendly Community (WFC)
	Action 5.3.1.3 Improve and expand sidewalks in downtown (Austin St., East Concho St., Veterans memorial Dr./Deabreeze Dr.) and add bike lanes along Austin St.	RPAT					X	X					CS; PW	TxDOT	Walk Friendly Community (WFC), Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
	Action 5.3.1.4 Restripe crosswalk stripes on Austin Street to improve visibility of crosswalk. Add public art murals on crosswalks	RPAT			X			X					CS; PW	TxDOT	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
	Action 5.3.1.5 Conduct a pedestrian/bicycle plan (scoping study) for Austin Street and Downtown Rockport to identify gaps, destinations, alignments, and costs of the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements.	RPAT			X							X	CS; PW		Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program, Walk Friendly Community (WFC), Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program
	Action 5.3.1.6. Fully implement the trolley service.						X	X			X	X	CS; CC		BUILD Discretionary Grants, Grants for Rural Areas to Support Public Transportation- 5311
	Action 5.3.1.7 Evaluate a more robust, regional approach to serving the public transportation needs of the community						X	X				X	CS; CC	AC; TxDOT	Grants for Rural Areas to Support Public Transportation- 5311, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)

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	Action 5.3.1.8. Provide appropriate signage and painted lines on the multi-modal network facilities to assist travelers and reduce conflicts.				X			X			X		AC; CC; CS	TxDOT	BUILD Discretionary Grants, The National Complete Streets Coalition
	Action 5.3.1.9 Consider grants that fund sidewalks and other multi-modal transportation paths such as the Safe Route to School grant (TxDOT)				X			X			X	X	CS; PW		Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program, Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program, Safe Routes To School, BUILD Discretionary Grants
	Action 5.3.1.10 Require developers to build sidewalks as part of new development.			X				X			X	X	CS; PW		Walk Friendly Community (WFC)
	Action 5.3.1.11 Work with Aransas Pathways and other partners to develop a hiking/biking trail master plan.				X			X			X		CS; PW	AC	Recreational Trail Grants, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (15.921)
Objective 5.3.2 Identify a regular maintenance schedule for a multi-modal network.	Action 5.3.2.1. Provide a maintenance schedule for the multi-modal network.				X				X			X	CS; PW		The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
	Action 5.3.2.2. Update the multi-modal maintenance schedule annually.				X			X				X	CS; PW	AC; TxDOT	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
Objective 5.3.3 Reduce vehicle miles traveled through Travel Demand Management strategies.	Action 5.3.3.1. Consider developing ride-sharing programs and providing informational resources on the City of Rockport website and through other City marketing materials.						X	X			X	X	CS; PW	AC; BUS; R-FCC; EDC	Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities

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	Action 5.3.3.2. Incentivize businesses to encourage employees to use alternative transportation options.					X		X		X		CS	R-FCC; EDC; AC	Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program, Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA), Walk Friendly Community (WFC)
	Action 5.3.3.3. Develop recommended shared-lanes to promote public accessibility as well as connect Rockport to Fulton.			X			X				X	CS; PW; AC	TxDOT; FLTN	Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program, Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA), Walk Friendly Community (WFC), Cool & Connected Program
	Action 5.3.3.4. Learn about initiating quarterly bicycle and pedestrian counts, using the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation project methodology to assist with planning improvements and inform funding requests.			X				X		X		CS; PW	AC; TxDOT	Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program, Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program

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Goal 6.1 Develop a diverse and resilient economy															
"Objective 6.1.1. Support Sound Economic Growth & Promote Operational Efficiency"	Action 6.1.1.1. Continue to partner with other local jurisdictions and the new Economic Development Corporation to retain local businesses and provide a "one stop shop" for prospective businesses.				X				X		X	X	CS; EDC; AC	BUS	In-House; Strong Cities, Strong Communities Visioning Challenge
	Action 6.1.1.2. Create economic development incentives to amplify existing businesses, and attract new businesses/industries (e.g. tax increment financing, tax abatement, infrastructure expansion).				X			X		X		X	CS; EDC; COC	CC; AC; ACND; FLTN	In-House; Community Advantage Program, Rural Business Development Grants, Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG)
	Action 6.1.1.3. Continue to support and partner with the Chamber of Commerce on their economic development activities.			X							X		CS	EDC; COC	In-House; Rural Business Development Grants
	Action 6.1.1.4. Establish a tax increment reinvestment zone to overlay the downtown district.	HDMP; RPAT			X				X	X			CS	EDC; COC	Tax Increment Financing
	Action 6.1.1.5. Assist businesses in being better prepared for future flood events and storms and more rapid recovery through development of educational resources.	RPAT		X					X	X		X	CS	EDC; COC; BUS	In-House; Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program
	Action 6.1.1.6. Support eco-friendly businesses by encouraging reduction of water and energy consumption, recycling, and using less plastics.	RPAT		X					X	X		X	CS	EDC; COC; BUS	REAP Grants
	Action 6.1.1.7. Encourage infill commercial development in downtown.			X					X			X	CS	EDC; COC; BUS	In-House; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

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	Action 6.1.1.8. Conduct city center improvements by developing Rockport Harbor Boardwalk, Marina and related boat traffic improvements; exploring marine-related projects; and maintaining infrastructure					X		X					CS; ACND; PW; UT	EDC; R-FCC; RCAD; BUS; PO	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program; Private Investment
Objective 6.1.2 Continue to promote the tourism industry (including eco-tourism) in Rockport	Action 6.1.2.1. Prioritize capital improvement projects (e.g. infrastructure, signage, safety) that benefit waterfront development, trail systems, public spaces and activities.					X		X				X	CS; PW UT	EDC; R-FCC; RCAD; BUS; PO	Capital Improvement Program Funds; Private Investment; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
	Action 6.1.2.2. Utilize a variety of development strategies that serve the tourism industry, yet maintain the community character within Rockport and the surrounding areas (e.g. small area plans, multi-modal transportation).				X							X	CS; P&Z; CC	EDC; R-FCC	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Cool & Connected Program
	Action 6.1.2.3. Re-evaluate use of Hotel Occupancy Taxes to meet current needs.				X				X	X			CS	EDC; R-FCC	
	Action 6.1.2.4. Emphasize the need for downtown businesses to coordinate hours/activities to maximize the presence of seasonal tourists and Winter Texans.				X				X				CS; RCAD	EDC; R-FCC	In-House; Community Advantage Program, Skills Development Fund, Skills for Small Business
	Action 6.1.2.5. Expand on existing public relations campaigns (i.e. "Find Yourself in Rockport-Fulton"); focus on social media and regional tourist websites			X					X		X		CS; R-FCC		Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)

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Objective 6.1.3. Consider new industry sectors that are suitable to Rockport's character and conditions, particularly along the 35 Bypass	Action 6.1.3.1. Focus on new industries (e.g. outdoor activity supply companies, graphic designers, art handlers) that coordinate with Rockport's existing businesses.				X						X	X	CS; EDC	R-FCC	Community Advantage Program, Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG), Small Business Administration Loan programs
	Action 6.1.3.2. Establish industries that minimize environmental impacts (e.g. electronic engineering, computer science, information processing).						X			X	X	X	CS; EDC	R-FCC; BUS	Community Advantage Program, Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG), Small Business Administration Loan programs
Objective 6.1.4 Improve lighting and environment in the downtown district to attract visitors and improve visibility and ensure safety.	Action 6.1.4.1 Encourage (and financially support/incentivize) businesses to leave porch/facade lights and window display lights on in the evening hours.	RPAT			X						X		CS; BUS	RCAD; R-FCC; EDC	Tax Increment Financing, Cool & Connected Program
	Action 6.1.4.2 Provide mini-grants to businesses to add building facade and awning lighting to illuminate the sidewalks at night.	RPAT			X			X			X		CS; RCAD	R-FCC; EDC; BUS	Tax Increment Financing, Cool & Connected Program
	Action 6.1.4.3 Incorporate pedestrian scale lighting into future streetscape engineering and design plans along the Austin Street corridor.	RPAT					X	X					CS; PW	RCAD; R-FCC; EDC	Cool & Connected Program
	Action 6.1.4.4 Construct pedestrian scale lighting along the east and west sides of Austin Street along the sidewalks connecting to Veterans Memorial Park and Market Street.						X	X					CS; PW	RCAD; R-FCC; EDC	Tax Increment Financing, Cool & Connected Program

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	Action 6.1.4.5 Retrofit bulb-outs and provide strategic live oak tree plantings along Austin Street, at key intersections, on vacant lots, and along the streetscape to provide shade, visual appeal, and help absorb stormwater.	RPAT					X	X					CS; PW; PARKS	RCAD; R-FCC; EDC	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
	Action 6.1.4.6 Work with downtown merchants to hire a structural engineer to identify the best manner to install smaller systems to work effectively with the older structures.	RPAT			X			X			X	X	CS; PW	RCAD; BUS; PO	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) , Tax Increment Financing, Cool & Connected Program
Goal 6.2 Establish strategies and programs to foster a skilled workforce.															
Objective 6.2.1 Support workforce recruitment	Action 6.2.1.1. Work with Economic Development Corporation to identify target industries that would generate a demand for workforce members.				X						X	X	CS; EDC; ACISD	R-FCC; BUS	In-House; Texas Workforce Commission's Skill Development Program
	Action 6.2.1.2. Develop marketing strategies and recruitment sessions to connect existing companies to new or returning workers.			X					X			X	CS; EDC; R-FCC		In-House; Community Advantage Program, Skills for Small Business, Jobs & Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program
Objective 6.2.2 Address workforce needs and development by offering professional trainings	Action 6.2.2.1. Assess strengths and weaknesses in existing workforce and develop professional training programs to advance skill sets.				X				X		X	X	CS; EDC	R-FCC; BUS	In-House; High Demand Job Training Program, Jobs & Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program, Skills for Small Business

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	Action 6.2.2.2. Partner with local agencies or universities to establish a program to facilitate entrepreneurship.					X			X		X		CS; EDC; R-FCC	TAMUCC	In-House; Texas Workforce Commission's Skill Development Program
	Action 6.2.2.3. Partner with the Coastal Bend Workforce Solutions (CBWS), Del Mar College (in Corpus Christi - DMC), Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) and other organizations to boost readiness of the local workforce with resume and interview workshops, job fairs and trend awareness.			X					X		X		CS; EDC; R-FCC	CBWS; DMC; TAMUCC	Jobs & Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program
	Action 6.2.2.4. Create mentorship programs for high school students by providing internship opportunities with the local government, nonprofits, and businesses				X				X		X		CS; EDC; ACISD		The Aransas County ISD Education Foundation
	Action 6.2.2.45 Support training and trade-specific licensing for the local unskilled workforce on building codes, including windstorm requirements.				X				X		X	X	CS; EDC; ACISD		

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Goal 6.3 Support existing economic assets.															
Objective 6.3.1. Support small business retention and expansion	Action 6.3.1.1. Conduct business needs assessment to facilitate more business re-openings. Coordinate with efforts from the Aransas County Long Term Recovery Plan.			X							X		CS; R-FCC	COC; BUS; TAMUCC	Community Advantage Program, Skills for Small Business
	Action 6.3.1.2. Reassess and update the Heritage District Overlay Code	LTRP; HDZO			X				X	X			CS; CC; P&Z		In-House; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
	Action 6.3.1.3. Connect small businesses with professional assistance to help cultivate business merchandising, websites, and special events.			X						X	X		CS; R-FCC	EDC; BUS	Community Advantage Program, Skills for Small Business, Small Business Administration Loan programs
	Action 6.3.1.4. Collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce for "open for business" messaging and communicate specific, current information. Media campaigns should build on the "Find Yourself in Rockport-Fulton" campaign.				X						X		CS;R-FCC	BUS; FLTN; AC	Strong Cities, Strong Communities Visioning Challenge, Skills for Small Business

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Goal 7.1 Preserve & Protect the Threatened Animals and Sensitive Natural Resources of Live Oak Peninsula, the Little Bay Estuary, Aransas Bay & Gulf of Mexico															
Objective 7.1.1. Improve the connectivity of open spaces to expand wildlife corridors and conserve natural habitats.	Action 7.1.1.1. Encourage participation in the Texas Wildscapes certification program offered by the TPWD on the design and maintenance of habitable land for wildlife and threatened species.				X				X				CS; PR; CC	TPWD; AC; FLTN	In-House; Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund/ Section 6 Grants, The Conservation Fund
	Action 7.1.1.2. Look into options to amend the zoning ordinance to include a conservation overlay, or other land use regulations to ensure critical habitats are protected. Get advice from residents on areas of concerns. Prioritize those in SFHA.	MFMP			X					X			CS; PR; P&Z; CC		In-House; Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund/ Section 6 Grants, The Conservation Fund
	Action 7.1.1.3. Work with wildlife specialists and environmental organizations/non-profits such as, the International Crane Foundation of Rockport, the Aransas Bird and Nature Club, and Aransas First to identify critical habitats and ecological corridors to be conserved and maintained (prioritizing those in SFHA).				X						X	X	CS; PR	TPWD; TNC; AC; FLTN; ACND	Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund/Section 6 Grants, The Conservation Fund
	Action 7.1.1.4. Revise and update the tree ordinance to include a goal for % cover of canopy and include language about protecting understory vegetation. (how to calculate percentage of canopy and/or open space).	HDZO			X				X	X		X	CS; CC; TLC	PR	Community & Recovery Tree Planting Grants
	Action 7.1.1.5 Develop a Tree Master Plan and GI Plan to use as a framework to help guide tree planting within public and private property.	RPAT				X			X	X		X	CS; CC; TLC	PR; PW	Community & Recovery Tree Planting Grants

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	Action 7.1.1.6 Provide strategic tree plantings along Austin Street, at key intersections, on vacant lots, and along the streetscape to provide shade, visual appeal, and help capture stormwater.	RPAT				X			X	X		X	CS; CC; TLC	PR; PW	Capital Improvement Funds; Community & Recovery Tree Planting Grants, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program
Objective 7.1.2. Encourage wetland preservation throughout the city, especially along the bypass.	Action 7.1.2.1 Designate a staff member of the Environment Services of the Public Works Department to oversee the implementation of the conservation management plan.						X		X				CS; CC; PW	PR; TPWD; AC; FLTN; RCM	Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund/Section 6 Grants, Resilient Communities Program, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (15.921), The Conservation Fund
	Action 7.1.2.2. Develop long term strategies and conservation tools such as: a conservation overlay zone, wetland buffers, set backs, transfer and purchase of development rights, wetland banking, revitalization and restoration incentive programs. Prioritize areas in SFHA.	MFMP					X		X	X		X	CS; PW; CC		In-House; WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grants
Objective 7.1.3. Monitor and protect all bay systems within Rockport city limits from runoff pollution and unwanted nutrients that would otherwise disturb the ecosystems natural state.	Action 7.1.3.1 Continue to partner with NGOs such as Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program and Mission-Aransas NERR's report card program to conduct regular water quality testing of Little Bay.			X				X	X			X	CS; PW; PR: CC	TPWD; AC; FLTN; RCM	Water and Environmental Programs

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	Action 7.1.3.2. Provide educational seminars and volunteer programs that cover techniques to reduce impact on water quality, reviews signs of poor water quality and steps to prevent illness.	MFMP			X				X				CS; PW	TPWD; KACB; AC; FLTN; RCM; TWDB; TCEQ; EPA	In-House; Environmental Education (EE) Grants, Environmental Literacy Program
	Action 7.1.3.3. Ensure compliance with governmental regulation on wastewater disposal, runoff contaminants and nutrients, and implement an enforcement program to maintain healthy water quality.			X				X	X			X	CS; PW; CC	TPWD; KACB; AC; FLTN; RCM; TWDB; TCEQ; EPA	"In-House; Texas Water Development Fund (DFund), Water and Environmental Programs, State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)"
Objective 7.1.4. Increase the use of green infrastructure practices throughout the city to enhance the management of flood waters and quality of water.	Action 7.1.4.1. Encourage public-private partnerships to help with funding sources, the design and functionality of projects, as well as implementation. The Housing and Urban Development Federal Department's Community Development Block grant could provide funding for green infrastructure projects. Prioritize areas in SFHA.			X			X				X		CS; PW	TPWD; KACB; RCM; TWDB; TCEQ; EPA; LEED; HUD;	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
	Action 7.1.4.2. Provide building incentives that encourage developers to incorporate low impact design techniques throughout their projects city wide. Developers should also be incentivized to promote the connection of identified ecological corridors, hydrologically important locations winthin Rockport and ETJ and avoid building in those areas.	MFMP				X		X				X	CS; PW; CC	TPWD; KACB; RCM; TWDB; TCEQ; EPA; LEED; HUD;	Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)

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Goal 7.2 Prepare the City for Disasters that Could Adversely Affect the Health, Safety & General Welfare of Residents & Visitors														
Objective 7.2.1. Support and manage natural water retention methods throughout the city.	Action 7.2.1.1. Amend the city's code of ordinances to include the land use tool, Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) to ensure wetlands ability to provide water retention functions.					X			X			CS; PW; CC	TPWD; KACB; RCM; TWDB; TCEQ; EPA; FEMA	Wetlands Reserve Program
	Action 7.2.1.2. Ensure that lands are managed and protected properly so that environmentally significant areas are preserved. Utilize tools such as a conservation easement or mitigation banking program so that conservation goals are achieved. Prioritize areas in the SFHA.	MFMP	X				X				X	CS; PW; CC		FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grants
Objective 7.2.2. Directly coordinate with the Aransas County Navigation District to generate strategies to strengthen the coastal shoreline to protect Rockport's residents and infrastructure from powerful storm surge.	Action 7.2.2.1. Mitigate coastal erosion through the construction of an artificial reef. The breakwater reef provides the coast with erosion protection, filtration services and stabilization by the implementation of marsh vegetation plantings.	MFMP				X	X				X	CS; CC; ACND	AC; FEMA; TGLO	Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Act, Coastal Management Program, Water and Environmental Programs, Wetlands Reserve Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program

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Objective 7.2.3. Partner with local advocacy groups and non-profit organizations to improve education, awareness and access to resources about natural and manmade disasters and the recovery process.	Action 7.2.3.1. Continue to hold periodic educational community meetings conducted by local emergency managers and mitigation experts that cover disaster preparedness and recovery efforts.	MFMP; MHMP		X							X	X	CS; PW; CC	TPWD; KACB; AC; R-FCC; FLTN; RCM; TWDB; TCEQ; EPA; FEMA	Environmental Education (EE) Grants, Environmental Literacy Program
	Action 7.2.3.2. Utilize and enhance the city's media methods and other marketing tools to promote educational meetings, seminars, tool sets etc. and encourage citizen engagement and outreach.	MFMP; MHMP		X								X	CS; PW; CC	COU; FLTN; ACND; AC	Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grants
Objective 7.2.4. Encourage the city to partner with higher education entities to maintain the CRS (FEMA's Community Rating System) for the residents and business owners of Rockport.	Action 7.2.4.1. Encourage city officials and Disaster Recovery Teams to attend free CRS informational courses (a series of webinars is offered throughout the year) to become aware of the potential program.	MFMP; MHMP				X	X		X			X	CS; PW; CC;	AC; FLTN	In-House; Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Public Assistance Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program

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	Action 7.2.4.2. City officials should be in coordination with CRS Specialists, so that they can assist community officials with the implementation of activities that earn premium discounts.	MFMP; MHMP				X	X				X	X	CS		Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Public Assistance Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program
	Action 7.2.4.3. Maintain CRS accreditation as determined by FEMA and ISO (Insurance Services Organization).	MFMP; MHMP				X					X	X	CS; PW	PO	Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Public Assistance Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program
	Action 7.2.4.4. Examine new CRS activities to add to the existing activities that the City is doing.	MFMP; MHMP				X					X	X	CS	CC	Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Public Assistance Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program

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	Action 7.2.4.5. Evaluate best mitigation solution (i.e. buyouts, reconstruction) for repetitive loss properties.	MFMP; MHMP			X						X	X	CS	AC; FTLN	Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grants, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
	Action 7.2.4.6. Evaluate list of repetitive loss properties for opportunities to partner with property owners regarding potential mitigation actions.	MFMP; MHMP			X						X	X	CS	AC; FTLN	Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grants, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
Objective 7.2.5. Ensure better community compliance with the NFIP regulations by building local capacity.	Action 7.2.5.1. Set up cloud backup services for storing information aobut housing inventory in SFHAs, permit records, appraisal information, and other critical local informtin for substantial damage on properties located in SFHAs.				X					X					
	Action 7.2.5.2. Use Substantial Damage Estimator (SDE) software effectively to keep track of an inventory of structures in SFHAs and request FEMA assistance with DAs.									X					
	Action 7.2.5.3. Develop partnerships between local planning staff members and floodplain administrators (with GIS capabilities) and county tax assessor officials to develop a more streamlined market values and assist with damage assessments.			X							X		CS, CM	EM, ACAD	Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Public Assistance Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program, NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program

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	Action 7.2.5.4. Evaluate current permitting, plan review, and recordkeeping process to ensure that there will be consistent, equitable, and defendable floodplain management/development records.			X						X			CS	EM	
	Action 7.2.5.5. Provide elected officials with training on how to maintain a clear and realistic message about post-disaster mitigation options with community residents in ways that do not undermine substantial damage activities.				X				X				CS, EM	CC	
	Action 7.2.5.6. Develop partnerships with non-profits, universities, extension programs and other non-federal partners that have the ability to collect, analyze and display spatial data quickly, and that can support local mapping, planning and engagement efforts during DAs and SDD activities.				X						X		CS		
	Action 7.2.5.7. Ensure emergency response protocols include provisions that state that GIS community planning staff, tax assessors and floodplain management administrators are present (or have direct access to) the Emergency Operations Center during disaster.				X					X			CS, EM	ACAD	

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	Action 7.2.5.8. Develop mutual-aid agreements (with county governments, regions, non-profit organizations and other agencies and groups) that benefit DAs and SD activities, enabling disaster mitigation and recovery.				X						X		CS	AC, FLTN, ACND	
	Action 7.2.5.9. Work with and use the FEMA and TWDB Community Assistance Contact as a resource to assist with compliance of the NFIP.				X						X		CS	TWDB, FEMA	
Goal 7.3 Maximize environmental and economic benefits of ecotourism industry.															
Objective 7.3.1. Protect assets related to ecotourism and assist businesses and tourist attractions to evaluate ecological footprint.	Action 7.3.1.1. Work with the Chamber of Commerce and environmental groups to educate local businesses on the importance of environmentally-friendly practices, such as recycling, water and energy conservation, and reducing the use of plastics.				X						X		CS; PW; R-FCC	BUS; KACB	Outdoor Recreation Grants, Texas Water Development Fund (DFund), Recreation Grants, Boating Access Grants, Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grants
	Action 7.3.1.2. Continue working with Aransas Pathways to maintain the natural environment.			X							X		CS; AC		Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (15.921), The Conservation Fund

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Objective 7.3.2. Encourage environmental and flood-related education.	Action 7.3.2.1. Enhance community education programs to raise awareness about flood risks and maintaining ecologically conscious tourism and lifestyles.	MFMP			X				X				CS; ACISD		"Recreation Grants, Outdoor Recreation Grants, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program, Environmental Education (EE) Grants, Environmental Literacy Program, Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grants"

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Goal 8.1 Ensure that All Infrastructure Elements meet existing & projected demands in a manner that will minimize environmental impacts															
Objective 8.1.1. Invest in city wide public parks and public spaces to increase the number of recreational facilities to better meet the needs of current and future residents.	Action 8.1.1.1. Partner and collaborate within different city departments to leverage funding and effort for park maintenance and green infrastructure projects, priorotizing areas in SFHA.	MFMP		X							X		CS; PW; PR	CC; CM; AC; FLTN; ACND	Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program
	Action 8.1.1.2. Adopt a parkland trail dedication ordinance that requires land dedication (or fee-in-lieu) for trails, parks and improvements, prioritizing areas in SFHA. The ordinance should also require developers to dedicate and construct trails or to invest in existing public spaces.				X				X	X			CS; PW; PR	CC	Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (15.921), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Recreational Trail Grants
	Action 8.1.1.3. Identify possible corridors to further expand and connect the existing trail network in Rockport. For example, acquiring the land at the crossroad of Bypass 35 and 3036 to turn into a trail.				X								CS; PR	AC	Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (15.921), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Recreational Trail Grants
Objective 8.1.2. Use utility easements to connect parks and open spaces (Aransas Pathways) throughout Rockport.	Action 8.1.2.1 Develop an implementation plan to use the utility and drainage easements to connect parks and open spaces.						X	X				X	CS; PW; PR		Wetlands Reserve Program

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Objective 8.1.3. Increase the amount of public facilities to meet the needs of current and future residents, including facilities for people of all ages.	Action 8.1.3.1. Collaborate with the Aransas County ISD to provide neighborhood parks by considering keeping school playgrounds open after hours for the use of residents in surrounding neighborhoods.			X			X					X	PW; PL; BD; ACISD; CS	PB; AC; CC; CM; RCA; RCM; TLC	Community Impact Grants, Local Park Grant Program
	Action 8.1.3.2. Partner with the Nature Conservancy to identify and acquire parkland and open space in the floodplain that can be suitable and acquired for wildlife habitat, floodplain mitigation or wetland banking. (MFMP: Evaluate areas in the floodplain viable for open space preservation.)	MFMP		X				X				X	CS	AC; TNC	The Conservation Fund, Wetlands Reserve Program, Water and Environmental Programs
	Action 8.1.3.3. Public offices and activities center are encouraged to be located nearby residential areas in the downtown and bypass areas, for more convenient and accessible community facilities.			X				X					CC	AC	Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program, Rural LISC - Community Facilities Fund
	Action 8.1.3.4. Work with the Parks & Leisure Services Board to recognize recreational opportunities.						X				X		CS; PR		Recreation Grants, Outdoor Recreation Grants, Local Park Grant Program
	Action 8.1.3.5. Investigate grant opportunities for property buyouts, open space preservation, or other flood mitigation measures. (65)	MFMP										X	CS		FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grants, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund

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	Action 8.3.1.6 Ensure community facilities and civic buildings are fortified and enforce building to higher building codes.	HDMP					X	X		X			CS	CC: AC	"Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program, Resilient Communities Program"
Objective 8.1.4 Complete capital improvement projects already identified by the City	Action 8.1.4.1. Fund drainage projects that were modeled in the 2016 Drainage Master Plan Modeling Report	MFMP; MHMP					X	X					CS; PW; CC		Water and Environmental Programs
	Action 8.1.4.2. Design and conduct an engineering study to address flooding in downtown Rockport (17-40)	MFMP				X		X				X	CS; CE; PW	CC	Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program
	Action 8.1.4.3. Each jurisdiction will continue ongoing maintenance of drainage pipes, culverts, and swales until the county-wide master plan is approved and implementation can begin.	MFMP		X				X		X			CS; PW	AC; FLTN	Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program, Keep America Beautiful's Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund
	Action 8.1.4.4. Repair outfalls of pump station that pump into Aransas Bay	MFMP				X		X					CS; PW; CE		Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program, Keep America Beautiful's Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund

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	Action 8.1.4.5. City Hall - Build flood proof structure to withstand future flood events	MFMP					X	X		X			CS; CC	AC	Rebuild Texas Fund (RTF), Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program, Disaster Relief Fund (Rural), NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program, Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program
	Action 8.1.4.6. Little Bay Hydraulic Restoration - remove sediment from the bay and use it for (local?) nourishment and habitat restoration projects. The project will protect habitat from coastal erosion and improve the ecotourism economy	MFMP					X	X		X			CS; ACND	AC	NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program
Goal 8.2 Promote the peninsula's heritage and encourage the preservaton and revitalization of the historic resources for the educational, cultural and economic benefit of all															
Objective 8.2.1. Maintain Historical and Cultural heritage of Rockport to keep its unique character, and to encourage community members in prioritizing preservation in the future.	Action 8.2.1.1 Continue supporting and promoting events and workshops about Rockport's history and culture.			X					X				CS; ACHS, ACHC, THC	RCAD, RCA, AC	Event Trust Funds Program, Humanities Texas Grants
	Action 8.2.1.2. Promote Rockport's history and culture through an agritourism plan that highlights the significant impacts from the civil war, the cattle industry, and the presence of the chamber of commerce.			X					X		X		CS; ACHS; ACHC; AC		Humanities Texas Grants
	Action 8.2.1.3 Partner with Aransas Pathways and Rockport Cultural Arts dstrict to promote Rockport's historical connections and culture.				X								CS; RCAD; AC		Art Works Grant, Museum Assessment Program (MAP), Humanities Texas Grants

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Objective 8.2.2. Work with entities such as 4-H club and the Aransas County Independent School District to increase the amount of education and related programs for the youth to engage them in community development at a young age	Action 8.2.2.1. Establish a systematic approach to identifying and focusing resources for education and youth programs.				X				X			X	ACISD; AgriLife		In-House; Bee Grant Program, The Aransas County ISD Education Foundation, Garden Grant Program
	Action 8.2.2.2. Facilitate education and engagement programs about the environment via the City's Environmental Services department that educates youth on the role of the environment in the community.				X				X		X		CS; PW; ACISD		In-House; Environmental Education (EE) Grants, Environmental Literacy Program, Event Trust Funds Program
	Action 8.2.2.3. Invest in building a multi-purpose community facility center, open to the public, that will include recreational activities. Preferable location for center will be near the major high school and middle school.					X							CS; CC		Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program, Rural LISC - Community Facilities Fund
Objective 8.2.3. Downtown Heritage Revitalization through improvements, promotion, and economic restructuring that is appropriate for Rockport.	Action 8.2.3.1 Explore the possibility of using tax increment financing or other funding mechanisms in the historic downtown to redevelop and improve the area.						X	X		X		X	CS; CC	RCAD; RCA; BUS; R-FCC; EDC; COU; ACND; ACISD	Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives, Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program (HRSP)
Objective 8.2.4. Increase of Art and Beautification in the parks, open spaces and Historical Downtown.	Action 8.2.4.1 Work with the Cultural Arts District and the Center for the Arts to establish a public art grant program that encourages public art installations and strategic placemaking activities throughout the city.				X				X				CS; RCAD; RCA		Art Works Grant

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	Action 8.2.4.2 Collaborate with volunteer programs to engage residents in beautifying parks. Social events could be used to draw in a larger crowds and gather more feedback from the community on what they want to see for their public open spaces.			X				X					CS; PL	KACB	Keep America Beautiful's Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund, Community Impact Grants
	Action 8.2.4.3. Create an "adopt-a-park' model and market to local businesses to get buy-in for beautification initiatives. Could be mirrored after the "adopt-a-highway" model.				X			X					CS; PL		Keep America Beautiful's Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund, Community Impact Grants
	Action 8.2.4.4. Pedestrian links to Residential districts (4-2)	HDMP RPAT						X					CS; PW CC		Walk Friendly Community (WFC)
	Action 8.2.4.5. North Street Pocket Park (4-2)	HDMP RPAT			X			X					CS; PR		Local Park Grant Program
Objective 8.2.5. Enhance the sense of place and maintain community character to attract future investments and visitors.	Action 8.2.5.1. Create a Branding/Wayfinding Design Manual to execute common themes/branding for public facilities, beach facilities, parks, and private sector buildings as they are rebuilt and newly built.				X			X			X		CS	R-FCC	Local Park Grant Program
	Action 8.2.5.2. Maintain strong relations with "Keep Aransas County Beautiful," Texas A&M Agrilife County Extension, and "Aransas Pathways" to assist in beautifying the city and enhance sense of place and link up existing trails.			X				X					CS	KACB; AgriLife; AC	Keep America Beautiful's Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund

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	Action 8.2.5.3. Evaluate and amend the Heritage District Zoning Overlay Code to preserve and enhance the area	RPAT				X				X			CS; P&Z; CC		HOPE VI Main Street Program, Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives, Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program,
	Action 8.2.5.4. Explore various funding sources for infrastructure and community improvements in Historic Districts and around other historic and cultural assets.			X							X	X	CS; ACHS; ACHC		Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program, Humanities Texas Grants, HOPE VI Main Street Program, Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives, Preservation Technology and Training Grants, Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program (HRSP), Rural LISC - Community Facilities Fund

FUNDING & RESOURCES

Many funding sources, both internal and external, are available to help the city accomplish its goals. Internal resources refer to taxes and fees to support the action item. External resources are numer- ous, and may also include public-private partnerships with external partners such as developers. The Funding column in the Implementation Table table provides suggestions for funding sources or grants for each action item.

