



The Rockwall County Strategic Plan 2050

Public Engagement Results Packet

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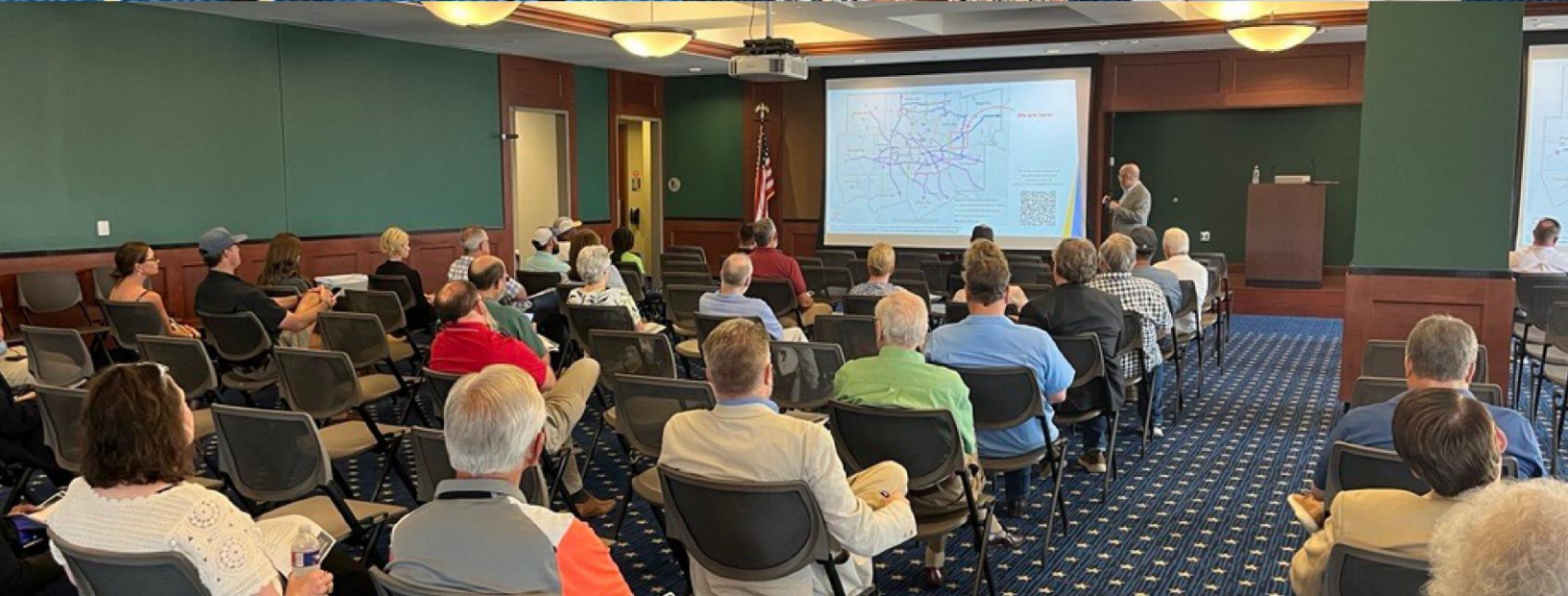
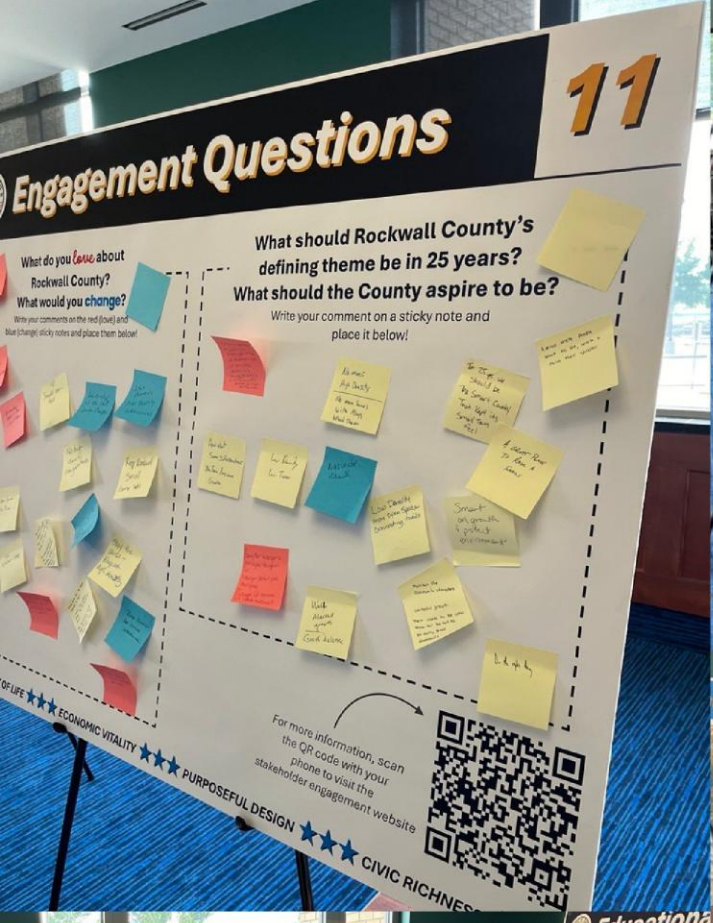
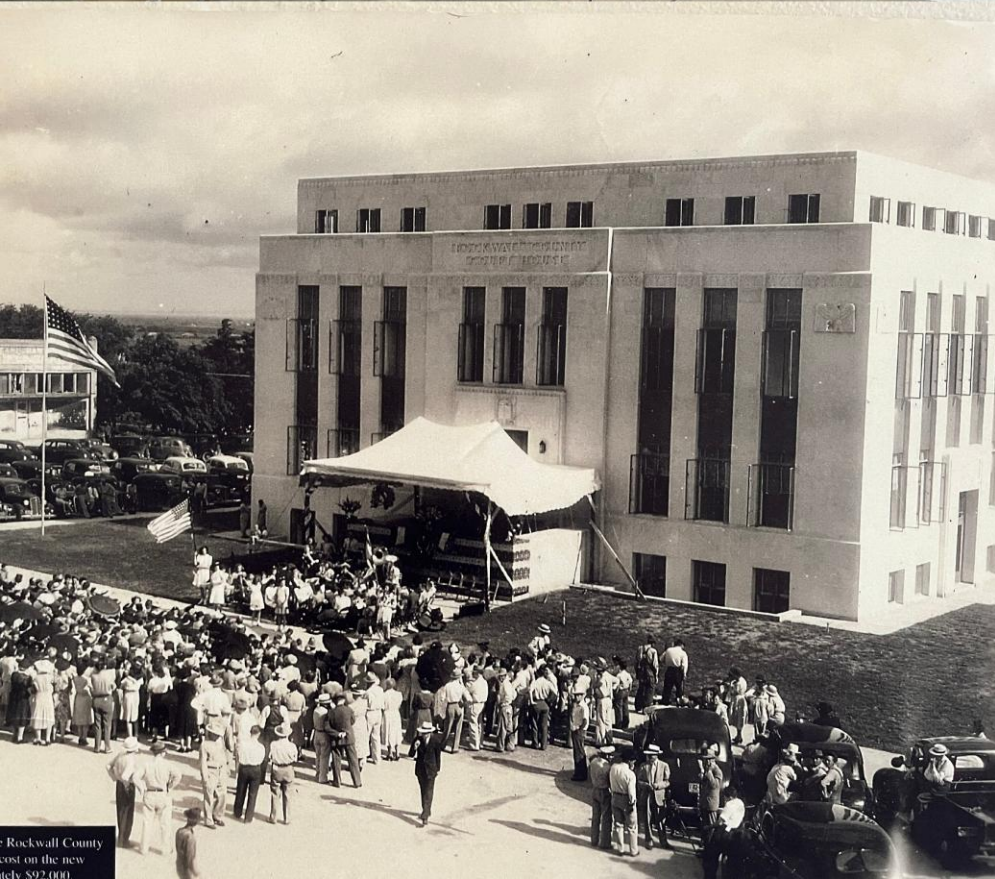


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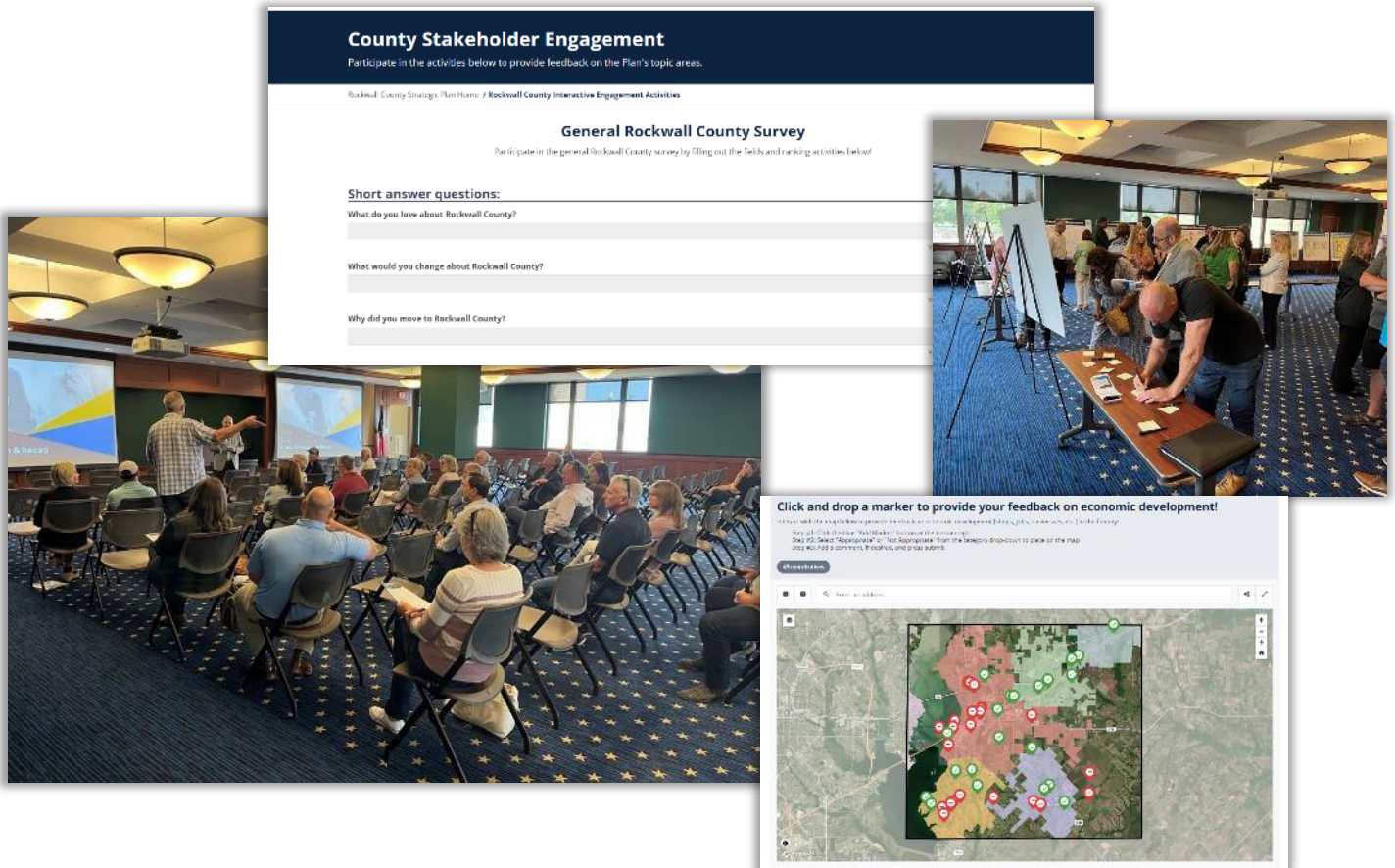
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About the Public Engagement Events

A series of in-person and online engagement events were held for the Rockwall County Strategic Plan 2050. The County hosted six in-person public forums from May 14, 2024 to June 27, 2024 at the Rockwall County Courthouse. Each public forum began with a brief presentation on the project and the discussion topic, then participants provided their comments on the interactive boards. Approximately 330 people attended the in-person public forums.

- May 14, 2024: Economic Development
- May 23, 2024: Regional & Community Design, Transportation & Mobility, and Housing & Infrastructure
- June 4, 2024: Environmental Factors & Sustainability, Land Use & Open Spaces, and Historical Preservation
- June 11, 2024: Education and Non-Profit Organizations
- June 20, 2024: Public Safety and Public Health
- June 27, 2024: Community Facilities & Services, and Leisure & Activity

An online alternative was made available between April 30, 2024 to July 3, 2024 at <https://www.rockwallcountytexas.com/strategicplan>. Approximately 550 people participated in the online engagement activities, contributing over 11,000 responses. This input packet documents the input received during both the in-person and online engagement events. (Note: Words that are italicized in brackets indicate handwriting that was unable to be transcribed)



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Summary of Engagement Questions and Activities

Topic & Question		In-Person Input	Virtual Input	Total
Section 1: Overall Engagement Questions (OEQ)				
OEQ.1.	What should Rockwall County's defining theme be in 25 years? What should the County aspire to be?	34	30	64
OEQ.2.	What do you love about Rockwall County?	45	539	584
OEQ.3.	What would you change about Rockwall County?	47	550	597
OEQ.4.	Why did you move to Rockwall County?	-	553	553
OEQ.5.	Overall cooperation between City, County, and State governments.	-	447	447
	Overall quality and connectivity of the transportation system	-	466	466
	Overall preservation of the County's natural environment	-	529	529
	Overall access to job opportunities within the County	-	349	349
	Overall access to housing within the County	-	352	352
	Overall quality of infrastructure (water, sewer, power, internet, etc.)	-	548	548
	Overall population growth management	-	537	537
OEQ.6.	Complete this sentence from your perspective: "In the year of 2050, I hope Rockwall County will be known for ..."	-	507	507
OEQ.7.	What do you think is Rockwall County's greatest asset moving forward?	-	475	475
OEQ.8.	I identify as a Rockwall County resident first and foremost when asked where I live.	-	477	477
	I am proud to say I live in Rockwall County.	-	497	497
	I think residential development in the County is orderly and desirable.	-	491	491
	I think commercial development in the County is orderly and desirable.	-	438	438
	Rockwall County positively impacts my quality of life.	-	427	427
	I think Rockwall County is well prepared for rapid growth in the DFW metroplex.	-	503	503
OEQ.9.	Where do you call home? (See Appendix: In-Person Board Scans)	118	-	118
Section 2: Economic Development (ED)				
ED.1.	What type of jobs or employment industries are desirable for Rockwall County residents?	10	35	45
ED.2.	As the County grows, what types of shops and entertainment would be most appropriate or needed?	22	42	64
ED.3.	What types of tourist destinations or attractions would you like to see develop in Rockwall County?	29	42	71
ED.4.	What types of economic challenges do you see in the County, new and old?	18	41	59
ED.5.	Dots identifying areas where respondents feel economic development is appropriate or not appropriate in Rockwall County.	40	15	55

Topic & Question		In-Person Input	Virtual Input	Total
	Dots with comments on areas where respondents feel economic development is appropriate or not appropriate in Rockwall County.	-	30	30
Section 3: Regional & Community Design (RCD)				
RCD.1.	What neighborhood amenities are important to you when new subdivisions and businesses are developed?	11	10	21
RCD.2.	How do you rate the relationship between the County and local municipal governments?	5	7	12
RCD.3.	How do you think the mix of land uses across Rockwall County should be balanced?	9	8	17
RCD.4.	What policies should Rockwall County adopt to maintain or improve the quality of life across the County?	8	9	17
RCD.5.	County planning processes and inviting community involvement	14	11	25
	Coordination between County, State, and regional leaders, including surrounding counties	14	8	22
	Coordination between the County and its cities	13	10	23
	The visual appearance of residential and nonresidential areas within the County	14	11	25
	Mobility and connectivity of roadways and trails across the County, including within its cities	14	10	24
	The County providing municipal-level services (water, sewer, police, etc.) in the unincorporated areas	12	12	24
RCD.6.	Dots identifying places in Rockwall County that are designed well and could serve as a template for future development.	29	2	31
	Dots with comments on places in Rockwall County that are designed well and could serve as a template for future development.	-	10	10
Section 4: Transportation & Mobility (TM)				
TM.1.	How do you currently get around the County? What method would you like to get around the County in the future (walk, bike, drive, transport, etc.)?	9	7	16
TM.2.	What is your impression of the Rockwall County Thoroughfare Plan and NCTCOG Mobility 2045 Plan?	9	6	15
TM.3.	How do you think the County should prioritize transportation and investments? Do you support bond initiatives that directly contribute to reducing traffic if it would raise taxes?	15	6	21
TM.4.	What type and mix transportation methods would you like to see in Rockwall County by 2025?	13	6	19
TM.5.	Place a dot to rate how satisfied you are with transportation and mobility in Rockwall County.	14	5	19
TM.6.	Dots identifying an existing or potential transportation concern.	53	4	57
	Dots with comments on an existing or potential transportation concern.	-	13	13

