



# New "greenprinting" planning tool for Central Texas just released

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## About the Central Texas Greenprint for Growth

The Central Texas Greenprint for Growth (the "Greenprint") is a tool for balancing sustainable conservation goals with the infrastructure needs of our rapidly urbanizing region. Expanding on the Travis County Greenprint completed during the fall of 2006, Envision Central Texas, the Capital Area Council of Governments and the Trust for Public Land worked with stakeholders in Bastrop, Caldwell and Hays Counties to develop the Central Texas Greenprint. The process was conducted between the spring of 2008 and the summer of 2009, with hundreds of stakeholders providing input about their conservation goals and priorities. Utilizing the Trust for Public Land's unique Geographic Information Systems mapping and modeling technology, the process produced graphic illustrations highlighting opportunity areas for conservation that meet multiple goals. The Greenprint is a powerful tool that helps local governments and communities make informed decisions about land conservation priorities, as well as development and infrastructure strategies.

## Final Central Texas Greenprint for Growth Report Available Now!

The Central Texas Greenprint for Growth final report has just been released and is available online now at [www.envisioncentraltexas.org](http://www.envisioncentraltexas.org).

After the final round of County Stakeholder input meetings this past summer, staff members from the Trust for Public Land, the Capital Area Council of Governments and Envision Central Texas worked on pulling all the pieces together into a richly illustrated, nearly 50-page report. The report explains the Greenprint process and provides detailed maps and information on the six conservation goals, as well as overall regional opportunities. The report then highlights local implementation strategies developed by the County Stakeholder Groups, as well as conservation funding options. Also included in the report is detailed information about each county and a Level of Service analysis comparing parkland in Central Texas counties to similar counties in other areas.

You can [click here](#) to download a PDF of the final report (10.15 MB).



## County-Specific Greenprint Brochures

In addition to the Central Texas Greenprint for Growth report, attractive and information-rich, 12-page brochures have been developed for Bastrop, Caldwell and Hays Counties.

These county-specific brochures offer a more detailed look at the particular conservation priorities and opportunities at a county level. Each provides maps and information related to the six conservation goals identified by County Stakeholders, as well as the opportunity map for that county. The opportunity map highlights areas of the landscape where multiple goals overlap. Download a PDF file of the report by clicking on the links below:

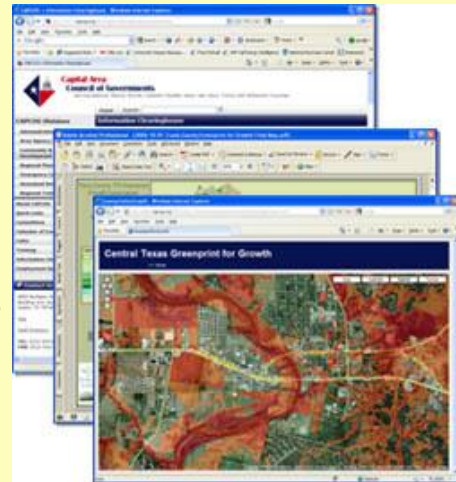
- [Bastrop Greenprint Brochure](#) (4.23 MB)
- [Caldwell Greenprint Brochure](#) (4.46 MB)
- [Hays Greenprint Brochure](#) (4.88 MB)



## Maps and Data Available on CAPCOG Information Clearinghouse

A tremendous amount of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data has been used in the development of the Central Texas Greenprint for Growth. After County Stakeholder Groups identified their conservation goals (e.g. preserving water quality, creating recreational opportunities, etc.), corresponding GIS data was used to convert those goals to mappable layers (e.g. aquifers, floodplains, soil types, etc.). Once these data layers were "weighted" ([click here](#) to view the Criteria Matrix) and prioritized by Stakeholders, the Greenprint modeling system produced color-coded composite maps that identify where communities can most efficiently and effectively direct resources to meet their conservation goals.

You can access the Central Texas Greenprint for Growth opportunity map and data at the Capital Area Council of Governments Information Clearinghouse [website](#). You can also view the map using CAPCOG's [interactive viewer](#).



## Next Steps

The Central Texas Greenprint for Growth presents a unique opportunity to identify the attributes of our region that make it so extraordinary, to map these characteristics, to prioritize strategies for their protection, and to identify areas where future growth should best occur. It's about preserving our natural identity while satisfying the water, transportation, housing, schooling, and other needs of a growing population.

Among other things, the final report and map can be used to identify:

- Infrastructure corridors which support growth while minimizing the impact on our conservation priorities;
- New parks and recreational facilities that satisfy the needs of the growing population;



- Concentrations of farm and ranch lands; and,
- A greenprint for sustainable growth that preserves our region's unique identity.

Members of the Greenprint project team will be conducting presentations around the region, as well as meeting with representatives from municipalities, counties and other planning agencies to show them how they can benefit from the use of this proactive and state-of-the-art tool.

We want to thank everyone who participated in the process and helped shape this valuable resource for our region. We also want to thank the organizations listed below, whose generous support made this effort possible.

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