CH. 3 - DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Purpose: Formula grants for local governments to carry out community and economic development activities.
- Eligibility: State allocated Limitations: Apportioned to the States by a formula

More Information: http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/

Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program

- Grantor: FEMA
- Purpose: Provides operational funding to help local governments that have incurred a significant loss in revenue, due to major disaster.
- Eligibility: Local Governments
- Funding limitations: max loan of $5,000,000
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/176527

Cool & Connected Program

- Grantor: EPA
- Cool & Connected is a planning assistance program that helps community members develop strategies and an action plan for using broadband to create walkable, connected, economically vibrant main streets and small town neighborhoods that improve human health and the environment. Communities can combine broadband service with other local assets such as cultural and recreational amenities to attract investment and people, including young people, and diversify local economies.

More information: https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/cool-connected

Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund

- Grantor: Keep America Beautiful (KAB)
- Purpose: provides immediate and long-term support for initial and ongoing cleanup efforts and helps rebuild vital public spaces: parks, greenways, community gateways, Main Street/downtown areas, open spaces and more.
- Eligibility: KAB certified affiliates.

More Information: https://www.kab.org/resources/community-restoration-and-resiliency-fund

Disaster Relief Fund (Rural)

- Grantor: Texas Department of Agriculture
- Purpose: Cities and counties may apply following a disaster declaration or for qualifying urgent infrastructure needs.
- Eligibility: Non-entitlement cities under 50,000 in population and non-entitlement counties that have a non-metropolitan population under 200,000 and are not eligible for direct CDBG funding from HUD may apply for funding through any of the Texas CDBG programs.
- Limitations: $50,000-350,000, official disaster status declaration
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/DisasterRelief.aspx

Distressed Cities Technical Assistance

- Grantor: HUD
- Purpose: To build the administrative capacity of smaller distressed communities recently impacted by a natural disaster. The focus of this TA includes financial management, economic development, and disaster recovery planning.

- Eligibility: Eligibility is three-fold
- Distressed Community: unemployment rate of 9% or more over the past 3 years; poverty rate of 20% or more among individuals not enrolled in higher education; population decline of 5% or more between the 2010 Decennial Census and the most recent ACS 5-year Estimates
- Impacted by Natural Disaster: community in a county that experienced a Presidentially declared disaster from 2015 onward
- Population Size: less than 40,000

More Information: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/distressed-cities/

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program

- Grantor: FEMA
- Purpose: FMA provides funding to states, territories, federally-recognized tribes and local communities for projects and planning that reduces or eliminates long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the NFIP. FMA funding is also available for management costs. Funding is appropriated by Congress annually.
- Eligibility: Individual homeowners, business, and private nonprofits may apply for funding through eligible subapplicants (federally-recognized tribes, state agencies, private HMGP nonprofits, tribal agencies, and local governments/communities). Generally, local communities will sponsor applications on behalf of homeowners and then submit the applications to their State. All FMA grant applications must be submitted to FEMA by a state, territory, or federally-recognized tribe.

More information: https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grants

- Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- Purpose: The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program provides grants to assist communities in implementing measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the NFIP.
- Funding Limitations: The Texas Water Development Fund helps fund wastewater and flood control projects.

More information at http://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program

NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program

- Grantor: NOAA
- Purpose: funds projects that are helping coastal communities and ecosystems prepare for and recover from extreme weather events, climate hazards, and changing ocean conditions.

More Information: https://coast.noaa.gov/resilience-grant/

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program

- Grantor: Environmental Protection Agency
- Purpose: focuses on complex or cutting-edge issues, such as stormwater management, code revision, transit-oriented development, affordable housing, infill development, corridor planning, green building, and climate change.
- Eligibility: Tribes, states, regions, local governments, as well as nonprofits that have a partnership with a government entity.
- Limitations: Applicants can submit proposals under 4 categories: community resilience to disasters, job creation, the role of manufactured homes in sustainable neighborhood design or medical and social service facilities siting.
- Deadline: Rolling

More Information: http://www2.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-implementation-assistance

REAP Grants

- Grantor: USDA
- Purpose: Providing grants of up to $20,000, the Rural Energy for America Program helps farmers and small rural businesses obtain and install renewable energy systems. Recipients may also use the grant to make improvements to existing energy efficiency systems. Agricultural producers must demonstrate that at least half of their gross income comes from agribusiness and show they can pay for at least 75 percent of the project to qualify.
- Eligibility: Small businesses must be in an area OTHER THAN a city or town with a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area of that city or town. Agricultural producers with at least 50 percent of their gross income coming from agricultural operations.

More information: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency

Urgent Need Fund (Rural)

- Grantor: Texas Department of Agriculture
- Purpose: Grants that will restore rural infrastructure whose sudden failure poses an imminent threat to life or health.

- Eligibility: Non-entitlement cities under 50,000 in population and non-entitlement counties that have a non-metropolitan population under 200,000 and are not eligible for direct CDBG funding from HUD may apply for funding through any of the Texas CDBG programs.
- Limitations: $25,000-250,000, requires assessment.
- Deadline: Applications are accepted by invitation.

More information: http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/UrgentNeedFund.aspx

WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grants

- Grantor: Department of the Interior - Bureau of Reclamation
- Purpose: 50/50 cost share funding to irrigation and water districts, tribes, states and other entities with water or power delivery authority. Projects conserve and use water more efficiently; increase the production of hydropower; mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict; and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States. Projects are selected through a competitive process and the focus is on projects that can be completed within two or three years.
- Eligibility: an applicant eligible for funding under this FOA is a state, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water district, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority.
- Applicants must also be located in the western United States or Territories as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended and supplemented; specifically: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

More Information: https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg/index.html

CH. 4 - HOUSING

Building Neighborhood Capacity Program (BCNP)

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Purpose: offer training and technical assistance (TTA) to begin or sustain the process of revitalization, guided by comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans, in concert with relevant local and state plans and planning processes.
- Eligibility: Five neighborhoods selected. Nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher learning, and for-profit organizations (commercial) with significant experience in supporting neighborhood and community development through training and technical assistance. For-profit organizations must agree to forgo any profit or management fee.
- Limitations: Up to $2 million

More Information: http://www.cssp.org/community/neighborhood-investment/place-based-initiatives/building-neighborhood-capacity

Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Purpose: for intermediary organizations to assist HUD in providing technical assistance to community development corporations and community housing development organizations to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit low-income families.
- Eligibility: Community development financing institutions (CDFIs)
- Limitations: $49.4 million
- Deadline: Rolling

More Information: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/hudprograms/capacitybuilding

Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities

- Grantor: Environmental Protection Agency
- Purpose: Funding for intermediary organizations who will assist HUD in providing technical assistance to communities engaged in planning efforts built around integrating housing, land use, transportation,and other issues.
- Eligibility: nonprofit organization, a local or state public agency, a for-profit organization, a nationally recognized and accredited University or College; or any combination of the aforementioned entities as a Capacity Building Team to combine their skills and offer a coordinated program.
- Limitations: $5.65 million, max amount $ 1 million. Primary support will be given to recipients of Sustainable Communities and Brownfield Area Wide Planning grants.

More Information: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/economic_resilience/capacity-building

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Program

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Purpose: to revitalize severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted multifamily housing in distressed neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income communities with access to well-functioning services, high quality educational programs, public transportation, and jobs.
- Eligibility:Public housing authorities (PHAs), local governments, nonprofits, tribal entities and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity.
- Limitations: Public housing authorities (PHAs), local governments, nonprofits, tribal entities and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity. Preferred Sustainability Applicants receive an additional two bonus points.

More Information: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn/grants

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Purpose: to revitalize severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted multifamily housing in distressed neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income communities with access to well-functioning services, high quality educational programs, public transportation, and jobs.
- Eligibility: Public housing authorities, local governments, nonprofits, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity. Preferred Sustainability Applicants receive an additional two bonus points.
- Deadlines: Annual

More Information: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn/planninggrants

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Purpose: Provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Assists urban, suburban and rural communities to improve housing and living conditions and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.
- Eligibility: States and local governments.
- Limitations: Apportioned to States and local governments by a formula
- Deadline: Annually apportioned

More Information: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs

Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program for Rural Texas

- Grantor: Texas Department of Agriculture
- Purpose: develop viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low- to moderate-income.
- Eligibility: non-entitlement cities and counties whose populations are less than 50,000 and 200,000 respectively, and are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Limitations: Population 50,000 city and 200,000 county.
- Deadline: Annually Apportioned.

More information: http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG).aspx

Housing Preservation Grants (HPG)

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development
- Purpose: provides grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing owned or occupied by low- and very-low-income rural citizens.
- Eligibility: Most State and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, Federally Recognized Tribes. Individual homeowners are not eligible. Rural areas and towns with 20,000 or fewer people.
- Limitations: USDA will award a total of $15,888,420 in Housing Preservation Grant Program funding for the repair and rehabilitation of rural housing units.
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/erfo/

Housing Preservation & Revitalization Demonstration Loans & Grants

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Purpose: provide affordable multi-family rental housing
- Eligibility: for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families; the elderly; and persons with disabilities.
- Deadline: Rolling

More Information: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-revitalization-demonstration-loans-grants

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (4%)

- Grantor: HUD
- Purpose: Generate equity capital for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.
- Eligibility: Determined by state housing finance agency
- If the projects involve acquisition and substantial rehabilitation expenditures, and are funded with Tax-Exempt Bonds only qualify for 4%.
- Deadline: Rolling Application
- More information:

https://tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/housing-tax-credits-4pct/index.htm

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (9%)

- Grantor: Department of the Treasury
- Purpose: Generate equity capital for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.
- Eligibility: Determined by state housing finance agency
- 9% LIHTC are possible if the projects are not funded by federal Tax-Exempt Bonds, and meet the other basic qualifications of LIHTC.
- Deadline: Rolling Application

More information: http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/housing-tax-credits-9pct/

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)

- Grantor: U.S. Treasury Department via the Internal Revenue Code
- Purpose: directing private capital toward the development and preservation of affordable rental housing for low-income households.
- Eligibility: Private for-profit and nonprofit developers. Tenants earning up to 60% of the area median family income (AMFI), which varies by area.
- Deadline: Rolling

More information can be found at http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/lihtc.html

Multi-family (Rental Housing) Development Program

- Grantor: provides funding to units of General Local Governments, Public Housing Authorities, nonprofits, and for-profit entities towards the new construction or rehabilitation of affordable multifamily rental developments.
- Eligibility: Development funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis through an application process.
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/home/index.htm

Multi-Family Housing Loan Guarantees

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Purpose: to increase the supply of moderately-priced housing in rural areas
- Eligibility: be a U.S. citizen(s) or legal resident(s), a U.S. owned corporation, a limited liability corporation (LLC) or a partnership in which the principals are U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents.
- Limitations: The maximum loan to value is 90% for for-profit entities and 97% for non-profit entities.

More Information: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/multi-family-housing-loanguarantees

Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bond Program

- Grantor: Texas Bond Review Board and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)
- Purpose: issues mortgage revenue bonds to finance loans
- Eligibility: qualified nonprofit organizations and for-profit developers.
- Limitations: developers financed through this program are subject to set-aside restrictions for low-income tenants and persons with special needs, tenant services, maximum rent limitations and other requirements.

- Deadline: Rolling

More information: http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/bond/index.htm

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Purpose: to stabilize communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment by providing funds to purchase and redevelop distressed residential properties.
- Eligibility: States, territories and local governments
- Limitations: Varies

More Information: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/nsp/

Planning Capacity Building Fund (Rural)

- Grantor: Texas Department of Agriculture
- Purpose: Grants for local public facility and housing planning activities.
- Eligibility: non-entitlement cities and counties whose populations are less than 50,000 and 200,000 respectively, and are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Limitations: $55,000 and competitive application process

More information: http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopment-Block-Grant(CDBG)/PlanningandCapacityBuildingFund.aspx

Public Housing Agency's Housing Choice Voucher program

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Purpose: Allows a very low-income family to receive a housing voucher. The family must pay 30% of its monthly adjusted gross income for rent and utilities.
- Eligibility: very low-income families.
- Limitations: Housing Authorities may establish local preferences for selecting applicants from its waiting list.
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/about/fact_sheet

SBA Disaster Loan Assistance (Home and Personal Property Loans)

- Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration
- Purpose: If you are in a declared disaster area and have experienced damage to your home or personal property, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the SBA — even if you do not own a business. As a homeowner, renter and/or personal property owner, you may apply to the SBA for a loan to help you recover from a disaster.
- Eligibility: Secondary homes or vacation properties are not eligible for these loans. However, qualified rental properties may be eligible for assistance under the SBA business disaster loan program.
- Loan amount: Homeowners may apply for up to $200,000 to replace or repair their primary residence. Renters and homeowners may borrow up to $40,000 to replace or repair personal property — such as clothing, furniture, cars and appliances — damaged or destroyed in a disaster.
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/HomePersonalPropertyLoans

Single Family Home Repairs (Section 504)

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) & Rural Development
- Purpose: provide loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.
- Eligibility: Rural areas with populations up to 10,000 if located in a MSA or up to 20,000 if not in an MSA.

Limitations: up to $7,500-27,500 loans and grants, 20 year repayment, very-low-income applicants or elderly persons age 62 or older.

More information: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repairloans-

Section 202 - Supportive Housing for the Elderly

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development\
- Purpose: Provide capital advances to finance the construction, rehabilitation or acquisition of properties that will serve as supportive housing for very low-income elderly persons.
- Eligibility: Private nonprofit organizations and nonprofit consumer cooperatives
- Limitations: $371 million

More Information: http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/

Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program

- Grantor: League of American Bicyclists.
- Purpose: The program provides a roadmap to communities to improve conditions for bicycling and offers national recognition for communities that actively support bicycling.
- Eligibility: Communities. Deadline February 5, 2020
- Information on applying to become a recognized Bicycle Friendly Community

More Information: http://bikeleague.org/bfa

BUILD Discretionary Grants

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Purpose: Provide needed infrastructure investment to better connect rural and urban communities around our nation. Eligible projects for BUILD Transportation Grants are capital projects that include, but are not limited to:
- road or bridge projects eligible under title 23, United States Code;
- public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;
- passenger and freight rail transportation projects;
- port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry); and
- intermodal projects.
- Eligibility: Eligible Applicants for BUILD Transportation grants are State, local and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and other political subdivisions of State or local governments.

More information: https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/about

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities

- Grantor: Department of Transportation
- Purpose: Provides formula funding to states for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. The program aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas – large urbanized (over 200,000), small urbanized (50,000-200,000), and rural (under 50,000).
- Eligibility: States and designated recipients are direct recipients; eligible subrecipients include private nonprofit organizations, states or local government authorities, or operators of public transportation.
- Funding limitations: Funds are available to the states during the fiscal year of apportionment plus two additional years (total of three years).

More information: https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/enhanced-mobility-seniors-individuals-disabilities-section-5310

Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA)

- Grantor: Texas Department of Transportation, Keep Texas Beautiful
- Purpose: Awarded to organizations with grassroots environmental programs. Funding comes from money set aside by TxDOT for landscaping needs. The funds are used for landscaping projects along local rights-of-way.
- Eligibility: All Texas communities

More Information: https://www.ktb.org/gcaa

Grants for Rural Areas to Support Public Transportation- 5311

- Grantor: Department of Transportation
- Purpose: The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program.
- Eligibility: Designated recipients that include planning, capital, operating, job access and reverse commute projects, and the acquisition of public transportation services.
- Funding limitations: Funds are available the year appropriated plus two additional years. Funds are appropriated based on a formula that includes land area, population, revenue vehicle miles, and low-income individuals in rural areas. Must spend no less than 15 percent of its annual apportionment for development and support of intercity bus transportation.

More information: https://www.transit.dot.gov/rural-formula-grants-5311

INVEST 1.0 Implementation Projects

- Grantor: Department of Transportation
- Purpose: to evaluate the sustainability of transportation systems
- Eligibility: State DOTs, MPOs and other transportation agencies
- Limitations: Multiple awards between $25,000 to $150,000

More Information: http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/

National Scenic Byways

- Grantor: Department of Transportation
- Purpose: improvement to a scenic byway that will enhance access to an area for the purpose of recreation; development of tourist information to the public (such as biking info and maps on scenic byways).
- Eligibility: State DOTs and Indian Tribes
- Limitations: Livability is a criteria that will be used in the consideration of projects.

More Information: http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.
- Purpose: The goal is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
- Limitations: The HSIP requires states to develop and implement a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). $2.407 bn

More Information: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/funding.cfm

The National Complete Streets Coalition

- Grantor: Smart Growth America
- Purpose: promoting the design and operation of road-ways to provide safe, comfortable, and convenient access for all users, from motorists to bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

More Information: http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program

- Grantor: Department of Transportation
- Purpose: Conduct research and develop guidelines, tools and safety countermeasures to reduce pedestrian and bicycle fatalities.
- Eligibility: State/MPO allocated

More Information: http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/

Recreational Trail Grants

- Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Purpose: TPWD administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles.
- Eligibility: Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and to acquire trail corridors.
- Limitations: The grants can be up to 80% of project cost with a maximum of $200,000 for non-motorized trail grants and currently there is not a maximum amount for motorized trail grants (call 512-389-8224 for motorized trail grant funding availability).

More information: https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants;

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

- Grantor: Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Purpose: provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non motorized and motorized recreational trail uses

More Information: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/

Safe Routes To School

- Grantor: Department of Transportation
- Purpose: The Program's objectives are 1) to enable and encourage children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; 2) to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and 3) to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.
- Eligibility: Eligible applicants for infrastructure projects include state agencies and political subdivisions (a city or county within the State of Texas). Applications should present a unified solution for improving the safety of pedestrian or bicycle routes to schools within a community and may involve more than one partner.
- Funding limitations: Safe Routes to School is a 100 percent federally funded cost-reimbursement program managed through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Traffic Operations Division (TRF). Projects are funded through a statewide competitive process with funds limited to those authorized in the SRTS program. Cost-reimbursement means that sponsors will front the cost of the project and will be reimbursed through various stages of the project. In some cases, there will be no up-front funds required from the applicant.

More information: http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/ptn/programs/tasa-2017/2019-program-guide.pdf

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)

- Grantor: Department of Transportation
- Purpose: The Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.
- Eligibility: State, local, and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and other political subdivisions of State or local governments.

More information: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/stp/

Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities

- Grantor: Department of Transportation
- Purpose: provides formula funding to States for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities when the service provided is unavailable, insufficient/inappropriate to meeting these needs.
- Eligibility: States are direct recipients. Eligible sub recipients are private non-profit organizations, governmental authorities where no non-profit organizations are available to provide service and governmental authorities approve to coordinate services
- Limitations: State allocated

More Information: http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/

Walk Friendly Community (WFC)

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.
- Purpose: helps to promote safe walking environments in cities.
- Eligibility: Individual cities and towns. Applications due June 15 and December 15.
- Limitations: By applying will receive specific suggestions and resources on how to make needed changes for pedestrian safety.

More Information: http://walkfriendly.org/

CH. 6 - ECONOMY

Community Advantage Program

- Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration
- Purpose: Loans are primarily designed for newer, veteran-owned, and underserved businesses that have difficulty securing traditional financing and can benefit from management and technical assistance.
- Eligibility: small businesses
- Max loan amount: $ 250,000
- Interest rate: prime + 6%
- Terms: up to 25 years of real estate, 10 years for equipment and working capital
- Guarantee: 75 to 90%

More information: https://fitsmallbusiness.com/sba-community-advantage-loan-program/

Economically Distressed Areas Program

- Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- Purpose: This program provides financial assistance for water and wastewater services in economically distressed areas where present facilities are inadequate to meet residents' minimal needs. The program also includes measures to prevent future substandard development.
- Eligibility: Projects must be located in an area that was established as a residential subdivision as of June 1, 2005, median household income less than 75% of the median state household income, has an inadequate water supply or sewer services to meet minimal residential needs and a lack of financial resources to provide water supply or sewer services to satisfy those needs. All political subdivisions, including cities, counties, water districts, and nonprofit water supply corporations, are eligible to apply for funds. The applicant, or its designee, must be capable of maintaining and operating the completed system.
- Funding limitations: Financial support is in the form of grant or combination of a grant and a loan. The program does not fund ongoing operation and maintenance expenses, nor does it fund new development.
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/EDAP/

High Demand Job Training Program

- Grantor: Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)
- Purpose: to provide high-demand occupational job training in local workforce areas; to support Boards in partnering with local EDCs that use their local economic development sales taxes for high-demand job training.
- Eligibility: Local Workforce Development Board
- Limitations: one million dollars. Funds will be available through August 30, 2020.

More information: https://twc.texas.gov/high-demand-job-training-program

Jobs & Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program

- Grantor: Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)
- Purpose: provides grants to eligible educational institutions to defray the start-up costs associated with developing career and technical education programs; Supports new, emerging industries or high-demand occupations; Offers new or expanded dual credit career and technical educational opportunities in public high schools.
- Eligibility: Public community, state or technical colleges; Independent school districts (ISD) entered into a partnership with a public community, state or technical college
- Limitations: $10 million each biennium. Rolling Applications.

More information: https://twc.texas.gov/partners/jobs-education-texans-jet-grant-program

Rural Business Development Grants

- Grantor: USDA
- Purpose: The RBEG program provides grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging rural businesses help fund distance learning networks, and help fund employment related adult education programs.
- Eligibility: Rural public entities (towns, communities, State agencies, and authorities), Indian tribes and rural private non-profit corporations are eligible to apply for funding.
- Limitations: Generally grants range $10,000 up to $500,000.
- Deadline: April (annually)

More Information: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants

Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG)

- Grantor: USDA
- Purpose: promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs through provision of training and technical assistance.
- Eligibility: Rural public bodies, rural nonprofit corporations, rural Indian tribes, and cooperatives with primarily rural members.
- Limitations: The maximum grant for a project serving a single state is $50,000. The maximum grant for a project serving two or more states is $150,000.

More Information: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=kyf_grants_rd2_content.html

SBA Disaster Loan Assistance (Business Physical Disaster Loans)

- Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration
- Purpose: If you are in a declared disaster area and have experienced damage to your business, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the SBA. Businesses of any size and most private nonprofit organizations may apply to the SBA for a loan to recover after a disaster. These loan proceeds may be used for the repair or replacement of Real property, Machinery, Equipment, Fixtures, Inventory and Leasehold improvements.
- Eligibility: A business of any size or most private nonprofit organizations that are located in a declared disaster area and has incurred damage during the disaster may apply for a loan to help replace damaged property or restore its pre-disaster condition.
- Loan amount: up to $2 million to qualified businesses or most private nonprofit organizations.

More information: https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/BusinessPhysicalLoans

Skills Development Fund

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

- Purpose: To assist Texas public community and technical colleges to finance customized job training for their local businesses. A business, a consortium of businesses, or trade union identifies a training need, and then partners with a public Community or Technical college to fill its specific needs. Businesses work with college partners to submit proposals, develop curricula and conduct training. The Skills Development Fund pays for the training, the college administers the grant, and businesses create new jobs and improve the skills of their current workers.
- Eligibility: Businesses and trade unions must partner with an eligible applicant in order to be considered for Skills Development Fund grants. Eligible applicants are public community or technical colleges, the Texas Engineering Extension Service or a community-based organization working in partnership with one of these institutions.

More information: https://twc.texas.gov/partners/skills-development-fund

Skills for Small Business

- Grantor: Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)
- Purpose: supports businesses with fewer than 100 employees, emphasizes training for new workers, and helps upgrade the skills of incumbent workers.
- Eligibility: small businesses
- Limitations: funds tuition and fees up to $1,800 per newly hired employee and up to $900 per incumbent employee. An individual employee can participate once per 12-month period. Funding for training is for full-time employees.

More information: https://twc.texas.gov/programs/skills-small-business-program-overview

Small Business Administration Loan programs

- Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration
- Purpose: works with lenders to provide loans to small businesses. The agency doesn't lend money directly to small business owners. Instead, it sets guidelines for loans made by its partnering lenders, community development organizations, and micro-lending institutions. General Small Business Loans, Microloan Program, Real Estate & Equipment Loans, and Disaster Loans.
- Eligibility: small businesses

More information: http://www.sba.gov/loanprograms

Strong Cities, Strong Communities Visioning Challenge

- Grantor: EDA & HUD
- Purpose: support the development and implementation of comprehensive economic development strategic plans.
- Eligibility: Cities
- Limitations: $6 million total; $1 million will be awarded to six total cities

More Information: http://www.eda.gov/challenges/sc2challenge/

Tax Increment Financing

- Grantor: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Purpose: Tax increment financing is a tool that local governments can use to publicly finance needed structural improvements and enhanced infrastructure within a defined area.
- Eligibility: Only a city or county may initiate tax increment financing . Tax increment financing requires the governing body of a city to create a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ). The governing body of a city by ordinance may: designate a contiguous or noncontiguous geographic area (a) within the corporate limits of a municipality; (b) in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality, or (c) in both to be a reinvestment zone. The designation of an area that is wholly or partly located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a

municipality is not affected by a subsequent annexation of real property in the reinvestment zone by the municipality.
More information: https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch311/

Texas Workforce Commission's Skill Development Program

- Grantor: Texas Workforce Commission through Texas Legislature
- Purpose: provides grants to community and technical colleges to provide customized job training programs for businesses who want to train new workers or upgrade the skills of their existing workforce.
- Eligibility: A business, a consortium of businesses, or trade union identifies a training need, and then partners with a public community or technical college.
- Limitations: Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 20, Chapter 803 and Texas Labor Code, Chapter 303.