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Section 5: Housing & Infrastructure (HI)				
HI.1.	How do you believe the community should balance the need for new housing, while preserving historic areas or open spaces?	8	11	19
HI.2.	In general, do you prefer to live within walking distance of restaurants and businesses or prefer driving to those locations?	9	11	20
HI.3.	Detached single-family homes (Large/estate lots, 1+ acers)	19	11	30
	Detached single-family homes (Suburban lots, 0.5-1.0 acers)	18	10	28
	Attached single-family homes (Duplexes, townhomes)	17	10	27
	Small-scale multifamily buildings (4-10 units per building)	13	10	23
	Larger multifamily buildings (over 10 units per building)	16	10	26
	Multi-generational homes	17	9	26
	Senior and/or Assisted Living facilities	17	7	24
HI.4.	How would you define "Affordable Housing?" How available is affordable housing across the County? How should this be improved?	11	11	22
HI.5.	What are your greatest concerns on the impact of residential housing and infrastructure as more people move to the County?	13	11	24
HI.6.	Describe the housing image Rockwall County should project to those considering moving here.	9	11	20
HI.7.	Dots identifying areas that participants think future residential development should occur.	7	3	3
	Dots with comments on areas that participants think future residential development should occur.	-	1	1
Section 6: Environmental Factors & Sustainability (EFS)				
EFS.1.	As the County develops, what concerns do you have regarding environmental factors, conservation, or sustainability initiatives?	14	21	35
EFS.2.	Are you willing to support other reasonable bond initiatives designed to preserve and develop natural and cultural areas within our County?	7	22	29
EFS.3.	Water quality and availability	19	24	43
	Soil quality	18	22	40
	Air quality	17	23	40
	Night sky quality (reduction in light pollution)	19	20	39
	Preservation of open spaces	16	23	39
	Preservation of natural animal habitats	20	23	43
	Preservation of natural environmental or topography formations	18	23	41
	Preservation of natural waterways, lakes, creeks, and floodplains	17	22	39
EFS.4.	Given that the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) utilizes surface water from reservoirs to meet our water needs, is water conservation an issue you are concerned with?	16	21	37

Topic & Question		In-Person Input	Virtual Input	Total
EFS.5.	Dots identifying any natural areas that participants feel should be preserved or improved within the County.	42	14	56
	Dots with comments on any natural areas that participants feel should be preserved or improved within the County.	-	4	4
Section 7: Land Use & Open Spaces (LU)				
LU.1.	How often do you and your family utilize open spaces, including parks, across the County? What is your preferred family recreational activity?	12	12	24
LU.2.	What attributes of features make parks, trails, ball fields, and other open spaces attractive to you and your family? Why?	12	12	24
LU.3.	In one sentence, describe your vision for Rockwall County in 2050.	12	11	23
LU.4.	What is the best mix of land use, between residential, public space, and commercial activities, to sustain the quality of life you desire for your family?	7	11	18
LU.5.	How do you think the County and cities should balance the need to preserve open spaces, adding amenities while creating recreational opportunities with the rights of landowners?	8	10	18
LU.6.	New residential or commercial development within the County should be subject to more regulations and designed to create and preserve open spaces.	25	12	37
	Preserving our community's small-town charm is important to my family and me.	23	12	35
	New residential or commercial development within the County should be subject to fewer regulations.	24	12	36
	Rockwall County should have greater control over the residential and commercial developments in the unincorporated areas of the County.	24	11	35
	Any new development should always include dedicated open spaces that benefit all Rockwall County residents.	23	13	36
	Rockwall County should actively work to protect residents' overall quality of life when considering new development.	25	13	38
LU.7.	Should Rockwall County actively promote trails and recreational connectivity between residential development in the cities and the County?	17	13	30
LU.8.	Should there be a County-wide trail system that includes walking, biking, equestrian, and other types of trails?	18	13	31
LU.9.	Should Rockwall County use public funds to develop and maintain natural and open spaces, including a trail system?	18	13	31
LU.10.	Dots identifying participants favorite parks, trails, recreational athletic facilities, or other open spaces within Rockwall County.	24	16	40
	Dots with comments on participants' favorite parks, trails, recreational athletic facilities, or other open spaces within Rockwall County.	-	3	3

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Section 8: Historical Preservation (HP)				
HP.1.	Are there any places in the County that you feel are not rightfully recognized as historically significant? If so, where are they?	9	5	14
HP.2.	Do you support the County in creating a public park to allow access to view the County's namesake, the natural rock wall formation? Would you support a bond initiative?	13	7	20
HP.3.	What structures, sites, or buildings may become historically significant by 2050?	7	5	12
HP.4.	Do you believe the County adequately highlights the history of Rockwall County and engages the public in historic significance? Do you think the County should invest more effort in preserving historic sites? Why?	8	5	13
HP.5.	Ongoing maintenance and preservation	19	4	23
	Education through public events and commemorations	19	2	21
	Expansions and improvements to surrounding areas	18	4	22
	Relocation to more frequented and visible areas, when possible	14	2	16
HP.6.	Dots identifying areas within the County that are currently historically significant or will be by 2050 and should be preserved.	23	13	36
	Dots with comments on areas within the County that are currently historically significant or will be by 2050 and should be preserved.	-	5	5
Section 9: Education Components (EC)				
EC.1.	Beyond college extension programs currently available, what adult education opportunities should exist in Rockwall County?	9	4	13
EC.2.	When new housing developments are planned, do you feel the County adequately anticipates the impacts growth has on the education system? Why?	10	4	14
EC.3.	Do you believe the state adequately supports education? Why or why not?	20	5	25
EC.4.	What do you believe will be the primary characteristics of primary and secondary education (K-12) in 2050?	10	4	14
EC.5.	The drivability and walkability from your home to a public elementary school.	12	5	17
	The drivability and walkability from your home to a public middle school.	13	4	17
	The drivability and walkability from your home to a public high school.	13	3	16
	The quality of educational and extracurricular facilities (e.g., size, aesthetics, functionality)	12	4	16
	The availability of adult education and the ability to pursue an advanced degree.	14	3	17
EC.6.	Dots identifying places, other than public or private school locations, that highlight the ability to learn in Rockwall	21	4	25

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	County and areas that could be developed to improved learning.			
	Dots with comments on places, other than public or privates school locations, that highlight the ability to learn in Rockwall County and areas that could be developed to improved learning.	-	1	1
Section 10: Non-Profit Organizations (NPO)				
NPO.1.	What do you believe should be the primary role of the non-profit community in Rockwall County?	20	4	24
NPO.2.	Do you believe nonprofits are central to maintaining a civil society, are needed to support economic development, and establish social accountability?	20	4	24
NPO.3.	As the County grows, how do you believe the role non-profits should change (providing food security, shelter, safety, child protective service, etc.)?	16	4	20
NPO.4.	Do you believe the County government should play a greater or lesser role in the non-profit community? Do you have suggestions for improvement?	18	4	22
NPO.5.	Are there non-profit services not available today that you believe would bring value to the County?	18	4	22
NPO.6.	Dots identifying location of any non-profit that participants have used or are currently meeting the needs of Rockwall County residents or surrounding region.	31	0	31
	Dots with comments on location of any non-profits that participants have used or are currently meeting the needs of Rockwall County residents or surrounding region.	-	7	7
Section 11: Public Safety (PS)				
PS.1.	What is your primary public safety concern? What keeps you up at night concerning public safety?	13	3	16
PS.2.	Does the County meet your informational needs concerning public safety? How can communication be improved?	10	3	16
PS.3.	Do you feel safe and secure when in public places across the County? If not, why?	6	2	8
PS.4.	The County recently invested in a common radio system to enable communication between all law enforcement and emergency services operating in the county. Do you believe there are other areas the County should be investing in to address County-wide matters?	7	3	10
PS.5.	Have you had any interaction with law enforcement or emergency services within the County over the past year? Was that experience positive or negative?	6	2	8
PS.6.	Cooperation between cities and the County is important to ensure public safety and emergency services.	9	3	12
	Law enforcement and emergency response times within Rockwall County satisfy my needs.	7	2	9
	Maintaining or improving the emergency response times for existing residents is important when considering new developments.	10	3	13

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	New development should be responsible for any startup costs associated with extending public safety and emergency services.	10	3	13
	Emergency services (fire, EMS, and ambulance) are excellent throughout Rockwall County.	8	3	11
PS.7.	Dots identifying areas that participants have public safety concerns.	14	0	14
	Dots with comments on areas that participants have public safety concerns.	-	2	2
Section 12: Public Health (PH)				
PH.1.	Do you and your family have access to the food, water, counseling, exercise, and other enablers required to sustain a healthy lifestyle? What are the primary inhibitors to you achieving a healthy lifestyle?	7	5	12
PH.2.	Do you believe you and your family have access to adequate healthcare support today? In the future, how do you expect your healthcare demands to change for you and your family?	7	5	12
PH.3.	As the County grows, what do you see as the greatest risk to public health and overall quality of life in Rockwall County?	9	6	15
PH.4.	What do you see as the greatest strength and greatest weakness in how public health services are currently delivered in Rockwall County? How should services be improved?	5	5	10
PH.5.	How do you think neighborhoods should be designed to promote healthier residents?	10	6	16
PH.6.	Emergency room services	9	6	15
	Family medicine/primary care	8	6	14
	Options between local specialized practitioners (e.g., dentists, optometrists, physicians)	8	5	13
	Assisted living services	8	5	13
	Out-patient hospital services	8	5	13
	Elective surgery centers	9	4	13
	Pharmacies	8	5	13
Section 13: Community Facilities & Services (CFS)				
CFS.1.	What is your opinion on the availability and quality of public and community facilities and services across the County (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, public safety, recreation, meeting centers, public gathering locations, commercial, etc.)? Are there any key services missing?	14	3	17
CFS.2.	Do existing County governmental services support the needs of you and your family? How?	4	3	7
CFS.3.	How can the access or quality of County customer services be improved?	3	3	6
CFS.4.	Are there any specific community facilities or services that you think the County should prioritize investing in to create, improve, or foster a greater sense of community?	11	4	15

Topic & Question		In-Person Input	Virtual Input	Total
CFS.5.	Should Rockwall County increase investment in arts and entertainment, including expanding cultural events?	5	3	8
CFS.6.	Dots identifying areas where County offices and services are working well or need improvement.	11	0	11
	Dots with comments on areas where County offices and services are working well or need improvement.	-	2	2
Section 14: Leisure & Activity (LA)				
LA.1.	What leisure pastimes or activities are missing in Rockwall County?	7	3	10
LA.2.	Do you see recreation and cultural arts activities as an integral part of the County's economic landscape? Why?	3	3	6
LA.3.	Would you support the County becoming a tourist destination? Why	6	3	9
LA.4.	Are there sufficient recreational and cultural arts activities to meet the needs of all ages? What type is missing?	5	2	7
LA.5.	Thinking about Rockwall County in 10 to 20 years, what opportunities do you see to enhance the quality or amount of leisure, activity-based events, and cultural arts opportunities within the County?	11	2	13
LA.6.	What examples or firsthand experiences from other communities related to leisure or activities do you think the County may benefit from?	10	3	13
LA.7.	Dots identifying areas within the County that participants use in their free time for leisure, outdoor activities, or cultural arts and entertainment.	24	0	24
	Dots with comments on areas within the County that participants use in their free time for leisure, outdoor activities, or cultural arts and entertainment.	-	0	0
Section 15: Comments on alternative boards and written cards				
See Section 15 for miscellaneous comments.		11	-	11
Total		1,989	9,896	11,885

Section 1: Overall Engagement Questions (OEQ)

OEQ.1. What should Rockwall County's defining theme be in 25 years? What should the County aspire to be?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	The open space "heart and soul" of DFW.
2.	Family first.
3.	No high density. Country feel.
4.	Maintain open spaces. No high density development.
5.	Family focused.
6.	A great family friendly place to live.
7.	Open space preservation.
8.	To be a "place."
9.	Rural with awesome cities/towns.
10.	Protect open spaces. Development should remain within cities. Density along major thoroughfares and near services.
11.	Aspire to continue to lead the state (and country) in management of natural resources ([see legibility note] water management/reuse through wetland use).
12.	No more high density. No more homes with alleys behind them.
13.	In 25 years, we should be the smart county that kept its small town feel.
14.	A place where people want to live, work & raise their children.
15.	A great place to raise family.
16.	How about some infrastructure before anymore growth.
17.	Low density low taxes.
18.	Low density, more open space connecting trails.
19.	Smart on growth & protect environment.
20.	County that encourages good neighbor atmosphere. Encourages positive youth development. Encourages life experience with natural environment.
21.	Well planned growth. Good balance.
22.	Maintain the community atmosphere. Controlled growth. There needs to be open areas for the rain to go during these downpours.
23.	Do the right thing.
24.	Welcoming to families.
25.	Livability should be our defining theme. Low density residential and high quality.
26.	City with highest quality of life.
27.	Keep the small town feel. Strong schools, strong community.
28.	Keep Rockwall awesome!
29.	Source of water.
30.	Country oasis retreat from the urban jungle of Dallas and other cities.
31.	A destination location! Tourism!
32.	Relaxed casual outdoor lifestyle with high quality new density residential [see legibility note].
33.	Family friendly, fit and active community.
34.	A rural retreat from Dallas.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Small town feel
2.	A county oasis and green heart of North Texas
3.	Never to be forgotten
4.	Keep the nature up front. We like the trees and parks and lake!
5.	Connection
6.	A community for families
7.	Maintain the small town attributes and not become another city
8.	Self-preservation & isolation
9.	Family friendly, safe and good schools, more activities, parks etc
10.	Safe and diverse.
11.	Rockwall County is a healthy, safe and vibrant community where all have the opportunity to thrive and the environment is protected for future generations.
12.	An urban oasis that offers a family friendly, safe environment away from the urban realities of Dallas and Colin Country
13.	To manage sustainable growth and enhance quality of life by preserving our natural resources, including tree canopies, watersheds, creeks, natural green spaces, topography, Texas native plants and wildlife, air and water quality
14.	Place where nature and people coexist to preserve nature
15.	We should be a community that values open spaces. Each land purchase should require a portion to be left natural. We should have an active educational format to help our HOA's to learn benefits of native plants, using the rich soil we already possess
16.	Keep it simple and keep it fresh. Family friendly and conservative values.
17.	We should be a community that values open spaces. Each land purchase should require a portion to be left natural. We should have an active educational format to help our HOA's to learn benefits of native plants, using the rich soil we already possess
18.	A thriving community committed to environmental preservation
19.	Conserving land for butterflies and birds
20.	Not over populated!!!
21.	The Eastern destination. To the North there is Legacy West. Rockwall needs to equivalent draw.
22.	The County should aspire to support and collaborate with the Cities in the county. It should provide county-wide services that the cities do not, like courts and detention centers, essentially justice.
23.	Commitment to continuing to be a wholesome community for families.
24.	Small town, NOT DALLAS
25.	A transformational governmental concept that looks to regional solutions to eliminate the need for each city and the county to have duplicated services
26.	To the degree possible, maintain its hometown feel with community cohesiveness and cooperation in a conservative, open space suburb.
27.	A county with a perfect balance of residential living and commercial businesses where quality of life is high.
28.	We welcome everyone
29.	A place where folks can get away from the urban sprawl of the DFW, where people can relax and enjoy traditional Texas

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
30.	Community and music

OEQ.2. What do you love about Rockwall County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Small town feel.
2.	Home town feeling.
3.	Pride in ownership most people have.
4.	"Keep it local."
5.	Loop around 130 to do almost anything need to take care of.
6.	Small town, friendly, neighborly.
7.	Small town.[see legibility note] neighbor. Safe/friendly. [see legibility note]
8.	Parks, bluebonnets, open space, farms! + farm animals! Small town feeling, nature wildlife, birds, queery's [see legibility note], evening [see legibility note] wildflowers.
9.	Small town feel, green space.
10.	Community engagement – public education.
11.	Pro-business, community-oriented.
12.	Positioning of Lake Ray Hubbard on I-30 – beautiful entrance to Rockwall.
13.	Music venues, harbor and San Jacinto Plaza.
14.	Small town feel. Public education system. Lake. Open spaces.
15.	Like the excellent library!
16.	Like the many butterfly gardens.
17.	Family oriented. Lower density residential. Ability to utilize open space.
18.	Family friendly.
19.	Love = open spaces. Outdoor activities. Farmers market.
20.	Love open spaces. Add trails for bike and running.
21.	Lakeside communities.
22.	Music festivals. Community events. Gathering spaces for outdoor events.
23.	Small town feel. Night skies. Quiet. Nature and ranches.
24.	The country quality of life. Slow and peaceful.
25.	♥ Small town feel.
26.	Open spaces. Low taxes.
27.	I like the community and atmosphere but traffic detracts from the small town feel. In Europe, everyone walks. Here we drive from store to store. Downtown Rockwall is nice because you can park and walk.
28.	Love open spaces, farms, and ranches, and wildlife.
29.	Love the people and playgrounds and parks.
30.	Community, caring, patriotic.
31.	Small town feel/lake.
32.	The lake. The history. The people.
33.	Individual involvement.
34.	The lake. Sense of community. Hlowntown. Community involvement.
35.	Schools. Housing prices. Small town feel.
36.	Family friendly. Small town feel. Lots of outdoor recreation activities.
37.	Love the small town feel even though we are growing.

