

**Economic Development Regional
Highlights and Events Newsletter**

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Key Services

- Comprehensive Planning
- Historic Preservation
- New Elected Officials Guide
- Grant Writing & Administration
- City Homepage Templates
- [Economic Development](#)
- [Transportation Planning](#)
- [GIS Mapping Services](#)

Upcoming Events

TEDC Fall Basic Economic Development Course

Oct. 27-30, 2020

Embassy Suites

600 Commerce St

Fort Worth, TX 76102

[Click Here!](#) To register.

Leadership Central Texas 2020 Kick Off

July 16, 2020 9:00am-4:00pm

Email Helen.owens@ctcog.org to apply.

Central Texas Highlights

Remediation success story: Gatesville tire site cleanup

Near the intersection of County Road 140 and Farm-to-Market 1783 sits the "Gatesville tire site." For 17 years, it served as a dumping ground for used and discarded tires. During that time, a staggering 268,000 tires accumulated on the 40-acre property.

TCEQ and GLO worked continuously with EPA to obtain approval and to have the tires from the Gatesville site, and others like it, classified as an alternative fuel source.

"This was a great collaborative effort on all parts to address a historical local problem, which in turn will ultimately help clean up other tire sites throughout the entire state," Van Soest said. "It really shows what we can do when we all work together for a common goal and the common good."

Did You Know?



Texas Target Communities Program is a service learning program and university-wide community engagement initiative of the College of Architecture, the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning and the Public Partnership & Outreach at Texas A&M University.

For over 25 years, faculty and students have been working alongside local governments and community stakeholders to create sustainable communities across Texas. [Click Here!](#) To see how the cities of Salado, Troy, Temple, Nolanville have utilized these services to improve their communities.



In partnership with the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council (WHORC), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently issued its Opportunity Zones Toolkit Volume 2, a guide for local leaders to use when developing and implementing economic development strategies to leverage their Opportunity Zone designations.

Industrial Revenue Bond Program

The State of Texas Industrial Revenue Bond Program (IRB) is designed to provide tax-exempt, or taxable financing, for eligible industrial or manufacturing projects as defined in the Development Corporation Act of 1979. The Act allows cities, counties, and conservation and reclamation districts to form non-profit industrial development corporations (IDCs) or authorities on their behalf. The purpose is to provide bond financing for projects within their jurisdictions. The IDC issues bonds to finance the capital costs for an industrial or manufacturing business. [Click Here!](#) For more information.