More Information: http://www.twc.state.tx.us/partners/skills-development-fund

CH. 7 - ENVIRONMENT

Boating Access Grants

- Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Purpose: For the construction of public boat ramp facilities throughout Texas.
- Eligibility: Local government sponsors must make an application, provide the land, provide access to the proposed boat ramp, supply 25% of the development costs, and accept operation and maintenance responsibilities for a minimum 25-year period.
- Limitations: This grant program provides 75% matching grant funds. These funds are allocated annually through the federal Sport Fish Restoration Act.
- Deadlines: October 1, 2020

More information: https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/boating-access

Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Purpose: to help cities, counties, and States recover from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriations. It serves to address job losses, impacts on tax revenues, and impact to business.
- Eligibility: cities, counties and States.
- Limitations: $4.383 billion for Texas
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/

Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grants

- Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Purpose: The CO-OP grant helps to introduce under-served populations to the services, programs, and sites of Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.
- Eligibility: Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, counties, cities, and other tax-exempt groups.
- Limitations: This is not a land acquisition or construction grant; this is only for programs.
- Deadline: December 4, 2020

More information: https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/community-outdoor-outreach-program-co-op-grants

Community & Recovery Tree Planting Grants

- Grantor: Keep America Beautiful (KAB)
- Purpose: reducing levels of carbon dioxide (CO2) and greenhouse gas emissions through strategic plantings; emphasizing the importance of native trees; or planting fruit trees to produce fruit for local consumption, planting trees that have a greater likelihood of withstanding disasters (e.g., roots hold soil and prevent erosion, lessen runoff to mitigate flooding).
- Eligibility: KAB certified affiliates.
- Limitations: $5,000
- Deadline: October 22, 2020

More Information: https://www.kab.org/resources/community-grants

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund/Section 6 Grants

- Grantor: Fish & Wildlife Service
- Purpose: provides grants to states and territories to participate in a wide array of voluntary conservation projects for candidate, proposed, and listed species. The program provides funding to states and territories for species and habitat conservation actions on non-federal lands.
- Eligibility: States and territories must contribute a minimum non-federal match of 25 percent of the estimated program costs of approved projects, or 10 percent when two or more states or territories implement a joint project. A state or territory must currently have, or enter into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior to receive grants. Most states and territories have entered into these agreements for both plant and animal species.

More information: https://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/

Environmental Education (EE) Grants

- Grantor: EPA
- Purpose: To support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. The grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques.
- Eligibility: Applicants must represent one of the following types of organizations to be eligible for an environmental education grant:
  - local education agency
  - state education or environmental agency
  - college or university
  - non-profit organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
  - noncommercial educational broadcasting entity
  - tribal education agency (which includes schools and community colleges controlled by an Indian tribe, band, or nation and which are recognized as eligible for special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians and which are not administered by the Bureau of Indian Education.)
  - Applicant organizations must be located in the United States or territories and the majority of the educational activities must take place in the United States; or in the United States and Canada or Mexico; or in the U.S. Territories.

More Information: https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants

Environmental Literacy Program

- Grantor: NOAA
- Purpose: A competitive funding opportunity for projects designed to build environmental literacy of K-12 students and the public so they are knowledgeable of the ways in which their community can become more resilient to extreme weather and/or other environmental hazards, and become involved in achieving that resilience.

More Information: https://www.noaa.gov/office-education/elp/grants

FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grants

- Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- Purpose: The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program provides grants to assist communities in implementing measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- Eligibility: Political subdivision (including any Indian or authorized tribal or native organization) that has zoning and building code jurisdiction over a particular area having special flood hazards and is participating in the NFIP.
- Funding Limitations: FEMA may contribute up to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. At least 25 percent of the total eligible costs must be provided by a nonfederal source.

More information at http://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program

Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)

- Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
- Purpose: The program offers project cost-sharing for projects that positively impact the valuable riparian areas and watershed in Texas. Projects showing the greatest benefit to targeted watersheds will receive priority as do projects offering long-term protection, long-term monitoring and greater than the required minimum landowner contribution.
- Eligibility: Eligible parties include private, non-federal landowners wishing to enact good conservation practices on their lands in targeted eco-regions. Targeted eco-regions may change from year to year.
- Funding limitations: Contracts will require a minimum of 25% landowner contribution (in-kind labor, materials, monetary, etc.).
- Deadline: Rolling application

More information: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/lip

Public Assistance Grant Program

- Grantor: FEMA
- Purpose: to support communities' recovery from major disasters by providing them with grant assistance for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and restoring public infrastructure.
- Eligibility: Local Governments, states, tribes, territories and certain private nonprofit organization
- Limitations: The federal share of assistance is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost. The Recipient determines how the non-federal share (up to 25 percent) is split with the sub-recipients (i.e. eligible applicants).
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

- Grantor: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Purpose: This program assists local governments in implementing cost-effective hazard mitigation activities that complement a comprehensive mitigation program.
- Eligibility: In order to be eligible the city must be in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Funding Limitations: This grant should be used for hazard planning activities but cannot be used for major flood control projects, warning systems, engineering designs, feasibility studies not integral to proposed projects, generators not integral to a proposed project, phased or partial projects, flood studies or mapping, or response and communication equipment.

More information at http://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

- Grantor: FEMA
- Purpose: provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a Major Disaster Declaration.
- Eligibility: state, territorial, and local governments, Federally-recognized tribes or tribal organizations, and certain nonprofit organizations. Individual homeowners and businesses may not apply directly to the program; however, a community may apply on their behalf.
- Deadline: The applicant must submit all HMGP sub applications to FEMA within 12 months of the date of the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

More information: https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-guide-state/local-governments

National Trails Training Partnership

- Grantor: American Trails and NTTP
- Purpose: for planning, building, designing, funding, managing, enhancing, and supporting trails, greenways, and blue ways.

More information: http://www.americantrails.org/resources/funding/

National Trails Training Partnership

- Grantor: Bureau of Land Management's Watchable Wildlife for Youth and Families
- Purpose: offers workshops and webinars on successful trail development and implementation.

More Information: http://www.americantrails.org/nttp/

Outdoor Recreation Grants

- Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Purpose: This grant provides 50% matching grant funds to acquire and develop parkland or to renovate existing public recreation areas.
- Eligibility: For municipalities, counties, MUDs and other local units of government with populations less than 500,000. Eligible sponsors include cities, counties, MUDs, river authorities, and other special districts.
- Limitations: Projects must be completed within three years of approval. The master plans submission deadline is at least 60 days prior to the application deadline.
- Deadline: December 4, 2020

More information: For complete information on this grant, please download the Outdoor Recreation Grant Application; http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/index.htm

Rebuild Texas Fund (RTF)

- Gantor: Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and the OneStar Foundation, with the support of thousands of corporate and individual donors.
- Purpose: Helps in the rebuilding and restoration of disaster affected cities in Texas.

More Information: https://www.rebuildtx.org/faq/

Recreation Grants

- Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Purpose: This grant was created to meet recreation needs. The grant provides 50% matching grant funds to eligible municipalities and counties. Funds must be used for development or acquisition of parkland.
- Eligibility: Must be a small Texas community with a population of 20,000 and under. Eligible projects include ball fields, boating, fishing, and hunting facilities, picnic facilities, playgrounds, swimming pools, trails, camping facilities, beautification, restoration, gardens, sports courts and support facilities.
- Deadline: December 4, 2020

More information: https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants

Recreational Trail Grants

- Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Purpose: TPWD administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles.
- Eligibility: Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and to acquire trail corridors.
- Limitations: The grants can be up to 80% of project cost with a maximum of $200,000 for non-motorized trail grants and currently there is not a maximum amount for motorized trail grants (call 512-389-8224 for motorized trail grant funding availability).

More information: https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants;

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

- Grantor: Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Purpose: provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non motorized and motorized recreational trail uses

More Information: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/

Resilient Communities Program

- Grantor: Wells Fargo and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Carrie Clingan (Director) carrie.clingan@nfwf.org
- Purpose: Grant - "Grants will be offered once a year to support priority projects in the states and communities associated with Wells Fargo operations. Additional priorities and funding guidelines may be found within the program's Request for Proposals."
- Eligibility: Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments, Indian tribes.
- Funding Limitations: $200,000 to $500,000
- The ratio of matching funds offered is one criterion considered during the review process and projects that meet or exceed a 1:1 match ratio will be more competitive.
- Deadline: November 1, 2020

Websites:

1. Description of Resilient Communities Program- https://www.nfwf.org/resilientcommunities/Pages/home.aspx
2. Request for Proposal Information- https://www.nfwf.org/resilientcommunities/Pages/2019rfp.aspx

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (15.921)

- Grantor: Department of the Interior
- Purpose: will help create local, regional and state networks of parks, rivers, trails, greenways and open spaces by collaborating with community partners and National Park areas in every state.
- Eligibility: Private nonprofit organizations and Federal, State and local government agencies. Private nonprofit organizations and Federal, State and local government agencies. Not applicable. OMB Circular No. A-87 applies to this program
- Limitations: Range $3,000 to $237,000; Average $45,000.

More Information: https://www.cfda.gov/index?s=program&mode=form&tab=core&id=0eb58e82a9a678d4d621062e2ea27978

State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)

- Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- Purpose: This program helps communities to develop cost-effective water supplies by providing low-interest loans, extended repayment terms, deferral of loan repayments, and incremental repurchase terms.
- Eligibility: Any political subdivision or nonprofit water supply corporation with a project included in the most recently adopted state water plan.
- Funding limitations: Financial support is in the form of a variety of loans and is available twice a year. A priority rating process applies. Grants are not available.
- Deadline: September 27, 2020

More information: http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/SWIFT/index.asp

Texas Citizen Planner, Local Coastal Planning in the wake of Hurricane County

Funding Source(s): Coastal Management Program (CMP), Texas Agrilife Extension Service

Texas Water Development Fund (DFund)

- Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- Purpose: This program enables the TWDB to fund projects with multiple purposes (e.g., water and wastewater) in one loan.
- Eligibility: Political subdivisions (cities, counties, districts, and river authorities) and nonprofit water supply corporations.
- Funding limitations: Loans offered.
- Deadline: Rolling application

More information: http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/TWDF/index.asp

Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA)

TWIA provides essential property insurance policies and services to eligible Texas properties in the gulf-coast area for windstorm and hail storm events.

The Conservation Fund

- Grantor: "A nonprofit organization that operates with an entrepreneurial culture"
- Reggie Hall (Director) rhall@conservationfund.org 703-908-5825
- Purpose: Conservation Loan - to conserve America's legacy of land and water resources
- Eligibility: Non-profit, municipal and tribal organizations in good standing
- Funding Limitations:
- Minimum Loan Amount: $200,000 (extraordinary exceptions considered).
- Interest: Contact for current rate.
- Term: Minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 3 years (extraordinary exceptions considered). If a loan is needed for less than 90 days, 90 days' worth of interest will be due at maturity.
- Payment Schedule: To be negotiated.

More information: https://www.conservationfund.org/images/resources/Conservation_Loans_Program.pdf

Wetlands Reserve Program

- Grantor: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Purpose: Provides technical and financial support to landowners with their wetland restoration efforts. The programs aims to offer landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property.
- Eligibility: Lands that are eligible under this program include: wetlands farmed under natural conditions; farmed wetlands; prior converted cropland, farmed wetland pasture; certain lands that have the potential to become a wetland as a result of flooding; rangeland, pasture, or forest production lands where the hydrology has been significantly degraded and can be restored; riparian areas which link protected wetlands; lands adjacent to protected wetlands that contribute significantly to wetland functions and values; and wetlands previously restored under a local, state, or federal Program that need long-term protection.
- Funding limitations: For permanent easements, 100% of the easement value and 100% of the restoration costs will be funded. For 30-year easements, 75% of the easement value and up to 75% of the restoration costs are funded. For an agreement to restore wetlands without an easement, up to 75% of the restoration costs will be funded. A 30-year contract is available for tribal land and funding allocation is up to 75% of the restoration costs.

More information: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/wetlands

Water and Environmental Programs

- Grantor: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Purpose: This program provides financial assistance for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less. Technical assistance and training is also available to assist rural communities with their water, wastewater, and solid waste problems.
- Eligibility: Public bodies, non-profit organizations and recognized Indian Tribes
- Funding limitations: Financial assistance is provided in various ways including direct or guaranteed loans, grants, technical assistance, research and educational materials. Different amounts of assistance exist depending on the project type and financial tool the participant is seeking.
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/water-environmental-programs

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Art Works Grant

- Grantor: National Endowment for the Arts
- Purpose: Project-based funding that supports public engagement with, and access to, various forms of excellent art across the nation, the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, learning in the arts at all stages of life, and the integration of the arts into the fabric of community life
- Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the National Endowment for the Arts.
- Funding: Matching grants generally will range from $10,000 to $100,000. No grants will be made below $10,000. Grants of $100,000 or more will be made only in rare instances, and only for projects that we determine demonstrate exceptional national or regional significance and impact.

More information: https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/grant-program-description

The Aransas County ISD Education Foundation

- Grantor: The Education Foundation
- Purpose: To support programs that go beyond what public funds can provide in order to directly enhance students' knowledge, thinking skills, and career preparation in creative, innovative ways.

More Information: https://www.acedfoundation.org/grants-education-foundation.html

Bee Grant Program

- Grantor: Whole Kids Foundation in partnership with The Bee Cause Project
- Purpose: Allows for schools and non-profit organizations to receive support for educational bee hives, so students can observe bees up close and learn about the vital role these pollinators play in our food system.
- Eligibility: K-12 Schools or Non-Profit Organizations in U.S./Canada
- Grant Value: $2,000

More Information: https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/honey-bee-hive-grant

Community Impact Grants

- Grantor: The Home Depot Foundation
- Purpose: Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services and are required to be completed within six months of approval date.
- Eligibility: 501c designated organizations (recognized and in good standing with the IRS for a minimum of one year) and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the community.

More information: https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Purpose: assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns.
- Eligibility: public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal

governments. Towns of up to 20,000 in population.
- Limitations: Development Financing, Construction
- Deadline: Open

More information: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program

Event Trust Funds Program

- Grantor: Texas Economic Development Division
- Purpose: Event-specific trust funds created to help pay for qualified expenses associated with an event, to which both the state and applicant must contribute.
- Eligibility: A municipality, county, or non-profit local organizing committee endorsed by a Texas municipality or county which has been selected to host a qualified event, if the event location in that Texas municipality or county.
- Limitations: Applicants must contribute $1 in local tax gains for every $6.25 the state contributes to the fund.
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/event-trust-funds-program

Farmers Market Promotion Program

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Purpose: to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.
- Eligibility: June 2020 Agricultural businesses, Agricultural cooperatives, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks, CSA associations, Economic development corporations, Local governments, Nonprofit corporations, Producer networks, Producer associations, Public benefit corporations, Regional farmers' market authorities and Tribal governments

More Information: https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp

Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives

- Grantor: National Park Services
- Purpose: encourage private sector investment in the rehabilitation and re-use of historic buildings. The community revitalization program is one of the nation's most successful and cost-effective community revitalization programs.
- Limitations: a 20% tax credit for the certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures; a 10% tax credit for the rehabilitation of non-historic, non-residential buildings built before 1936.

More information: http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm

Garden Grant Program

- Grantor: Whole Kids Foundation
- Purpose: Turn outdoor spaces into powerful hands-on learning gardens that connect kids with food, spark their curiosity and support classroom curriculum.
- Eligibility: K-12 Schools or Non-Profit Organizations in U.S./Canada
- Grant Value: $2,000

More Information: https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant

Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program (HRSP)

- Grantor: National Parks Service
- Purpose: supports the rehabilitation of historic properties and fosters economic development of rural communities. This program funds physical preservation projects for historic sites, including architectural and engineering services through subgrants to communities determined rural by the US Bureau of the Census.
- Eligibility: Eligible properties must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined eligible for listing at the National, State, or local level of significance and located within rural (non-urban) communities with populations less than 50,000. States, Tribes, Certified Local Governments, and non-profits will apply for funding that will in turn be subgranted to rural communities in their jurisdictions.

More information: https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1623/historic-revitalization-subgrant-program.htm

HOPE VI Main Street Program

- Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Purpose: Small community grants to assist with downtown revitalization of a historic or traditional central business district by replacing

unused commercial space with affordable housing units.
- Eligibility: Local governments with populations of 50,000 or less that currently have less than 100 public housing units
- Limitations: $500,000, max grant $500,000 (only one awardee)
- Deadline: July 30. 2020

More Information: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/hope6/grants/mainstreet

Humanities Texas Grants

- Grantor: Humanities Texas
- Purpose: Enable communities throughout the state to develop programs of local interest promoting heritage, culture, and education. To support a wide range of public programs: lectures, panel discussions, and conferences; teacher institutes; reading- and film-discussion groups; interpretive exhibits; television and radio programming; film production; and interactive multimedia programming.
- Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations and state and local governmental entities
- More Information: https://www.humanitiestexas.org/grants
- Keep America Beautiful's Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund
- Grantor: Keep America Beautiful
- Purpose: Benefits Keep America Beautiful Affiliates that serve communities directly affected by natural and environmental disasters. The fund provides immediate and long-term support for initial and ongoing cleanup efforts and helps rebuild vital public spaces: parks, greenways, community gateways, Main Street/downtown areas, open spaces and more.
- Eligibility: Must be a Keep America Beautiful Affiliate
- Deadline: Rolling

More information: https://www.kab.org/resources/community-grants

Local Historic Property Tax Incentives

- Grantor: U.S. Department of the Interior
- According to the Texas Property Code Section 11.24, "Historic Sites grants the governing body of a taxing unit the authority to exempt from taxation part or all of the assessed value of a structure and the land necessary for access to the structure if the structure is a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark or designated as historically significant and in need of tax relief to encourage its preservation." Thus, communities that do not currently have historic tax incentives programs should consider adopting them as permitted by Texas law.

Local Park Grant Program

- Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Purpose: The Local Park Grant Program consists of 5 individual programs that assist local units of government with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas. The Program provides 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants. Once funded, all grant assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland in perpetuity, properly maintained and open to the public.
- Eligibility: Eligible applicants include political subdivisions of the State of Texas legally responsible for providing public recreation services to their citizens. This includes cities, counties, river authorities, municipal utility districts, and other special districts.

More information: https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants

Museum Assessment Program (MAP)

- Grantor: American Alliance of Museums & Institute of Museum and Library Services
- Purpose: Help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses, and plan for the future. A MAP assessment requires members of the museum staff and governing authority to complete a self-study. After completion of the self-study, a site visit is conducted by one or more museum professionals, who tour the museum and meet with staff, governing officials, and volunteers. The reviewers work with the museum and MAP staff to produce a report evaluating the museum's operations, making recommendations, and suggesting resources.

More information: https://www.aam-us.org/programs/accreditation-excellence-programs/museum-assessment-program-map/

Preservation Technology and Training Grants

- Grantor: U.S. Department of the Interior
- Purpose: provides funding for innovative research that develops new technologies or adapt existing technologies to preserve cultural resources. Grant recipients undertake innovative research and produce technical reports which respond to national needs in the field of historic preservation.
- Eligibility: federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments, and non-profit organizations.
- Funding Limitation: Up to $30,000

More information: https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/grants/preservation-technology-and-training-grants/

Rural LISC - Community Facilities Fund

- Grantor: National Center for Mobility Management
- Purpose: to provide capital to help develop and improve essential community facilities in rural areas. Rural LISC utilizes this fund to provide permanent and construction-to-permanent financing for rural community facilities, including health care centers, hospitals, educational facilities, and other nonprofit and public facilities in rural communities with populations under 20,000.
- Eligibility: Nonprofits or public entities
- Limitations: $100,000 - $8,000,000.
- Deadline: Assigned every two years. 2021

More information: https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/challenge-2019/

ADDITIONAL GLO/FEMA FUNDING SOURCES

2015 Floods State Mitigation Competition

- Allocation: $46M | Min: $3M - Max: $10M
- Eligibility: 2015 Counties | Cities, Counties, Tribes, COGs

2016 Floods State Mitigation Competition

- Allocation: $1.5M | Min: $3M - Max: $10M
- Eligibility: 2016 Counties | Cities, Counties, Tribes, COGs

Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation Competition

- Allocation: $2.14B | Min: $3M - Max: $100M
- Purpose: provide funds for mitigation projects to address risk in the Hurricane Harvey impacted areas.
- Eligibility: Harvey Counties | Cities, Counties, Tribes, COGs, State, S.P. Districts

Regional Mitigation Program (COG MODs)

- Allocation: $500M | Min: $1M - Max: Determined by Local MOD
- Purpose: councils of government (COG) impacted by Hurricane Harvey will develop a method of distribution (MOD) to allocate funds to local units of government and Indian tribes.
- Eligibility: Harvey Counties | Cities, Counties, Tribes

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP): Supplemental

- Allocation: $170M | Max: $170M
- Grantor: Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Purpose: Provide funds CDBG-MIT eligible HMGP projects submitted to TDEM after Hurricane Harvey but, due to program oversubscription, remain unfunded.
- Eligibility: Harvey Counties | FEMA HMGP Eligible Applicants

Coastal Resiliency Program

- Allocation: $100M | Max: $60M
- Purpose: Funds Tier 1 projects identified in the Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan that mitigate coastal risks through green and gray infrastructure and nonstructural measures.
- Eligibility: Harvey Counties | Cities, Counties, State, NGOs, Districts Authorities

Housing Oversubscription Supplemental

- Allocation: $400M | Max: See Action Plan
- Purpose: Addresses oversubscription in the Hurricane Harvey Homeowner Assistance Program of eligible applicants that have been waitlisted. Hurricane Harvey damage homes will be reconstructed with mitigation measures, such as elevation.
- Eligibility: Harvey Counties | State Run

Resilient Home Program

- Allocation: $100M | Max: See Action Plan
- Purpose: Reconstruct Hurricane Harvey damaged single-family homes with homes that meet additional resilience and mitigation standards. Waitlisted homeowners in the oversubscribed Hurricane Harvey Homeowner Assistance Program will be eligible.
- Eligible: Harvey Counties | State Run

Hazard Mitigation Plans

- Allocation: $30M | Max: $300,000
- Grantor: General Land Office (GLO) & TDEM
- Purpose: a GLO partnership with TDEM will contribute to the development of an enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan and fund the development of Local Hazard Mitigation Action Plans (LHMAP) for entities located in the CDBG-MIT eligible counties.
- Eligibility: 2015,2016 Harvey Counties | TDEM, HMGP Eligible Entities

Resilient Communities Program

- Allocation: $100M | Max: $300,000
- Purpose: funds for the development, adoption, and implementation of resilient building codes, flood damage prevention ordinances, zoning ordinances, land use and comprehensive plans, and public service activities for cities, counties and Indian tribes located in the CDBG-MIT eligible counties.
- Eligibility: 2015,2016 Harvey Counties | Cities, Counties, Tribes, COGs

Regional and State Planning

- Allocation: $214.9M
- Grantor: GLO
- Purpose: provides funding for regional and state planning studies and tools that work to reduce risk and impacts of future disasters.
- Eligibility: 2015,2016 Harvey Counties

More information: https://recovery.texas.gov/local-government/programs/local-regional-state-planning/index.html

Flood Protection Grant Program

- Grantor: State's Research and Planning Fund
- Purpose: Provides up to 50% state financial assistance to political subdivisions to conduct feasibility studies for an entire watershed to evaluate both structural and nonstructural solutions to flood hazards within the watershed, planning for or implementation of Flood Early Warning System(s); or planning for or implementing a Flood Response Plan.

More information: http://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/grant/index.asp

For more information on these funding sources, visit: https://www.glo.texas.gov/the-glo/news/press-releases/2019/december/texas-glo-hosting-public-hearings-for-4-billion-in-mitigation-funds.html

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 13

Hear and deliberate on presentation from Republic Services on current contract with City of Rockport and possible additions of brush/bulk trash pickup.

SUBMITTED BY: Interim City Manager Richard Morton

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: Council Member Brundrett requested the City invite Mike Reeves, Manager, Municipal Services Coastal Bend & South Texas of Republic Services to give a presentation on the City's current contract with Republic Services and possible additions of brush/bulk trash pickup.

Mr. Reeves has stated as for as pricing, the numbers per home would be rough and inflated for worst case scenario without area and corporate approval. Mr. Reeves will illustrate pros and cons of adding the service that is provided in other cities to give perspective. The discussion can identify the amount of debris, and frequency of interest for the City and at that point if further interest gains traction, Republic can run a proforma model on the option of choice to determine hard numbers and come back for possible action.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: Not available until hard numbers are provided.

RECOMMENDATION: No action, presentation only.



City of Rockport- Environmental Service Solutions
Looking Ahead

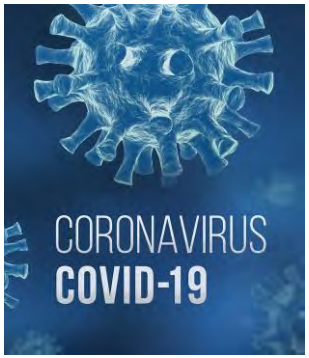
Update – February 2022

Mike Reeves
Manager, Municipal Services

Robert Bradley
General Manager

REPUBLIC SERVICES

Top of Mind in 2022







COVID Pandemic Recovery

- Reopening enabling partial volume recovery
- Supply chain impacts to capital costs
- Cases continue to hinder operations in some markets

China Sword / Recycling

- Continued investments in domestic mills and capacity
- Global capacity still well below pre-China Sword levels
- 2021 commodity markets up due to pandemic-induced demand

Industry Wide Challenges

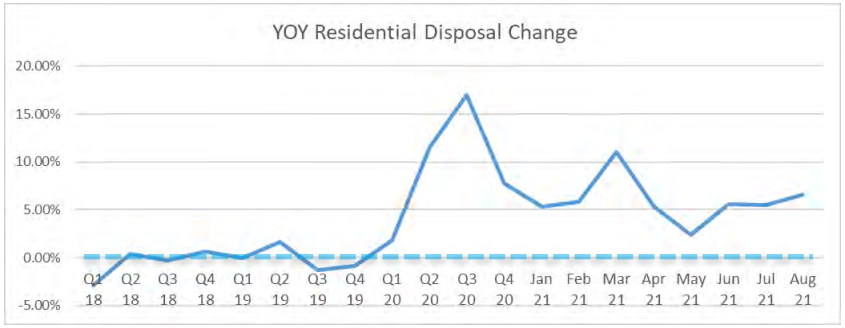
- National CDL driver and technician shortages driving wages up
- Labor shortages attributed to pandemic (eg: Call Center agents)

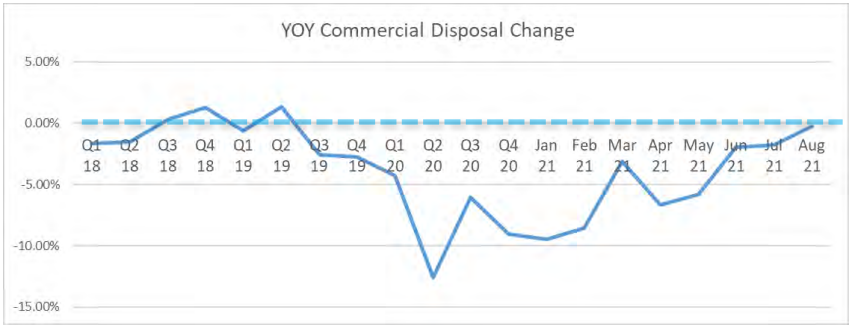
Offerings

- Potential curbside yard waste service options
- Opportunities for consideration
- Next Steps

The recycling and waste industry is far from “normal” in 2021.
We continue to navigate multiple unanticipated headwinds.