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
38.	(a smiley face).
39.	The people, and the way each city has its own distinct “personality” and yet there is a cohesive overall “feel” as with individuals in the same family who demonstrate both unique and common characteristics.
40.	Love: Convenience of being able to move around town, city without having over populated.
41.	Open Space and small town look and feel.
42.	Open spaces. Lake Ray Hubbard. Concerts on the lake.
43.	Home town friendly.
44.	Friendly. Know your neighbors. Family oriented. Small town feel.
45.	Open space. Rockwall ISD. Lake activities. Family feel/small town feel.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	I like going into county offices and knowing the individuals working there because they are neighbors and friends. However, because of the cost of living in Rockwall the county doesn't keep up and the # of employees living in the county is shrinking.
2.	Small town feel (outside of Rockwall proper)
3.	That it isn't Dallas County. I've always like the more rural feel to it but that has definitely diminished considerably in the 24 years we've been here.
4.	The square, the farmers market, the community activities and events for families.
5.	Smaller rural feel with plenty of amenities. Good people.
6.	Open spaces
7.	Small community with both a thriving downtown as well as off-highway communities. Strong support of local businesses. Consistent and well planned community engagement activities. I feel SAFE in Rockwall.
8.	The people, schools, their felt if the community
9.	Small Town
10.	It was small 2015 I miss that
11.	A lot. Most important is home town feel and proximity to all Dallas has to offer.
12.	Water view
13.	Quiet- safe- clean-
14.	The feel of city life but as well as country life.
15.	The Quaintness of the community
16.	It still has a country town feel.
17.	Schools, shopping, restaurants, the harbor, the lake
18.	I love the community of Rockwall. There is a different vibe that exists in Rockwall versus North Dallas in particular.
19.	Having everything I need here. Community feel
20.	I LOVE the trees and the flowers.
21.	That it's small and away from Dallas!
22.	Low crime, family friendly
23.	Small town feel, active community, shared values
24.	That it is still slightly country. Love to see the (few) farms we have left.
25.	Location and quality of people

#	Virtual Comments
26.	Folks are friendly, families and faith matter, respect is still a value
27.	It's not Dallas County
28.	Used to like the smallish city atmosphere
29.	I see cows, goats, sheep and hay fields and still have nice neighborhoods.
30.	Small town feel
31.	Living on the lake.
32.	Small town feel
33.	Small town vibes, but close to shopping
34.	Small, big town
35.	Small town feel
36.	Respectful folks, crime is minimal, conservative values
37.	The lake and Buffalo Creek
38.	Still small town feel with amenities
39.	Small hometown feel. Wonderful community.
40.	The open/green spaces. the quaint 2 lanes roads that provide a small town atmosphere
41.	The "Giving Spirit". I've been here 40 years, and I still love it.
42.	Open Space
43.	The lake
44.	We love being close to the lake.
45.	I liked it when it was less crowded
46.	The variety in the topography (lake, country fields, hills and valleys) and the strong affiliation with conservative values and/or Republican politics
47.	Small town but growing a little too much.
48.	Historically a safe place.
49.	Personally, I really enjoy the education in Rockwall County. The tie between the two rivalling schools and the level of education students are receiving at Heath and Rockwall are beyond levels of many other schools in our area.
50.	Downtown rockwall, scenic views, lake access, clean
51.	Lots of smaller businesses
52.	The small town conservative feel on the outskirts of the large DFW metro
53.	Amenities
54.	Good schools, good county library, health care access
55.	I love the people, I love that there is pride in our community. We have a culture here and a pride in the county's history that gives a small town feel which I love.
56.	It's a great place to work and great school district.
57.	Open spaces, safety
58.	The Veteran centric community
59.	Community is safe , low crime. Schools, solid neighbor hoods with pride in ownership
60.	Safety, community, schools
61.	We moved to Rockwall for it's quaint small town vibe, lovely town square, and a lake to relax by.
62.	The people and the potential for continuing the small town feel.
63.	Most Republican county in Texas. Mostly conservative
64.	Community

#	Virtual Comments
65.	Small town
66.	Parks, downtown, small town feel
67.	Patriotic, conservative, family friendly community with green belts that help to preserve the suburban lifestyle instead of being a concrete jungle
68.	The environment
69.	Convenient to most things
70.	The school system and on the lake
71.	Neighborhoods, people,
72.	Hard to decide, to me, it has become chaos.
73.	Open lands
74.	The small town feeling without a lot of MDUs
75.	Medium size town with big city amenities
76.	not much anymore other than some people and friends
77.	Wide open spaces, undeveloped land. It helps us keep Temperatures lower.
78.	The natural spaces, the ranches, the historic downtown, and the farmers market.
79.	Nothing anymore. Too many people moving here. It sucks.
80.	It's a small town.
81.	The people
82.	Rural feeling with urban amenities
83.	I did love the small town feel but all the green spaces are being eaten up by new neighborhoods
84.	Lakeside communities, open spaces, upscale, The Harbor
85.	The people, lake, restaurants
86.	Good mix of city (restaurants/shopping), rural with open spaces,
87.	The small town feel with big town amenities
88.	Rural feel, but close to city. Lake, encouraged by more local shopping and restaurants.
89.	Rural feel
90.	Distance from Dallas
91.	Schools, ranches, open land on the outskirts of the city.
92.	Safe for the most part
93.	The small town feel and the people.
94.	The smaller hometown feel. It's remained a smaller town even with growth
95.	The community.
96.	Open spaces , safety, community, schools
97.	Small community and county
98.	Like it being a small town.
99.	It feels more open, rural, and country then Dallas/Collin county.
100.	The trees, hills and small town feel!
101.	Country Charm
102.	The small town city yet country feel
103.	Smaller community

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
104.	I love the small town feel even though it's grown so much since I started living here in 1983. I love the park areas and the square with the unique restaurants and the live music. I love that Rockwall overall is conservative.
105.	It's family oriented and not another Dallas
106.	School district
107.	The nice conservative, family feel it has.
108.	The lake, the older trees, good mix of businesses, hospitality, my family is here and I met my husband here decades ago.
109.	It's home
110.	The small town feel in a growing community. The fact that the County cares enough to set this plan in motion shows they want healthy growth to maintain that small town feel!
111.	The people and prevalence of nonprofits serving the community
112.	Hometown feel!
113.	Small hometown feel
114.	Not overbuilt or overcrowded
115.	The community, downtown & harbor restaurants & music! It's on the lake.
116.	Small town feel, all the benefits of a big city without the big city, community, Live Work and Play
117.	Small town atmosphere and pretty nice people
118.	Peaceful retreat
119.	The green grass that is left along with the pastures that made Rockwall County what it is today
120.	The open spaces. Not zero lots
121.	The small-town feel, sense of community, beauty
122.	The small town feel
123.	Space and the lake.
124.	Small town feel, big city conveniences.
125.	The people.
126.	The lake, walking trails, parks
127.	Lake, trees, hills, friendly people, safety, conservative values
128.	Everything
129.	We love that while our community is growing it still has a small town feel and people are very connected.
130.	Hometown feel, ISD reputation
131.	My friends, family and job.
132.	Location and feeling safe
133.	Small Towns with pride in communities. Public schools with charter and private options. Safety low crime!
134.	Everything is maintained and looks nice
135.	The people and that it's a nice place to live
136.	It's not Dallas!
137.	It's Rural/Urban atmosphere
138.	Quality of life and safe neighbourhoods. I like the community environment and low crime rates. Continue to stay tough on crimes.
139.	Small town feel with modern conveniences

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140.	Relatively uncrowded and much higher quality of living than our DFW neighbor to the west or some of our neighbors to the south.
141.	Parks, lake and green spaces. School district.
142.	Nestled next to the lake, great schools, and good mix of businesses, restaurants, and things to do. Great people, "had" a small town atmosphere years ago that we are unfortunately losing due to unconstrained growth.
143.	Friendly/polite people, low taxes/regulations, minimal need to leave the county on a weekly basis.
144.	The family friendly environment and the opportunity to maintain open spaces
145.	Small town feel, but enough shopping and things to do.
146.	Open space, larger lot sizes in some areas
147.	Small town feel with great amenities
148.	Area I live in has 1.5 acre lots so feel more open than other counties in the area.
149.	The small country environment
150.	Community neighborhoods, sense of school pride, low crime and safety
151.	The people
152.	The people. Affordable housing.
153.	The hometown feel
154.	Its history & its endurance
155.	All the towns in RWC has a small town feel but still close enough to Dallas for convenience. Conservative values.
156.	Small town feel, yet great amenities
157.	The small town/county feel, with proximity to the big city.
158.	Family oriented community
159.	Lived in Rockwall county for 37 years, live the lake, and nice neighborhoods. Downtown area and parks are important to me along with connected walking paths
160.	God fearing, nation loving, service based community
161.	Growing and good business opportunities but still feeling like a small town with small town values.
162.	Landscape, Atmosphere
163.	All the amenities I need are here
164.	Availability of services including shopping options when necessary. Love the current open spaces where it feels like real Texas (not congested Texas)
165.	Open spaces
166.	The people
167.	Open and friendly, and not another suburb of DFW. Let the lake be that barrier
168.	Easy access to amenities without being in a large city and a great church.
169.	I love the small town feel (but losing) pride we take in our land by keeping it clean and beautiful. There is a true sense of community. I love the separation from Dallas while also being close to the high end medical, shopping, and dining options.
170.	It was the SMALL COMMUNITY FEEL, great neighbors and small growth, with great schools. That is ALL GONE
171.	The lake and some of the homes. The ability to walk outside and not be scared.
172.	Lake Ray Hubbard

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
173.	Proximity to the lake, friendly people
174.	The atmosphere and overall feel of the community. It is well maintained and updated while still having that small town homey feel.
175.	Small town feel
176.	The large trees and small town feel
177.	It's still a small "town"
178.	Small town community
179.	The small town feel
180.	Rural feel (that is fading fast...), good schools, the lake "separating" us from Dallas city, community events, the harbor
181.	The schools
182.	Small town feel - mom and pop restaurants and shops, city of Rockwall events/parks
183.	I've lived here for 25 years
184.	That remains to be seen. I think that I like the bubble nature - but that feeling of safety has really diminished in the past few years.
185.	Convenience to Dallas
186.	The hometown feel.
187.	Lake access, small town feel
188.	Parks and events
189.	Location, lake and community spirit
190.	School, mature trees, city amenities
191.	Not much anything now
192.	Parks, green spaces, golf, the schools, places to hang out like the harbor and downtown rockwall and boutique shops
193.	Small town feel
194.	Rural feel, small town charm, local business, the square
195.	Mature trees, the lake, open spaces and smaller community
196.	The small community feel and lake
197.	Peaceful neighborhood. Green spaces. Feel like I am coming to a resort area
198.	I love the hometown feel of Rockwall. Neighbors willing to lend a helping hand. Schools that encourage community involvement.
199.	The beauty
200.	The people and the community.
201.	The sense of community and small town charm.
202.	The small town feel, the land (minimal that it is), the community
203.	I love the small town feel, and the open spaces.
204.	I love the school district and small town feel! We moved to Rockwall in 2018 because it felt more like a small town, not a suburb.
205.	Diversity and dining options
206.	The great public schools!
207.	Small town feel, the little land that is left
208.	Nothing
209.	The lake

#	Virtual Comments
210.	Small town feel
211.	Smallness
212.	The small town feel
213.	Access to shopping food and entertainment. Close to Dallas but not too close
214.	Laid back and everyone appreciates trees which is a change from most cities.
215.	That there is still some open space outside of city limits.
216.	Small close nit family feeling
217.	The wide-open Landscape, the big skies, and lake Ray Hubbard
218.	Still feels like it's "in the country". Good schools. Still a faith based community
219.	I love fewer alternatives as the unfettered growth has exasperated heavy traffic and crime.
220.	I "loved" small town feel. No longer
221.	The harbor district
222.	Country feel, conservative/Christian values, no light rail connection, potential for economic growth
223.	It's a conservative community with lots of economic potential if managed well
224.	It's smaller hometown feel
225.	Safe neighborhoods, small town feel, excellent library, non-chain restaurants
226.	Lake
227.	The people and all the green space
228.	A semi-country feel, while still being close to Dallas. Lake Ray Hubbard creates a buffer between us and Dallas which provides the demarcation and ability to feel separate.
229.	Small town feel and safe for my children
230.	Location
231.	Conservative, lake community
232.	Small town community
233.	Small town feels
234.	The caring people.
235.	The great sense of community
236.	The small town full with big city resources
237.	Small town feel
238.	The school District, location
239.	The small town feel but availability of things close to home
240.	The lake views
241.	Rural
242.	It's conveniently located-
243.	How small it is but it has everything we need
244.	The small town feel (although it is dwindling fast)
245.	There is still farmland
246.	The lake
247.	The downtown square & the schools
248.	Close knit community that offers a variety of atmosphere and activities.
249.	The people, the schools, the lake

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
250.	The people
251.	That it is family friendly and feels small.
252.	The lake
253.	Small town mentality
254.	The natural landscape of trees, waters, hills.
255.	Lake views
256.	Big city feel, the people.
257.	I like that there is NO public transportation. I like that there is no need to go to Dallas for stuff to do.
258.	The green space
259.	What I loved (past tense) was the small town feel
260.	Small town
261.	I love the small town feel
262.	I love the city, the small town feel that's still left, and I love the green space and "country" feel too!
263.	Great community to raise a family
264.	Location
265.	Clean. Safe. Prosperous.
266.	Neighborly community
267.	Lakeside communities, open spaces, upscale
268.	Small size, the nicest people and a good choice of restaurants relative to the population
269.	We love the lake, the people, our neighborhood and that it is mostly a conservative county.
270.	Diversity of communities, landscapes, lakes, shopping, restaurants, community events
271.	Small and local
272.	1 acre per HH, but that has decreased
273.	The quality of the school districts. The small town atmosphere with big town amenities. The kindness and character of most people.
274.	The small county type feel in the open spaces but also the needs of a big city provider.
275.	Great community spirit, close enough to Dallas for dining and entertainment, far enough from Dallas to avoid the crime and progressive politics.
276.	Preservation of rural and ag lands. Resistance to massive development.
277.	Honestly not much anymore.
278.	Small town feel, friendly people, good schools
279.	The adding of more schools to accommodate a growing student population.
280.	The small size of the county and the close proximity to a big city
281.	Downtown Rockwall square quaint area, small town feel
282.	Used to love the small community feel
283.	The rural parts
284.	Clean, friendly people, great food options, good school district, my neighbors
285.	That it's small and relatively low crime, and being next to the lake
286.	Our relatively small size in terms of area and population, low crime rate, and access to a plethora of local businesses, which usually eliminates the need to cross the bridge.
287.	The small town feel

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288.	Small town atmosphere but still close to Dallas
289.	Lakeside living and not a part of disd
290.	Safety and country feel while being in a twin with many amenities available
291.	The people and the country feel of open land
292.	Schools. Feels small. The local places.
293.	Small town feel and it's not generically suburban
294.	Small town feel, proximity to the lake, close to rural areas
295.	Low crime. Upper middle class
296.	Small town, rural and conservative
297.	Its not Dallas
298.	It's small town politics and community feel
299.	Location and people
300.	The lake
301.	Cleanliness, neighborhoods, farmer's market
302.	People
303.	Small town feel out in the county area
304.	I love how small Rockwall is, and the Rockwall County Library.
305.	I love the lake.
306.	Originally the mix of "country", lake life, and locally owned business
307.	family oriented, good schools, small town feel
308.	Generally low crime
309.	Great place to live and raise a family.
310.	Small town upbeat atmosphere
311.	We love the proximity to Dallas, the rural yet urban environment, and proximity to the lake.
312.	beautiful area, schools, clean, family friendly
313.	The rural hometown feel. However, its quickly becoming to dense and traffic is increasingly becoming more congested
314.	People
315.	Quality schools, low crime, sense of community
316.	Small community with a common goal, kind neighbors, clean, Involved community
317.	Friendly people
318.	Clean and safe county to like in
319.	The "smallness"
320.	Small shops, great restaurants, beautiful parks, and Lake Ray Hubbard.
321.	Small town feel with a modern twist.
322.	The beauty of being lakeside and rural feel
323.	Being on Lake Ray Hubbard
324.	Low crime
325.	family oriented
326.	Proximity to Dallas
327.	Quiet rural community
328.	Small town feel with lots of potential.

