DENTON COUNTY GREENBELT PLAN

Upper Trinity Regional Water District

- Created in 1989
- Provides regional water & wastewater services
- Serves Denton & portions of Collin Counties
Our Waterways

- Thousands of miles of streams and creeks
- Three major water supply reservoirs
- Hundreds of miles of hike/bike trails
Looking to the Future

- Over 1 million expected in Denton County by 2030
- Protection of natural assets important for future economic growth and quality of life
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Little Elm Creek Greenbelts...

- Protect water quality
- Lessen flooding impacts
- Enhance the quality of life
- Provide nature-based educational opportunities and experiences
- Preserve wildlife and aquatic habitat
Greenbelt Plan:

- Guide preservation of greenbelts and related natural areas
- Identify strategic areas for establishing greenbelt corridors
- Advocate a common vision for multi-use greenbelts
- Provide a toolbox of implementation strategies
Priority Streams and Watersheds

Factors Based On:
- Hydrology
- Ecology
- Land Use
- Cultural/Historical
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Greenbelt Inventory

- Riparian areas with sufficient tree canopy.
Protected Stream Corridors

- Ordinance
- Protected Land
- Setback
- Other

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Greenbelt Opportunities

- Primary
- Secondary
- Limited
Maps in Detail
Implementation Strategies

- Completely Voluntary - No Less Important
- For Municipal/County Leaders, Citizens, Developers, Landowners and others
- Implementation tools
- Education – Protection – Funding

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Education and Outreach

- Brochures
- Public Awareness Campaigns
- Ambassadors for Greenbelts
- Recognition Programs
- Others
Preservation/Protection Tools

- Development Standards
- Conservation Easements
- Alternative Development Ideas
- Green Infrastructure
- Trail Design Standards
- Mowing Regimes
- Private Landowner Resources
Funding and Acquisition Tools

- General Obligation Bonds
- Development Dedications
- State and Federal Grants
- Conservation Programs
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Donations

In fact, four-in-five city residents say they would support funding to acquire lands to protect water.

*Asked only in City of Fort Worth (N = 311)

As you may know, from time to time, the city issues general obligation bonds to fund a variety of needs. Would you favor or oppose a general obligation bond where the funds would be used to acquire lands to protect drinking water sources and water quality?
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

- Protects natural, riparian areas on the land
- Allows a property owner to continue to own & use the land
- Limits development rights to extent specified
- Runs with the land in perpetuity
Questions?

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