Pandemic Volume – Resi Remains Elevated





Residential

- Volume mirrors attempts to restore mobility
- Consistent increase over pre-pandemic levels, driven by continued work-from-home realities

Commercial

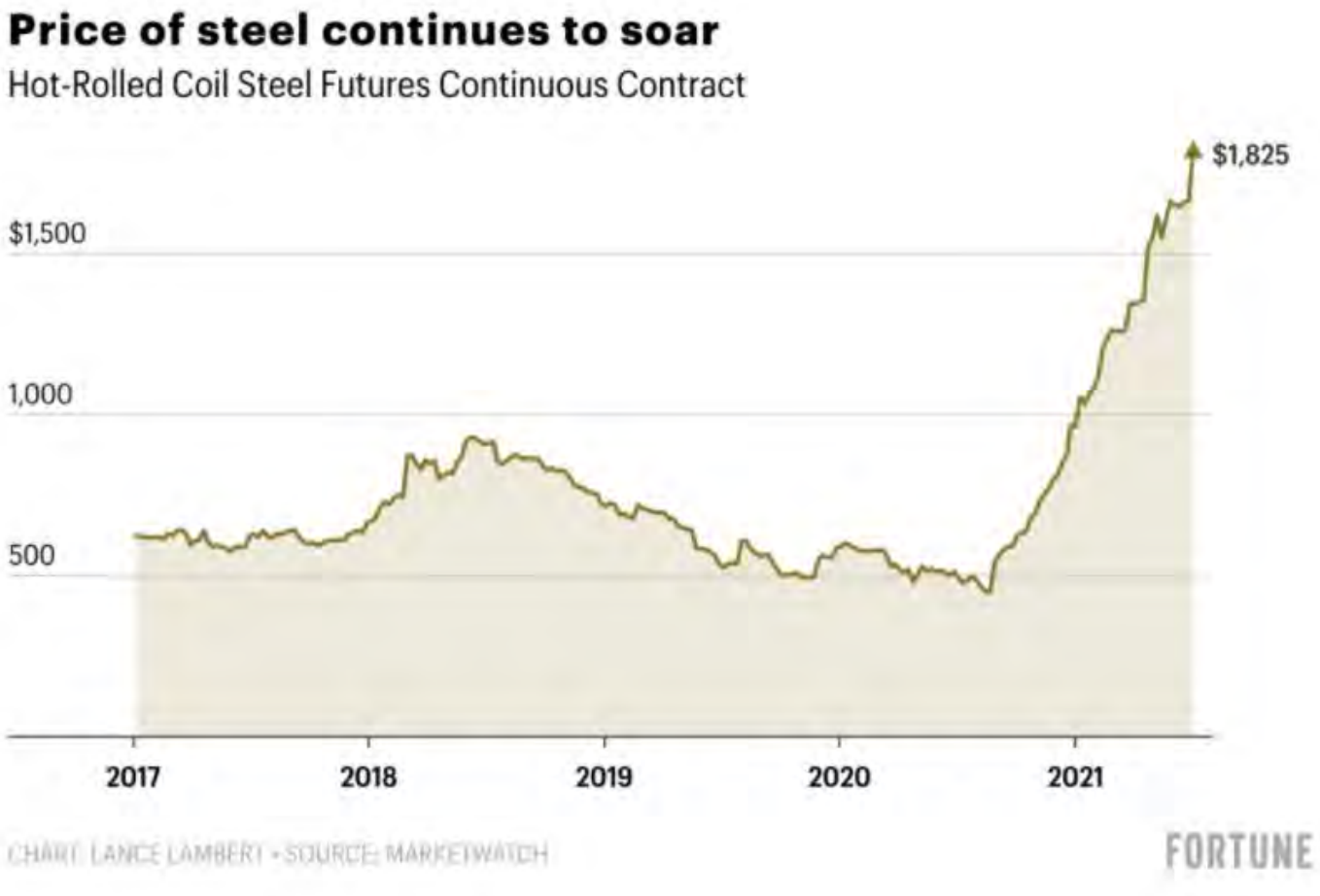
- Volumes mirror slow reopening of businesses
- Close to pre-pandemic averages

Industrial

- No significant changes

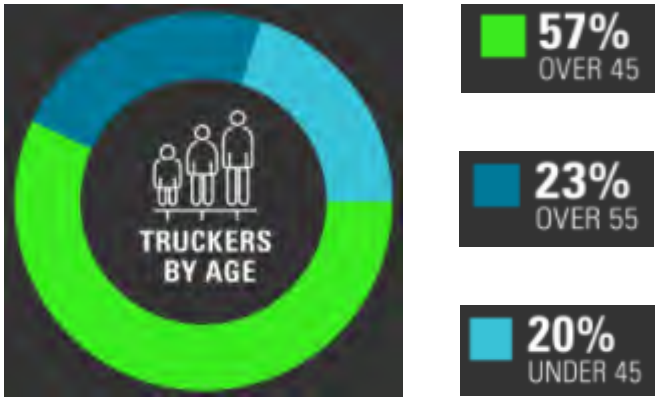
Are residential volumes at a new norm?
Continued work-from-home volume drives economic headwinds from additional disposal costs, in the lowest price line of business.

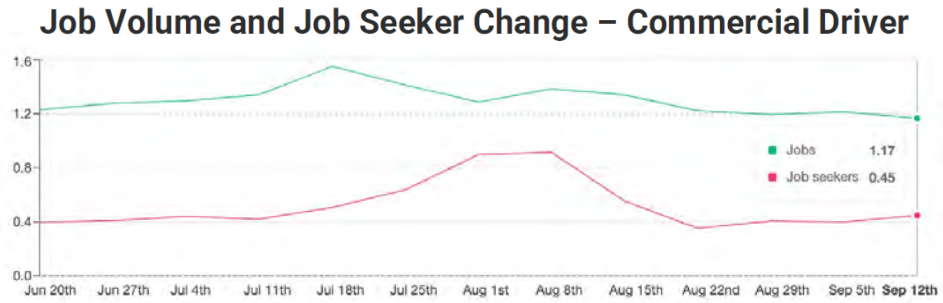
Pandemic Impacts to Supply Chain and Capital



Our industry is extremely capital intensive, requiring careful navigation of escalating costs.

National CDL Driver Shortage





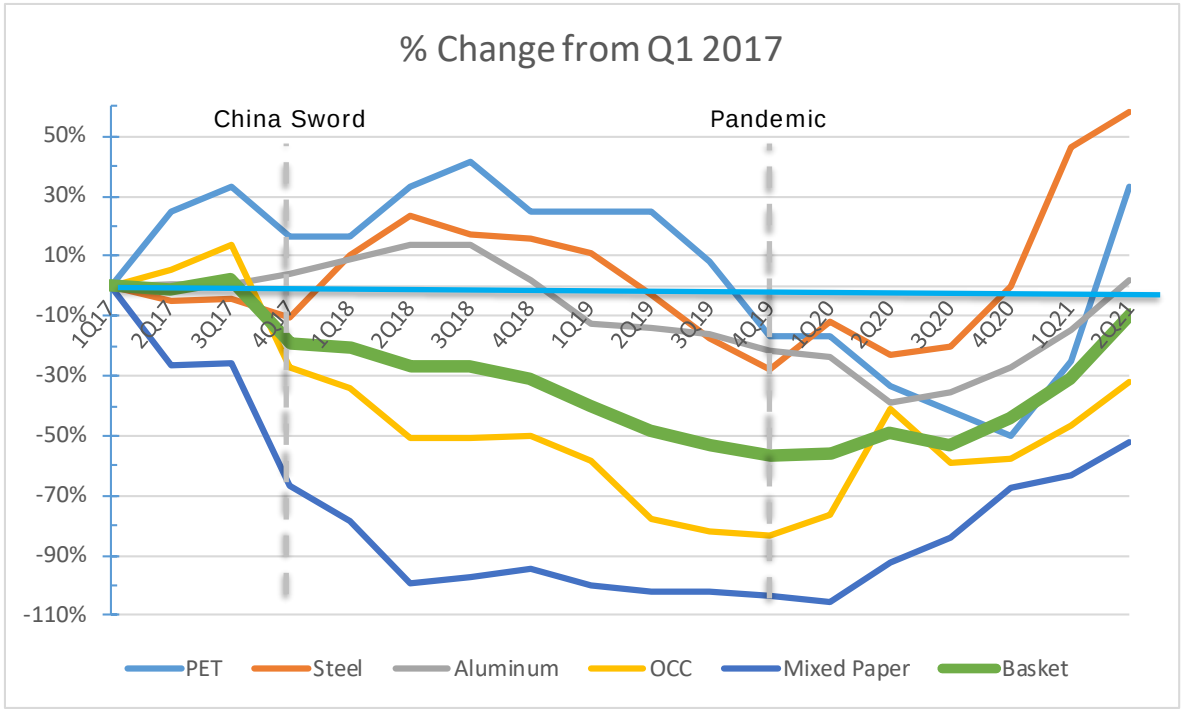
- Fewer Drivers – Younger workers are not entering the driver industry at a rate high enough to replace an aging driver workforce

- Growing Gap – Open positions vs applicants
  - CDL Job Volume +17%
  - CDL Job Seeking -55%

Sources: Coyote Collective Report, EMSI Report, 2021
Indeed – US Data, August 2021

The growing gap between positions and applicants are forcing companies to offer higher pay, including $5-10k signing bonuses and more time off.

Recycling: Commodity Trends



% of Republic Services Material Sold

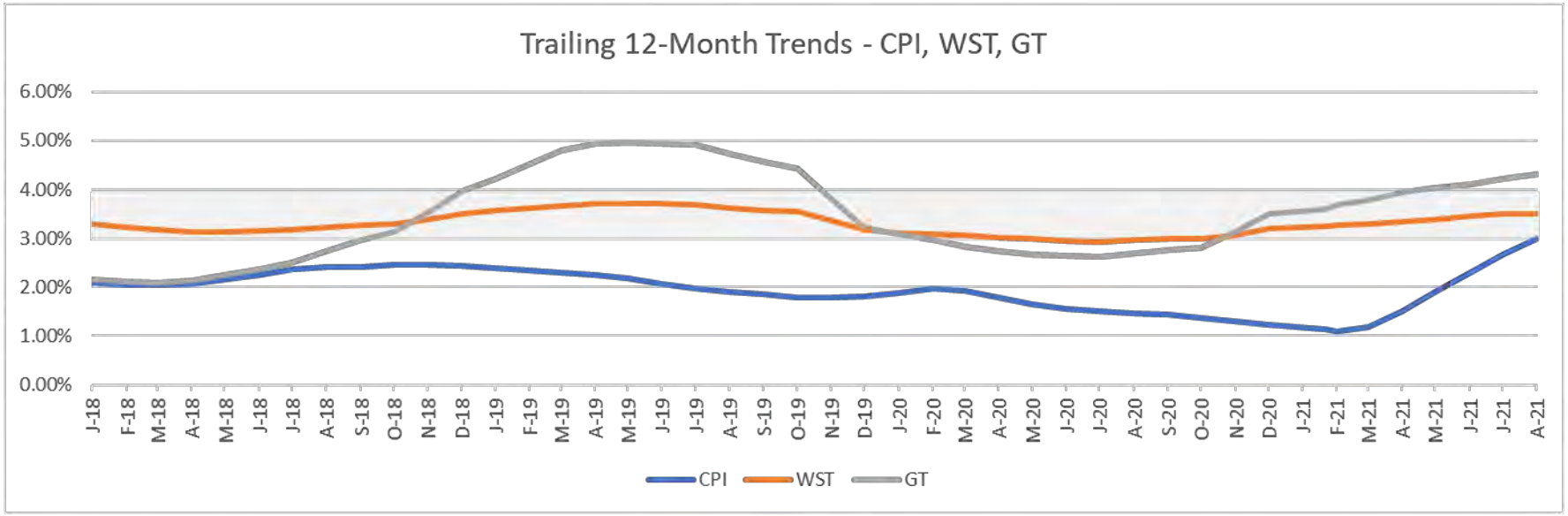
	2019	2020	2021*
PET	4.5%	4.9%	4.5%
Steel	1.8%	1.6%	1.3%
Alum	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%
OCC	50%	53%	54%
Mix Paper	25%	23%	24%

Source: STIFEL, June 2020 and June 2021

* - 2021 "Basket" is based on Jan. through July data

Residential tons are up… and commodity values are improving.
Is your Municipality missing out on the upside?

Annual Price Increase – Are You Exposed?



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
CPI Monthly	1.40%	1.68%	2.62%	4.16%	4.99%	5.39%	5.37%
WST Monthly	3.57%	3.61%	3.53%	3.55%	3.44%	3.57%	3.69%
GT Monthly	4.42%	4.62%	4.69%	4.88%	4.34%	4.13%	4.54%

CPI will exceed industry average cost increases by end of 2021.

Cities not on WST or GT should change quickly to protect themselves and align with the proper industry index.



Options to Consider-Yard Waste

- Brush & Bulk: Quarterly or Bi-Annually
- Estimated cost per home per month: Quarterly-$7.00-$9.00
- Bi-Annual-$3.00-$5.00
- 6 cu yards/12 cu yards
- Brush and/or bulk
- Food for Thought: Code enforcement, curb appeal, shared cost for all, zoning/routing
- **Pricing subject to Area/Corp approval

Bulk Debris Challenges- Code Enforcement





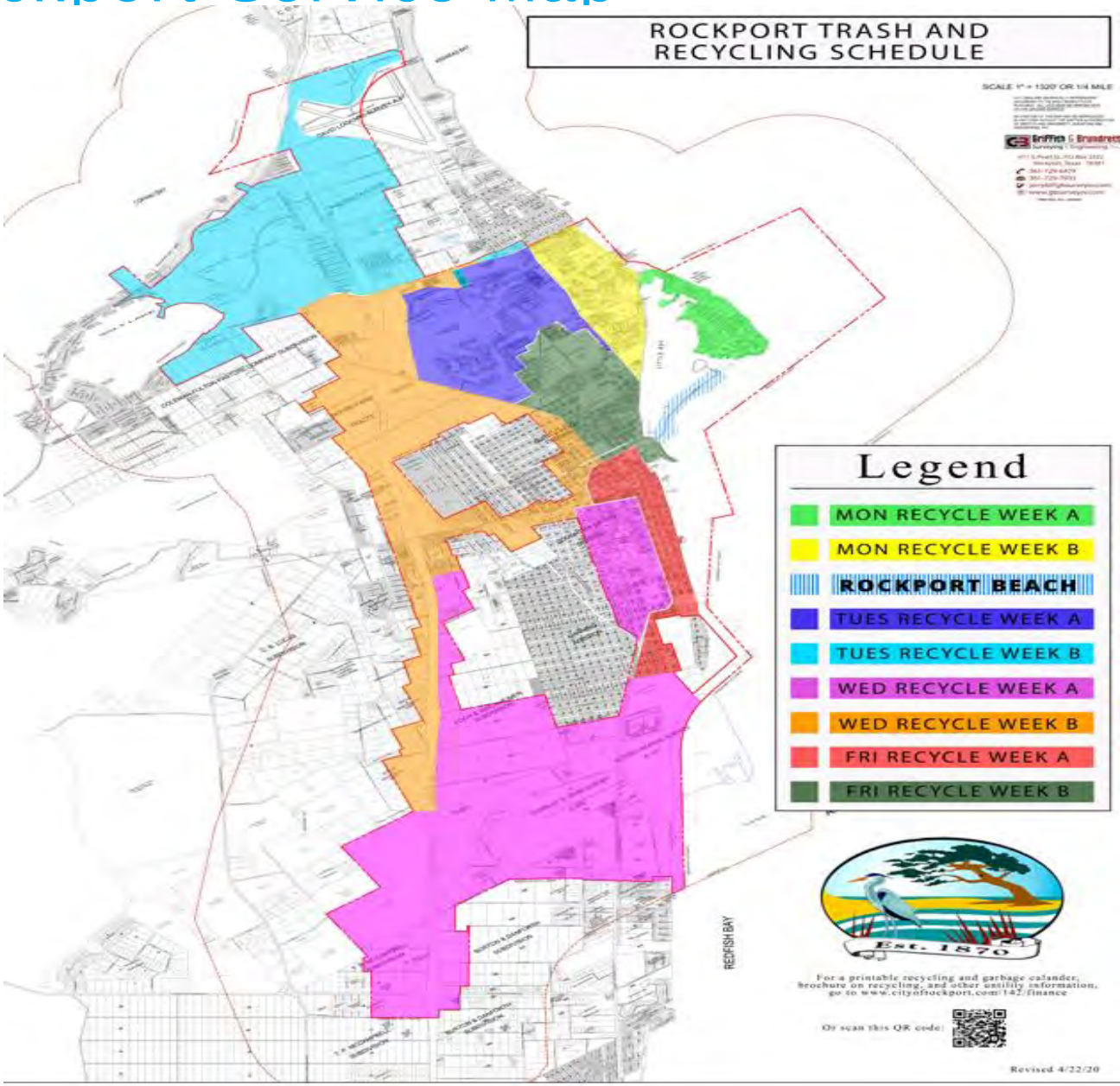


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Rockport Service Map



Opportunities Ahead:

ROCKPORT
TEXAS

- Consider Yard Waste options
- Preserve future CPI adjustments
- Early extension
- Any additional service considerations





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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 14

Deliberate and act on approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County, Texas, and the City of Rockport, Texas for Municipal Court Prosecution.

SUBMITTED BY: Interim City Manager Richard Morton

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: Currently our contracted City Attorney is providing prosecutorial services to the City in our municipal court. While this worked well during the COVID pandemic, in which trials could be conducted virtually, that is not the case now as we have resumed in person trials, which require our city attorney to travel from San Antonio on a frequent basis. This set up is inefficient and not economically viable.

As a result, we approached the County and inquired about utilizing attorneys from the County Attorney's Office to provide prosecutorial services to the City through an interlocal agreement. The agreement is attached for your consideration.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: The annual cost for the provision of this service would be $25,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Interlocal Agreement.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTION

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement ("Agreement") is made pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, by and between ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY," and the CITY OF ROCKPORT, a Home Rule Charter City, hereinafter referred to as the "CITY," both of which are sometimes referred to as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, authorizes units of local government to contract with one or more units of local government to perform government functions and services; and,

WHEREAS, the CITY does not employ an in-house City Attorney and has been contracting for a private firm to provide services for municipal prosecution; and,

WHEREAS, the CITY desires for the County Attorney's Office to handle municipal prosecution for convenience, efficiency, and to save taxpayer dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the COUNTY desires to assist the CITY with municipal prosecution services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and conditions herein stated, and in consideration of the benefits that will accrue to the Parties, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Purpose and Public Benefit. The purpose of this Agreement is for the COUNTY, through the County Attorney's Office, to provide municipal prosecution services that will benefit the citizens of the COUNTY and the CITY as this arrangement will increase convenience and efficiency along with reducing costs for the CITY. The COUNTY will benefit from the streamlining of prosecution as a large portion of the work at the County Attorney's Office involves prosecution. Staff in the County Attorney's Office regularly works with the same judges who serve as municipal judges, consistently interact with the same law enforcement officers, and often encounter the same defendants.

The respective governing body of each party finds that the subject of this Agreement is necessary for the benefit of the public; that each party has the legal authority to perform the duties described herein; that the division of cost fairly compensates the performing party under this Agreement; and the performance of this Agreement is in the common interest of both parties.

2. Term. This Agreement shall be in effect upon execution by the Parties. Thereafter, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for two (2) successive one (1) year periods beginning on January 1st, 2023, unless either party terminates this Agreement by notifying the other party,

in writing, of its desire to terminate this Agreement by September 1st of the calendar year preceding termination. The term of this Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2024, unless terminated prior to that date as described herein.

3. Compensation. In exchange for the COUNTY'S performance of the duties below, the CITY shall compensate the COUNTY in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) each year, which is approximately Two Thousand Eighty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents ($2,083.33) each month. In the event that this Agreement is effective during a portion of a month, the amount paid to the COUNTY shall be prorated. The CITY may choose to pay for the Work on an annual or monthly basis.

4. COUNTY'S Rights and Duties:

a. Provide municipal prosecution services (the "Work") in an ethical, timely, and efficient manner; and,

b. Select, engage, and compensate attorneys who are licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and possess the necessary education, skills, and experience to provide municipal prosecution services; and,

c. Work collaboratively with the Municipal Court Clerk's office; and,

d. Provide adequate coverage to ensure that an attorney is available for municipal court when necessary and, if a conflict does arise, to notify the Municipal Court Clerk's office as soon as possible.

5. CITY's Rights and Duties:

a. Ensure that CITY staff coordinates with the County Attorney's Office regarding cases, including the scheduling of hearings and trials; and,

b. Permit the COUNTY'S attorneys in the County Attorney's Office full access to the CITY'S court information, including case files and other records, as necessary to carry out the Work; and,

c. Be solely responsible for the operations of the municipal court; and,

d. Remit payments for services in a timely manner.

6. Termination. Either the COUNTY or the CITY may terminate this Agreement so long as it provides at least Sixty (60) days written notice to the other party.

7. Payments from Current Revenues and Notice of Non-Appropriation. Any Party paying for the performance of governmental functions or services must make those payments from current revenues. If at any time a party fails to appropriate funds in amounts sufficient to pay or perform

its obligations under this Agreement, such party shall endeavor to provide thirty (30) days' notice of its failure to appropriate and, if applicable, its subsequent need to terminate this Agreement.

8. Notices. Whenever a notice is required to be given in writing and under the terms of this Agreement, such notices shall either be delivered or mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the parties at the following addresses:

As to the COUNTY:	As to the CITY:
County Judge 2840 HWY 35 N Rockport, TX 78382	City Manager 2751 S.H. 35 Bypass Rockport, TX 78382

Each party may change the address for notices by giving written notice to the other party in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

9. No Warranty. The Parties further agree that any services provided by the COUNTY are without any warranty of any kind to the CITY or any third party, and the CITY hereby agrees that, to the extent allowed by law, it will defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the COUNTY, its officers, agents, and employees for any claims of any kind, including claims for injury or death of any person or for damage to property, arising out of the COUNTY's performance of its duties under this Agreement.

10. Status of Employees, Contractors, and Agents. No joint employment is created by this Agreement. The employees, contractors, and agents of the respective Parties shall remain solely the employees, contractors, and agents of that respective Party.

11. Indemnification and Tort Claim Act. To the extent allowed by law, the COUNTY agrees to promptly defend, indemnify, and hold the CITY harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, causes of action, and judgments for (a) damages to the loss of property of any person; and or (b) the death, bodily injury, illness, disease, loss of services, or loss of income or wages to any person, arising out of or incident to, concerning or resulting from, the negligent or willful act or omission of the COUNTY, its agents, officers, and/or employees in the performance of duties pursuant to this Agreement.

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Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive, partially or in full, any immunities the Parties may have under the Texas Tort Claim Act or other laws.

12. Non-Discrimination. The Parties covenant that (1) no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under the terms of this Agreement on the ground of race, color, age, sex, handicap, or national origin; and (2) in carrying out the terms and conditions of this Agreement, no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, age, sex, handicap, or national origin.

13. Interpretation of Law, Assignment, and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. No assignment of this agreement or any right accrued hereunder shall be made, in whole or in part, by either party without the prior written consent of the other party. Venue shall be in Aransas County, Texas.

14. Integration and Amendments. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and may not be amended, altered, modified, or changed in any way, except in writing that is signed by the Parties, which specifically references this Agreement. There are no other agreements, representations, warranties, whether oral or written, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be attached to this Agreement and all of the terms herein that are not specifically address in the amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

15. No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, is intended to confer upon any person or entity, other than the Parties hereto, any rights or remedies under the terms of this Agreement, except as expressly stated herein.

16. Severability. If any one or more of the sections, sentences, clauses, or parts of this Agreement be held invalid for any reason, the invalidity of such section, sentence, clause, or part shall not affect nor prejudice the applicability and validity of any other provision of this Agreement.

17. Bargaining. The Parties have each had the opportunity to seek independent legal counsel before entering into this Agreement. The language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against either party.

18. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and when each party has signed and delivered to the other at least one (1) such counterpart, each counterpart shall be deemed an original, and when taken together with other signed counterparts, shall constitute one (1) agreement; provided, however, this Agreement shall not be binding upon the Parties until signed by both Parties.

19. Authorization. The undersigned officers and/or agents of the respective party hereto are the properly authorized officials of the party and have the necessary authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Parties hereto. Each party certifies by signing below that any necessary actions and resolutions extending such authority have been duly passed and approved and are currently in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year last written below.

"COUNTY"
Aransas County, Texas

By: _____
Judge C. H. "Burt" Mills, Date
County Judge

ATTEST:

(seal)

_____
Carrie Arrington, Date
Aransas County Clerk

"CITY"
Rockport, Texas

By: _____
Patrick R. Rios, Date
Mayor

ATTEST:

(seal)

_____
Teresa Valdez, Date
City Secretary

This Agreement, including the responsibilities of the County Attorney's Office set forth herein, is acknowledged and approved.

_____
Amanda Oster, Date
Aransas County Attorney

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 15

Deliberate and act on an Ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of "City of Rockport, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022" in the approximate amount of $13,360,000, securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax, and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, an official statement, a purchase contract and other instruments and procedures related there to, and calling certain obligations for redemption.

SUBMITTED BY: Director of Finance Katie Griffin

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: During the December 30, 2021, City Council Meeting, Council discussed the status of the City Hall construction project, bids submitted for construction, and the funding shortfall for those bids. During the council meeting, the City's financial advisor, Robert Henderson of RBC Capital Markets and the City's bond counsel, Tom Spurgeon of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, LLP were present to answer questions relating to the funding options for the short fall and additional public improvements.

During the January 11, 2022, City Council Meeting, the Council heard from staff and consultants to begin the process to fund the increased City Hall costs and fund additional projects with options for Tax Notes, Certificates of Obligation, and the refunding of the 2012 General Obligation Bonds and 2020 Tax Notes. The amount of the proposed debt over and above that needed for City Hall was recommended to be able to stay at or under the existing Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of $0.1842. Council approved this plan of action and Notice of Intent with the understanding that no commitment to issue the debt was given and was subject to further discussion. Council further requested a Workshop to discuss more thoroughly these options and consider any changes.

The City Council held a Workshop on January 19, 2022, discussing the Finance Plan adopted on January 11, 2022, the proposed Tax Note, Certifications of Obligation, and General Obligations Refunding bonds of the 2020 Tax Notes. No action was taken during the workshop.

During the February 8, 2022, City Council Meeting, the Council amended the Plan of Finance rescinding the Notice of Intent to issue the Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation in an amount not to exceed $3.5M. During this same action item, the Council voted to extend the General Obligation Refunding final maturity up to 18 years. There were no other changes to the Plan of Finance. During this same City Council meeting, Council adopted a resolution awarding the bid for City Hall construction to Teal Construction Company in the amount of $16,380,000.

Tonight, the City Council is asked to authorize the issuance and sale of the Series 2022 Tax Notes in conjunction with issuing the Series 2022 General Obligations Refunding, Series 2022, providing the funding required to construction the new city hall while maintaining the current I&S tax rate of $0.1842. The refunding will not include the 2012 General Obligations Bonds because significant savings on this particular refund cannot be recognized due to the current economic and interest rate environment.

The City's financial advisor, Bob Henderson of RBC Capital Markets, will be available to answer questions.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: Over the past several years, the City has been able to manage its I&S tax rate, maintaining a consistent rate of approximately $0.184. The refunding of the 2020 Tax Notes into the 2022 General Obligation Refunding Bond along with the new 2022 Tax Note issuance will continue to preserve the existing I&S tax rate.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that City Council approve an Ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of "City of Rockport, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022" in the approximate amount of $13,360,000, securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax, and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, an official statement, a purchase contract and other instruments and procedures related there to, and calling certain obligations for redemption.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF APPROXIMATELY $13,360,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF *CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022*, SECURING THE PAYMENT THEREOF BY AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, A PURCHASE CONTRACT AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO, AND CALLING CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS FOR REDEMPTION

DATE OF APPROVAL: FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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Signatures

Exhibit A Form of Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement
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Exhibit C Description of Annual Financial Information
Exhibit D Form of Purchase Contract
Exhibit E Form of Notice of Defeasance and Redemption

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THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ARANSAS §
CITY OF ROCKPORT §

WHEREAS, the **CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS** (the "***City***") in Aransas County, Texas, is a political subdivision of the State of Texas operating as a home-rule city pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code and its City Charter which was initially approved by the qualified voters of the City on April 2, 1983, and which has been amended from time to time, with the most recent amendments being approved by the qualified voters of the City on May 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, among numerous series of obligations of the City which are secured by the full faith and credit of the City and a pledge by the City to levy ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due, within the limits permitted by law, there are specifically outstanding the following series of obligations:

*City of Rockport, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2020, dated August 15, 2020, maturing on February 15 in the years 2023 through 2030, currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of $13,360,000 (the "**Series 2020 Notes**"); and*

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ordinance which authorized the Series 2020 Notes, the Series 2020 Notes maturing on an after February 15, 2023 are subject to redemption at the option of the City on February 15, 2022 and on any date thereafter; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds derived from the Refunded Obligations were utilized towards purposes authorized under Section 1431.004(a)(1), Texas Government Code, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("***Chapter 1207***"), provides, in relevant part, "*A bond issued under said chapter to refund an anticipation note issued by a..... municipality.... for a purpose described by Section 1431.004(a)(1)..... is subject to the limitation on maturity provided by Section 1207.006 [40 years] and no t the limitation provided by Subsection (a) [7 years]* "; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to authorize the refunding of a portion of the Series 2020 Notes maturing on and after February 15, 2023, which obligations are referred to herein as the "***Refunded Obligations***" and are more specifically described as maturing in the years and in the

principal amounts (aggregating $13,360,000 in principal amount) and bearing interest as show in the following table:

SERIES 2020 NOTES ELIGIBLE TO BE REFUNDED

MATURITY (FEBRUARY 15)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT MATURING IN YEAR ($)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT BEING REFUNDED ($)	STATED INTEREST RATE (%)	CUSIP NO. (774056)
2023	725,000	725,000	3.000	SK2
2024	755,000	755,000	3.000	SL0
2025	950,000	950,000	3.000	SM8
2026	1,045,000	1,045,000	3.000	SN6
2027	1,490,000	1,490,000	3.000	SP1
2028	2,715,000	2,715,000	3.000	SQ9
2029	2,800,000	2,800,000	3.000	SR7
2030	2,880,000	2,880,000	3.000	SS5
Totals	13,360,000	13,360,000	***	***

WHEREAS, Chapter 1207, authorizes the City to issue refunding bonds and to deposit the proceeds from the sale thereof, and any other available funds or resources, directly with a place of payment (paying agent) for the Refunded Obligations, or with another trust company or commercial bank that does not act as a depository for the City, in an amount sufficient to provide for the payment and/or redemption of the Refunded Obligations, and such deposit, if made before such payment dates, shall constitute the making of firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment or redemption of the Refunded Obligations; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1207 (specifically Section 1207.062, Texas Government Code) further authorizes the City to enter into an escrow agreement with any paying agent for the Refunded Obligations, or with another trust company or commercial bank that does not act as a depository for the City, with respect to the safekeeping, investment, reinvestment, administration and disposition of any such deposit, upon such terms and conditions as the City and such paying agent may agree; provided that such deposits may be invested and reinvested in:

(i) direct noncallable obligations of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States,

(ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the City Council of the City adopts or approves this Ordinance, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, and

(iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the City Council of the City adopts or approves this Ordinance, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent,

and all of which must mature and bear interest payable at such times and in such amounts as will be sufficient to provide for the scheduled payment or redemption of the Refunded Obligations; and

WHEREAS, **THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, currently serves as the paying agent for the Series 2020 Notes, and the City Council of the City desires to provide for depositing directly with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., an amount sufficient to provide for the payment and redemption of the Refunded Obligations in accordance with Chapter 1207; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City hereby finds and declares a public purpose and deems it advisable and in the best interests of the City to issue a series of bonds (defined in Section 2 hereof as the "***Bonds***"), the proceeds of which will be used to pay costs of issuance and refund the Refunded Obligations, which were originally issued to provide a short-term interim financing that the City entered into with the understanding that it would be necessary to issue long term refunding bonds to provide for the permanent financing of City improvements initially financed with proceeds of the Series 2020 Tax Notes and other funds available to the City; accordingly, the City Council hereby determines that the issuance of the Bonds is in the best interests of the City and the City Commissions expects the aggregate amount of debt service payments to be made on the Bonds will exceed the aggregate amount of payments that would have been made under the terms of the Refunded Obligations had the Refunded Obligations been paid at the final maturity permitted under the ordinance under which they were issued (i.e., February 15, 2023) and will, therefore, result in a gross debt service loss of $_____ and a net present value debt service loss of $_____ due to extending the maturity schedule to provide for the permanent financing of such improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds hereinafter authorized and designated are to be issued and delivered pursuant to Chapter 1207; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT:

SECTION 1. AMOUNT AND PURPOSE OF THE BONDS.