#	Virtual Comments
329.	I love that Rockwall is a safe community with lots of things for families to do. It has a great school system, and it's beautiful.
330.	Still has the small town feel even though the expansion is crazy
331.	The variety of restaurants available
332.	The Harbor
333.	It has the city area but you can be in a rural environment within a couple of miles. You are changing this for the worse.
334.	The rural atmosphere, large open space and live stock.
335.	Low crime, feels like a safe place to live, good restaurants, lake access
336.	Still has some small town feel. Good schools
337.	My friends live here
338.	The lake
339.	It is adjacent to a lake
340.	Love the small size and proximity to the lake as well as relative distance to Dallas.
341.	School district. Safety. Great neighborhoods
342.	Small town flavor
343.	Small city and rural atmosphere!
344.	Being near the lake, the old-town feel of the square, law & order philosophy
345.	It's close to Dallas without being trapped inside Dallas
346.	Small town feel
347.	Schools, shopping and entertainment
348.	Location
349.	Lake
350.	We love Rockwall County because it had a small town country feel, with a small town surrounded by a lake and farm land. Please do not change the feel of this community by adding more cement highways.
351.	Our proximity to the lake, downtown small town feel, friendliness, close shopping for essentials
352.	Quiet. Relaxed. Working environment.
353.	Location
354.	It is small
355.	Location
356.	Safety Good Citizens Fun Lake Good Food
357.	Safety and community
358.	beautiful lake; quiet; conservative; fairly good shopping
359.	Area recreation
360.	Small Community with limited growth and strict building guidelines that should be even more restrictive
361.	Close enough to Dallas, but far enough away from all the concrete.
362.	Small town feel
363.	Relatively simple government.
364.	Country feel, small town friendly
365.	Rush creek yc
366.	Small county, pretty conservative

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
367.	It's home
368.	Small town feel with most daily needs within reasonable distance
369.	Small(ish) town feel with the services and government competence of a larger, conservative community.
370.	Small town feel in an ever-growing community
371.	I love the small town feel, but its big enough to have large community events as well. The people are great, the parks are great, and the school system is amazing.
372.	Close to Dallas but not much safer community than the big city.
373.	It's conservative
374.	The people
375.	sense of community
376.	Small size, kind people
377.	Lake and People
378.	Small community
379.	Its size and people. Not having Dart in Rockwall.
380.	Mix of urban and rural character, large lake
381.	The country and small town feel
382.	Its uncluttered, unhurried, open feel. The thought of adding the Outer Loop is beyond distressing. Everything we love about Rockwall will be destroyed.
383.	The fact that it's quiet & it's proximity to the metroplex.
384.	It's quiet open ranges, ruralness and natiral scapes.
385.	Small
386.	Suburb of Dallas that still feels secluded but with just enough dining, entertainment, and shopping
387.	Open space- concert on Lake
388.	Planning for the future growth with a trails system!
389.	It's proximity to Dallas
390.	small town feel, big town ammenties
391.	Low crime, country feel, wildlife, feels like a vacation getaway, away from the hectic Dallas congestion and community.
392.	Passion for the county is diminishing. Moved here in 1999, the current growth is intolerable. Allowing Housing developments without proper infrastructure is disappointing
393.	The country feel but close to amenities and the ability to live on acreage where homes and freeways are not in my backyard.
394.	I love the lake and the smaller town feel. I also like that is conservative.
395.	The open space! Rural areas, farms, and agricultural land.
396.	Safety, community, entrepreneurship
397.	That we can live in a rural area on the outskirts of Dallas
398.	Family parks, the harbor, good restaurants , friendly people, who care about each other. Small town feel but nice activities.
399.	I love the small town feel and being close to family
400.	Development and the Lake

#	Virtual Comments
401.	Conservative. Less congested than Dallas. Higher average class of housing and residence types. I love that it feels safe to let my kids play outside with less supervision. We left Forney for this reason. I don't want RoCo to become like Forney
402.	Not much anymore
403.	Cheap houses compared to the rest of the country
404.	That it still has farmland
405.	The nature and walkability
406.	That is is safe.
407.	It is a safe place to live, shop and play. We have a great selection of restaurants, shops and services.
408.	The people, the compactness, the welcoming nature to get involve despite being new to area
409.	Places to shop
410.	The diversity of people and small and large businesses
411.	The festivals
412.	The community
413.	Great restaurants and shops, very beautiful
414.	Small town atmosphere, conservative values, open spaces/parks, friendly people, great schools, all of our wonderful churches, community events
415.	The city is big enough to fit all needs of citizens who live here and small enough to have a small town feeling.
416.	Being by the lake
417.	small town feel in a very growing county
418.	Community and location
419.	Community and access to great local businesses
420.	Small town charm, access to the lake and access to DFW
421.	I love the small(ish) town feel. I love the friendships I have in the area. The schools are top notch!
422.	The friendly people and old TX feel
423.	I love the small town feel but with the amenities (food/entertainment options, sports, excellent school district) that come with a larger town.
424.	Small town feel with very nice amenities. Good concentration on music (harbor and San Jacinto Plaza). Lots of free parking.
425.	People, restaurants, and the square
426.	It's my hometown- my family helped to settle this area and it is integral that SMART growth be accepted into the fold. Growth that actually benefits the COMMUNITY and NOT those who are making the decisions.
427.	Family oriented nature of the community & amenities
428.	Still feels like a small town, nice neighborhoods, community pride
429.	Schools, lake, close access to big city 'things' without being in it, open rural spaces (including cattle on my drive home).
430.	I love being outside of the city
431.	It's Safe. Crime is low and police and fire presence is high. Our county officials should always be in support of providing for the tax payers of this county.
432.	Small town feel but with large town amenities. Beautiful Lakeside location and friendly people.
433.	That's is still outside the chaos of the metroplex and occasionally feels like a small town

#	Virtual Comments
434.	Unique mix of rural and suburban neighborhoods, lake and natural spaces, several downtowns, and quick access to downtown Dallas via DART
435.	Small community feel with city conveniences
436.	It's not Mesquite (yet) or Wylie or Garland. It's home. Plus we aren't overloaded with apartments
437.	Schools, small and friendly
438.	The small town vibe
439.	The schools, the neatness and cleanliness of the streets and neighborhoods, the county library, downtown Rockwall, Lake Ray Hubbard, proximity to metroplex
440.	Location
441.	Smallness
442.	The sense of family.
443.	The small community feel, the lake
444.	Schools, Parks, Fun things to do like the Farmer's Market and events like that
445.	Resources
446.	The semi-rural feel that remains in of much of the county
447.	The elementary schools, my neighbors and all the events that are held.
448.	The less developed areas of RC and MC.
449.	We have nice parks.
450.	My family is here
451.	Small town feel, but great amenities
452.	Its semi-rural nature and open spaces
453.	The community of young families. The green spaces - parks, trails, trees.
454.	The rural feel and open spaces.
455.	The cows
456.	Started our journey in 1991. Got married at chandlers landing. Started our family here. Moved away for jobs twice and moved back twice. All our family is here. It has always been home. Hopefully we can stay if the loop doesn't push us away.
457.	People, schools
458.	The small town feel and proximity to everything we use (stores, restaurants, shops)
459.	Still has some of that 'small town' feel.
460.	Close to everything I need
461.	Well, it used to be small town feel
462.	I love Misty! I love how safe it feels for now.
463.	I LOVE MISTY. I love Fate and my home in Fate. I LOVE THE BIG us above the Lake. I like being retired out here and being able to just about have access to all my daily needs without crossing the bridges.
464.	"I love Misty", the family atmosphere, small community. Culture
465.	I love Misty. Rockwall's proximity to Dallas, but still has that small town, suburban country feel. Love driving into Fate/Rockwall and seeing the lake, love proximity to old main street dining and shops in towns, it is more conservative, low crime
466.	Hometown atmosphere
467.	I love the community feel. It is a great place to live and raise children because of the opportunities and school district.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
468.	It used to have the small town feeling.
469.	Lakeside
470.	Schools, community
471.	Small businesses
472.	Conservative values
473.	Small town living
474.	Nothing. Too many people from all over. It's lost its charm.
475.	Mix of rural and suburban.
476.	The lake
477.	Combination of rural and suburban elements
478.	Community
479.	Open space (what's left), trees, lakes, low crime rate
480.	The lake is amazing! The cities are great. The school are superior.
481.	Restaurants
482.	High income households
483.	Small town feel
484.	Separation from other nearby communities
485.	Loved the small town feel, but that's gone now
486.	The lake
487.	I used to love the small town environment
488.	The ISDs are good.
489.	That we are away from Dallas but close enough if we want to go
490.	Mixture of Suburb/Ranches, Community Events, LRH
491.	Closeness to metroplex
492.	Geography
493.	Everything!! Size, people, distinction of smallest county in TX, etc., traditional "square" for shopping and different events, education system. Far enough, yet close enough to a large city.
494.	I live out in the country on acreage, but it is a short drive to anything I could ever want to do.
495.	Walking paths
496.	Open space
497.	Small town feel
498.	Lake Ray Hubbard
499.	People
500.	I love that I feel safe - thankful for our police dept.
501.	I love the lake, the people, and the safety I feel out here
502.	Clean
503.	Open space
504.	Location, size. amenities
505.	Well it use to be the small friendly small town feel. Thats rapidly fading.
506.	The people, great schools, community spirit
507.	The rural atmosphere and the school district
508.	Small size relative to other counties and the green spaces.

#	Virtual Comments
509.	Easy access to interstate and central location to various counties. No public transit.
510.	Everything needed is close
511.	Proximity to Dallas but with a small town feel.
512.	Countryside where it still remains and used to live close was to downtown
513.	Natural beauty
514.	That I can go almost anywhere and run into someone I know. The small town feel is still there in community aspects.
515.	Small town, country feel, conservative town.
516.	The lake.
517.	Love the community of people; the freedom of speech and religion is taken seriously here; access to city life and farm life; small town feel - big town safety/medical access; frequent community events; family friendly atmosphere; Parks and Rec
518.	Rural and open spaces.
519.	Rockwall downtown, Lake Ray Hubbard
520.	Small town feel with modern day conveniences
521.	Small town feeling
522.	Church (community life), proximity to Dallas with distinct charm, downtown rockwall
523.	Small town culture that has kept things in check with what's going on in Dallas Co.
524.	The people.
525.	The people
526.	Small town vibe with big town amenities
527.	I love the small town feel. I love our downtown, our churches, and our police. I love that we are separated from DFW by the lake and that we don't have many apartments (yet). I love that we don't have public transportation, that it's safe and clean!
528.	The harbor, friendly people and the county seems to listen to the people who live here.
529.	Country feel
530.	Country feel. Wide open spaces, homes on large lots.
531.	The Lakeside community
532.	Still has open land available
533.	Not much anymore. It once had a feeling of community and little crime. I no longer feels like a safe place to live.
534.	Location - rural enough to feel countryish but developed enough to have everything you need
535.	Open spaces and large lots but quick access to shopping and dining
536.	Small, but big
537.	The hometown feel
538.	Relatively uncrowded and much higher quality of living than our DFW neighbor to the west or some of our neighbors to the south.
539.	The historic downtown area

OEQ.3. What would you change about Rockwall County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Rockwall emergency management is too small. That program should be much bigger.
2.	More green spaces.
3.	Small town mentality that keeps us stagnant.
4.	North-South mobility.
5.	Lower property taxes.
6.	Slow the population growth!
7.	Traffic.
8.	Better internal arterials (roadways).
9.	Complete 226 quickly.
10.	More tech companies versus warehousing/distribution.
11.	We need more butterfly gardens.
12.	Keep parring natural tree/plant life "wall" (10 ft?). BTW roads + new housing communities (makes driving more pleasant).
13.	More access to Lake Ray Hubbard Bank fishing and boat ramps.
14.	Change: 205 traffic is challenging as more residential transition to the County.
15.	Infrastructure before rooftops! Roads!
16.	Thoughtful business diversity.
17.	Infrastructure. Roads/water. Sewage.
18.	The country feel with city convenience.
19.	Limit high density housing in unincorporated areas.
20.	Fate downtown (Rockwall). The harbor change – less car dependent.
21.	More mixed use by major roads. More small multifamily. Better traffic control. Wider roads.
22.	Options for residents confined to high density.
23.	Too much development – too fast. Solar panels on roofs are eyesore. Traffic is horrendous. I work in Richardson and it now takes me 1.5 hours to go 20 miles. It used to take 45 minutes one year ago.
24.	Gathering space for county events such as livestock shows, rodeo, fairgrounds, larger gatherings.
25.	Relationship with the state must change.
26.	Stop planting high density subdivisions.
27.	No high density neighborhoods.
28.	Keep Rockwall small large lots.
29.	205 not the only N-S option. Add a parallel road E-W of 205.
30.	Stay the course – keep out high density.
31.	I was here for the power outage in 2021. & again was without power for 48 hours last week. The electric, gas, water rates go up, but the infrastructure crumbles.
32.	Better planning for critical infrastructure.
33.	The traffic.
34.	Crowded highways.
35.	Widen 205 to change traffic flow.
36.	Unification – bridging perceived gaps between people & services.
37.	Better traffic flow.

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
38.	MUDs. Over-development.
39.	Vastly improved road network.
40.	Change: the division between races. The lack of diversity represented w/z the county services.
41.	Stop cutting down the trees! Especially on 205 🙄
42.	Slow down development and be smarter about density and amenities.
43.	Lower density projections. Road/infrastructure.
44.	Purposeful growth to maintain small town feel.
45.	Outer loop.
46.	Increase trails & other outdoor opportunities.
47.	I agree with the postit notes above. Purposeful growth not about money but maintaining safe for family friendly space. [see legibility note]!

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	How the county pays its lower echelon. The county is great at paying the upper echelon, i.e.. commissioners make \$100,000 but the clerks, the ones in the trenches make \$31,000
2.	Traffic congestion around I-30
3.	Improve the roads and other infrastructure to accommodate the ridiculous amount of growth you've allowed.
4.	The number of homes being built and all the land going away, apartments, and better restaurants
5.	Plan for the future. More parks and healthy growth.
6.	Traffic/water
7.	I feel there are too many developments going up so less of a rural feeling. I understand more citizens equal more support for tax base so if I had to choose I'd ask for at least no more apartments. The ones on the Harbor ruined the view.
8.	Traffic!
9.	Growth! Losing its charm.
10.	The large amount of apartments and small homes. Water issues
11.	All lanes merging on to highway should have a red light green light system letting cars and trucks on one by one it helps with the flow of traffic better
12.	More east/west arterial streets and a large multipurpose event center (concerts, graduations, livestock shows, etc.
13.	Not enough water, with more building going on. Scary.
14.	More traffic enforcement - light blowers- too much development- not enough roads etc
15.	More stores are needed, more schools are needed, less homes being built before making sure streets are in good condition etc. More stores like a second Target and Walmart. More entertainment for the younger crowd.
16.	Better traffic flow
17.	Less traffic but i guess that's not possible!
18.	I would stop building homes
19.	The attitude of growth resistance. The inability to pay for infrastructure. Have developers participate in street infrastructure like Far north Dallas. Realize we are not a small town and need to plan for growth appropriately.
20.	Too much growth too fast

#	Virtual Comments
21.	Add more entertainment activities for families.
22.	Widening the roads and quit allowing builders to build homes without having the adequate infrastructure to support a larger population first.
23.	Too many cheaper houses going up and the traffic
24.	Improve roads, repair potholes, more neighborhood parks, more businesses that hire locally, better healthcare, public swimming pools in more neighborhoods (Stonebridge)
25.	Speed of growth: roads, zoning and lack of good planning
26.	No more housing developments until the county & state fix water and power shortages
27.	Slow growth a little to allow infrastructure to keep up
28.	Smarter growth that includes development of the infrastructure before adding hundreds and thousands of new home
29.	more roads, better water supply (I live in Heath)
30.	Less concrete, less apartments, less vertical buildings
31.	Water supply
32.	Too much development, water restrictions, crowded schools with massive drug and bullying problems
33.	Too much growth without the needed infrastructure
34.	Traffic!
35.	Traffic
36.	Traffic/roads
37.	Make roads/traffic patterns higher on the improvement list
38.	Massive qty of low quality "affordable" homes
39.	The new water company and please stop adding cramp house communities
40.	I'd have a Mall, Retail at the Harbor, Improved access to water in Heath, full liquor licensing.
41.	The traffic situation
42.	Stop high density housing projects.
43.	It is building up so fast and looking like every other overdeveloped county in NW Texas. It needs it's small town charm back
44.	The traffic. Why 18 wheelers going through downtown Rockwall.?????
45.	Growth and traffic issues; slow down the building
46.	Traffic and overpopulating the area
47.	The traffic.
48.	Slowing the development
49.	Less traffic and better infrastructure to handle the existing population (roads, utilities, etc.)
50.	Stop letting in car dealerships that end up providing less than quality service. Less chains, is there a way to support smaller businesses more?
51.	Stop the out of control building of large neighborhoods. We should focus on high quantity development. Too many people moving here too fast.
52.	I would change the availableness of activity. We have few overused parks, and an abundance of unhealthy food which only fuels the pandemic of obesity in America. Therefore I would change the setup of parks in Rockwall County.
53.	Infrastructure improvements, More schools and facilities for the growing number of small children and families
54.	Even more small businesses. Access to public transportation. More community events/initiatives