General obligation bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued and delivered in the aggregate principal amount of ***$_____ FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS***

TO REFUND THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE TAX NOTES, SERIES 2020, AND TO PAY FOR COSTS OF ISSUANCE.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATION, DATE, DENOMINATIONS, NUMBERS AND MATURITIES OF BONDS.

(a) Designation, Date, Denominations and Numbers. Each Bond issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be designated **CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2022**, and initially there shall be issued, sold and delivered hereunder one fully registered bond, numbered T-1 (the "***Initial Bond***"), without interest coupons, dated as of February 15, 2022, with Bonds issued in replacement thereof being in the denomination of $5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, and with Bonds issued and delivered in substitution for the Initial Bond being numbered consecutively from R-1 upward, and being payable to the initial registered owner designated in Section 13 hereof, or to the registered assignee or assignees of said Bonds or any portion or portions thereof (the "***Registered Owner***").

(b) Maturities. The Bonds Shall mature on the dates and in the respective principal amounts as set forth below:

DATE OF MATURITY (FEBRUARY 15)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT ($)	DATE OF MATURITY (FEBRUARY 15)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT ($)
2023		2032	
2024		2033	
2025		2034	
2026		2035	
2027		2036	
2028		2037	
2029		2038	
2030		2039	
2031		2040	

SECTION 3. INTEREST. The Bonds shall bear interest calculated on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months from the dates specified in the FORM OF BOND set forth in this Ordinance to their respective dates of maturity, or prior redemption, at the rates per annum set forth below:

YEAR OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE (%)	YEAR OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE (%)
2023		2032	
2024		2033	
2025		2034	
2026		2035	
2027		2036	
2028		2037	
2029		2038	
2030		2039	
2031		2040	

Said interest shall be payable in the manner provided on the dates stated in the FORM OF BOND set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BONDS.

(a) *Registration, Transfer, and Exchange; Authentication*. The City shall keep or cause to be kept books or records for the registration of the transfer, conversion and exchange of the Bonds (the "***Registration Books***") at the designated corporate trust or commercial banking office The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N. A., Dallas, Texas (the "***Paying Agent/Registrar***"). The Paying Agent/Registrar shall serve as the City's registrar and transfer agent to keep such books or records and make such registrations of transfers, conversions and exchanges under such reasonable regulations as the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar may prescribe, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall make such registrations, transfers, conversions and exchanges as herein provided. Attached hereto as *Exhibit A* is a copy of the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement between the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar which is hereby approved in substantially final form, and the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and City Secretary of the city are hereby authorized to execute the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and approve any changes in the final form thereof.

The Paying Agent/Registrar shall obtain and record in the Registration Books the address of the registered owner of each Bond to which payments with respect to the Bonds shall be mailed, as herein provided; but it shall be the duty of each registered owner to notify the Paying Agent/Registrar in writing of the address to which payments shall be mailed, and such interest payments shall not be mailed unless such notice has been given. To the extent possible and under reasonable circumstances, all transfers of Bonds shall be made within three business days after request and presentation thereof. The City shall have the right to inspect the Registration Books during regular business hours of the Paying Agent/Registrar, but otherwise the Paying Agent/Registrar shall keep the Registration Books confidential and, unless otherwise required by

law, shall not permit their inspection by any other entity. The Paying Agent/Registrar's standard or customary fees and charges for making such registration, transfer, exchange and delivery of a substitute Bond or Bonds shall be paid as provided in the FORM OF BOND set forth in this Ordinance. Registration of assignments, transfers and exchanges of Bonds shall be made in the manner provided and with the effect stated in the FORM OF BOND set forth in this Ordinance. Each substitute Bond shall bear a letter and/or number to distinguish it from each other Bond.

Except as provided in (c) below, an authorized representative of the Paying Agent/Registrar shall, before the delivery of any such Bond, date and manually sign the Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate, and no such Bond shall be deemed to be issued or outstanding unless such Certificate is so executed. The Paying Agent/Registrar promptly shall cancel all paid Bonds and Bonds surrendered for transfer and exchange. No additional ordinances, orders, or resolutions need be passed or adopted by the governing body of the City or any other body or person so as to accomplish the foregoing transfer and exchange of any Bond or portion thereof, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall provide for the printing, execution, and delivery of the substitute Bonds in the manner prescribed herein, and said Bonds shall be of type composition printed on paper with lithographed or steel engraved borders of customary weight and strength. Pursuant to Sections 1201.061 through 1201.067 of the Public Securities Code, Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, the duty of transfer and exchange of Bonds as aforesaid is hereby imposed upon the Paying Agent/Registrar, and, upon the execution of said Certificate, the transferred and exchanged Bond shall be valid, incontestable, and enforceable in the same manner and with the same effect as the Bonds which initially were issued and delivered pursuant to this Ordinance, approved by the Attorney General, and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

(b) *Payment of Bonds and Interest*. The City hereby further appoints the Paying Agent/Registrar to act as the paying agent for paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds, all as provided in this Ordinance. The Paying Agent/ Registrar shall keep proper records of all payments made by the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar with respect to the Bonds.

(c) *In General*. The Bonds (i) shall be issued in fully registered form, without interest coupons, with the principal of and interest on such Bonds to be payable only to the registered owners thereof, (ii) may be redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, if any, (iii) may be transferred and assigned, (iv) may be exchanged for other Bonds, (v) shall have the characteristics, (vi) shall be signed, sealed, executed and authenticated, (vii) shall be payable as to principal interest, and (viii) shall be administered and the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the City shall have certain duties and responsibilities with respect to the Bonds, all as provided, and in the manner and to the effect as required or indicated, in the FORM OF BOND set forth in this Ordinance. The Initial Bond is not required to be, and shall not be, authenticated by the Paying Agent/ Registrar, but on each substitute Bond issued in exchange for the Initial Bond issued under this Ordinance the Paying Agent/Registrar shall execute the PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE, in the form set forth in the FORM OF BOND. In lieu of the executed Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate described above, the Initial Bond delivered on the closing date (as further described in subparagraph (i) below) shall have attached thereto the Comptroller's Registration Certificate substantially in the form set forth in the FORM OF BOND below, manually executed by

the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas or by his duly authorized agent, which certificate shall be evidence that the Initial Bond has been duly approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and that it is a valid and binding obligation of the City, and has been registered by the Comptroller.

(d) Substitute Paying Agent/Registrar. The City covenants with the registered owners of the Bonds that at all times while the Bonds are outstanding the City will provide a competent and legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution, or other entity to act as and perform the services of Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds under this Ordinance, and that the Paying Agent/Registrar will be one entity and shall be an entity registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The City reserves the right to, and may, at its option, change the Paying Agent/Registrar upon not less than 120 days written notice to the Paying Agent/Registrar, to be effective not later than 60 days prior to the next principal or interest payment date after such notice. In the event that the entity at any time acting as Paying Agent/Registrar (or its successor by merger, acquisition, or other method) should resign or otherwise cease to act as such, the City covenants that promptly it will appoint a competent and legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution, or other agency to act as Paying Agent/Registrar under this Ordinance. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar, the previous Paying Agent/Registrar promptly shall transfer and deliver the Registration Books (or a copy thereof), along with all other pertinent books and records relating to the Bonds, to the new Paying Agent/Registrar designated and appointed by the City. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar, the City promptly will cause a written notice thereof to be sent by the new Paying Agent/Registrar to each registered owner of the Bonds, by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, which notice also shall give the address of the new Paying Agent/Registrar. By accepting the position and performing as such, each Paying Agent/Registrar shall be deemed to have agreed to the provisions of this Ordinance, and a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be delivered to each Paying Agent/Registrar.

(e) Book-Entry Only System for Bonds. The Bonds issued in exchange for the Bonds initially issued to the purchaser specified in Section 13 herein shall be initially issued in the form of a separate single fully registered Bond for each of the maturities thereof. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of each such Bond shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company of New York ("***DTC***"), and except as provided in subsection (i) hereof, all of the outstanding Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

With respect to Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations on whose behalf DTC was created ("***DTC Participant***") to hold securities to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transaction among DTC Participants or to any person on behalf of whom such a DTC Participant holds an interest in the Bonds. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any DTC Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of the Bonds, as shown on the Registration Books, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, or (iii) the payment to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a

registered owner of Bonds, as shown in the Registration Books of any amount with respect to principal of or interest on the Bonds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be entitled to treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the Registration Books as the absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal and interest with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Bond, and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on the Bonds only to or upon the Ordinance of the registered owners, as shown in the Registration Books as provided in this Ordinance, or their respective attorneys duly authorized in writing, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the City's obligations with respect to payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a registered owner, as shown in the Registration Books, shall receive a Bond certificate evidencing the obligation of the City to make payments of principal and interest pursuant to this Ordinance. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent/Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., and subject to the provisions in this Ordinance with respect to interest checks being mailed to the registered owner at the close of business on the Record Date, the words "Cede & Co." in this Ordinance shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

(f) Successor Securities Depository; Transfers Outside Book-Entry Only Systems. In the event that the City determines that DTC is incapable of discharging its responsibilities described herein and in the representation letter of the City to DTC or that it is in the best interest of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they be able to obtain certificated Bonds, the City shall (i) appoint a successor securities depository, qualified to act as such under Section 17(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, notify DTC and DTC Participants of the appointment of such successor securities depository and transfer one or more separate Bonds to such successor securities depository or (ii) notify DTC and DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of Bonds and transfer one or more separate Bonds to DTC Participants having Bonds credited to their DTC accounts. In such event, the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Registration Books in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, but may be registered in the name of the successor securities depository, or its nominee, or in whatever name or names registered owners transferring or exchanging Bonds shall designate, in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

(g) Payments to Cede & Co. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, all payments with respect to principal of and interest on such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, in the manner provided in the representation letter of the City to DTC.

(h) DTC Letter of Representation. The officers of the City are herein authorized for and on behalf of the City and as officers of the City to enter into one or more Letters of Representation, if necessary, with DTC establishing the book-entry only system with respect to the Bonds.

(i) *Delivery of Initial Bond*. On the closing date, one Initial Bond representing the entire principal amount of the Bonds and, payable in stated installments to the initial registered owner named in Section 13 of this Ordinance or its designee, executed by manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem and the City Secretary of the City, approved by the Attorney General of Texas, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, will be delivered to the initial purchaser or its designee. Upon payment for the Bonds, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cancel the Initial Bond and deliver to the initial registered owner or its designee one registered definitive Bond for each year of maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of all of the Bonds for such maturity.

SECTION 5. FORM OF BOND. The form of the Bonds, including the form of Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate, the form of Assignment and the form of Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas (to be attached only to the Bonds initially issued and delivered pursuant to this Ordinance), shall be, respectively, substantially as follows, with such appropriate variations, omissions, or insertions as are permitted or required by this Ordinance.

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FORM OF BOND

R-_ **Principal Amount**
$_____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ARANSAS
CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2022

INTEREST RATE	DATE OF SERIES	MATURITY DATE	CUSIP NO.
____%	February 15, 2022	February 15, 20_	774056 ___

REGISTERED OWNER:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: **DOLLARS**

ON THE MATURITY DATE specified above, the ***CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS*** (the "***City***"), being a political subdivision and home-rule municipality of the State of Texas, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner set forth above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "***Registered Owner***") the Principal Amount set forth above, and to pay interest thereon from the date of initial delivery of this Bond as shown on the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar defined and identified below, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, on August 15, 2022, and semiannually on each February 15 and August 15 thereafter to the Maturity Date specified above or the date of redemption prior to stated maturity; except that if this Bond is required to be authenticated and the date of its authentication is later than the first Record Date (hereinafter defined), such Principal Amount shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date of authentication, unless such date of authentication is after any Record Date but on or before the next following interest payment date, in which case such Principal Amount shall bear interest from such next following interest payment date; provided, however, that if on the date of authentication hereof the interest on the Bond or Bonds, if any, for which this Bond is being exchanged or converted from is due but has not been paid, then this Bond shall bear interest from the date to which such interest has been paid in full.

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THIS BOND are payable in lawful money of the United States of America, without exchange or collection charges. The principal of this Bond shall be paid to the Registered Owner hereof upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at maturity at the designated corporate trust or commercial banking office (initially located in Dallas, Texas) of **THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, which is the "***Paying Agent/Registrar***" for this Bond. The payment of interest on this Bond shall be made by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the Registered Owner hereof on each interest payment date by check or draft, dated as of such interest payment date, drawn by the Paying Agent/Registrar on, and payable solely

from, funds of the City required by the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the "***Bond Ordinance***") to be on deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar for such purpose as hereinafter provided; and such check or draft shall be sent by the Paying Agent/Registrar by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, on each such interest payment date, to the Registered Owner hereof, at its address as it appeared on the last business day of the month next preceding each such date (the "***Record Date***") on the Registration Books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar, as hereinafter described. In addition, interest may be paid by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the Registered Owner. In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "***Special Record Date***") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each owner of a Bond appearing on the Registration Books at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice. The City covenants with the Registered Owner of this Bond that on or before each principal payment date and interest payment date for this Bond it will make available to the Paying Agent/Registrar, from the "Interest and Sinking Fund" created by the Bond Ordinance, the amounts required to provide for the payment, in immediately available funds, of all principal of and interest on the Bonds, when due.

IF THE DATE FOR ANY PAYMENT DUE on this Bond shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions are authorized to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

THIS BOND IS ONE OF A SERIES OF BONDS, dated as of February 15, 2022, authorized in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas in the principal amount of $_____***FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO REFUND THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE TAX NOTES, SERIES 2020 AND TO PAY FOR COSTS OF ISSUANCE***.

ON FEBRUARY 15, 20_, OR ON ANY DATE THEREAFTER, the Bonds scheduled to mature on February 15, 20_, may be redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, at the option of the City, with funds derived from any available and lawful source, as a whole, or in part (provided that a portion of such Bond may be redeemed only in an integral multiple of $5,000 in principal amount) at the redemption price equal to the principal amount being called for redemption plus unpaid accrued interest. If less than all of such Bonds are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Paying Agent/Registrar at random and by lot.

ADDITIONALLY, THE BONDS MATURING on February 15, 20 (the "***Term Bonds***") are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity in part by lot, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on the dates and in the respective principal amounts shown below:

TERM BONDS MATURING
FEBRUARY 15, 20_

Mandatory Redemption Date	Redemption Amount ($)
February 15, 20__	
February 15, 20 (maturity)	

The principal amount of the Term Bonds required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of such mandatory redemption requirements may be reduced, at the option of the City, by the principal amount of any such Term Bonds which, prior to the date of the mailing of notice of such mandatory redemption, (i) shall have been acquired by the City and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, (ii) shall have been purchased and canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the request of the City, or (iii) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions described in the preceding paragraph and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement.

AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR to the date fixed for any redemption of Bonds or portions thereof prior to maturity, a written notice of such redemption shall be sent by the Paying Agent/Registrar by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, at least 30 days prior to the date fixed for any such redemption to the Registered Owner of each Bond to be redeemed at its address as it appeared on the Registration Books maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar on the day such notice of redemption is mailed. Any notice of redemption so mailed shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given irrespective of whether received by the Registered Owner. The notice with respect to an optional redemption of Bonds may state (1) that it is conditioned upon the deposit of moneys, in an amount equal to the amount necessary to effect the redemption, with the Paying Agent/Registrar no later than the redemption date, or (2) that the City retains the right to rescind such notice at any time prior to the scheduled redemption date if the City delivers a certificate of an authorized representative to the Paying Agent/Registrar instructing the Paying Agent/Registrar to rescind the redemption notice, and such notice and optional redemption shall be of no effect if such moneys are not so deposited or if the notice is so rescinded. By the date fixed for any such redemption, due provision shall be made with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the required redemption price for the Bonds or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed. If such written notice of redemption is mailed (and not rescinded), and if due provision for such payment is made, all as provided above, the Bonds or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed thereby automatically shall be treated as redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, and they shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, and they shall not be regarded as being outstanding except for the right of the Registered Owner to receive the redemption price from the Paying Agent/Registrar out of the funds provided for such payment. If a portion of any Bond shall be redeemed a substitute Bond or Bonds having the same maturity date, bearing interest at the same

rate, in any denomination or denominations in any integral multiple of $5,000, at the written request of the Registered Owner, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof, will be issued to the Registered Owner upon the surrender thereof for cancellation, at the expense of the City, all as provided in the Bond Ordinance.

ALL BONDS OF THIS SERIES are issuable solely as fully registered Bonds, without interest coupons, in the denomination of any integral multiple of $5,000. As provided in the Bond Ordinance, this Bond may, at the request of the Registered Owner or the assignee or assignees hereof, be assigned, transferred, converted into and exchanged for a like aggregate amount of fully registered Bonds, without interest coupons, payable to the appropriate Registered Owner, assignee or assignees, as the case may be, having any authorized denomination or denominations as requested in writing by the appropriate Registered Owner, assignee or assignees, as the case may be, upon surrender of this Bond to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, all in accordance with the form and procedures set forth in the Bond Ordinance. Among other requirements for such assignment and transfer, this Bond must be presented and surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, together with proper instruments of assignment, in form and with guarantee of signatures satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar, evidencing assignment of this Bond or any portion or portions hereof in any authorized denomination to the assignee or assignees in whose name or names this Bond or any such portion or portions hereof is or are to be registered. The form of Assignment printed or endorsed on this Bond may be executed by the Registered Owner to evidence the assignment hereof, but such method is not exclusive, and other instruments of assignment satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar may be used to evidence the assignment of this Bond or any portion or portions hereof from time to time by the Registered Owner. The Paying Agent/Registrar's reasonable standard or customary fees and charges for assigning, transferring, converting and exchanging any Bond or portion thereof will be paid by the City. In any circumstance, any taxes or governmental charges required to be paid with respect thereto shall be paid by the one requesting such assignment, transfer, conversion or exchange, as a condition precedent to the exercise of such privilege. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to make any such transfer or exchange of a Bond during the period commencing with the close of business on any Record Date immediately preceding a principal or interest payment date for such Bond and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date.

WHENEVER THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP of this Bond is determined by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, the foregoing requirements of holding, delivering or transferring this Bond shall be modified to require the appropriate person or entity to meet the requirements of the securities depository as to registering or transferring the book entry to produce the same effect.

IN THE EVENT ANY PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR for the Bonds is changed by the City, resigns, or otherwise ceases to act as such, the City has covenanted in the Bond Ordinance that it promptly will appoint a competent and legally qualified substitute therefor, and cause written notice thereof to be mailed to the registered owners of the Bonds.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED, AND COVENANTED that this Bond has been duly and validly authorized, issued, and delivered; that all acts, conditions, and things required or

proper to be performed, exist, and be done precedent to or in the authorization, issuance and delivery of this Bond have been performed, existed, and been done in accordance with law; that this Bond is a general obligation of the City, issued on the full faith and credit thereof; and that ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of this Bond, as such interest comes due, and as such principal matures, have been levied and ordered to be levied against all taxable property in the City, and have been pledged for such payment, within the limits provided by law.

THE CITY HAS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO AMEND the Bond Ordinance as provided therein, and under some (but not all) circumstances amendments thereto must be approved by the registered owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds.

BY BECOMING THE REGISTERED OWNER of this Bond, the Registered Owner thereby acknowledges all of the terms and provisions of the Bond Ordinance, agrees to be bound by such terms and provisions, acknowledges that the Bond Ordinance is duly recorded and available for inspection in the official minutes and records of the governing body of the City, and agrees that the terms and provisions of this Bond and the Bond Ordinance constitute a contract between each Registered Owner hereof and the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused this Bond to be signed with the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem of the City and countersigned with the manual or facsimile signature of the City Secretary of the City, and has caused the official seal of the City to be duly impressed, or placed in facsimile, on this Bond.

(facsimile signature)	(facsimile signature)
City Secretary, City of Rockport, Texas	Mayor [Pro-Tem], City of Rockport, Texas

(Seal)

FORM OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:

COMPTROLLER'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE: REGISTER NO. _____

I hereby certify that this Bond has been examined, certified as to validity, and approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and that this Bond has been registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

Witness my signature and seal this

	_____
	Comptroller of Public Accounts
(Comptroller's Seal)	of the State of Texas

FORM OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE

(To be executed if this Bond is not accompanied by an executed Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas)

It is hereby certified that this Bond has been issued under the provisions of the Bond Ordinance described in the text of this Bond; and that this Bond has been issued in conversion or replacement of, or in exchange for, a bond, bonds, or a portion of a bond or bonds of a Series which originally was approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

Dated

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.
Dallas, Texas
Paying Agent/Registrar

By_____
Authorized Representative

FORM OF ASSIGNMENT:

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned Registered Owner of this Bond, or duly authorized representative or attorney thereof, hereby assigns this Bond to

_____
/_____/_____
(Assignee's Social Security or Taxpayer Identification) (Print or typewrite Assignee's name and address, including zip code)

and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____ attorney to register the transfer of the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

_____
NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange or a commercial bank or trust company.

_____
NOTICE: The signature above must correspond with the name of the Registered Owner as it appears upon the front of this Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

INITIAL BOND INSERTIONS

The Initial Bond shall be in the form set forth above except that:

(A) Immediately under the name of the Bond, the headings "INTEREST RATE" and "MATURITY DATE" shall be completed with the words "As shown below" and "CUSIP NO. " shall be deleted.

(B) The first paragraph shall be deleted and the following shall be inserted:

"ON THE RESPECTIVE MATURITY DATES specified below, the ***CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS*** (the "***City***"), being a political subdivision and home-rule municipality of the State of Texas, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "***Registered Owner***"), the respective Principal Installments specified below, and to pay interest thereon (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months) from the date of initial delivery of this Bond as shown on the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar defined and identified below, at the respective Interest Rates per annum specified below, payable on August 15, 2022, and semiannually on each February 15 and August 15 thereafterto the respective Maturity Dates specified below. The respective Maturity Dates, Principal Installments and Interest Rates for this Bond are set forth in the following schedule:

MATURITY DATE (FEBRUARY 15)	PRINCIPAL INSTALLMENT ($)	INTEREST RATE (%)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

[Insert information from Sections 2 and 3 above]

(C) The Initial Bond shall be numbered "T-1."

SECTION 6. INTEREST AND SINKING FUND; TAX LEVY; SECURITY INTEREST.

(a) *Interest and Sinking Fund; Tax Levy*. A special "***Interest and Sinking Fund***" is hereby created and shall be established and maintained by the City at an official depository bank of the City. Said Interest and Sinking Fund shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the City, and shall be used only for paying the interest on and the principal of said Bonds. Immediately after the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, all accrued interest on the Bonds, together with any premium on the Bonds that is not used by the City to pay costs of issuance in accordance with the provisions of Section 1201.042(d), Texas Government Code, as amended, shall be deposited to the credit of the Interest and Sinking Fund. In addition, all ad valorem taxes levied and collected for and on account of said Bonds shall be deposited, as collected, to the credit of said Interest and Sinking Fund. For each fiscal year while any of the Bonds or interest thereon are outstanding and unpaid, the governing body of the City shall compute and ascertain a rate and amount of ad valorem tax which will be sufficient to raise and produce the money required to pay the interest on the Bonds as such interest comes due, and to provide and maintain a sinking fund adequate to pay the principal of the Bonds as such principal matures (but never less than 2% of the original principal amount of the Bonds as a sinking fund each year); and said tax shall be based on the latest approved tax rolls of the City, with full allowance being made for tax delinquencies and the cost of tax collection. Said rate and amount of ad valorem tax is hereby levied, and is hereby ordered to be levied, against all taxable property in the City for each year while any of the Bonds or interest thereon are outstanding and unpaid; and said tax shall be assessed and collected each such year and deposited to the credit of the Interest and Sinking Fund created by this Ordinance. Said ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of the Bonds, as such interest comes due and such principal matures, are hereby pledged for such payment, within the limit prescribed by law.

(b) *Security Interest*. Chapter 1208, Texas Government Code, applies to the issuance of the Bonds and the pledge of the ad valorem taxes granted by the City under Section 6(a) of this Ordinance, and is therefore valid, effective, and perfected. If Texas law is amended at any time while the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid such that the pledge of the ad valorem taxes granted by the City under Section 6(a) of this Ordinance is to be subject to the filing requirements of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code, then in order to preserve to the registered owners of the Bonds the perfection of the security interest in said pledge, the City agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code, and enable a filing to perfect the security interest in said pledge to occur.

SECTION 7. INVESTMENTS. Funds on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund shall be secured by the depository bank of the City in the manner and to the extent required by law to secure other public funds of the City and may be invested from time to time in any investment authorized by applicable law, including but not limited to the Public Funds Investment Act (Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code), and the City's investment policy adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act; provided, however, that investments purchased for and held in the Interest and Sinking Fund shall have a final maturity no later than the next principal or interest payment date on which such funds will be needed. Income and profits from such investments shall be deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund. It is further provided, however, that any interest earnings on proceeds which are required to be rebated to the United States of America pursuant to Section 11 hereof in order to prevent the Bonds from being arbitrage bonds shall be so rebated and not considered as interest earnings for the purposes of this Section.

SECTION 8. DEFEASANCE OF BONDS.

(a) *Defeasance*. Any Bond and the interest thereon shall be deemed to be paid, retired and no longer outstanding (a "***Defeased Bond***") within the meaning of this Ordinance, except to the extent provided in subsection (d) of this Section, when payment of the principal of such Bond, plus interest thereon to the due date (whether such due date be by reason of maturity or otherwise) either (i) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof, or (ii) shall have been provided for on or before such due date by irrevocably depositing with or making available to the Paying Agent/Registrar in accordance with an escrow agreement or other instrument (the "***Future Deposit Agreement***") for such payment (1) lawful money of the United States of America sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) Defeasance Securities that mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to provide for such payment, and when proper arrangements have been made by the City with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of its services until all Defeased Bonds shall have become due and payable. Thereafter, the City will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of such Defeased Bonds, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of the escrow agent under such Future Deposit Agreement to receive payment when due on the Defeasance Securities. At such time as a Bond shall be deemed to be a Defeased Bond hereunder, as aforesaid, such Bond and the interest thereon shall no longer be secured by, payable from, or entitled to the benefits of, the ad valorem taxes herein levied and pledged as provided in this Ordinance, and such principal and interest shall be payable solely from such money or Defeasance Securities.

(b) *Investment of Funds in Defeasance Securities*. Any moneys so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar may at the written direction of the City be invested in Defeasance Securities, maturing in the amounts and times as hereinbefore set forth, and all income from such Defeasance Securities received by the Paying Agent/Registrar that is not required for the payment of the Bonds and interest thereon, with respect to which such money has been so deposited, shall be turned over to the City, or deposited as directed in writing by the City. Any Future Deposit Agreement pursuant to which the money and/or Defeasance Securities are held for the payment of Defeased Bonds may contain provisions permitting the investment or reinvestment of such moneys in Defeasance Securities or the substitution of other Defeasance Securities upon the satisfaction of the requirements specified in subsection (a)(i) or (ii) of this Section. All income from such Defeasance Securities received by the Paying Agent/Registrar which is not required for the payment of the Defeased

Bonds, with respect to which such money has been so deposited, shall be remitted to the City or deposited as directed in writing by the City.

(c) Definition of Defeasance Securities. The term "***Defeasance Securities***" means (i) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date of the purchase thereof are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date on the date the governing body of the City adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the financial arrangements are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, and (iv) any other then authorized securities or obligations under applicable state law that may be used to defease obligations such as the Bonds.

(d) Duties of Paying Agent/Registrar. Until all Defeased Bonds shall have become due and payable, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall perform the services of Paying Agent/Registrar for such Defeased Bonds the same as if they had not been defeased, and the City shall make proper arrangements to provide and pay for such services as required by this Ordinance.

(e) Selection of Bonds to be Defeased. In the event that the City elects to defease less than all of the principal amount of Bonds of a maturity, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select, or cause to be selected, such amount of Bonds by such random method as it deems fair and appropriate.

SECTION 9. DAMAGED, MUTILATED, LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED BONDS.

(a) Replacement Bonds. In the event any outstanding Bond is damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cause to be printed, executed, and delivered, a new bond of the same principal amount, maturity, and interest rate, as the damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Bond, in replacement for such Bond in the manner hereinafter provided.

(b) Application for Replacement Bonds. Application for replacement of damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Bonds shall be made by the registered owner thereof to the Paying

(c) Agent/Registrar. In every case of loss, theft, or destruction of a Bond, the registered owner applying for a replacement bond shall furnish to the City and to the Paying Agent/Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless from any loss or damage with respect thereto. Also, in every case of loss, theft, or destruction of a Bond, the registered owner shall furnish to the City and to the Paying Agent/Registrar evidence to their satisfaction of the loss, theft, or destruction of such Bond. In every case of damage or mutilation of a Bond, the registered owner shall surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation the Bond so damaged or mutilated.

(d) *No Default Occurred*. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, in the event any such Bond shall have matured, and no default has occurred which is then continuing in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bond, the City may authorize the payment of the same (without surrender thereof except in the case of a damaged or mutilated Bond) instead of issuing a replacement Bond, provided security or indemnity is furnished as above provided in this Section.

(e) *Charge for Issuing Replacement Bonds*. Prior to the issuance of any replacement bond, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall charge the registered owner of such Bond with all legal, printing, and other expenses in connection therewith. Every replacement bond issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section by virtue of the fact that any Bond is lost, stolen, or destroyed shall constitute a contractual obligation of the City whether or not the lost, stolen, or destroyed Bond shall be found at any time, or be enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Ordinance equally and proportionately with any and all other Bonds duly issued under this Ordinance.

(f) *Authority for Issuing Replacement Bonds*. In accordance with Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, as amended, this Section of this Ordinance shall constitute authority for the issuance of any such replacement bond without necessity of further action by the governing body of the City or any other body or person, and the duty of the replacement of such bonds is hereby authorized and imposed upon the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver such Bonds in the form and manner and with the effect, as provided in Section 4(a) of this Ordinance for Bonds issued in conversion and exchange for other Bonds.

SECTION 10. CUSTODY, APPROVAL, AND REGISTRATION OF BONDS; BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION; CUSIP NUMBERS; AND OTHER MATTERS. The Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem of the City is hereby authorized to have control of the Bonds initially issued and delivered hereunder and all necessary records and proceedings pertaining to the Bonds pending their delivery and their investigation, examination, and approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and their registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas. Upon registration of the Bonds said Comptroller of Public Accounts (or a deputy designated in writing to act for said Comptroller) shall manually sign the Comptroller's Registration Certificate attached to such Bonds, and the seal of said Comptroller shall be impressed, or placed in facsimile, on such Certificate. The approving legal opinion of the City's Bond Counsel (with an appropriate certificate pertaining thereto executed by facsimile signature of the City Secretary of the City) and the assigned CUSIP numbers may, at the option of the City, be printed on the Bonds issued and delivered under this

Ordinance, but neither shall have any legal effect, and shall be solely for the convenience and information of the registered owners of the Bonds. In addition, if bond insurance is obtained, the Bonds may bear an appropriate legend as provided by the insurer.

SECTION 11. COVENANTS REGARDING TAX EXEMPTION OF INTEREST ON THE BONDS.

(a) *Covenants*. The City covenants to take any action necessary to assure, or refrain from any action which would adversely affect, the treatment of the Bonds as obligations described in section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "***Code***"), the interest on which is not includable in the "gross income" of the holder for purposes of federal income taxation. In furtherance thereof, the City covenants as follows:

(1) to take any action to assure that no more than 10 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or the Refunded Obligations or the projects financed or refinanced therewith (less amounts deposited to a reserve fund, if any) are used for any "private business use," as defined in section 141(b)(6) of the Code or, if more than 10 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or the Refunded Obligations or the projects financed or refinanced therewith are so used, such amounts, whether or not received by the City, with respect to such private business use, do not, under the terms of this Ordinance or any underlying arrangement, directly or indirectly, secure or provide for the payment of more than 10 percent of the debt service on the Bonds, in contravention of section 141(b)(2) of the Code;

(2) to take any action to assure that in the event that the "private business use" described in subsection (1) hereof exceeds 5 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or the Refunded Obligations or the projects financed or refinanced therewith (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) then the amount in excess of 5 percent is used for a "private business use" which is "related" and not "disproportionate," within the meaning of section 141(b)(3) of the Code, to the governmental use;

(3) to take any action to assure that no amount which is greater than the lesser of $5,000,000, or 5 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) is directly or indirectly used to finance loans to persons, other than state or local governmental units, in contravention of section 141(c) of the Code;

(4) to refrain from taking any action which would otherwise result in the Bonds being treated as "private activity bonds" within the meaning of section 141(b) of the Code;

(5) to refrain from taking any action that would result in the Bonds being "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of section 149(b) of the Code;

(6) to refrain from using any portion of the proceeds of the Bonds, directly or indirectly, to acquire or to replace funds which were used, directly or indirectly, to acquire investment property (as defined in section 148(b)(2) of the Code) which produces a

materially higher yield over the term of the Bonds, other than investment property acquired with --

(A) proceeds of the Bonds invested for a reasonable temporary period of ninety days or less, until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the Bonds are issued,

(B) amounts invested in a bona fide debt service fund, within the meaning of section l.148-1(b) of the Treasury Regulations, and

(C) amounts deposited in any reasonably required reserve or replacement fund to the extent such amounts do not exceed 10 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds;

(7) to otherwise restrict the use of the proceeds of the Bonds or amounts treated as proceeds of the Bonds, as may be necessary, so that the Bonds do not otherwise contravene the requirements of section 148 of the Code (relating to arbitrage); and

(8) to refrain from using the proceeds of the Bonds or proceeds of any prior bonds to pay debt service on another issue more than ninety days after the date of issue of the Bonds in contravention of the requirements of section 149(d) of the Code (relating to advance refundings); and

(9) to pay to the United States of America at least once during each five-year period (beginning on the date of delivery of the Bonds) an amount that is at least equal to 90 percent of the "Excess Earnings," within the meaning of section 148(f) of the Code and to pay to the United States of America, not later than 60 days after the Bonds have been paid in full, 100 percent of the amount then required to be paid as a result of Excess Earnings under section 148(f) of the Code.

(b) *Rebate Fund*. In order to facilitate compliance with the covenants set forth in Section 11(a)(9) above, a "***Rebate Fund***" is hereby established by the City for the sole benefit of the United States of America, and such fund shall not be subject to the claim of any other person, including without limitation the bondholders. The Rebate Fund is established for the additional purpose of compliance with section 148 of the Code.

(c) *Proceeds*. The City understands that the term "proceeds" includes "disposition proceeds" as defined in the Treasury Regulations and, in the case of refunding bonds, transferred proceeds (if any) and proceeds of the Refunded Obligations expended prior to the date of issuance of the Bonds. It is the understanding of the City that the covenants contained herein are intended to assure compliance with the Code and any regulations or rulings promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury pursuant thereto. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which modify or expand provisions of the Code, as applicable to the Bonds, the City will not be required to comply with any covenant contained herein to the extent that such failure to comply, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, will not adversely affect the

exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds under section 103 of the Code. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which impose additional requirements which are applicable to the Bonds, the City agrees to comply with the additional requirements to the extent necessary, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, to preserve the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds under section 103 of the Code. In furtherance of such intention, the City hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, the City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, or the Director of Finance of the City to execute any documents, certificates or reports required by the Code and to make such elections, on behalf of the City, which may be permitted by the Code as are consistent with the purpose for the issuance of the Bonds.

(d) *Disposition of Projects*. The City covenants that the property constituting the projects financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds will not be sold or otherwise disposed in a transaction resulting in the receipt by the City of cash or other compensation, unless any action taken in connection with such disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. For purpose of the foregoing, the City may rely on an opinion of nationally-recognized bond counsel that the action taken in connection with such sale or other disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. For purposes of the foregoing, the portion of the property comprising personal property and disposed in the ordinary course shall not be treated as a transaction resulting in the receipt of cash or other compensation. For purposes hereof, the City shall not be obligated to comply with this covenant if it obtains an opinion that such failure to comply will not adversely affect the excludability for federal income tax purposes from gross income of the interest on the Bonds.

(e) *Written Procedures*. Unless superseded by another action of the City, to ensure compliance with the covenants contained herein regarding private business use, remedial actions, arbitrage and rebate, the City Council hereby adopts and establishes the instructions attached hereto as *Exhibit B* as the City's written procedures.

SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 15c2-12.

(a) *Definitions*. As used in this Section, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to such terms below:

"***EMMA***" means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system being established by the MSRB.

"Financial Obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

"***MSRB***" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"***Rule***" means SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time.

"***SEC***" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(b) *Annual Reports*. The City shall provide annually to the MSRB through EMMA financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in the final Official Statement authorized by this Ordinance being the information described in *Exhibit C* hereto. Any financial statements so to be provided shall be (1) prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in *Exhibit C* hereto, or such other accounting principles as the City may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and (2) audited, if the City commissions an audit of such statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within such period, then the City shall provide (1) unaudited financial statements for such fiscal year within such required time, and (2) audited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to the MSRB through EMMA when and if the audit report on such statements become available.

If the City changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB through EMMA of the date of the new fiscal year end prior to the next date by which the City otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data pursuant to this paragraph (b).

The financial information and operating data to be provided pursuant to this paragraph (b) may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document (including an official statement or other offering document, if it is available from the MSRB) that theretofore has been provided to the MSRB through EMMA or filed with the SEC.

(c) *Event Notices*.

The City shall file notice of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB through EMMA in a timely manner and not more than 10 business days after occurrence of the event:

1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;

2. Non-payment related defaults, if material;

3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;

5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;

7. Modifications to rights of the holders of the Bonds, if material;

8. Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;

9. Defeasances;

10. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;

11. Rating changes;

12. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the City.

13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the City, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

14. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;

15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the City, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, any of which affect security holders, if material; and

16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For these purposes, (a) any event described in the immediately preceding paragraph 12 is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the City in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers of the City in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City, and (b) the City intends the words used in the immediately preceding paragraphs 15 and 16 and the definition of Financial Obligation in this Section to have the same meanings as when they are used in the Rule, as evidenced by SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

The City shall file notice with the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the City to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with subsection (b) of this Section by the time required by such subsection.

(d) *Limitations, Disclaimers, and Amendments.* The City shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Section for so long as, but only for so long as, the City remains an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule, except that the City in any event will give notice of any deposit made in accordance with Section 8 of this Ordinance that causes Bonds no longer to be outstanding.

The provisions of this Section are for the sole benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds, and nothing in this Section, express or implied, shall give any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim hereunder to any other person. The City undertakes to provide only the financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices which it has expressly agreed to provide pursuant to this Section and does not hereby undertake to provide any other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of the City's financial results, condition, or prospects or hereby undertake to update any information provided in accordance with this Section or otherwise, except as expressly provided herein. The City does not make any representation or warranty concerning such information or its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CITY BE LIABLE TO THE HOLDER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY BOND OR ANY OTHER PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR DAMAGES RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY BREACH BY THE CITY, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR WITHOUT FAULT ON ITS PART, OF ANY COVENANT SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, BUT EVERY RIGHT AND REMEDY OF ANY SUCH PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH BREACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN ACTION FOR MANDAMUS OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

No default by the City in observing or performing its obligations under this Section shall comprise a breach of or default under this Ordinance for purposes of any other provision of this Ordinance.

Nothing in this Section is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive, or otherwise limit the duties of the City under federal and state securities laws.

The provisions of this Section may be amended by the City from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the City, but only if (1) the provisions of this Section, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule since such offering as well as such changed circumstances and (2) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provision of this Ordinance that authorizes such an amendment) of the outstanding Bonds consent to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the City (such as nationally

recognized bond counsel) determined that such amendment will not materially impair the interest of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The City may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provision of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds. If the City so amends the provisions of this Section, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Section an explanation, in narrative form, of the reason for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided.

(e) *Format, Identifying Information, and Incorporation by Reference*. All financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices required by this Section to be provided to the MSRB shall be provided in an electronic format and be accompanied by identifying information prescribed by the MSRB.

Financial information and operating data to be provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document (including an official statement or other offering document) available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the SEC.

SECTION 13. SALE OF BONDS. The Bonds are hereby initially sold and shall be delivered to **RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.**, as representative of a group of underwriters (collectively, the "***Underwriters***"), at a price of ***$*_____**(which amount is equal to par, plus an original issue premium of ***$*_____**, and less Underwriters' discount of ***$*_____**) and no accrued interest, all pursuant to the terms and provisions of a Purchase Contract in substantially the form attached hereto as *Exhibit D* which the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem of the City is hereby authorized to execute and deliver, and which the City Secretary is hereby authorized to attest. In satisfaction of Section 1201.022(a)(3), Texas Government Code, and upon consultation with the City's Financial Advisor, the City Council hereby determines that the final terms of the Bonds as set forth in this Ordinance are in the City's best interests. The City will deliver to the Underwriters an Initial Bond in the aggregate principal amount of *$*_____payable in principal installments on the dates and in the principal amounts shown in Section 2 hereof, and bearing interest at the rates for each respective maturity as shown in Section 3 hereof. The Initial Certificate of Obligation shall be registered in the name of **RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

SECTION 14. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The City Council hereby approves the form and content of the Official Statement relating to the Bonds and any addenda, supplement, or amendment thereto, and approves the distribution of the Official Statement in the reoffering of the Bonds by the Underwriters in final form, with such changes therein or additions thereto as the officer executing the same may deem advisable, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by his execution thereof. The preparation, distribution and use of the Preliminary Official Statement for the Bonds, dated February __, 2022, prior to the date hereof is hereby ratified and confirmed. The City Council finds and determines that the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement were and are "deemed final" as of each of their respective dates within the

meaning, and for the purpose, of Rule 15c2012 promulgated under authority granted by the Federal Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 15. REFUNDING OF REFUNDED OBLIGATIONS. Concurrently with the initial delivery of the Bonds the City shall deposit an amount from the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds and other available funds of the City, if required, with **THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.** (the "***Refunded Obligations Paying Agent***"), sufficient to provide for the refunding of the Refunded Obligations, all in accordance with Chapter 1207. The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, and Director of Finance of the City, or any person acting as interim in ushc capacity, are authorized to approve an execute any documents necessary, or to provide written instructions to the Refunded Obligations Paying Agent, with respect to the use of such funds to pay and redeem the Refunded Obligations.

SECTION 16. DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION OF REFUNDED OBLIGATIONS. There is attached to this Ordinance as *Exhibit E*, and made a part hereof for all purposes, a *NOTICE OF DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION* for the Refunded Obligations. The City hereby exercises its option to redeem prior to maturity the Refunded Obligations described in the *NOTICE OF DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION*, and the Refunded Obligations are hereby called for redemption, and shall be redeemed, prior to maturity, on the date, at the place, and at the price set forth therein.

As soon as practicable after the adoption of this Ordinance, and in no event less than 30 days prior to the date set for redemption, a copy of the *NOTICE OF DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION* shall be sent to all registered owners of the Refunded Obligations by first class mail postage prepaid, addressed to such registered owners at their respective addresses shown on the registration books of the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Obligations. In addition, as soon as practicable after the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, a copy of the *NOTICE OF DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION* shall be filed with the MSRB through EMMA in order to comply with the City's requirements under the Rule to provide notice of the occurrence of certain material events.

SECTION 17. AUTHORITY FOR OFFICERS TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AND APPROVE CHANGES. The Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Manager, City Secretary and Director of Finance of the City are hereby expressly authorized, empowered, and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and under the corporate seal and on behalf of the City all such instruments, whether or not herein mentioned, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, the Bonds, the Official Statement, the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, and the Purchase Contract. In addition, prior to the initial delivery of the Bonds, the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Manager, City Secretary, and Director of Finance of the City, and Bond Counsel to the City, are hereby authorized and directed to approve any technical changes or correction to this Ordinance or to any of the instruments authorized and approved by this Ordinance necessary in order to (i) correct any ambiguity or mistake or properly or more completely document the transactions contemplated and approved by this Ordinance and as described in the Official Statement, (ii) obtain a rating from any of the national bond rating agencies or satisfy any requirements of the provider of a municipal bond insurance policy, if any, or (iii) obtain the approval of the Bonds by the

Attorney General's office. In case any officer whose signature shall appear on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bond, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery. The Director of Finance of the City is further authorized to pay to the Attorney General of Texas prior to the delivery of the Bonds, for the Attorney General's review of the transcript of proceedings related to the Bonds, the amount required pursuant to Section 1202.004, Texas Government Code, as amended.

SECTION 18. ORDINANCE A CONTRACT; AMENDMENTS. This Ordinance shall constitute a contract with the registered owners of the Bonds, binding on the City and its successors and assigns, and shall not be amended or repealed by the City as long as any Bond remains outstanding except as permitted in this Section. The City may, without the consent of or notice to any registered owners, amend, change, or modify this Ordinance as may be required (i) by the provisions hereof, (ii) for the purpose of curing any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission herein, or (iii) in connection with any other change which is not to the prejudice of the registered owners. The City may, with the written consent of the registered owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding affected thereby, amend, change, modify, or rescind any provisions of this Ordinance; provided that without the consent of all of the registered owners affected, no such amendment, change, modification, or rescission shall (i) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon, (ii) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, (ii) extend any waiver of default to subsequent defaults, or (iv) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required for consent to any such amendment, change, modification, or rescission. Whenever the City shall desire to make any amendment or addition to or rescission of this Ordinance requiring consent of the registered owners, the City shall cause notice of the amendment, addition, or rescission to be sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the registered owners at the respective addresses shown on the Registration Books. Whenever at any time within one year after the date of the giving of such notice, the City shall receive an instrument or instruments in writing executed by the registered owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding affected by any such amendment, addition, or rescission requiring the consent of the registered owners, which instrument or instruments shall refer to the proposed amendment, addition, or rescission described in such notice and shall specifically consent to and approve the adoption thereof in substantially the form of the copy thereof referred to in such notice, thereupon, but not otherwise, the City may adopt such amendment, addition, or rescission in substantially such form, except as herein provided. No Registered Owner may thereafter object to the adoption of such amendment, addition, or rescission, or to any of the provisions thereof, and such amendment, addition, or rescission shall be fully effective for all purposes.

SECTION 19. INTERESTED PARTIES. Nothing in this Ordinance expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give to, any person or entity, other than the City and the registered owners of the Bonds, any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Ordinance or any covenant, condition or stipulation hereof, and all covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Ordinance contained by and on behalf of the City shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City and the registered owners of the Bonds.

SECTION 20. REMEDIES IN EVENT OF DEFAULT. In addition to all the rights and remedies provided by the laws of the State of Texas, it is specifically covenanted and agreed particularly that in the event the City (i) defaults in the payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, (ii) defaults in the deposits and credits required to be made to the Interest and Sinking Fund, or (iii) defaults in the observance or performance of any other of the covenants, conditions or obligations set forth in this Ordinance and the continuation thereof for 30 days after the City has received written notice of such defaults, the holders of any of the Bonds shall be entitled to seek a writ of mandamus issued by a court of proper jurisdiction compelling and requiring the governing body of the City and other officers of the City to observe and perform any covenant, condition or obligation prescribed in this Ordinance.

No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The specific remedy herein provided shall be cumulative of all other existing remedies, and the specification of such remedy shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION TO PAY INTEREST. The City Council hereby finds that there are and will be sufficient funds available to pay interest coming due on August 15, 2022, and the City Council hereby directs the City Manager and the Director of Finance of the City to transfer on or before such date available funds to the Interest and Sinking Fund in an amount sufficient to pay such interest coming due on such date.

SECTION 22. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The City hereby finds that the statements set forth in the recitals of this Ordinance are true and correct, and the City hereby incorporates such recitals as a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 23. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this governing body hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 24. EFFECTIVE DATE. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201.028, Texas Government Code, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption by the City Council.

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022 AT WHICH MEETING A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

_____
Patrick R. Mayor,
City of Rockport, Texas

ATTEST:

_____
Teresa Valdez, City Secretary
City of Rockport, Texas

(City Seal)

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EXHIBIT A

FORM OF PAYING AGENT REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

THE PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT IS OMITTED AT THIS POINT AS IT APPEARS ELSEWHERE IN THIS TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXHIBIT B

WRITTEN PROCEDURES RELATING TO CONTINUING COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TAX COVENANTS

A. Arbitrage. With respect to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the Bonds, the City's chief financial officer (the "***Responsible Person***"), which currently is the Director of Finance of the City, will:

(i) monitor all amounts deposited into a sinking fund or funds (e.g., the Interest and Sinking Fund), to assure that the maximum amount invested at a yield higher than the yield on the Bonds does not exceed an amount equal to the debt service on the Bonds in the succeeding 12 month period plus a carryover amount equal to one-twelfth of the principal and interest payable on the Bonds for the immediately preceding 12-month period;

(ii) monitor the actions of the Refunded Obligations Paying Agent to ensure compliance with the applicable provisions of any related escrow or deposit agreement, including with respect to reinvestment of cash balances;

(iii) ensure that the applicable information return (e.g., IRS Form 8038-G, 8038-GC, or any successor forms) is timely filed with the IRS; and

(iv) assure that, unless excepted from rebate and yield restriction under section 148(f) of the Code, excess investment earnings are computed and paid to the U.S. government at such time and in such manner as directed by the IRS (A) at least every 5 years after the date of delivery of the Bonds (the "***Issue Date***"), and (B) within 30 days after the date the Bonds are retired.

B. Private Business Use. With respect to the use of the facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds the Responsible Person will:

(i) monitor the date on which the facilities are substantially complete and available to be used for the purpose intended;

(ii) monitor whether, at any time the Bonds are outstanding, any person, other than the City, the employees of the City, the agents of the City or members of the general public has any contractual right (such as a lease, purchase, management or other service agreement) with respect to any portion of the facilities;

(iii) monitor whether, at any time the Bonds are outstanding, any person, other than the City, the employees of the City, the agents of the City or members of the general public has a right to use the output of the facilities (e.g., water, gas, electricity);

(iv) monitor whether, at any time the Bonds are outstanding, any person, other than the City, the employees of the City, the agents of the City or members of the general public has a right to use the facilities to conduct or to direct the conduct of research;

(v) determine whether, at any time the Bonds are outstanding, any person, other than the City, has a naming right for the facilities or any other contractual right granting an intangible benefit;

(vi) determine whether, at any time the Bonds are outstanding, the facilities are sold or otherwise disposed of; and

(vii) take such action as is necessary to remediate any failure to maintain compliance with the covenants contained in the Resolution related to the public use of the facilities.

C. Record Retention. The Responsible Person will maintain or cause to be maintained all records relating to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the Bonds and the use of the facilities financed or refinanced thereby for a period ending three (3) years after the complete extinguishment of the Bonds. If any portion of the Bonds is refunded with the proceeds of another series of tax-exempt obligations, such records shall be maintained until the three (3) years after the refunding obligations are completely extinguished. Such records can be maintained in paper or electronic format.

D. Responsible Person. The Responsible Person shall receive appropriate training regarding the City's accounting system, contract intake system, facilities management and other systems necessary to track the investment and expenditure of the proceeds and the use of the facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Responsible Person is authorized and instructed to retain such experienced advisors and agents as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of these instructions.

EXHIBIT C

DESCRIPTION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following information is referred to in Section 12 of this Ordinance.

Annual Financial Statements and Operating Data

The financial information and operating data with respect to the City to be provided annually in accordance with such Section are as specified (and included in the Appendix or under the headings of the Official Statement referred to) below:

1. The annual audited financial statements of the City or the unaudited financial statements of the City in the event audited financial statements are not completed within twelve months after the end of any fiscal year.

2. Within twelve months after the end of each fiscal year, all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in Appendix A of the Official Statement under Tables 1 through 6 and 8 through 19 thereof.

Accounting Principles

The accounting principles referred to in such Section are the accounting principles described in the notes to the financial statements referred to in paragraph 1 above.

EXHIBIT D

FORM OF PURCHASE CONTRACT

THE PURCHASE CONTRACT IS OMITTED AT THIS POINT
AS IT APPEARS ELSEWHERE IN THIS TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXHIBIT E

FORM OF NOTICE OF DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION

NOTICE OF DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION

To the Holders of the
CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS
TAX NOTES, SERIES 2020
(Maturing on February 15 in the years 2023 - 2030)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Rockport, Texas (the "***City***"), in Aransas County, Texas, has deposited cash into an irrevocable escrow account in order to pay, and has legally defeased, the following maturities of the City's outstanding **TAX NOTES, SERIES 2020**, dated August 15, 2020 (the "***Refunded Obligations***"):

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS
TAX NOTES, SERIES 2020

MATURITY (FEBRUARY 15)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT MATURING IN YEAR ($)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT BEING REFUNDED ($)	STATED INTEREST RATE (%)	CUSIP NO. (774056)
2023	725,000	725,000	3.000	SK2
2024	755,000	755,000	3.000	SL0
2025	950,000	950,000	3.000	SM8
2026	1,045,000	1,045,000	3.000	SN6
2027	1,490,000	1,490,000	3.000	SP1
2028	2,715,000	2,715,000	3.000	SQ9
2029	2,800,000	2,800,000	3.000	SR7
2030	2,880,000	2,880,000	3.000	SS5
Totals	13,360,000	13,360,000	***	***

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all of the Refunded Obligations have been called for redemption on _____, 2022 (the "***Redemption Date***") ***at the Redemption Price equal to 100% of par plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date***. The Refunded Obligations shall be redeemed and shall become due and payable on the Redemption Date, and the interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the Redemption Date.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Refunded Obligations should be submitted to the following address:

First Class/Registered/Certified Mail:
The Bank of New York Mellon
Trust Company, N.A.
Institutional Trust Services
P.O. Box 2320
Dallas, Texas 75221-2320

By Overnight or Courier:
The Bank of New York Mellon
Trust Company, N.A.
Institutional Trust Services
2001 Bryan Street, 9th Floor
Dallas, Texas 75201

By Hand:
The Bank of New York Mellon
Trust Company, N.A.
GIS Unit Trust Window
4 New York Plaza, 1st Floor
New York, New York 10004

To avoid a backup withholding tax required by Section 3406 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, holders must submit a properly completed IRS Form W-9.

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* THE ABOVE REFERENCED CUSIP NUMBERS ARE PROVIDED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE HOLDERS. NEITHER THE PAYING AGENT NOR THE CITY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERROR OF ANY NATURE RELATING TO THE CUSIP NUMBERS.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 16

Deliberate and act on an Ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of "City of Rockport, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2022" in the approximate amount of $8,120,000; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax; and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, a purchase contract, an official statement and all other instruments and procedures related there to.

SUBMITTED BY: Director of Finance Katie Griffin

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: RNM

BACKGROUND: During the December 30, 2021, City Council Meeting, Council discussed the status of the City Hall construction project, bids submitted for construction, and the funding shortfall for those bids. During the council meeting, the City's financial advisor, Robert Henderson of RBC Capital Markets and the City's bond counsel, Tom Spurgeon of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, LLP were present to answer questions relating to the funding options for the short fall and additional public improvements.

During the January 11, 2022, City Council Meeting, the Council heard from staff and consultants to begin the process to fund the increased City Hall costs and fund additional projects with options for Tax Notes, Certificates of Obligation, and the refunding of the 2012 General Obligation and 2022 Tax Notes. The amount of the proposed debt over and above that needed for City Hall was recommended to be able to stay at or under the existing Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of $0.184. Council approved this plan of action and Notice of Intent with the understanding that no commitment to issue the debt was given and was subject to further discussion. Council further requested a Workshop to discuss more thoroughly these options and consider any changes.

On January 19, 2022, during the City Council Workshop, the Council discussed the Finance Plan adopted on January 11, 2022, the proposed Tax Note, Certifications of Obligation, and General Obligations Refunding bonds of the 2020 Tax Notes. No action was taken during the workshop.

During the February 8, 2022, City Council Meeting, the Council amended the Plan of Finance rescinding the Notice of Intent to issue the Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation in an amount not to exceed $3.5M. During this same action item, the Council voted to extend the General Obligation Refunding final maturity up to 18 years. There were no other changes to the Plan of Finance. During this same City Council meeting, Council adopted a resolution awarding the bid for City Hall construction to Teal Construction Company in the amount of $16,380,000.

Tonight, the City Council is asked to authorize the issuance and sale of the Series 2022 Tax Notes in conjunction with issuing the Series 2022 General Obligations Refunding, Series 2022, providing the funding required to construction the new city hall while maintaining the current I&S tax rate of $0.1842.