#	Virtual Comments
55.	Upgrade the roads before building more housing
56.	Traffic patterns
57.	Restrict 18 wheelers on 30, build a diversion from route around rockwall.
58.	Growth is being approved too quickly without adequate infrastructure. New commercial and residential developments need to be slowed until we can have the appropriate roads, water, and schools to service them.
59.	Way too many apartments and homes being built. It's difficult to get around.
60.	No more apartments! No STR! More single family neighborhoods with open spaces. Better community park and sports fields
61.	Poor planning with road, development, and expansion between the city and state levels.
62.	Get corporate home investors out!!! No rent only neighborhoods. No STR!!
63.	No apartments, no multi family housing. More open spaces and parks
64.	The traffic is unbelievably congested. It's truly like Dallas!
65.	We need more unique shopping on the square. If there is any way you can keep business offices off the square, it would be greatly appreciated.
66.	Vote the Rinos out.
67.	Traffic
68.	Growth
69.	I'd like to see quality amenities such as Central Market, P.F. Chiangs, Nordstrom Rack, and other popular businesses come here so I don't have to commute to Dallas. We have enough donut shops and nail salons.
70.	The traffic
71.	Leave the cedar tree forests alone. Too many aptmts. We're losing our beauty! We're turning into everything we wanted to get away from when we moved here yrs ago!!!
72.	Infrastructure shows a lack of vision and I've been a resident since 2007
73.	Roads/traffic & landscaping
74.	Rockwall County law enforcement agencies need to keep up with benefits as Collin and Dallas have now well surpassed our local public servants in pay and benefits.
75.	Community peace - civility and kindness projects.
76.	Widen 205
77.	More performing and visual arts venues
78.	More roads
79.	Stop the building!
80.	Less new population causing all kinds of problems - traffic, overcrowded schools
81.	Increasing diversity among residents...Adding in outdoor trails, parks, etc. there is nothing here.
82.	Stop the development!
83.	The shady builders making these giant ugly neighborhoods and cramming in houses side by side.
84.	Traffic, the people who are approving all of the new developments, the increased number of houses being built without adequate infrastructure
85.	The traffic
86.	Bridge traffic and traffic when 30 blocked
87.	Stop Building new neighborhoods and needing to widen roads to fit growth that wasn't wanted
88.	Create bypass roadways, preserve open spaces, no section 8, no high density

#	Virtual Comments
89.	Traffic
90.	Stop building on every square inch. Start planning better, most planning appears reactive instead of proactive.
91.	Mass transit to other areas of DFW. The bridge and routes around the lake are too congested.
92.	More green space, pocket prairies, encourage walking and biking. More public lake access, Less traffic congestion. The I-30 highway is dangerous especially near Royse City where speeding and careless driving cause accidents nearly everyday.
93.	Widen all the roads.
94.	Na
95.	Create more opens spaces now that land is being sold and developed.
96.	Leadership, infrastructure
97.	State Highway 205 needs to be widened from the north county line to the south county line.
98.	Stop building homes so we can keep fields!
99.	Upgrade streets and water lines in the older parts of Royse City.
100.	Stop building apartments! More parks like Harry Meyers's, controlled growth
101.	Too congested with housing and apts. Miss small community. Too much traffic.
102.	Traffic and all the building.
103.	Prioritize lake access. There is significant opportunity to better utilize the lake (Look to Little Elm lakefront for inspiration)
104.	Traffic and accessible roads. There is a wreck on every road at any given time and not many ways around it.
105.	Not build until Roads can handle the traffic
106.	Put a moratorium on building for 10 years
107.	Traffic
108.	I wish we would stop building so many apartment complexes and houses when we don't have the construction completed to accommodate that many people.
109.	If new housing is going up make sure it's not overrun by apartments and low income housing. Keep the landowners to actual families and not corporations. Let's keep the higher income families in Rockwall
110.	The expansion of the roads should have started years ago or allowing so many houses should stop.
111.	Stop the residential growth and work on infrastructure instead.
112.	Relocate Lakepointe Church, the traffic nightmare. No more strip malls, just thoughtful retail spaces that prioritize people over cars. Put a moratorium on new residential developments, overpopulations has negatively affected quality of life here.
113.	Remove about 25,000 people
114.	Infrastructure... we need to make sure our infrastructure is in place so that it doesn't take one hour to cross our county.
115.	Have more arts - more classical music- a concert hall or civic center
116.	Less people moving here, better traffic flow
117.	Traffic
118.	Political strong arm mentality
119.	It's too crowded! Route 205 can't handle the traffic. Heath has a water issue.
120.	Improve traffic, more interconnection between cities

#	Virtual Comments
121.	Less traffic
122.	Traffic; yes I 30 but also neighborhood
123.	Stop building so many homes
124.	Traffic
125.	Better infrastructure to support growth, more parks and green space, another route across the lake
126.	Bad infrastructure that isn't thought out to accommodate the growing population
127.	Rockwall City high density housing.
128.	Traffic, traffic circles and bad drivers.
129.	Less people! Traffic on all roads as we are overcrowded.
130.	Better road infrastructure, more professional jobs, increased tech area, children's museum or learning park
131.	Traffic, not enough lanes especially around schools, water restrictions, crazy intersections that aren't perpendicular, ugly entrance from I-30 onto Horizon where the first thing people when coming to Rockwall is the back of retail stores. see
132.	Growth
133.	I would like to see development slow down and restrictions on rental properties put in place.
134.	Smaller high school populations, alleviate traffic, access to trails along Lake Ray Hubbard
135.	Infrastructure, syncing traffic lights to improve flow, close ALL entrances/exits on John King so it functions as an actual bypass road, pause ALL future residential developments IMMEDIATELY
136.	Lack of transportation choices
137.	Stop building apartments! Local limits or restrictions on any short term or corporate rental of homes. See the information in the news lately about communities closing schools because of housing decisions to building transient housing (apartments).
138.	I would get rid of the TA gas station. Too many transients.
139.	More infrastructure and better water for McLendon Chisholm
140.	Management of increased homeless people/panhandling, Better Roads, better code enforcement, better pay for EMS & law enforcement.
141.	1, A more diverse population 2. A more balanced political population 3, A less elite population
142.	The traffic is getting ridiculous. But I caution you to not install toll roads. That can give foreigners and or contractors more control. Roads are the government's job.
143.	Roads/travel accessibility
144.	Focus more to maintain a high quality of living, in part, by avoiding any more high density residential housing.
145.	The traffic infrastructure. New commercial buildings feel choppy and cramped. New businesses are sub-par: Burlington
146.	Spend money to improve our road network. County & city politicians last 10-15 years lacked the leadership (more concerned with re-election & avoiding bond initiatives) to make smart decisions to build our infrastructure to keep up with the growth.
147.	Abandon the portion of the County west of Lake Ray Hubbard
148.	Greater attention, respect and support by state level elected officials to work with Rockwall leadership to address issues facing the county to maintain Rockwall's special nature.
149.	Better zoning, build roads NOW, county owned sewage system to keep MUDs from building onsite sewage and dumping Grey water into local creeks

#	Virtual Comments
150.	Better roads for the population,
151.	Slow density housing diwn
152.	Do away with MUDs.
153.	Stop the home building
154.	No more multi family housing. Keep dart out! We don't want crime that follows. Owner occupy neighborhoods no short term rentals!
155.	Less traffic
156.	The school system appears to be deteriorating.
157.	Over development
158.	Putting a cap on new housing
159.	Just try to keep the small town feel and not turn into a Frisco.
160.	Traffic congestion
161.	It's not so much a matter of changing Rockwall, as it is of keeping the best of Rockwall so it doesn't need a massive changes in the future.
162.	Traffic - getting too crowded
163.	Better roads to help with traffic
164.	Finish the projects at hand prior to starting another due to "demand"
165.	To congested
166.	A total disregard for infrastructure planning for growth everyone knew had arrived.
167.	Improve the road infrastructure
168.	Congested roads, unsafe drivers, high speeds on roads that are already congested. More traffic enforcement of current laws.
169.	Future MUD pr
170.	The old school mentality
171.	Housing development appears to rapidly outpacing infrastructure. Road capacity is already feeling the strain, how much more can water & power support?
172.	Infrastructure and water
173.	Make it bigger, no more small home lots. Close the gates, we're full! Stop building over green spaces. I'd rather pay higher taxes if Rockwall needs to buy the land to make it a park. No more apartments! Pay teachers higher so we keep the best.
174.	EVERYTHING, Local Gov't, Schools that provide an education, STOP or LIMIT GROWTH. Education system need complete over-all revamping and start with now CELL PHONES ON in Class, install system where there is NO SERVICE in school except specific area
175.	Traffic. It takes me an hour and a half to drive out of my subdivision and down 66 daily. And it's worse coming home.
176.	Slow the growth, widen the main roads
177.	Stop building and start expanding roads went infrastructure
178.	The traffic
179.	No more new developments
180.	The amount of donut shops, nail shops, traffic, building so many neighborhoods, and smoke shops.
181.	Stop the expansion of neighborhoods
182.	City support for HOA neighborhoods, more parks and recreation areas
183.	Their eagerness to grow and change

#	Virtual Comments
184.	More shopping and especially dining options! STOP mass home construction; it's literally ruining the old feel of Rockwall. Fix infrastructure to better handle people and traffic.
185.	More restaurant options; expanding goliad
186.	Traffic 🤔 The way the water is read/billed - seems like some years they don't actually read my meter but just charge me a random rate
187.	Traffic! Infrastructure! Water supply!
188.	Planning improvements that aren't 'good ol boy based' and that planning was more transparent (ie conflict disclosures, more sports fields than baseball fields) and that traffic was addressed
189.	Population is growing too fast
190.	Building, building, building without planning for schools and roads.
191.	More accountability for student behavior
192.	The amount of redundant buisnesses. We do not need more nail and hair salons taking up space
193.	Way...way too crowded and overbuilt.
194.	Traffic and infrastructure is worst I've ever seen.
195.	Bring back some farmland. Too much concrete
196.	The traffic
197.	More parks, open fields, more trails for bike riding, walking, hiking, better infrastructure for roads-more lanes
198.	Better infrastructure before adding more development. Keep rural feel. Protect green space. Too much traffic.
199.	No more master planned communities. keep 2 high schools, more cell towers,
200.	All of the production home developments in favor for larger lot developments
201.	Traffic and roads
202.	The ridiculously lacking infrastructure. Way too many planned developments are being approved when we can supply sufficient water to parts of the county. Roads are heavily congested leading to aggressive drivers.
203.	No more growth
204.	Stop new housing from being built.
205.	The lack of more parks, recreation centers and aquatic centers, as well as more schools.
206.	Have more land. Less houses. The traffic is awful
207.	The roads are so congested, you can't even drive down Goliad without sitting in traffic for 20 minutes. There are too many subdivisions going in.
208.	I would stop the insane growth! The roads and schools can't take it!
209.	Traffic
210.	Better access to downtown Dallas via public transit
211.	Traffic-we moved from Dallas to get away from the traffic and congestion for a more peaceful life. In just 12 years Rockwall has changed dramatically. There is traffic everywhere. We cannot get around Rockwall much less into Dallas and back.
212.	Slow the over building.
213.	Too many dense neighborhoods
214.	Better landscape around the city
215.	Affordable housing, too many residential built for high income earners. Need balance.
216.	The growth

#	Virtual Comments
217.	Traffic flow. Need more 4 lane roads.
218.	The roads are well past due for improvements.
219.	Improved infrastructure - roadways are VERY inadequate to accommodate the amount of residents living in the county. Also avoid using up all open space on huge housing developments without additional shopping, dining, and infrastructure support.
220.	Keep it small - control commercial development
221.	The infrastructure that supports the commute downtown
222.	Roads/traffic is a problem. Property taxes are ridiculously high. Lack of water is a huge thing.
223.	Curtail residential expansion until infrastructure can meet current needs. For example, two years of water restrictions in Heath manifests poor anticipation of needs.
224.	Traffic control esp. replace 4 way stops
225.	Public transit access would be nice, even if it was a bus that ran from a single point in rockwall to the rowlett dart station
226.	Need to bury power lines, more major businesses/employers, more developed green space and trails in neighborhoods, better water planning, traffic planning/wider roadways and roadway maintenance
227.	Better infrastructure in general (e.g., power, water, wider/better roads) and more developed green space/trails. Also, more major employers and "destination" developments like Grandscape in The Colony.
228.	Fewer big box stores & big city atmosphere
229.	Residential permitting department slow and difficult to deal with, Traffic congestion at Ridge Rd and I-30, Horizon Rd and I-30.
230.	Traffic
231.	Less houses, our roads are already too crowded
232.	Better traffic flow, more ethnically diverse restaurants, and add a Trader Joe's.
233.	The infrastructure and traffic and the traffic on bridges
234.	Roads
235.	Less budget stores, better road access,
236.	Lack of planning on infrastructure for growth. Poor water management, roads, and traffic. is not keeping up with
237.	Less high-density housing
238.	The entrance to 30 and the one lane turn -both lanes should turn left
239.	Traffic
240.	The big box and chain businesses that come in. More outreach for people to support local businesses. Also, a better acceptance of different cultures being introduced and appreciated.
241.	The very strong resistance to progress
242.	STOP DEVELOPMENT. We want more open space
243.	Infrastructure, to many people now.
244.	How many houses keep getting built
245.	Too much traffic and getting too crowded.
246.	Traffic
247.	Its being overdeveloped
248.	Not a thing, let's keep it small
249.	All the new housing developments

#	Virtual Comments
250.	Stop the population growth
251.	More sidewalks that go to parks on the lake.
252.	More public access to outdoor areas such as paved green belts and paved trails near the lake. So many wonderful outdoor areas are all either privately owned or undeveloped. Finally, access to more sports fields.
253.	The traffic. The infrastructure is not in place for the size of the community that we are now and we keep adding housing developments.
254.	Too much growth
255.	The roads and stopping homes being build until the roads are better
256.	Racism
257.	Traffic, people, more local places to eat
258.	Better road infrastructure for flow and more diversity in businesses.
259.	Too conservative and controversial
260.	SH 205 Realizing the state controls this road but the county needs to speak up and be heard that the traffic is horrendous. Widening the road would help. also having better structure for those that live South of Hwy 549.
261.	All the new houses and developments have left hardly any trees standing, and the roads have become a nightmare with the increased population. We are very unhappy with city planning and development. We wish we could move because of this.
262.	Traffic out of the county, especially truck traffic. Extend the not trucks in left lane out to the Hunt County line.
263.	Traffic!
264.	Stop further multi family housing. Fix roads for traffic congestion
265.	No apartments
266.	More public restrooms at smaller parks. More city/county sports league options
267.	Not let so many house be built and little strips that all have a dentist, a nail salon, a donut place on every corner!
268.	Better roads, more businesses
269.	Consolidate the police, fire, and sheriff of the cities and county to one integrated law enforcement and public safety organization
270.	Secure power and water supply.
271.	Better roads
272.	Create bypass roadways, preserve open spaces, no section 8
273.	Traffic congestion and highway construction
274.	It appears our infrastructure, the roads have not been able to keep up with the population growth.
275.	Growth has choked roadways, development needed to accommodate rising population
276.	Real solutions for traffic and transit
277.	Stop growing, keep 1 acre per HH, limit population, we do not need high density population in a small county
278.	Improve traffic. Event center. Large soccer facility complex for our many soccer players.
279.	Roads!!!!
280.	Traffic is bad. Our community leaders need to build better roads in advance of population growth, not 10 years after the fact.