The City's financial advisor, Bob Henderson of RBC Capital Markets, will be available to answer questions.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: Over the past several years, the City has been able to manage its I&S tax rate, maintaining a consistent rate of approximately $0.184. The refunding of the 2020 Tax Notes into the 2022 General Obligation Refunding Bond along with the new 2022 Tax Note issuance will continue to preserve the existing I&S tax rate.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that City Council approve the Ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of "City of Rockport, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2022" in the approximate amount of $8,120,000; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax; and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, a purchase contract, an official statement and all other instruments and procedures related there to.

DRAFT DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. ____

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF APPROXIMATELY $8,120,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF "CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS TAX NOTES, SERIES 2022"; SECURING THE PAYMENT THEREOF BY AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX; AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, A PURCHASE CONTRACT, AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO

DATE OF APPROVAL: FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ARANSAS §
CITY OF ROCKPORT §

WHEREAS, the **CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS** (the "***City***") in Aransas County, Texas, is a political subdivision of the State of Texas operating as a home rule municipality under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and its City Charter, which was initially approved by the voters of the City on April 2, 1983, and which has been amended from time to time, with the most recent amendments being approved by the qualified voters of the City on May 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 1431, Texas Government Code, as amended (the "***Act***"), particularly Section 1431.004(a)(1) thereof, the City Council of the City is authorized and empowered to issue anticipation notes to pay contractual obligations incurred or to be incurred for (i) the construction of any public work, (ii) the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, buildings, lands and rights-of-way for the City's authorized needs and purposes, and (iii) a professional service, including a service by a tax appraisal engineer, engineer, architect, attorney, mapmaker, auditor, financial advisor, or fiscal agent; and

WHEREAS*,** the City Council of the City hereby determines that it is necessary and desirable to finance all or a portion of the following costs, each of which is authorized under Section 1431.004(a)(1) of the Act: (i) provide additional funds to construct and equip judicial facilities (Municipal Court) and other facilities physically attached thereto, including other administrative facilities for the City, all within a new City Hall; (ii) acquire vehicles and other equipment for various City departments; (iii) construct drainage improvements at various locations within the City; (iv) construct street, curb, and sidewalk improvements at various locations in the City, together with utility relocation and/or drainage improvements related or incidental thereto; and (v) pay for professional services related to the projects described above (collectively, the "Project***s"); and

WHEREAS, Section 1201.042(c), Texas Government Code, provides that *"[p]roceeds from the sale of a public security issued to finance the acquisition, construction, equipping, or furnishing of a project or facility may be used to reimburse the issuer for a cost that is: (1) attributable to the project or facility; and (2) paid or incurred before the date of the public security's issuance"*; provided, however, Section 1431.005 of the Act states that proceeds of an anticipation note issued pursuant to the Act may not be used to *"repay interfund or other borrowing that occurred earlier than 24 months before the date of the ordinance or order authorizing the issuance of the note"*; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the City Council hereby finds and determines that anticipation notes should be issued and sold at this time to finance the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City deems it appropriate to adopt this Ordinance and issue the Notes herein authorized as permitted by the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. AMOUNT AND PURPOSE OF THE NOTES. The notes or note of the City further described in Section 2 of this Ordinance and referred to herein as the "Notes" or the "Note" are hereby authorized to be issued and delivered in the aggregate principal amount of ***$_____*** ***FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO (I) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP JUDICIAL FACILITIES (MUNICIPAL COURT) AND OTHER FACILITIES PHYSICALLY ATTACHED THERETO, INCLUDING OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES FOR THE CITY, ALL WITHIN A NEW CITY HALL; (II) ACQUIRE VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS; (III) CONSTRUCT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; (IV) CONSTRUCT STREET, CURB, AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY, TOGETHER WITH UTILITY RELOCATION AND/OR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS RELATED OR INCIDENTAL THERETO, AND (V) PAY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO SAID PROJECTS AND COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE NOTES.***

SECTION 2. DESIGNATION, DATE, DENOMINATIONS, NUMBERS AND MATURITIES OF THE NOTES. Each note issued pursuant to and for the purpose described in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be designated **CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS TAX NOTE, SERIES 2022**, and initially there shall be issued, sold and delivered hereunder one fully registered note, without interest coupons, dated February 15, 2022, in the aggregate principal amount of ***$_____***, numbered T-1 (the "***Initial Note***"), with notes issued in replacement thereof being in the denomination of $5,000 or any integral multiple thereof and numbered consecutively from R-1 upward, all payable to the initial registered owner thereof (with the Initial Note being payable to the initial purchaser designated in Section 15 hereof), or to the registered assignee or assignees of said notes or any portion or portions thereof (in each case, the "***Registered Owner***"), and the notes shall mature and be payable serially on ***February 15*** in each of the years and in the principal amounts, respectively, as set forth in the following schedule:

YEAR OF MATURITY	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT ($)	YEAR OF MATURITY	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT ($)
2023		2027	
2024		2028	
2025		2029	
2026			

The term "***Notes***" as used in this Ordinance shall mean and include the Notes initially issued and delivered pursuant to this Ordinance and all substitute notes exchanged therefor, as well as all other substitute notes and replacement notes issued pursuant hereto, and the term "***Note***" shall mean any of the Notes.

SECTION 3. INTEREST. The Notes shall bear interest calculated on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months from the dates specified in the FORM OF NOTE set forth in this Ordinance to their respective dates of maturity or prior redemption at the following rates per annum:

YEAR OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE (%)	YEAR OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE (%)
2023		2027	
2024		2028	
2025		2029	
2026			

Said interest shall be payable in the manner provided and on the dates stated in the FORM OF NOTE set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NOTES; APPROVAL OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT.

(a) Registration, Transfer, and Exchange; Authentication. The City shall keep or cause to be kept at the designated corporate trust or commercial banking office of **THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, Dallas, Texas, Texas (the "***Paying Agent/Registrar***") books or records for the registration of the transfer and exchange of the Notes (the "***Registration Books***"), and the City hereby appoints the Paying Agent/Registrar as its registrar and transfer agent to keep such books or records and make such registrations of transfers and exchanges under such reasonable regulations as the City and Paying Agent/Registrar may prescribe; and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall make such registrations, transfers and exchanges as herein provided. Attached hereto as *Exhibit A* is a copy of the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement between the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar which is hereby approved in substantially final form, and the Mayor, Mayor

Pro-Tem and City Secretary of the City are hereby authorized to execute the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and approve any changes in the final form thereof.

The Paying Agent/Registrar shall obtain and record in the Registration Books the address of the registered owner of each Note to which payments with respect to the Notes shall be mailed, as herein provided; but it shall be the duty of each registered owner to notify the Paying Agent/Registrar in writing of the address to which payments shall be mailed, and such interest payments shall not be mailed unless such notice has been given. To the extent possible and under reasonable circumstances, all transfers of Notes shall be made within three business days after request and presentation thereof. The City shall have the right to inspect the Registration Books during regular business hours of the Paying Agent/Registrar, but otherwise the Paying Agent/Registrar shall keep the Registration Books confidential and, unless otherwise required by law, shall not permit their inspection by any other entity. The Paying Agent/Registrar's standard or customary fees and charges for making such registration, transfer, exchange and delivery of a substitute Note or Notes shall be paid as provided in the FORM OF NOTE set forth in this Ordinance. Registration of assignments, transfers and exchanges of Notes shall be made in the manner provided and with the effect stated in the FORM OF NOTE set forth in this Ordinance. Each substitute Note shall bear a letter and/or number to distinguish it from each other Note.

Except as provided in (c) below, an authorized representative of the Paying Agent/Registrar shall, before the delivery of any such Note, date and manually sign the Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate, and no such Note shall be deemed to be issued or outstanding unless such Authentication Certificate is so executed. The Paying Agent/Registrar promptly shall cancel all paid Notes and Notes surrendered for transfer and exchange. No additional ordinances, orders, or resolutions need be passed or adopted by the governing body of the City or any other body or person so as to accomplish the foregoing transfer and exchange of any Note or portion thereof, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall provide for the printing, execution, and delivery of the substitute Notes in the manner prescribed herein, and said Notes shall be of type composition printed on paper with lithographed or steel engraved borders of customary weight and strength. Pursuant to Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, and particularly Subchapter D and Section 1201.067 thereof, the duty of transfer and exchange of Notes as aforesaid is hereby imposed upon the Paying Agent/Registrar, and, upon the execution of said Authentication Certificate, the transferred and exchanged Note shall be valid, incontestable, and enforceable in the same manner and with the same effect as the Notes which initially were issued and delivered pursuant to this Ordinance, approved by the Attorney General, and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

(b) Payment of Notes and Interest. The City hereby further appoints the Paying Agent/Registrar to act as the paying agent for paying the principal of and interest on the Notes, all as provided in this Ordinance. The Paying Agent/ Registrar shall keep proper records of all payments made by the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar with respect to the Notes.

(c) In General. The Notes (i) shall be issued in fully registered form, without interest coupons, with the principal of and interest on such Notes to be payable only to the registered owners thereof, (ii) may be redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities (notice of which shall be given to

the Paying Agent/Registrar by the City at least 50 days prior to any such redemption date), (iii) may be transferred and assigned, (iv) may be exchanged for other Notes, (v) shall have the characteristics, (vi) shall be signed, sealed, executed and authenticated, (vii) shall be payable as to principal and interest, and (viii) shall be administered and the Paying Agent/Registrar and the City shall have certain duties and responsibilities with respect to the Notes, all as provided, and in the manner and to the effect as required or indicated, in the FORM OF NOTE set forth in this Ordinance. The Initial Note is not required to be, and shall not be, authenticated by the Paying Agent/Registrar, but on each substitute Note issued in exchange for the Initial Note issued under this Ordinance the Paying Agent/Registrar shall execute the PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE, in the form set forth in the FORM OF NOTE. In lieu of the executed Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate described above, the Initial Note delivered on the closing date (as further described in subparagraph (i) below) shall have attached thereto the Comptroller's Registration Certificate substantially in the form set forth in the FORM OF NOTE below, manually executed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas or by her duly authorized agent, which certificate shall be evidence that the Initial Note has been duly approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and that it is a valid and binding obligation of the City, and has been registered by the Comptroller.

(d) Substitute Paying Agent/Registrar. The City covenants with the registered owners of the Notes that at all times while the Notes are outstanding the City will provide a competent and legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution, or other entity to act as and perform the services of Paying Agent/Registrar for the Notes under this Ordinance, and that the Paying Agent/Registrar will be one entity and shall be an entity registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The City reserves the right to, and may, at its option, change the Paying Agent/Registrar upon not less than 120 days written notice to the Paying Agent/Registrar, to be effective not later than 60 days prior to the next principal or interest payment date after such notice. In the event that the entity at any time acting as Paying Agent/Registrar (or its successor by merger, acquisition, or other method) should resign or otherwise cease to act as such, the City covenants that promptly it will appoint a competent and legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution, or other agency to act as Paying Agent/Registrar under this Ordinance. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar, the previous Paying Agent/Registrar promptly shall transfer and deliver the Registration Books (or a copy thereof), along with all other pertinent books and records relating to the Notes, to the new Paying Agent/Registrar designated and appointed by the City. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar, the City promptly will cause a written notice thereof to be sent by the new Paying Agent/Registrar to each registered owner of the Notes, by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, which notice also shall give the address of the new Paying Agent/Registrar. By accepting the position and performing as such, each Paying Agent/Registrar shall be deemed to have agreed to the provisions of this Ordinance, and a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be delivered to each Paying Agent/Registrar.

(e) Book-Entry Only System for Notes. The Notes issued in exchange for the Notes initially issued to the purchaser specified in Section 15 herein shall be initially issued in the form of a separate single fully registered Note for each of the maturities thereof. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of each such Note shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The

Depository Trust Company of New York ("***DTC***"), and except as provided in subsection (i) hereof, all of the outstanding Notes shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

With respect to Notes registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations on whose behalf DTC was created ("***DTC Participant***") to hold securities to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transaction among DTC Participants or to any person on behalf of whom such a DTC Participant holds an interest in the Notes. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any DTC Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Notes, (ii) the delivery to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of the Notes, as shown on the Registration Books, of any notice with respect to the Notes, or (iii) the payment to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of Notes, as shown in the Registration Books of any amount with respect to principal of or interest on the Notes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be entitled to treat and consider the person in whose name each Note is registered in the Registration Books as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of payment of principal and interest with respect to such Note, for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Note, and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on the Notes only to or upon the order of the registered owners, as shown in the Registration Books as provided in this Ordinance, or their respective attorneys duly authorized in writing, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the City's obligations with respect to payment of principal of and interest on the Notes to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a registered owner, as shown in the Registration Books, shall receive a Note certificate evidencing the obligation of the City to make payments of principal and interest pursuant to this Ordinance. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent/Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., and subject to the provisions in this Ordinance with respect to interest checks being mailed to the registered owner at the close of business on the Record Date, the words "Cede & Co." in this Ordinance shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

(f) Successor Securities Depository; Transfers Outside Book-Entry Only Systems. In the event that the City determines that DTC is incapable of discharging its responsibilities described herein and in the representation letter of the City to DTC or that it is in the best interest of the beneficial owners of the Notes that they be able to obtain certificated Notes, the City shall (i) appoint a successor securities depository, qualified to act as such under Section 17(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, notify DTC and DTC Participants of the appointment of such successor securities depository and transfer one or more separate Notes to such successor securities depository or (ii) notify DTC and DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of Notes and transfer one or more separate Notes to DTC Participants having Notes credited to their DTC accounts. In such event, the Notes shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Registration Books in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, but may be registered in the name of the successor securities depository, or its nominee, or in whatever name or names registered

owners transferring or exchanging Notes shall designate, in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

(g) Payments to Cede & Co. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, so long as any Note is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, all payments with respect to principal of and interest on such Note and all notices with respect to such Note shall be made and given, respectively, in the manner provided in the representation letter of the City to DTC.

(h) DTC Letter of Representations. The officers of the City are herein authorized for and on behalf of the City and as officers of the City to enter into one or more Letters of Representation with DTC establishing the book-entry only system with respect to the Notes.

(i) Delivery of Initial Note. On the closing date, one Initial Note representing the entire principal amount of the respective series of Notes, payable in stated installments to the initial registered owner named in Section 15 of this Ordinance or its designee, executed by manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem and City Secretary of the City, approved by the Attorney General of Texas, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, will be delivered to the initial purchaser or its designee. Upon payment for the Initial Note, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cancel the Initial Note and deliver to the initial registered owner or its designee one registered definitive Note for each year of maturity of the Notes, in the aggregate principal amount of all of the Notes for such maturity.

SECTION 5. FORM OF NOTE. The form of the Notes, including the form of Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate, the form of Assignment, and the form of Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas (to be attached only to the Notes initially issued and delivered pursuant to this Ordinance), shall be, respectively, substantially as follows, with such appropriate variations, omissions, or insertions as are permitted or required by this Ordinance.

FORM OF NOTE

R-	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ARANSAS CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS TAX NOTES, SERIES 2022	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT $_____

INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE	DATE OF SERIES	CUSIP NO.
____%	February 15, 20_	February 15, 2022	774056 ___

REGISTERED OWNER:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: **DOLLARS**

ON THE MATURITY DATE specified above, the ***CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS*** (the "***City***"), being a political subdivision and a home rule municipality of the State of Texas, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "***Registered Owner***"), the Principal Amount specified above, and to pay interest thereon (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) from the date of initial delivery of this Note [as shown on the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar (defined below)] at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, payable on August 15, 2022, and semiannually on each February 15 and August 15 thereafter to the Maturity Date specified above; or the date of redemption prior to maturity, except that if this Note is required to be authenticated and the date of its authentication is later than the first Record Date (hereinafter defined), such Principal Amount shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date of authentication, unless such date of authentication is after any Record Date but on or before the next following interest payment date, in which case such principal amount shall bear interest from such next following interest payment date; provided, however, that if on the date of authentication hereof the interest on the Note or Notes, if any, for which this Note is being exchanged is due but has not been paid, then this Note shall bear interest from the date to which such interest has been paid in full.

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON this Note are payable in lawful money of the United States of America, without exchange or collection charges. The principal of this Note shall be paid to the Registered Owner hereof upon presentation and surrender of this Note at maturity or upon the date fixed for redemption prior to maturity, at the designated corporate trust or commercial banking office of **THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, Dallas, Texas, which is the "***Paying Agent/Registrar***" for this Note. The payment of interest on this Note shall be made by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the Registered Owner hereof on each interest payment date by check, dated as of such interest payment date, drawn by the Paying Agent/Registrar on, and payable solely from, funds of the City required by the Ordinance authorizing the issuance of this Note (the "***Ordinance***") to be on deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar for such purpose as herein-

after provided; and such check shall be sent by the Paying Agent/Registrar by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, on each such interest payment date, to the Registered Owner hereof, at its address as it appeared on the last business day of the month next preceding each such date (the "***Record Date***") on the Registration Books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar, as hereinafter described. In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "***Special Record Date***") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (the "***Special Payment Date***" which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of each Registered Owner appearing on the Registration Books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice. Any accrued interest due upon the redemption of this Note prior to maturity as provided herein shall be paid to the Registered Owner upon presentation and surrender of this Note for redemption and payment at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar (unless the redemption date is a regularly scheduled interest payment date, in which case accrued interest on such redeemed Notes shall be payable in the regular manner described above). The City covenants with the Registered Owner of this Note that on or before each principal payment date, interest payment date and accrued interest payment date for this Note it will make available to the Paying Agent/Registrar, from the "Interest and Sinking Fund" created by the Ordinance, the amounts required to provide for the payment, in immediately available funds, of all principal of and interest on the Notes, when due.

IF THE DATE for the payment of the principal of or interest on this Note shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions in the city where the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, or the United States Postal Service is not open for business, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions are authorized to close, or the United States Postal Service is not open for business; and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

THIS NOTE is one of a series of Notes dated as of February 15, 2022, authorized in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas in the aggregate principal amount of ***$_____FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO (I) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP JUDICIAL FACILITIES (MUNICIPAL COURT) AND OTHER FACILITIES PHYSICALLY ATTACHED THERETO, INCLUDING OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES FOR THE CITY, ALL WITHIN A NEW CITY HALL; (II) ACQUIRE VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS; (III) CONSTRUCT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; (IV) CONSTRUCT STREET, CURB, AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY, TOGETHER WITH UTILITY RELOCATION AND/OR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS RELATED OR INCIDENTAL THERETO, AND (V) PAY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO SAID PROJECTS AND COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE NOTES.***

ON FEBRUARY 15, 202_, or on any date thereafter, the Notes of this Series maturing on and after February 15, 202_, may be redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, at the option of the City, with funds derived from any available and lawful source, as a whole, or in part (provided that a portion of a Note may be redeemed only in an integral multiple of $5,000), at the redemption price of the principal amount of Notes called for redemption, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption. The City shall determine the maturity or maturities, and the principal amount of Notes within each maturity, to be redeemed. If less than all Notes of a maturity are to be redeemed, the particular Notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the Paying Agent/Registrar at random and by lot.

AT LEAST 30 DAYS prior to the date fixed for any redemption of Notes or portions thereof prior to maturity, a written notice of such redemption shall be sent by the Paying Agent/Registrar by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid to the Registered Owner of each Note to be redeemed at its address as it appeared on the Registration Books maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar on the day such notice of redemption is mailed. Any notice of redemption so mailed shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given irrespective of whether received by the Registered Owner. The notice with respect to the optional redemption of Notes may state (1) that it is conditioned upon the deposit of moneys, in an amount equal to the amount necessary to effect the redemption, with the Paying Agent/Registrar no later than the redemption date, or (2) that the City retains the right to rescind such notice at any time prior to the scheduled redemption date if the City delivers a certificate of an authorized representative to the Paying Agent/Registrar instructing the Paying Agent/Registrar to rescind the redemption notice, and such notice and optional redemption shall be of no effect if such moneys are not so deposited or if the notice is so rescinded. By the date fixed for any such redemption, due provision shall be made with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the required redemption price for the Notes or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed. If such written notice of redemption is mailed (and not rescinded), and if due provision for such payment is made, all as provided above, the Notes or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed thereby automatically shall be treated as redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, and they shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, and they shall not be regarded as being outstanding except for the right of the Registered Owner to receive the redemption price from the Paying Agent/Registrar out of the funds provided for such payment. If a portion of any Note shall be redeemed a substitute Note or Notes having the same maturity date, bearing interest at the same rate, in any denomination or denominations in any integral multiple of $5,000, at the written request of the Registered Owner, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof, will be issued to the Registered Owner upon the surrender thereof for cancellation, at the expense of the City, all as provided in the Ordinance.

ALL NOTES OF THIS SERIES are issuable solely as fully registered Notes, without interest coupons, in the denomination of any integral multiple of $5,000. As provided in the Ordinance, this Note, may, at the request of the Registered Owner or the assignee or assignees hereof, be assigned, transferred and exchanged for a like aggregate principal amount of fully registered Notes, without interest coupons, payable to the appropriate Registered Owner, assignee or assignees, as the case may be, having the same denomination or denominations in any integral multiple of $5,000 as requested in writing by the appropriate Registered Owner, assignee or assignees, as the case may be, upon surrender of this Note to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, all in accordance with the form and procedures set forth in the Ordinance. Among

other requirements for such assignment and transfer, this Note must be presented and surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, together with proper instruments of assignment, in form and with guarantee of signatures satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar, evidencing assignment of this Note or any portion or portions hereof in any integral multiple of $5,000 to the assignee or assignees in whose name or names this Note or any such portion or portions hereof is or are to be registered. The form of Assignment printed or endorsed on this Note may be executed by the Registered Owner to evidence the assignment hereof, but such method is not exclusive, and other instruments of assignment satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar may be used to evidence the assignment of this Note or any portion or portions hereof from time to time by the Registered Owner. The Paying Agent/Registrar's reasonable standard or customary fees and charges for transferring and exchanging any Note or portion thereof shall be paid by the City, but any taxes or governmental charges required to be paid with respect thereto shall be paid by the one requesting such assignment, transfer or exchange as a condition precedent to the exercise of such privilege. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to make any such transfer or exchange during the period commencing with the close of business on any Record Date and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date.

WHENEVER THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP of this Note is determined by a book entry at a securities depository for the Notes, the foregoing requirements of holding, delivering or transferring this Note shall be modified to require the appropriate person or entity to meet the requirements of the securities depository as to registering or transferring the book entry to produce the same effect.

IN THE EVENT any Paying Agent/Registrar for the Notes is changed by the City, resigns, or otherwise ceases to act as such, the City has covenanted in the Ordinance that it promptly will appoint a competent and legally qualified substitute therefor, and cause written notice thereof to be mailed to the Registered Owners of the Notes.

IT IS HEREBY certified, recited, and covenanted that this Note has been duly and validly authorized, issued, and delivered; that all acts, conditions, and things required or proper to be performed, exist, and be done precedent to or in the authorization, issuance, and delivery of this Note have been performed, existed, and been done in accordance with law; that this Note is a general obligation of the City, issued on the full faith and credit thereof; and that ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of this Note, as such interest comes due, and as such principal matures, have been levied and ordered to be levied against all taxable property in the City, and have been pledged for such payment, within the limits prescribed by law.

THE CITY also has reserved the right to amend the Ordinance as provided therein, and under some (but not all) circumstances amendments thereto must be approved by the registered owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes.

BY BECOMING the Registered Owner of this Note, the Registered Owner thereby acknowledges all of the terms and provisions of the Ordinance, agrees to be bound by such terms and provisions, acknowledges that the Ordinance is duly recorded and available for inspection in the official minutes and records of the governing body of the City, and agrees that the terms and

provisions of this Note and the Ordinance constitute a contract between each Registered Owner hereof and the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused this Note to be signed with the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem of the City, and countersigned with the manual or facsimile signature of the City Secretary of the City, and the official seal of the City has been duly impressed, or placed in facsimile, on this Note.

Countersigned:

(facsimile signature)	(facsimile signature)
City Secretary, City of Rockport, Texas	Mayor [Pro-Tem], City of Rockport, Texas

(CITY SEAL)

FORM OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:

COMPTROLLER'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE: REGISTER NO. _____

I hereby certify that this Note has been examined, certified as to validity, and approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and that this Note has been registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

Witness my signature and seal this_____.

(COMPTROLLER'S SEAL)	_____ Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas

FORM OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE

(To be executed if this Note is not accompanied by an executed Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas)

It is hereby certified that this Note has been issued under the provisions of the Ordinance described in the text of this Note; and that this Note has been issued in exchange for a note or notes, or a portion of a note or notes of a series which originally was approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

Dated

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.
Paying Agent/Registrar

By Authorized Representative

FORM OF ASSIGNMENT:

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned Registered Owner of this Note, or duly authorized representative or attorney thereof, hereby sells, assigns and transfers this Note and all rights hereunder unto _____

_____
/_____/_____
(Assignee's Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number)

(Please print or typewrite Assignee's name and address, including zip code)

_____

and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____ attorney to transfer the registration of this Note on the Paying Agent/Registrar's Registration Books with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated:_____

Signature Guaranteed:

_____
NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange or a commercial bank or trust company.

_____
NOTICE: The signature above must correspond with the name of the Registered Owner as it appears upon the front of this Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

INITIAL NOTE INSERTIONS

The Initial Note shall be in the form set forth above except that:

(A) Immediately under the name of the Note, the headings "INTEREST RATE" and "MATURITY DATE" shall be completed with the words "As shown below" and "CUSIP NO. " shall be deleted.

(B) The first paragraph shall be deleted and the following shall be inserted:

"ON THE RESPECTIVE MATURITY DATES specified below, the ***CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS*** (the "***City***"), being a political subdivision and a home rule municipality of the State of Texas, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "***Registered Owner***"), the respective Principal Installments specified below, and to pay interest thereon (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months) from the date of initial delivery of this Note [as shown on the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar (defined below)] at the respective Interest Rates per annum specified below, payable on August 15, 2022, and semiannually on each February 15 and August 15 thereafter to the respective Maturity Dates specified below, or the date of redemption prior to maturity. The respective Maturity Dates, Principal Installments and Interest Rates for this Note are set forth in the following schedule:

MATURITY DATE (FEBRUARY 15)	PRINCIPAL INSTALLMENT ($)	INTEREST RATE (%)
20		
20		
20		

[Insert information from Sections 2 and 3 above]

(C) The Initial Note shall be numbered "T-1."

SECTION 6. INTEREST AND SINKING FUND; TAX LEVY; SECURITY INTEREST.

(a) Interest and Sinking Fund; Tax Levy. A special Interest and Sinking Fund for the Notes (the "***Interest and Sinking Fund***") is hereby created solely for the benefit of the Notes, and the Interest and Sinking Fund shall be established and maintained by the City at an official depository bank of the City. The Interest and Sinking Fund shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the City, and shall be used only for paying the interest on and principal of the Notes. All ad valorem taxes levied and collected for and on account of the Notes shall be deposited, as collected, to the credit of the Interest and Sinking Fund. During each year while any of the Notes or interest thereon are outstanding and unpaid, the City shall compute and

ascertain a rate and amount of ad valorem tax which will be sufficient to raise and produce the money required to pay the interest on the Notes as such interest comes due, and to provide and maintain a sinking fund adequate to pay the principal of its Notes as such principal matures (but never less than 2% of the original principal amount of the Notes as a sinking fund each year); and said tax shall be based on the latest approved tax rolls of the City, with full allowance being made for tax delinquencies and the cost of tax collection. Said rate and amount of ad valorem tax is hereby levied, and is hereby ordered to be levied, against all taxable property in the City for each year while any of the Notes or interest thereon are outstanding and unpaid; and said tax shall be assessed and collected each such year and deposited to the credit of the respective Interest and Sinking Fund. Said ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of the Notes, as such interest comes due and such principal matures, are hereby pledged for such payment, within the limit prescribed by law.

(b) Security Interest. Chapter 1208, Texas Government Code, applies to the issuance of the Notes and the pledge of the ad valorem taxes granted by the City under Section 6(a) of this Ordinance, and is therefore valid, effective, and perfected. If Texas law is amended at any time while the Notes are outstanding and unpaid such that the pledge of the ad valorem taxes granted by the City under Section 6(a) of this Ordinance is to be subject to the filing requirements of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code, then in order to preserve to the registered owners of the Notes the perfection of the security interest in said pledge, the City agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code, and enable a filing to perfect the security interest in said pledge to occur.

SECTION 7. CONSTRUCTION FUND. There is hereby created and established in the depository of the City, a fund to be called the *City of Rockport, Texas Tax Notes (Series 2022) Construction Fund* (herein called the "***Construction Fund***"). Proceeds from the sale and delivery of the Notes (other than proceeds representing accrued interest on the Notes, if any, and any premium on the Notes that is not used by the City to pay costs of issuance or costs related to the purpose for which the Notes have been issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 1201.042(d)(3) and (4), Texas Government Code, as amended, which shall be deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund) shall be deposited in the Construction Fund. Money in the Construction Fund shall be subject to disbursements by the City for payment of all costs incurred in carrying out the purpose for which the Notes are issued, including but not limited to costs for construction, engineering, architecture, financing, financial consultants and legal services related to the projects being financed with proceeds of the Notes and the issuance of the Notes. All funds remaining on deposit in the Construction Fund upon completion of the projects being financed with the proceeds from the Notes, if any, shall be transferred to the Interest and Sinking Fund.

SECTION 8. INVESTMENTS. Funds on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund and the Construction Fund shall be secured by the depository bank of the City in the manner and to the extent required by law to secure other public funds of the City and may be invested from time to time in any investment authorized by applicable law, including but not limited to the Public Funds Investment Act (Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code), and the City's investment policy adopted

in accordance with the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act; provided, however, that investments purchased for and held in the Interest and Sinking Fund shall have a final maturity no later than the next principal or interest payment date for which such funds are required, and investments purchased for and held in the Construction Fund shall have a final maturity of not later than the date the City reasonably expects the funds from such investments will be required to pay costs of the projects for which the Notes were issued. Income and profits from such investments shall be deposited in the respective Fund which holds such investments; however, any such income and profits from investments in the Construction Fund may be withdrawn by the City and deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund to pay all or a portion of the interest next coming due on the Notes. It is further provided, however, that any interest earnings on Note proceeds which are required to be rebated to the United States of America pursuant to Section 13 hereof in order to prevent the Notes from being arbitrage bonds shall be so rebated and not considered as interest earnings for the purposes of this Section.

SECTION 9. EMPOWERED. The City Manager and Finance Director are hereby ordered to do any and all things necessary to accomplish the transfer of monies to the Interest and Sinking Fund of this issue in ample time to pay such items of principal and interest.

SECTION 10. DEFEASANCE OF THE NOTES.

(a) Defeasance. Any Note and the interest thereon shall be deemed to be paid, retired and no longer outstanding (a "***Defeased Note***") within the meaning of this Ordinance, except to the extent provided in subsection (d) of this Section, when payment of the principal of such Note, plus interest thereon to the due date (whether such due date be by reason of maturity or otherwise) either (i) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof, or (ii) shall have been provided for on or before such due date by irrevocably depositing with or making available to the Paying Agent/Registrar in accordance with an escrow agreement or other instrument (the "***Future Escrow Agreement***") for such payment (1) lawful money of the United States of America sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) Defeasance Securities (defined below) that mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to provide for such payment, and when proper arrangements have been made by the City with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of its services until all Defeased Notes shall have become due and payable. Thereafter, the City will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of such Defeased Note, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of the escrow agent under such Future Escrow Agreement to receive payment when due on the Defeasance Securities. At such time as a Note shall be deemed to be a Defeased Note hereunder, as aforesaid, such Note and the interest thereon shall no longer be secured by, payable from, or entitled to the benefits of, the ad valorem taxes or revenues herein levied and pledged as provided in this Ordinance, and such principal and interest shall be payable solely from such money or Defeasance Securities. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, it is hereby provided that any determination not to redeem Defeased Notes that is made in conjunction with the payment arrangements specified in subsection (a)(i) or (ii) of this Section shall not be irrevocable, provided that: (1) in the proceedings providing for such payment arrangements, the City expressly reserves the right to call the Defeased Notes for redemption; (2) gives notice of the reservation of that right

to the owners of the Defeased Notes immediately following the making of the payment arrangements; and (3) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

(b) Investment of Funds in Defeasance Securities. Any moneys so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar may at the written direction of the City be invested in Defeasance Securities, maturing in the amounts and times as hereinbefore set forth, and all income from such Defeasance Securities received by the Paying Agent/Registrar that is not required for the payment of the Notes and interest thereon, with respect to which such money has been so deposited, shall be turned over to the City, or deposited as directed in writing by the City. Any Future Escrow Agreement pursuant to which the money and/or Defeasance Securities are held for the payment of Defeased Notes may contain provisions permitting the investment or reinvestment of such moneys in Defeasance Securities or the substitution of other Defeasance Securities upon the satisfaction of the requirements specified in subsection (a)(i) or (ii) of this Section. All income from such Defeasance Securities received by the Paying Agent/Registrar which is not required for the payment of the Defeased Notes, with respect to which such money has been so deposited, shall be remitted to the City or deposited as directed in writing by the City.

(c) Definition of Defeasance Securities. The term "***Defeasance Securities***" means (i) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date of the purchase thereof are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date on the date the governing body of the City adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the financial arrangements are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, and (iv) any other then authorized securities or obligations under applicable state law that may be used to defease obligations such as the Notes.

(d) Duties of Paying Agent/Registrar. Until all Defeased Notes shall have become due and payable, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall perform the services of Paying Agent/Registrar for such Defeased Notes the same as if they had not been defeased, and the City shall make proper arrangements to provide and pay for such services as required by this Ordinance.

(e) Selection of Notes to be Defeased. In the event that the City elects to defease less than all of the principal amount of Notes of a maturity, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select, or cause to be selected, such amount of Notes by such random method as it deems fair and appropriate.

SECTION 11. DAMAGED, MUTILATED, LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED NOTES.

(a) Replacement Notes. In the event any outstanding Note is damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cause to be printed, executed, and delivered,

a new Note of the same principal amount, maturity, and interest rate, as the damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Note, in replacement for such Note in the manner hereinafter provided.

(b) Application for Replacement Notes. Application for replacement of damaged, mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Notes shall be made by the registered owner thereof to the Paying Agent/Registrar. In every case of loss, theft, or destruction of a Note, the registered owner applying for a replacement Note shall furnish to the City and to the Paying Agent/Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless from any loss or damage with respect thereto. Also, in every case of loss, theft, or destruction of a Note, the registered owner shall furnish to the City and to the Paying Agent/Registrar evidence to their satisfaction of the loss, theft, or destruction of such Note, as the case may be. In every case of damage or mutilation of a Note, the registered owner shall surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation the Note so damaged or mutilated.

(c) No Default Occurred. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, in the event any such Note shall have matured, and no default has occurred which is then continuing in the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, or interest on the Note, the City may authorize the payment of the same (without surrender thereof except in the case of a damaged or mutilated Note) instead of issuing a replacement Note, provided security or indemnity is furnished as above provided in this Section.

(d) Charge for Issuing Replacement Notes. Prior to the issuance of any replacement note, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall charge the registered owner of such Note with all legal, printing, and other expenses in connection therewith. Every replacement note issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section by virtue of the fact that any Note is lost, stolen, or destroyed shall constitute a contractual obligation of the City whether or not the lost, stolen, or destroyed Note shall be found at any time, or be enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Ordinance equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes duly issued under this Ordinance.

(e) Authority for Issuing Replacement Notes. In accordance with Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, as amended, this Section of this Ordinance shall constitute authority for the issuance of any such replacement note without necessity of further action by the governing body of the City or any other body or person, and the duty of the replacement of such Notess is hereby authorized and imposed upon the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver such Notes in the form and manner and with the effect, as provided in Section 4(a) of this Ordinance for Notes issued in exchange for other Notes.

SECTION 12. CUSTODY, APPROVAL, AND REGISTRATION OF THE NOTES; BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION, BOND INSURANCE, AND CUSIP NUMBERS. The Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem of the City is hereby authorized to have control of the Notes initially issued and delivered hereunder and all necessary records and proceedings pertaining to the Notes pending their delivery and their investigation, examination, and approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and their registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas. Upon registration of the Notes said Comptroller of Public Accounts (or a deputy designated in writing to

act for said Comptroller) shall manually sign the Comptroller's Registration Certificate attached to such Notes, and the seal of said Comptroller shall be impressed, or placed in facsimile, on such Certificate. The approving legal opinion of the City's Bond Counsel (with an appropriate certificate pertaining thereto executed by facsimile signature of the City Secretary of the City), a statement regarding municipal bond insurance, if any, and the assigned CUSIP numbers may, at the option of the City, be printed on the Notes issued and delivered under this Ordinance, but neither shall have any legal effect, and shall be solely for the convenience and information of the registered owners of the Notes.

SECTION 13. COVENANTS REGARDING TAX-EXEMPTION OF INTEREST ON THE NOTES.

(a) Covenants. The City covenants to take any action necessary to assure, or refrain from any action which would adversely affect, the treatment of the Notes as obligations described in section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "***Code***"), the interest on which is not includable in the "gross income" of the holder for purposes of federal income taxation. In furtherance thereof, the City covenants as follows:

(1) to take any action to assure that no more than 10 percent of the proceeds of the Notes or the projects financed therewith (less amounts deposited to a reserve fund, if any) are used for any "private business use," as defined in section 141(b)(6) of the Code or, if more than 10 percent of the proceeds of the Notes or the projects financed therewith are so used, such amounts, whether or not received by the City, with respect to such private business use, do not, under the terms of this Ordinance or any underlying arrangement, directly or indirectly, secure or provide for the payment of more than 10 percent of the debt service on the Notes, in contravention of section 141(b)(2) of the Code;

(2) to take any action to assure that in the event that the "private business use" described in subsection (1) hereof exceeds 5 percent of the proceeds of the Notes or the projects financed therewith (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) then the amount in excess of 5 percent is used for a "private business use" which is "related" and not "disproportionate," within the meaning of section 141(b)(3) of the Code, to the governmental use;

(3) to take any action to assure that no amount which is greater than the lesser of $5,000,000, or 5 percent of the proceeds of the Notes (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) is directly or indirectly used to finance loans to persons, other than state or local governmental units, in contravention of section 141(c) of the Code;

(4) to refrain from taking any action which would otherwise result in the Notes being treated as "private activity bonds" within the meaning of section 141(b) of the Code;

(5) to refrain from taking any action that would result in the Notes being "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of section 149(b) of the Code;

(6) to refrain from using any portion of the proceeds of the Notes, directly or indirectly, to acquire or to replace funds which were used, directly or indirectly, to acquire investment property (as defined in section 148(b)(2) of the Code) which produces a materially higher yield over the term of the Notes, other than investment property acquired with --

(A) proceeds of the Notes invested for a reasonable temporary period of 90 days or less until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the Notes are issued,

(B) amounts invested in a bona fide debt service fund, within the meaning of section l.148-1(b) of the Treasury Regulations, and

(C) amounts deposited in any reasonably required reserve or replacement fund to the extent such amounts do not exceed 10 percent of the proceeds of the Notes;

(7) to otherwise restrict the use of the proceeds of the Notes or amounts treated as proceeds of the Notes, as may be necessary, so that the Notes do not otherwise contravene the requirements of section 148 of the Code (relating to arbitrage);

(8) to refrain from using the proceeds of the Notes or proceeds of any prior bonds to pay debt service on another issue more than 90 days after the date of issue of the Notes in contravention of the requirements of section 149(d) of the Code (relating to advance refundings); and

(9) to pay to the United States of America at least once during each five-year period (beginning on the date of delivery of the Notes) an amount that is at least equal to 90 percent of the "Excess Earnings," within the meaning of section 148(f) of the Code and to pay to the United States of America, not later than 60 days after the Notes have been paid in full, 100 percent of the amount then required to be paid as a result of Excess Earnings under section 148(f) of the Code.

(b) Rebate Fund. In order to facilitate compliance with the above covenant (9), a "***Rebate Fund***" is hereby established by the City for the sole benefit of the United States of America, and such fund shall not be subject to the claim of any other person, including without limitation the holders of the Notes. The Rebate Fund is established for the additional purpose of compliance with section 148 of the Code.

(c) Proceeds. The City understands that the term "proceeds" includes "disposition proceeds" as defined in the Treasury Regulations and, in the case of refunding bonds, transferred proceeds (if any) and proceeds of the refunded bonds expended prior to the date of issuance of the Notes. It is the understanding of the City that the covenants contained herein are intended to assure compliance with the Code and any regulations or rulings promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury pursuant thereto. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated

which modify or expand provisions of the Code, as applicable to the Notes, the City will not be required to comply with any covenant contained herein to the extent that such failure to comply, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Notes under section 103 of the Code. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which impose additional requirements which are applicable to the Notes, the City agrees to comply with the additional requirements to the extent necessary, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, to preserve the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Notes under section 103 of the Code. In furtherance of such intention, the City hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, the City Manager, and the Finance Director of the City to execute any documents, certificates or reports required by the Code and to make such elections, on behalf of the City, which may be permitted by the Code as are consistent with the purpose for the issuance of the Notes.

(d) Allocation of, and Limitation on, Expenditures for the Projects. The City covenants to account for the expenditure of sale proceeds and investment earnings to be used for the purposes described in Section 1 of this Ordinance (collectively referred to herein as the "***Projects***") on its books and records in accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The City recognizes that in order for the proceeds to be considered used for the reimbursement of costs, the proceeds must be allocated to expenditures within 18 months of the later of the date that (1) the expenditure is made, or (2) the Projects are completed; but in no event later than three years after the date on which the original expenditure is paid. The foregoing notwithstanding, the City recognizes that in order for proceeds to be expended under the Internal Revenue Code, the sale proceeds or investment earnings must be expended no more than 60 days after the earlier of (1) the fifth anniversary of the delivery of the Notes, or (2) the date the Notes are retired. The City agrees to obtain the advice of nationally-recognized bond counsel if such expenditure fails to comply with the foregoing to assure that such expenditure will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Notes. For purposes hereof, the City shall not be obligated to comply with this covenant if it obtains an opinion that such failure to comply will not adversely affect the excludability for federal income tax purposes from gross income of the interest.

(e) Disposition of Projects. The City covenants that the property constituting the Projects will not be sold or otherwise disposed in a transaction resulting in the receipt by the City of cash or other compensation, unless any action taken in connection with such disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Notes. For purpose of the foregoing, the City may rely on an opinion of nationally-recognized bond counsel that the action taken in connection with such sale or other disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Notes. For purposes of the foregoing, the portion of the property comprising personal property and disposed in the ordinary course shall not be treated as a transaction resulting in the receipt of cash or other compensation. For purposes hereof, the City shall not be obligated to comply with this covenant if it obtains an opinion that such failure to comply will not adversely affect the excludability for federal income tax purposes from gross income of the interest.

(f) Written Procedures. Unless superseded by another action of the City, to ensure compliance with the covenants contained herein regarding private business use, remedial actions, arbitrage and rebate, the City Council hereby adopts and establishes the instructions attached hereto as *Exhibit B* as the City's written procedures.

(g) Reimbursement. This Ordinance is intended to satisfy the official intent requirements set forth in section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

SECTION 14. CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING.

(a) Definitions. As used in this Section, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to such terms below:

"***EMMA***" means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system established and maintained by the MSRB.

"***Financial Obligation***" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

"***MSRB***" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"***Rule***" means SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time.

"***SEC***" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(b) Annual Reports. The City shall provide annually to the MSRB through EMMA financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in the final Official Statement authorized by this Ordinance being the information described in *Exhibit C* hereto. Any financial statements so to be provided shall be (1) prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in *Exhibit C* hereto, or such other accounting principles as the City may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and (2) audited, if the City commissions an audit of such statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within such period, then the City shall provide (1) unaudited financial statements for such fiscal year within such required time, and (2) audited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to the MSRB through EMMA when and if the audit report on such statements become available.

If the City changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB through EMMA of the date of the new fiscal year end prior to the next date by which the City otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data pursuant to this paragraph (b).

The financial information to be provided pursuant to this paragraph (b) may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document (including an official statement or other offering document, if it is available from the MSRB) that theretofore has been provided to the MSRB through EMMA or filed with the SEC.

(c) Event Notices.

The City shall file notice of the following events with respect to the Notes to the MSRB through EMMA in a timely manner and not more than 10 business days after occurrence of the event:

1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;

2. Non-payment related defaults, if material;

3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;

5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701–TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes;

7. Modifications to rights of the holders of the Notes;

8. Note calls, if material, and tender offers;

9. Defeasances;

10. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material;

11. Rating changes;

12. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the City.

13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the City, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

14. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee;

15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the City, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, any of which affect security holders, if material; and

16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For these purposes, (a) any event described in the immediately preceding paragraph 12 is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the City in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers of the City in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City, and (b) the City intends the words used in the immediately preceding paragraphs 15 and 16 and the definition of Financial Obligation in this Section to have the same meanings as when they are used in the Rule, as evidenced by SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

The City shall file notice with the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the City to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with subsection (b) of this Section by the time required by such subsection.

(d) Limitations, Disclaimers, and Amendments. The City shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Section for so long as, but only for so long as, the City remains an "obligated person" with respect to the Notes within the meaning of the Rule, except that the City in any event will give notice of any deposit made in accordance with Section 10 of this Ordinance that causes Notes no longer to be outstanding.

The provisions of this Section are for the sole benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Notes, and nothing in this Section, express or implied, shall give any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim hereunder to any other person. The City undertakes to provide only the financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices which it has expressly agreed to provide pursuant to this Section and does not hereby undertake to provide any other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of the City's financial results, condition, or prospects or hereby undertake to update any information provided in accordance with this Section or otherwise, except as expressly provided herein. The City does not make any representation or warranty concerning such information or its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Notes at any future date.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CITY BE LIABLE TO THE HOLDER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY NOTE OR ANY OTHER PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR DAMAGES RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY BREACH BY THE CITY, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR WITHOUT FAULT ON ITS PART, OF ANY COVENANT SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, BUT EVERY RIGHT AND REMEDY OF ANY SUCH PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH BREACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN ACTION FOR MANDAMUS OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

No default by the City in observing or performing its obligations under this Section shall comprise a breach of or default under this Ordinance for purposes of any other provision of this Ordinance.

Nothing in this Section is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive, or otherwise limit the duties of the City under federal and state securities laws.

The provisions of this Section may be amended by the City from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the City, but only if (1) the provisions of this Section, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Notes in the primary offering of the Notes in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule since such offering as well as such changed circumstances and (2) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provision of this Ordinance that authorizes such an amendment) of the outstanding Notes consent to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the City (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determined that such amendment will not materially impair the interest of the holders and beneficial owners of the Notes. The City may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provision of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Notes in the primary offering of the Notes. If the City so amends the provisions of this Section, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Section an explanation, in narrative form, of the reason for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided.

(e) Format, Identifying Information, and Incorporation by Reference. All financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices required by this Section to be provided to the MSRB shall be provided in an electronic format and be accompanied by identifying information prescribed by the MSRB.

Financial information and operating data to be provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document (including an official statement or other offering document) available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the SEC.

SECTION 15. SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE NOTES. The Notes are hereby initially sold and shall be delivered to **RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.**, as representative of a group of underwriters (collectively, the "***Underwriters***"), at a price of ***$***_____(which amount is equal to par, plus an original issue premium of ***$***_____, and less Underwriters' discount of ***$***_____), and no accrued interest, all pursuant to the terms and provisions of a Purchase Contract in substantially the form attached hereto as *Exhibit D* which the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem of the City are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, and which the City Secretary is hereby authorized to attest. In satisfaction of Section 1201.022(a)(3), Texas Government Code, and upon consultation with the City's Financial Advisor, the City Council hereby determines that the final terms of the Notes as set forth in this Ordinance are in the City's best interests. The City will deliver to the Underwriters an Initial Note in the aggregate principal amount of $_____ payable in principal installments on the dates and in the principal amounts shown in Section 2 hereof, and bearing interest at the rates for each respective maturity as shown in Section 3 hereof. The Initial Note shall be registered in the name of **RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

SECTION 16. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The City hereby approves the form and content of the Official Statement relating to the Notes and any addenda, supplement, or amendment thereto, and approves the distribution of the Official Statement in the reoffering of the Notes by the Underwriter in final form, with such changes therein or additions thereto as the officer executing the same may deem advisable, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by his execution thereof. The distribution and use of the Preliminary Official Statement for the Notes, dated February___, 2022, prior to the date hereof is hereby ratified and confirmed. The City Council finds and determines that the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement were and are "deemed final" as of each of their respective dates within the meaning, and for the purpose, of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated under authority granted by the Federal Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 17. AUTHORITY FOR OFFICERS TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AND APPROVE CHANGES. The Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Secretary, City Manager, Finance Director of the City shall be and they are hereby expressly authorized, empowered, and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and under the corporate seal and on behalf of the City all such instruments, whether or not herein mentioned, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, the Notes, the sale of the Notes, the Official Statement, and the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, and all actions related to the issuance of the Notes which have previously been taken by such officials are hereby ratified and approved. In addition, prior to the initial delivery of the Notes, the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Secretary, City Manager, Finance Director, City Attorney and Bond Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to approve any technical changes or correction to this Ordinance or to any of the instruments authorized and approved by this Ordinance necessary in order to (i) correct any ambiguity or mistake or properly or more completely document the transactions contemplated and approved by this Ordinance and as described in the Official Statement, (ii) obtain a rating from any of the national bond rating agencies or satisfy any requirements of the Insurer relating to the municipal bond insurance policy, if any, or (iii) obtain the approval of the Notes by the Attorney General's office. In case any officer whose signature shall appear on any Note shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such

Note, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery. The Finance Director of the City are further authorized to pay to the Attorney General of Texas prior to the delivery of the Notes, for the Attorney General's review of the transcript of proceedings related to the Notes, the amount required pursuant to Section 1202.004, Texas Government Code, as amended.

SECTION 18. ORDINANCE A CONTRACT; AMENDMENTS. This Ordinance shall constitute a contract with the Registered Owners of the Notes, binding on the City and its successors and assigns, and shall not be amended or repealed by the City as long as any Note remains outstanding except as permitted in this Section. The City may, without the consent of or notice to any Registered Owners, amend, change, or modify this Ordinance as may be required (i) by the provisions hereof, (ii) for the purpose of curing any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission herein, or (iii) in connection with any other change which is not to the prejudice of the Registered Owners. The City may, with the written consent of the Registered Owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding affected thereby, amend, change, modify, or rescind any provisions of this Ordinance; provided that without the consent of the Registered Owners affected, no such amendment, change, modification, or rescission shall (i) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon, (ii) give any preference to any Note over any other Note, (iii) extend any waiver of default to subsequent defaults, or (iv) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Notes required for consent to any such amendment, change, modification, or rescission. Whenever the City shall desire to make any amendment or addition to or rescission of this Ordinance requiring consent of the Registered Owners, the City shall cause notice of the amendment, addition, or rescission to be sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the Registered Owners at the respective addresses shown on the Registration Books. Whenever at any time within one year after the date of the giving of such notice, the City shall receive an instrument or instruments in writing executed by the Registered Owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding affected by any such amendment, addition, or rescission requiring the consent of the Registered Owners, which instrument or instruments shall refer to the proposed amendment, addition, or rescission described in such notice and shall specifically consent to and approve the adoption thereof in substantially the form of the copy thereof referred to in such notice, thereupon, but not otherwise, the City may adopt such amendment, addition, or rescission in substantially such form, except as herein provided. No Registered Owner may thereafter object to the adoption of such amendment, addition, or rescission, or to any of the provisions thereof, and such amendment, addition, or rescission shall be fully effective for all purposes.

SECTION 19. REMEDIES IN EVENT OF DEFAULT. In addition to all the rights and remedies provided by the laws of the State of Texas, it is specifically covenanted and agreed particularly that in the event the City (i) defaults in the payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, (ii) defaults in the deposits and credits required to be made to the Interest and Sinking Fund, or (iii) defaults in the observance or performance of any other of the covenants, conditions or obligations set forth in this Ordinance and the continuation thereof for 30 days after the City has received written notice of such defaults, the Holders of any of the Notes shall be entitled to seek a writ of mandamus issued by a court of proper jurisdiction compelling and requiring the

governing body of the City and other officers of the City to observe and perform any covenant, condition or obligation prescribed in this Ordinance.

No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The specific remedy herein provided shall be cumulative of all other existing remedies, and the specification of such remedy shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

SECTION 20. INTERESTED PARTIES. Nothing in this Ordinance expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give to, any person or entity, other than the City, the Underwriter and the registered owners of the Notes, any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Ordinance or any covenant, condition or stipulation hereof, and all covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Ordinance contained by and on behalf of the City shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Underwriter and the registered owners of the Notes.

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION TO PAY INTEREST. The City Council hereby finds that there are sufficient funds available to pay the interest on the Notes coming due on August 15, 2022, and hereby directs the Finance Director to transfer on or before such date available funds to the Interest and Sinking Fund in an amount sufficient to pay such interest coming due on such date.

SECTION 22. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The City hereby finds that the statements set forth in the recitals of this Ordinance are true and correct, and the City hereby incorporates such recitals as a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 23. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this governing body hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 24. EFFECTIVE DATE. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201.028, Texas Government Code, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption by the City Council.

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS AT A REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022, AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

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Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

(CITY SEAL)

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EXHIBIT A

FORM OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

THE PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT IS OMITTED AT THIS POINT AS IT APPEARS IN EXECUTED FORM ELSEWHERE IN THIS TRANSCRIPT.

EXHIBIT B

WRITTEN PROCEDURES RELATING TO CONTINUING COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TAX COVENANTS

A. Arbitrage. With respect to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the Notes, the City's Finance Director (the "***Responsible Person***") will:

(i) instruct the appropriate person or persons that the construction, renovation or acquisition of the facilities financed with the Notes must proceed with due diligence and that binding contracts for the expenditure of at least 5% of the proceeds of the Notes will be entered into within six (6) months of the date of delivery of the Notes (the "***Issue Date***");

(ii) monitor that at least 85% of the proceeds of the Notes to be used for the construction, renovation or acquisition of any facilities are expended within three (3) years of the Issue Date;

(iii) restrict the yield of the investments to the yield on the Notes after three (3) years of the Issue Date;

(iv) monitor all amounts deposited into a sinking fund or funds (e.g., the Interest and Sinking Fund), to assure that the maximum amount invested at a yield higher than the yield on the Notes does not exceed an amount equal to the debt service on the Notes in the succeeding 12 month period plus a carryover amount equal to one-twelfth of the principal and interest payable on the Notes for the immediately preceding 12-month period;

(v) ensure that no more than 50% of the proceeds of the Notes are invested in an investment with a guaranteed yield for four years or more;

(vi) maintain any official action of the City (such as a reimbursement resolution) stating its intent to reimburse with the proceeds of the Notes any amount expended prior to the Issue Date for the acquisition, renovation or construction of the facilities;

(vii) ensure that the applicable information return (e.g., IRS Form 8038-G, 8038-GC, or any successor forms) is timely filed with the IRS; and

(viii) assure that, unless excepted from rebate and yield restriction under section 148(f) of the Code, excess investment earnings are computed and paid to the U.S. government at such time and in such manner as directed by the IRS (A) at least every 5 years after the Issue Date and (B) within 30 days after the date the Notes are retired.

B. Private Business Use. With respect to the use of the facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Notes the Responsible Person will:

(i) monitor the date on which the facilities are substantially complete and available to be used for the purpose intended;

(ii) monitor whether, at any time the Notes are outstanding, any person, other than the City, the employees of the City, the agents of the City or members of the general public has any contractual right (such as a lease, purchase, management or other service agreement) with respect to any portion of the facilities;

(iii) monitor whether, at any time the Notes are outstanding, any person, other than the City, the employees of the City, the agents of the City or members of the general public has a right to use the output of the facilities (e.g., water, gas, electricity);

(iv) monitor whether, at any time the Notes are outstanding, any person, other than the City, the employees of the City, the agents of the City or members of the general public has a right to use the facilities to conduct or to direct the conduct of research;

(v) determine whether, at any time the Notes are outstanding, any person, other than the City, has a naming right for the facilities or any other contractual right granting an intangible benefit;

(vi) determine whether, at any time the Notes are outstanding, the facilities are sold or otherwise disposed of; and

(vii) take such action as is necessary to remediate any failure to maintain compliance with the covenants contained in the Ordinance related to the public use of the facilities.

C. Record Retention. The Responsible Person will maintain or cause to be maintained all records relating to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the Notes and the use of the facilities financed or refinanced thereby for a period ending three (3) years after the complete extinguishment of the Notes. If any portion of the Notes is refunded with the proceeds of another series of tax-exempt obligations, such records shall be maintained until the three (3) years after the refunding obligations are completely extinguished. Such records can be maintained in paper or electronic format.

D. Responsible Person. The Responsible Person shall receive appropriate training regarding the City's accounting system, contract intake system, facilities management and other systems necessary to track the investment and expenditure of the proceeds and the use of the facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Notes. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Responsible Person is authorized and instructed to retain such experienced advisors and agents as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of these instructions.

EXHIBIT C

DESCRIPTION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following information is referred to in Section 14 of this Ordinance.

Annual Financial Statements and Operating Data

The financial information and operating data with respect to the City to be provided annually in accordance with such Section are as specified (and included in the Appendix or under the headings of the Official Statement referred to) below:

1. The annual audited financial statements of the City or the unaudited financial statements of the City in the event audited financial statements are not completed within twelve months after the end of any fiscal year.

2. Within twelve months after the end of each fiscal year, all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in Appendix A of the Official Statement under Tables 1 through 6 and 8 through 19 thereof.

Accounting Principles

The accounting principles referred to in such Section are the accounting principles described in the notes to the financial statements referred to in paragraph 1 above.

EXHIBIT D

FORM OF PURCHASE CONTRACT

THE PURCHASE CONTRACT IS OMITTED AT THIS POINT
AS IT APPEARS IN EXECUTED FORM ELSEWHERE IN THIS TRANSCRIPT.