#	Virtual Comments
281.	More public lake access, an Alamo Drafthouse, a business environment that is more inviting for quality restaurants rather than franchises.
282.	Traffic, population explosion
283.	Need more diversity, people here need to be more friendly towards non-republicans, the "good 'ole boy" system. Don't be afraid to include people of different faiths and political ideology. Compromise is what will help us move forward. Liquor sales
284.	Class size to no more than 20 and salary increase for all teachers.
285.	Better roads
286.	The speed of growth
287.	Traffic congestion
288.	Stop building houses.. the infrastructure can't handle it
289.	Highway 205 and traffic. Mass transit to Dallas would be nice.
290.	Too many dentist offices, donut shops
291.	To reduce crime, it seems to be increasing
292.	Try to contain population growth as much as possible. Rockwall is already losing the small town feel that existed when we first moved here. Too many people leads to congestion and more crime.
293.	Better maintenance of parks and long term planning
294.	Roads, infrastructure especially the internet availability, slow down developments
295.	Limit multi family development and zero lot lines
296.	Better secondary roads and more control of tall grass and weeds
297.	Better roads to accommodate the influx of people
298.	TRAFFIC. More local places to eat and hang with support and maybe less of the national global chains. Places like the northside and Standard service. parks are good
299.	Large neighborhoods with small lots. Fewer homes in larger lots is how it should be
300.	Less traffic, more non-chain restaurants
301.	More high end/niche restaurants. Not chains
302.	The development
303.	Improve traffic management. Slow development
304.	More shopping and entertainment areas for the residents
305.	Roads, infrastructure.
306.	The traffic
307.	Multi-family properties, verify homes who has more than one or two families living in, not safe for the other families trying to have a peaceful life.
308.	Traffic, greed in HUD development. It's changed so much in ten years I plan to move out of county in three years (kid finishes college) move to Rockwall in 1975
309.	The infrastructure of the roads
310.	I would want to change how fast Rockwall is growing because there is not as much country side anymore. I would also change how 205 is only 1 lane, and widen the highway.
311.	I would like for them to have more affordable housing.
312.	Mega residential developments that are being approved without adequate infrastructure in place. It's like approve and then deal with the fallout.
313.	Nothing
314.	traffic is terrible

#	Virtual Comments
315.	Reduce traffic
316.	Crowding; political incestuousness
317.	Traffic
318.	We need more restaurants and better retail.
319.	Too much growth too fast, slow down! Schools overcrowded, roads and bridges not sufficient for traffic, water supply
320.	Improve school district by attracting better teachers. Improve roads. Improve and increase number of athletic fields for youth sports. Control density and massive communities.
321.	Roads
322.	Traffic is terrible. Need to build limited access highways to go north and south.
323.	Stop growing, so fast, not giving out so many new home permits, solve the water crisis
324.	Better traffic flow on roads other than I 30
325.	Traffic on main roads
326.	Less traffic, more thoroughfares that ca accommodate more traffic
327.	Too much ugly signage, traffic is awful, too much development
328.	The minimum wage, pay servers minimum wage and their tips, all staff working in a school, parras, custodians, kitchen staff, to get a raise to accommodate us during the bad economy!
329.	Traffic. It's horrible and schools are overcrowded.
330.	Post office in Southern Rockwall
331.	No more apartments
332.	Growing traffic problems
333.	N/A
334.	More quality retail and resteraunts
335.	Bury all the powerlines! This isn't the 90's. Let's clean up the look and feel of our infrastructure. Also, we need more entertainment. The EDC needs to do a better job of attracting companies like Top Golf.
336.	I would love to find a way to alleviate traffic.
337.	The population and taxes
338.	The amount of taxes and population
339.	The design of the Rockwall is horrible. We have too many homes/businesses and too little road. Getting anywhere in town is a nightmare. Widen 205!!
340.	Nothing. So stop trying to make it a smaller dallas.
341.	No more subdivisions. Stay at 1 or 1 1/2 acre minimum.
342.	Community golf course with clubhouse for dining
343.	Traffic. Better internal site planning if retail developments
344.	Have the state disband the Rockwall City Police Department. This is the smallest county in Texas and we are over taxed to pay for them to sit in the diner 3 at a time. Not only has it become a malignancy, they are causing Federa
345.	Traffic
346.	The roads, resturants and schools
347.	The type of retail and residential development, master planning, ease of doing business with county leaders, and tax assessment/collection transparency
348.	Better traffic management

#	Virtual Comments
349.	More roads. Wider roads. More youth sports venues, soccer field complex
350.	Infrastructure - better controlled traffic
351.	Stop trying to be so much of a big city!
352.	The rapid growth, high density housing, etc impacting our crime and quality of life.
353.	Slow down the growth until sufficient infrastructure is IN PLACE.
354.	More major roads to connect the county
355.	Less development
356.	Stop building homes and businesses/too crowded now.
357.	Bring in nicer businesses - Pappadeaux, Whole Foods, Central Market, etc. Stop building houses without adding infrastructure. Improve traffic options.
358.	I would change the home lot a size outside the city to 1 acre +
359.	Traffic, update shopping with Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, clothing
360.	The traffic. Grew faster than the roads
361.	Type of growth
362.	People elected seem to think the tax payer has unlimited funds pay in taxes although they claim to be fiscally conservative
363.	We need to allow liquor stores
364.	Traffic to Leave
365.	Would like additional amenities
366.	Improvement in budget for roads in Precinct 3; lower property taxes; a fairer tax assessment;
367.	High density housing
368.	Density growth (1) one home per 1.5 to 3.0 acres (2) Water Restrictions ENFORCED (3) Term limits. (4) Better website on what is happening (5) Suggestion area on website (6) better guidelines on building. (7) individual to develop better website
369.	Recapture the lost open space.
370.	Traffic
371.	Ensure infrastructure capacity at least keeps pace with growth.
372.	Traffic
373.	Less deveopment
374.	Slow down new housing and let infrastructure catch up
375.	Less traffic, better infrastructure. Slow down residential development until infrastructure catches up.
376.	Ability to attract different businesses and restaurants
377.	Better traffic management, a more proactive approach to handling the growth. Easier access to John King from downtown Rockwall would encourage its use.
378.	Road systems and preparing for growth
379.	The traffic is pretty terrible at times, I wish we would stop building MORE housing developments when we can't handle it with our road infrastructure. I wish that we improved our parks and trails, adding more nature experiences
380.	Too much growth. We moved here for the small town feel. Don't be like Plano
381.	Deport folks who moved here from CA
382.	Roads
383.	expansion

#	Virtual Comments
384.	Less crowding, traffic
385.	Roads infrastructure
386.	Traffic
387.	Add more restaurants ie Breadwinners, Eatsy. Improve traffic flow.
388.	Widen the arteries: Hwy 66 including its bridge, Rte 205, FM 552
389.	The high density home developmemts being allowed
390.	While we do agree there needs to be attention paid to traffic and flow, bringing a hug freeway through the beautiful, high end housing in Rockwall would be a diester. property values are already being negatively affected and people are selling!
391.	I would fix the internet issues in the harbor area and ensure there is plenty of green space deliberately left between neighborhoods to keep that country feeling.
392.	Rockwall entertaining becoming like other towns and cities that were quiet and rural to fall prey to expansion that brings with it more negatives that affect existing residents than positives.
393.	205
394.	205 should have more than 2 lanes
395.	No more homes being built
396.	Traffic is a given!
397.	The constant traffic
398.	traffic
399.	Better roads, but you are already working on this.
400.	Discontinue Multi-Family Housing. Require minimum 1 acre lot sizes in house communities. Listen to the community objections related to the Rockwall County Outer Loop
401.	Some roads need attention and water issues need to be resolved
402.	I would like to limit the amount of apartments that are allowed to be built.
403.	Better manage the explosive new housing developments by slowing it down and doing it smartly to ensure existing residents aren't negatively impacted, which we currently are!
404.	Traffic and infrastructure
405.	Stop people from moving in. The traffic is insane.
406.	Limit multifamily housing building. Lower property taxes!
407.	Less development
408.	Amount of walkable/rideable/commutable areas (i.e.: sidewalks, bike or Golf cart lanes)
409.	Stop skimping on education and assuming the kids will be ok. Stop letting Rockwall change. We moved here bc we like how it currently is...not what progressives would like to see it become
410.	Half the people, stop the insane overdevelopment
411.	The infrastructure. I've never seen anything so bad.
412.	Lower taxes
413.	Add more traffic lights (to many stop sign should be traffic lights), expand the roads-we have outgrown the 2 lane roads, add more schools so the kids don't have to be learning in temporary metal containers.
414.	Traffic and congestion
415.	Slow the growth
416.	Roads in the county need to be widened prior to new residential neighborhoods being built. I would like to see less density in residential neighborhoods.

#	Virtual Comments
417.	Focus on the ISDs until best in the state, attract high paying jobs so fewer had to commute to Dallas for those
418.	Less traffic and people, keep small town as possible
419.	Road infrastructure
420.	Over development. It's growing faster than the infrastructure
421.	The growth without infrastructure support
422.	Traffic and no lake access. We need more walking trails around the lake especially on the North side of Rockwall. Residents were promised this in 2017 for a Lakeway Park but no movement on this has happened.
423.	Slow down growth, improve traffic
424.	I would like to have more activities for senior citizens. I think our community could be similar to the Garland, Rowlett, Mesquite or Wylie Senior Centers
425.	Traffic, the town has not planned for growth and keeps on approving new home builds. The schools need help..
426.	Traffic
427.	Over development and traffic due to infrastructure not ready for all this development
428.	Traffic
429.	better access to DFW
430.	Traffic is ridiculous! We need to expand roads and stop building so many houses. We're growing too quickly to keep up with infrastructure.
431.	Less traffic congestion
432.	The cities should offer more sports options (youth soccer, football) to allow for another option other than Rockwall YMCA. They had poor fields, parking, scheduling.
433.	Peripheral growth using larger lots interspersed with commercial options. Anticipatory solutions for likely bottlenecks.
434.	The traffic patterns.
435.	There's too much growth and not enough infrastructure. Growth needs to be PLANNED for- not putting bandaids on things to treat the symptoms. Treat the cause.
436.	Lack of planning for roads, infrastructure, etc/
437.	Too many housing developments taking up open land, changing the landscape, schools, streets, infrastructure, city admin are not prepared to accommodate such rapid growth
438.	Rapid growth that is currently infesting our rural spaces.
439.	Improved infrastructure to accommodate for more people while also reducing the rapid influx
440.	Traffic. Improve the infrastructure to support our needs. Water, Roads, Police and Fire should grow as we grow.
441.	Infrastructure needs upgrading. Roadways are too crowded. Definitely need to address the traffic issues on Lake Ray Hubbard bridge. Auto accidents seem to occur with regularity. Would love to see redesign of roadway to minimize traffic problems.
442.	Stop building more large suburban style neighborhoods that are expensive and require driving everywhere, build more urban living around the downtowns, more mixed use developments along 30, more trails, more bike lanes. All to reduce driving over time
443.	Better road infrastructure
444.	The lack of knowledge about planning and zoning. The road infrastructure. I hate we have invited industrial companies to set up here. We don't have decent retail or green space
445.	traffic is a problem at time

#	Virtual Comments
446.	More moderate politicians, people that can meet in the middle.
447.	The traffic
448.	Establish an arts center for all ages
449.	Lack of wooded park and pleasure spaces, for walking, hiking, biking
450.	The secrets. And letting parents control our school staff.
451.	Soccer clubs, more sport clubs
452.	Limit negativity on social media, more diversity in government (conservative-heavy), there are other parties that need to be recognized. More parental involvement with education, less negativity towards teachers
453.	Infrastructure. There isn't enough space for everyone.
454.	Lower the density throughout by having all the cities and the county require at least half acre lots
455.	The traffic and constant building of new homes and neighborhoods.
456.	Stop letting developers come over populate then leave us with too many people and not enough roads/infrastructure
457.	Road infrastructure. The traffic is a nightmare!
458.	Something needs to be done about the traffic
459.	Leas HOA communities
460.	STOP allowing new homes to be built. Improve infrastructure! Seniors should be exempt from school taxes.
461.	SLOW DOWN DEVELOPMENT - we have too much traffic already and so many new subdivisions are coming in before the roads can accomodate them. I moved get AWAY from traffic and dense development
462.	I wish new home communities would build homes with larger lots. Houses are too crammed together and the backyards are tiny.
463.	Reduce the number of large housing developments being approved by local City councils.
464.	More roads
465.	ROADS! Irresponsible growth is ruining this county! Leadership that can say no! Holding developers feet to the fire! Protecting open spaces. Leaders need to protect the ENTIRE county! The loop will wreck the southern part of the county.
466.	Less traffic, less people, stop subdivision growth
467.	We are growing too fast! Traffic issues, lack of park and green space, better recreation options and facilities (much need for a rec center, better aquatic facilities with better staffing and hours) nature trails, safe areas for outdoor recreation.
468.	Fix the streets, stop the building for a period of time until infrastructure is built
469.	No additional apartments or town homes, or short term rentals.
470.	Have more to do, but with more to do come more people and until with fix the roadways more people would be bad.
471.	The roads!! Infrastructure needs to catch up the growth! Get some fine dining resturants.
472.	Over development
473.	The shift towards low income housing, mass dense rental apartments and housing, too many big box chains and not enough small businesses, roads are not being maintained and expanded for traffic flow, short, single left turn lanes @ busy intersections
474.	Traffic

#	Virtual Comments
475.	Traffic is terrible and it doesn't seem like anything is being done to widen roadways to accommodate the new and rapid growth. It's incredibly frustrating.
476.	Traffic congestion
477.	More public access to lake and more trails around the lake
478.	The roads, making more lanes on 205 – Goliad
479.	Traffic!
480.	Infrastructure is decades behind
481.	Less high density housing
482.	More unique experiences. Everything is so cookie cutter you can find the exact same thing in any neighboring town.
483.	Make Rockwall Conservative Again.
484.	We need roads expanded and maintained.
485.	Stop rapid move towards rental properties
486.	Infrastructure
487.	Move the airport away from homes. Need better/wider roads to handle traffic growth.
488.	The Roads, streets, and highways are inadequate. Public transportation is nonexistent.
489.	The way the city of Rockwall was developed, 3 exits is not efficient for population growth we have experienced.
490.	Density
491.	stop building so many houses
492.	Slow the growth so roads can be built/worked on to accommodate the new neighborhoods.
493.	Better roads, for easier access in and out
494.	Traffic.... way too many people moving here
495.	Traffic, add green space, infrastructure (internet and cell service), add quality roads, more diversity, more small business and less chains, less concentration around I-30, sell liquor, add more theatre and arts scene, add mass transit
496.	Stop the growth and traffic
497.	The culture of "I got mine" from people who purchased their home 20 years ago for 13 buttons and a raspberry who now try to stop ALL development for any future rockwallians.
498.	The traffic and increase in population without the infrastructure to hold it
499.	Improved contiguous secondary roads, more bike & pedestrian paths, more park/greenspace, add a DART rail station
500.	Slow or stop all housing developments until the streets/highways are improved. FM 1141 is a prime example. 3 housing developments and new school and road is 2 lanes!
501.	The culture
502.	Traffic issues!!
503.	Traffic congestion
504.	Slow the growth. Counties will soon be congested
505.	Better roadway design
506.	Traffic
507.	Too many major roads which are two lane.
508.	Traffic flow and more to do to attract people or entertain residents
509.	Less apartments being built

#	Virtual Comments
510.	The roads need to be widened everywhere desperately! It take 20 minutes just to go 2 miles to freeway in the morning! With so many homes being built we need better shopping out here and activities to do so we aren't driving to Dallas all the time
511.	No more Building of apartments
512.	Quick growth and traffic
513.	slow the growth
514.	Too much building without updating the ingrained road system.. Get our police force to TICKET red light runners. I NEVER fail to go out now without seeing at least one red light run. It's ridiculous and dangerous. days
515.	Stop building giant subdivisions and apartments
516.	Put a limit on the mass residential development and put minimum 1 acre lot requirements on development in the county (outside of city limit).
517.	Traffic
518.	The invasive homebuilding and apartment building
519.	Stop developing houses! We are losing the small town feel.
520.	Roads and traffic are a nightmare.
521.	Stop building houses everywhere! Destroying what was the beauty and causing traffic on what were quite country roads you can no longer walk on.
522.	Infrastructure
523.	The amount of people that are here. The growth is overwhelming.
524.	Traffic from neighboring cities
525.	Traffic and the roads are ridiculous. The Rockwall CAD is completely out of control. There needs to be more lake access.
526.	Expand the roads or put the lights on a better system; Really don't understand how much smoking there is at family friendly locations - we have to leave parks and the harbor frequently because we don't want our children suffering from 2nd hand smoke
527.	Widen all the roads. Stop letting developers develop every available sq ft of land.
528.	Find ways to reduce reliance on cars for transport. More active transport options are required. There needs to be more footpaths and more bicycle lanes/paths, making it easier to choose active transport over driving. Public transport also required.
529.	Road infrastructure
530.	Increase Youth programs
531.	Lack of public lake access (parks, activities, etc), target/Lowe's area traffic by ridge/30
532.	Managed growth plan, managed big truck traffic control, and green area with tree conservation.
533.	The increased development that is making traffic so bad and is a drain on the infrastructure.
534.	Thectraffic
535.	Traffic
536.	The traffic and congestion. Lower end retail. Less chain retail and more locally owned. We need developments with larger lot sizes- we are starting to pack in the houses. Preserving more green space, especially along the lake.
537.	Some of the cookie cutter homes popping up, as well as shops
538.	Slow construction down a bit
539.	Traffic. Oof. Also leadership is a bit too far right.
540.	Infrastructure

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
541.	Reduce the amount of developments going in
542.	Slow the growth. Build infrastructure before adding more homes and businesses. Require a minimum lot size for building. Preserve history. Open spaces for public recreation to improve quality of life. A building for public theater production.
543.	The uncontrolled growth and disregard for existing housing standards
544.	Find a way to limit the large developers who are trying to build thousands of homes. I know the State has laws that limit what cities and counties can do, but we must find a way to stop the encroachment.
545.	Traffic—too much congestion and under maintained roads
546.	Way WAY too many people. Infrastructure can't handle it. County is penalizing its current residents to build funds to build out infrastructure for future residents. Instead of calculated regulated thoughtful growth now. We feel used.
547.	More restaurant options
548.	Focus more to maintain a high quality of living, in part, by avoiding any more high density residential housing.
549.	More open space, less new neighborhoods
550.	The traffic

OEQ.4. Why did you move to Rockwall County?

#	Virtual Comments
1.	I wanted my children to attend the same schools I did. However, that has changed and now I wouldn't put my kids in RISD
2.	Freedom from tyranny (moved from Chicago) & opportunities near Dallas
3.	To get a more relaxed way of living and raise our kids in a better place than we were.
4.	To be near to family and because we were starting a young family and the city plus schools were of higher demographic.
5.	Moved from New Braunfels and wanted an area that felt similar with its own history and feel. Enjoyed the separation from Dallas.
6.	We've been here 17 years. Loved the small town and country charm but it's changed!
7.	2018
8.	Job opportunities
9.	It was a beautiful, slow paced town on the lake. Always wanted to retire and move to Rockwall but was fortunate to complete my career here.
10.	Small town, small amount of crime
11.	Yelp said it was a small town feel and we came from a big city
12.	Job
13.	Beauty over 30 years ago
14.	Quiet beautiful
15.	The school district
16.	To get out of the city and live somewhere safe for my children
17.	We loved the rolling hills and more "upscale" atmosphere.
18.	Land
19.	My job, but we stay for the people and the general culture of the people of Rockwall.
20.	For my kids education and safety
21.	To get a house
22.	I've lived here all my life.
23.	Good schools, class of people that live here
24.	Close to Dallas (work), it was a small town at the time. Good schools at the time.
25.	Family friendly town; small town values
26.	Relocated 13 years ago... chose Heath because of larger property lots and country feel.
27.	Job here
28.	Work
29.	To get away from Dallas; close commute for my wife
30.	For my son to wrestle for Brent Pohorshy several years ago
31.	25 yrs ago - less traffic and safe neighborhoods
32.	Looked nice from the outside
33.	Small town feel, community, the lake
34.	It was quiet and nice.
35.	After growing up here, we thought it was the best place to raise our family.
36.	Location to Dallas, conveniences of Costco/Target/groceries
37.	Schools

#	Virtual Comments
38.	Schools
39.	Schools and closer to work
40.	Business, the lake, the golf course, safety and security.
41.	Buffalo Creek community.
42.	Space, privacy, and the lake.
43.	For the green/open spaces, larger estate sized properties and small town/country vibe
44.	To be closer to Rush Creek Yacht Club. Sailing.
45.	Atmosphere
46.	It had a upscale small town appeal - very clean
47.	A great opportunity to by land and build a house.
48.	Schools and small town feel
49.	2009
50.	I'm no transplant.
51.	It was a small population, high end, quality place for my family.
52.	I moved to Rockwall County because my father had a job that he took here.
53.	Family, available housing, scenic drives, local amenities (Fate, TX)
54.	To be close to family
55.	To be closer to family
56.	Job
57.	Be with immediate family.
58.	We moved from East Dallas for more house for our money, less crime, and better schools.
59.	Same as question 1
60.	Family. Sorry the next generation can't afford to own home in the county
61.	For the small town feel, which is long gone now.
62.	Family
63.	Open spaces. Single family neighborhoods
64.	To get away from the chaos & overcrowded areas.
65.	Small town feel
66.	2018
67.	Schools
68.	Small town and close to dfw
69.	Same as what I love
70.	Love the vibe of the family friendly town, the city layout, and safe environment
71.	Work
72.	Because it was NOT Plano, Richardson, Austin!!! Quaint but still very good lifestyle. Turning into factories, nail salons, bedroom complexes, etc. We hate losing our cedar trees!!!!
73.	Schools and family values
74.	Better schools /sports & people
75.	20 years ago, the schools. But we got here and landed at Rochelle. Discovered ISD is hype.
76.	To be near to family.
77.	Quiet and calm environment
78.	Did not want to live in the big city with all it's issues

#	Virtual Comments
79.	Country atmosphere
80.	Quiet suburban life which is now missing
81.	1 acre lots
82.	The open spaces and country character.
83.	Close to family and far away enough from Dallas except you guys brought Dallas here with all the construction.
84.	Small town in proximity to husbands work. Schools
85.	Married the sheriff
86.	From Highland Village to Be closer to help with grandkids
87.	Small town outside big city
88.	Lakeside communities, upscale, amenities, large lots, open spaces, low crime, beautiful neighborhoods
89.	Close friends
90.	Left the total chaos of Forney
91.	Cost of living, being by the lake, access to golf, schools,
92.	Rural feel and Lake access
93.	Open spaces
94.	Be near relative
95.	Open land and country feel.
96.	Moved here over 20 years ago for small town feel. Not so much anymore
97.	The convenience of being close to Dallas and our jobs, but yet still have the rural vibe of a small town.
98.	Because it was close to Dallas and yet a small town
99.	My mom grew up here in the 40s.
100.	Small towns, country life , great communities for raising a famil
101.	To get away from big city.
102.	It was a small town with good schools. Was able to get a nice house.
103.	We moved to Rockwall county to get away from the grind of Collin/ Denton County. We are looking for controlled growth in Rockwall
104.	Friends, beauty of the landscape, great neighborhood.
105.	Country Close to Bigger City
106.	Small town feel
107.	Relocated for job in Dallas in 2005, has grown so much.
108.	I've lived here since 1983.
109.	Because it is safe. Demographically people who lived here had a higher education made more money and divorce rate was low. And predominantly white demographics
110.	Schools
111.	To be away from the big city problems and raise my kids in a quieter more conservative way
112.	I've been here 30 years. Moved here with my family as a teen.
113.	I was born here
114.	For the love of a home town feel... because cities can work together to create a feel across the county that Rockwall stands together!
115.	I work here.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
116.	Small town feel to raise family. Low crime
117.	Great school district and larger lots
118.	Small town vibes and proximity to Dallas.
119.	It was positioned between the city of Dallas & rural areas out east.
120.	Lakeside, people, Lakepointe Church, great pro business environment
121.	Family has always lived here. Husband wanted to move here.
122.	1. Family 2. Get out of Garland
123.	To get away from the city
124.	Had property already to build on
125.	Affordable housing (10 yrs ago Rockwall was more affordable than communities in Collin Co., but that's not the case now).
126.	To have a small town to raise my family away from the big city but still close enough to visit
127.	Spacious lots in Heath. Heath comprehensive plan.
128.	Keeps our family on this side of bridge.
129.	Family lived here. I stayed for the sense of community and kind people back then.
130.	Long time Rockwall County resident. Small town to bustling city
131.	Close to Dallas but with a rural feeling
132.	Schools
133.	For the small town feel and values our community has.
134.	Moved back to hometown to raise children
135.	Healthcare work relocation from New Orleans region
136.	Safety and family
137.	Small towns, Community, safety and schools. Housing affordability and owner occupy, not rentals and corporate owned houses. No apartments and Dart. Rockwall was perceived as upscale
138.	I grew up here and I thought it would be a great place to raise my kids.
139.	My husband's job
140.	For the school's & suburban feel.
141.	A move out of the city (Dallas) with a final destination goal East Texas
142.	Low crime, good schools, and a clean city.
143.	Great place to raise family and schools
144.	For a higher quality of living and for the open, rural feel while offering the commercial resources of a big city. Perfect!
145.	Suburb that had good school districts. Housing was previously more affordable
146.	The Army brought me here in 2010, chose Rockwall to live for schools, great people, small town feel, nice mix of businesses, restaurants and things to do. Stayed to continue to serve the communities and now trying to help with realizing our vision.
147.	Low taxes/regulation, conservative politics, country living with access to city amenities, quality of life, safety
148.	Corporate relocation to North Texas and the schools, real estate values and open spaces.
149.	To get away from over growth of other cities.
150.	Education system, affordability at the time. Low crime, conservative values
151.	To get out of the city and live in a conservative county
152.	To stay in metroplex but be closer to my ranch.

#	Virtual Comments
153.	Country environment
154.	Family, small town, schools open spaces
155.	Small town feel (25 years ago)
156.	Affordable housing
157.	To live with with my daughter and her family after retirement
158.	Small town feel with convenient access to quality doctors, shopping & art
159.	The expense of living in Dallas county without the representation of how my Tax dollars were spent.
160.	School district and amenities
161.	To escape North Dallas.
162.	Quiet family communities - large lots - less crime and good schools
163.	Lake and serinity
164.	Family, start a new life
165.	I didn't have a choice
166.	Like the small town feel but growing and opportunity for business growth.
167.	Landscape, Community, Size relative to larger cities, and Cost of living
168.	Work
169.	We followed our kids (grandkids) from California. Seeking a more conservative, law abiding area to live.
170.	2022
171.	Family
172.	Work opportunities
173.	For Lakepointe Church
174.	Husband worked in Greenville and Rockwall was the perfect gem 24 years ago. Interstate traffic stayed in that corridor and it felt like a small town right next to Dallas. Perfect for raising a family. Love to see cows and nature.
175.	Thought it was going to remain a small community, that valued citizens / retired military, gov't, education, limited growth. That is now GONE
176.	Boyfriend, now husband lived here.
177.	Schools
178.	For the school district
179.	Raised in Royse City and Rockwall provided just a bit more of the necessary services without feeling like I live in the city
180.	For the school districts
181.	For the schools originally
182.	We moved here in 1999 to raise a family.
183.	Its still a smaller populated county, good schools, pretty landscape
184.	Job
185.	To escape the problem of the inner city
186.	Rural feel. Conservative mindset. Good schools. Affordable homes. So much about why we moved to Rockwall has changed for the worse.
187.	For the schools and the community
188.	Good school options, affordable homes/bang for your buck

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
189.	Hubbys job
190.	Because my spouse grew up here and family lives here
191.	To plant roots close to the city without the hustle
192.	Safety, close to family, upscale neighborhoods and that hometown feel
193.	To escape Forney traffic and disproportionate growth
194.	Location between our jobs
195.	Neighborhood and community spirit. Small town feel with enough amenities close to dallas for work
196.	School, home, mature trees
197.	Lived here 54 years
198.	The schools
199.	Safe town, small town feel, great school ratings
200.	To be aware from the city but still have access to a vibrant community.
201.	we moved frisco 3 years ago after seeing it grow from 3 high schools to 12. yes we had lots of great shopping and restaurants but traffic was awful. it lost its small town feel
202.	School system
203.	Peaceful
204.	It was 1/2 way between work and family. Wanted to raise my own family here.
205.	Husband's job
206.	To get away from crime and have a nice place to have kids.
207.	I moved here for the school district, my child has special needs and we weren't satisfied with PISD.
208.	I was born and raised here
209.	It felt like a small town, even 17 years ago when we moved here.
210.	We moved here when our oldest was starting kindergarten for the schools! The amazing district is what brought us here and what will keep us here! I am hoping RISD will have access to teacher raises with the VATRE so we can keep the district so good!
211.	Liked being outside of Dallas county but still had some country feel
212.	Great schools and easy commute to job in Greenville, TX
213.	The lake, open space, slower pace, less traffic, good schools, undeveloped land, close proximity to dallas
214.	30 years ago it was a nice place to raise my family
215.	The lake
216.	Schools
217.	It's beautiful and has lots of amenities close by and security. Local gov't proactive versus reactive
218.	The small town with close proximity to Dallas
219.	To ve close to grown kids. Have hunting property to the east so more convenient live east of Dallas.
220.	Wife wanted a safe place to raise kids.
221.	Wanted to be near DFW area but wanted more open space, less traffic, and more conservative politics than the urban characteristics of Dallas county.
222.	Small town feel
223.	The neighborhoods and wide open landscape

#	Virtual Comments
224.	Loved Buffalo Creek neighborhood. Cattle, horses, barbed wire fences, etc. Reminded me of where i am from in south central texas
225.	25 years ago the small country was near utopia.
226.	School system
227.	Family near by, close enough to DFW for day trips, far enough away that it wasn't over grown
228.	Availability of land, conservative Christian values, Costco
229.	For more land but still within a reasonable distance from downtown, conservative values, and Costco.
230.	Mostly nonexistent Crime level
231.	Closer to family, small town environment
232.	Lake and small town comforts 44 years ago
233.	The schools
234.	It is a great place to raise a family.
235.	For the schools and our neighborhood
236.	Location
237.	Family
238.	Small town community with convenience of big city a drive away
239.	Nice neighborhoods. Decent schools.
240.	Small friendly town with lakes
241.	My parents moved here when I was four to start the Texas Aluminum company
242.	Good community to raise kids. Family was here.
243.	The school district
244.	4th generation Rockwall.
245.	It was in a smaller version back in 2002.
246.	The schools and location
247.	Access to nature and less people.
248.	Rural
249.	Proximity to Dallas and my hometown
250.	Schools and to escape Dallas County and liberalism
251.	For the schools and small town feel
252.	To get away from the DFW, been here since 1998
253.	The lake
254.	Job in Greenville. Good midpoint between Dallas & Greenville. Also, the quality of the schools.
255.	For the small town feel, big city amenities and low key life that was once here.
256.	My husbands job. He crossed the lake when looking for a house and said this is the place
257.	Because the schools are the best
258.	To find a community that was family friendly with good schools
259.	Family
260.	Get out of the city
261.	That it doesn't feel like the rest of north Texas
262.	Lake views
263.	To obtain a larger home without HOA fees.

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264.	Children's schools and work.
265.	At the time Rockwall was quite a bit smaller and I wanted out the Dallas but close enough to.
266.	Schools and all the green space.
267.	In 1991 because it wasn't the BIG CITY
268.	Great schools and like minded people , keeps the riff out
269.	School district and RISD athletics
270.	For the schools and the small town feel!
271.	Good schools, safe community, great place to run a business
272.	Work
273.	Married a Rockwall woman.
274.	Escape Dallas County
275.	Lakeside communities, upscale, amenities
276.	We liked the "feel" of Heath on our first visit!
277.	We lived in Northeast Texas and wanted to be closer to the Dallas area, but did not want to live in Dallas. Population management
278.	Cost of house
279.	Small community
280.	For the quality education for our children. Loved the character of the community and its people.
281.	To get away from the overcrowded big cities!
282.	Came to Texas for a career opportunity in 2001, chose to live in Rockwall County for the ISD and community.
283.	Great community and family friendly.
284.	It was rural and quaint when we moved here
285.	Schools, lake
286.	Smaller town.
287.	Job offer in 1989 and school system for my kids
288.	To live on Lake Ray Hubbard
289.	The lake, rural feel.
290.	Small town feel
291.	Seemed like a quiet neighborhood close to work
292.	Smaller town, affordable but nice homes
293.	To get away from Austin and people, Austin is ruined because of woke policies
294.	We moved here in 1972. Close enough to Dallas for work and anything unavailable locally, far enough away to avoid big city problems.
295.	To be closer to my sister's family/nephews and nieces
296.	Small town atmosphere but still close to Dallas
297.	Small town values but still close enough to attend concerts, sporting events, etc
298.	Safety and country feel
299.	To be in the country and not to far from the city
300.	Schools, conservative values, value of home and crime is low
301.	Work
302.	Proximity to lake Ray Hubbard

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303.	Big lots in the neighborhood I live in. Lots of space
304.	To escape the bad schools, crime and crowds in Dallas
305.	Country living
306.	The schools and recreational lake
307.	Location being the best place to live
308.	The lake
309.	Buying a house we can afford as a family of 4.
310.	Parents job
311.	Better Schools
312.	I moved here because it is where I grew up. I also moved here because it is a safe town and it is very nice.
313.	I don't live in Rockwall.
314.	Small town feel, great people, fantastic schools
315.	We liked the small community feel. We purchased a home here in 2007.
316.	Good schools
317.	Work
318.	Great place to live and raise a family.
319.	Better homes and communities
320.	Corporate moved to Dfw area 15 years ago
321.	Family
322.	Because of the hometown feel and charm. Low crime rate in Heath and location.
323.	Excellent schools and a small town feel
324.	Small community, but close to Dallas
325.	Family
326.	Love Rockwall
327.	Schools and lot sizes
328.	Had to move to the Dallas area and the this was a country atmosphere with so many amenities
329.	To live in the suburbs of Dallas, small town feel.
330.	Space, beauty and highly rated schools
331.	At the time it was as far as you could go to get oout of Dallas and still be in Dallas area.
332.	Grandkids
333.	To get out of Dallas
334.	Spouse job
335.	School district
336.	Great schools and small town community.
337.	We lived in Louisiana, and my husband got a job in Commerce. We chose to live in Rockwall for the school system and it's proximity to Dallas.
338.	Born here and haven't left
339.	Job relocation
340.	I work in Rockwall ISD.
341.	Because you get the city but can live in the country. Or at least you could
342.	Conservative values, large lots, beautiful custom homes.

#	Virtual Comments
343.	Close to Dallas but separated by the lake
344.	Get more land and a small town feel where my kids could go play outside safely and attend good public schools
345.	to escape Dallas
346.	Lake, and quiet
347.	Because my wife made me.
348.	At the time...the school district (we can no longer compete with pay to retain good educators), and small town/conservative feel.
349.	Work
350.	Close to work. School district
351.	Small town
352.	In 1979 it was like prime country living!!
353.	Family, to get out of Dallas County
354.	Family resided here.
355.	Low tax, community values family and freedom
356.	Schools
357.	Quality of life, schools, small town atmosphere.
358.	Nice area, small community.
359.	To be away from the city atmosphere and live in the country
360.	Proximity to family, public services police, fire, safety
361.	Liked the way Rockwall looked and sounded
362.	To be near the lake/better neighborhood
363.	I graduated from Rockwall and I wanted to raise my kids in the same community
364.	2021
365.	Lakefront Home
366.	To raise my family
367.	Dallas too expensive and busy roads
368.	To get away from Dallas busing in the 60's
369.	Small community feel and better life appeal. Which has gone downhill. All you want is fast food restaurants and homes on every sq inch of land. No REAL PLANNING, just lip service
370.	Rural environment within easy reach of Dallas.
371.	I moved from Denver and was told that Rockwall was out of Dallas and a great place to live.
372.	Found land we liked.
373.	Country feel, open spaces
374.	no inc tax
375.	To escape Dallas County
376.	To be close to kids/grandkids. This county had affordable housing and was far enough away from Dallas.
377.	Wife was from here so when we got off active duty I had no choice!
378.	School district
379.	This is where I grew up my whole life. This is where I feel the most at home and comfortable. My friends and family are all across the city and I couldn't imagine living elsewhere.
380.	Small town feel but still close enough for job options in Dallas.

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381.	Good schools
382.	Loved the first baptist church
383.	Its natural beauty
384.	Be close to church
385.	Developing County
386.	Job
387.	Better schools
388.	We love Old Town
389.	Because it was country and small town
390.	For the tranquility; beautiful land; the ability to build our forever home. we also value the sense of freedom found here but between this project and assessments, i feel like California has come to Rockwall, that is not good! if built, we will leave
391.	Schools, acreage, country, quiet
392.	It's gemlike remoteness away from chaos found in overgrown towns and cities.
393.	Be closer to our Church
394.	School district and get out of big city
395.	For more country feel & green space- sad to see that's not the case here now
396.	Family
397.	For the small town feel and the schools
398.	Schools and safety
399.	Family.
400.	In 1999, the intersection of 205 & 30 was a stop sign. My wife and I loved the small town feel. It provided a sense of security and a way to get out of the "big city".
401.	Country feel living on acreage and not being right on top of my neighbor
402.	We moved to Rockwall for my husband's job.
403.	To escape the congested, unsafe, busy, loud, polluted cities and suburbs.
404.	Work
405.	My husband got a job in Terrell and Rockwall had a better school system even though I ended up pulling my kid out because of bullying and sensory issues
406.	Beautiful area , less traffic , lower cost of housing. We like being close to the lake.
407.	To provide my kids a safe childhood where the can prosper and enjoy more simple things in life
408.	Work
409.	Safety
410.	My folks moved here in '92
411.	Cheap housing
412.	My realtor suckered me into a house
413.	For future growth and potential
414.	2021
415.	Lake, distance from city
416.	To have a large lot for a new home and to get away from the crime closer to Dallas.
417.	M so over here, I followed.
418.	To get away from big city

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419.	17 years ago I liked knowing I was moving to a small town but cognizant that it was going to grow rapidly and was proud to be part of that growth.
420.	It's where I grew up so after my husband retired from the army we returned to the area
421.	Community - wide open spaces
422.	The Lake
423.	Schools
424.	I moved here for the size of the town, schools, and all of the amenities offered
425.	Size and schools. After 12 years of living here if we could we would move.
426.	Location
427.	Schools and small town feeling.
428.	Location - mine and spouse work
429.	Country, small town feel but with close proximity to the metroplex for work and amenities
430.	Schools! My children were 4,3,1 when we moved and we chose Rockwall as a place we'd stay and build our life.
431.	I moved here when I got married 20 years ago. My husband already lived here. We stayed for the schools and to raise our family in a nice town.
432.	To be in TX and to be close to family that had relocated
433.	My family moved to Rockwall for the school district and neighborhood (The Shores).
434.	To be near to my children.
435.	Work
436.	I've lived here my entire life.
437.	Great schools, larger lots, family oriented community
438.	Many of the reasons we moved to Rockwall are fading away - good neighborhoods, safety, community, small town, felt protected from overcrowding, close enough to dallas, but far enough away
439.	Schools, rural feel that used to be throughout.
440.	I moved to enjoy a life away from the city and crowds in a well-kept are
441.	Safe, friendly and low tax rate
442.	Relocated to Rockwall in 2010 for a new job.
443.	The lake and the small town feel while still allowing access to the metroplex
444.	Mix of suburban NHs w good schools, natural areas, lots of unique local restaurants and businesses, lakefront entertainment and atmosphere, and close to downtown Dallas for work and entertainment via both I30 and DART.
445.	Community and better value housing choices, quiet
446.	I thought it would be a great place to grow my family. It's no longer that for me.
447.	Schools, housing
448.	Right of i30 and it was open spaces
449.	For the schools and small town atmosphere.
450.	Lake
451.	Small town feel
452.	It's beautiful. Offers everything one may need.
453.	Friend lived here
454.	Job availability

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455.	To be close to family
456.	Small town feel; I grew up here
457.	Marriage but I stayed for the school district
458.	For space/acreage
459.	Houses were affordable at the time...2004
460.	To raise my family
461.	Rockwall ISD
462.	Moved from CA to Rockwall to b near family 20 years ago.
463.	To avoid traffic and dense urban development and be more connected to nature. Also to live in an area with traditional conservative values and morals.
464.	Good school district and to be around other young families
465.	To enjoy the rural atmosphere and avoid the traffic and congestion of Dallas.
466.	To be near grandchildren.
467.	It was beautiful! Small, quiet and charming. There's something special about being close to the water. The growth at the beginning was nice. But it's out of control now! I have a bad feeling about where our little county is heading.
468.	To get out of the city
469.	Small town feel, proximity to major metro areas, conservative politics.
470.	Didn't want to live in Dallas or Garland! Other areas seemed too 'industrialized'!
471.	Job transfer in 1989
472.	Small town and lots of farm land and minial housing communities, lower traffic levels
473.	Schools, sports, family community, close to my husbands job.
474.	Fate, Texas - in loved it when it was SMALL.
475.	To get away from over population issues in Dallas.
476.	Close proximity to spouse's work and Dallas, but quiet and less traffic congestion, afford a house, shopping, conservative, low crime, police presence, walkability to schools, sidewalks, very few apartments, farmland, schools not overcrowded.
477.	Nice place to raise family
478.	For the school district
479.	To retire in a more rural setting. 20 years ago, that was here.
480.	Proximity to lake
481.	Schools
482.	Schools
483.	To get away from Dallas
484.	Family
485.	It was 2001.
486.	Schools mostly. Lots of houses to choose from.
487.	Family
488.	To live away from Dallas, but close enough to commute
489.	In 2004 for schools, last one graduated 2021 so we left for 2 years and came back 2023
490.	To have a home that backs to green space, and to be nearer to family.
491.	We relocated for work from Kansas City to Dallas 20 years ago. Rockwall was a great and welcoming community.

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492.	Small Town feel.
493.	To be more rural
494.	School district
495.	Schools
496.	Clean, quiet, comfortable living
497.	To live close to my kids & grands
498.	To help my elderly mother
499.	Small town, great people, retirement
500.	Employment
501.	To get out of a big city, low crime, good schools, small town feel with access to stuff if I needed it
502.	Proximity the LRH, the Harbor and Historic Downtown, Chandler's Landing
503.	Husband's job
504.	location
505.	It was very small back in '91, much like a community I was coming from. Not so small now.....sadly, but I still love it!
506.	Wanted small town as opposed to big city or suburbs
507.	Economic reasons
508.	Lake Ray Hubbard
509.	Small town feel, school district
510.	To be near a lake.
511.	Good Schools
512.	To get out of the big city but now have more traffic problems here than we did in the big city.
513.	For the schools and safety but we are no longer using the schools. We do continue to feel safe though or we would be moving due to the traffic and lack of quality shopping/activities out here
514.	Kids and Grandkids
515.	Small town feel
516.	Smaller, easier to navigate,
517.	Quiet atmosphere.. small town country charm. Been here 31 years from S
518.	For a small town feel, schools, slower pace of life
519.	For the open spaces, small-town feel, conservative values, and family oriented values.
520.	Family and proximity to major cities.
521.	To not live in Dallas County.
522.	2019
523.	Job
524.	To be in country and quiet area but close to falls. No longer true due to explosive building for greedy few.
525.	Country feel and natural beauty
526.	To have a small town to raise my daughter in and to build a life in. It reminded me of my childhood town; small and quaint and everyone knew everyone
527.	Slower pace, good schools to raise our children, good community for our business
528.	The lake and the schools.
529.	Safe place to raise a family; get away from big city politics; join a community of like-minded people with higher standards of living, values, morals and ethics

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530.	Rural lifestyle.
531.	For work (employed in Greenville).
532.	Schools
533.	Not just a number but a valued citizen
534.	Distance to work and schools
535.	See above. Much more quiet and less crowded atmosphere just 10 years ago.
536.	The people.
537.	Location, schools, church, people
538.	The lake
539.	To leave Dallas and raise our daughter- schools and small town quaintness. We loved how safe and clean it was.
540.	To be near family/friends and work
541.	Schools
542.	Wide open spaces (I feel a Dixie Chicks moment coming), homes on large lots. Great value, as well!
543.	The lake
544.	Escape big city
545.	Born here
546.	For my career at Texas Health Rockwall Hospital and to be close to my family
547.	Found a nice home on three acres that offered country living with good access to amenities.
548.	To be on the lake
549.	Because it was small with good schools. High cost of living kept many away.
550.	Small town feel with quick access to highways
551.	For a higher quality of living and for the open, rural feel while offering the commercial resources of a big city. Perfect
552.	Grew up out here, family lives here, small town feel
553.	Wasn't a large city, but close to one.

OEQ.5. Slide the scale to rate how important the following items are to you.

<i>Items</i>	<i>Not important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
Overall cooperation between City, County, and State governments.	8	9	15	168	247
Overall quality and connectivity of the transportation system	59	33	22	104	248
Overall preservation of the County's natural environment	4	5	8	115	397
Overall access to job opportunities within the County	45	44	16	141	103
Overall access to housing within the County	80	71	23	104	74
Overall quality of infrastructure (water, sewer, power, internet, etc.)	2	2	4	95	445
Overall population growth management	4	6	3	75	449

OEQ.6. Complete this sentence from your perspective: "In the year of 2050, I hope Rockwall County will be known for ..."

#	Virtual Comments
1.	Treating their lower county employees and retirees with respect and paying them their value and a wage that allows them to live in the county that they work.
2.	Its balance of growth and preservation of its culture and resources.
3.	Don't think I'll still be around for that but hopefully a good place to live that has gotten a handle on it's ridiculous growth.
4.	Being still beautiful and having a small town feel/community.
5.	...being small on government but big on opportunities and freedom. A safe place to live, play and raise families.
6.	Maintaining the atmosphere that those who live in this community have long appreciated and sacrificed to be a part of. Many people choose to make a long commute for purposes of work to enjoy the peace and small-town feel of the Rockwall community in the evenings and on weekends in their home life. We choose to do that because there is something really special about Rockwall (the Rockwall I moved into). I'm not a City planner or manager but I think that says something significant that is worth preserving. Progress for the sake of progress is misinformed. Change, while it is inevitable in some senses, can be considered and carefully managed.
7.	Continued small hometown feeling, supportive community, great schools and churches. Better planning for traffic flow and growth plans. Continue to see shopping and restaurants coming in to Rockwall.
8.	Beautiful, slow paced town on the lake. Quality homes, parks, schools, churches and business with limited multi family living and no mass transit. Best medical facilities and industrial park in specific locations. Community support for non profits (Helping Hands/Animal Shelter/Childrens Advocacy/Meals on Wheels...) Perfect place to live and commute to work.
9.	It's safe small town, not like Dallas feel. Good roads. Abundant water.
10.	It's small town appeal and nicer drivers that are road raging in our nice town now leave or learn to be nice and courteous
11.	It's continued high quality of life, easy access to Dallas and being the premier place to live in the metroplex.
12.	Having enough resources at a reasonable price, like water. Ridiculous given our view of the lake, and I worry about how home prices and sales will be effected moving forward.
13.	Being a clean safe friendly town- not over populated
14.	The way the city had everything it needs on this side of the bridge.
15.	Being a safe community that has maintained its small town feel
16.	A city known for it's small town appeal!!
17.	It's ease of getting around town, schools, unique events and access to Dallas. A great place to live and work. A community that is enjoys a flavor of slower paced Texas lifestyle but embraces growth that allows for ease of commuting throughout the county while maintaining a great mix of high-density housing and low-density housing. A community that is attractive for white collar jobs and growth. A community that is well designed across the board and developments are consistent in how they are implemented with thought in overall planning for the community versus haphazard developments going in with little thought to road plans.
18.	In the year 2050 I hope Rockwall County will be known for it's hospitality and great entertainment spots.

#	Virtual Comments
19.	Still being a bedroom community to Dallas.
20.	Great schools with low crime and exclusive neighborhoods.
21.	Beauty, Art, and living within our means.
22.	Staying true to the small town values, improve infrastructure, preserve green space, prioritize quality of life over quantity of homes.
23.	Large property lots without houses built on top of one another. keeping green areas and having developed walking and bike trails that connect all neighborhoods. NOT crazy property taxes. NOT overcrowded schools. Improved infrastructure to allow for work/school travel without constant traffic jams. !!!!LIMIT POPULATION GROWTH!!!!
24.	Balance of growth, location and leadership.
25.	...A place where raising a family is important, where folks can breath and where values matter
26.	A safe community that provides for the needs of residents and businesses alike (however that may look); residential first, business second.
27.	Small government and small population. No connection to DART rail. Conservative values.
28.	Safety, great schools, country feel but still have growth within the limits of our water supply.
29.	It's quiet lifestyle. Don't make this a big booming city. Keep it small!!
30.	I hope Rockwall county will be known for its small town feel with local traditions upheld.
31.	Open spaces and shopping
32.	Wealthiest county in Texas
33.	Safety, Security and leisure.
34.	Small town feel with big city amenities.
35.	Its ability to prioritize natural resources and the environment over development.
36.	It's small town/country vibe and lush, green open spaces and ranches
37.	Good schools. Quality of living. Still rural feel.
38.	It's semi-rural, upscale, lakeside vibe with good people, great schools, a connected trail system, lovely parks and upscale homes.
39.	It's beauty and clean environment and safe streets
40.	The ability to drive around the county unhampered by traffic jams. That we continue to keep our small town atmosphere.
41.	Getting along with our neighbors. Less traffic and more green space. Walkable.
42.	Its conservative values and great infrastructure
43.	Terrible roads unless fixed.
44.	A quality place to live. That we focused on quality (high standards). A lot of open space with high quality development.
45.	A very high quality of living. I hope that Rockwall County has some of the most healthy people in Texas. I hope that the quality of exercise and food increases and the people decide to eat healthier and work out more. The healthier the area becomes the more Rockwall a county can grow.
46.	Having at least one rock climbing gym in the county
47.	Community initiatives such as home grown produce encouragement: understanding and respecting the environment
48.	Still maintaining a small town feel

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49.	A thriving, safe county with excellent infrastructure moderate population density and great community amenities
50.	Increased attention to the natural environment, increased diversity across economic and cultural spheres, good public schools. Ensuring water and electric supplies are available and cost is in line with blue states. Women's shelter and homeless shelters are built. More access to senior services, enhanced and environmentally friendly public transportation.
51.	Its ability to keep its sense of community, its safety and being a great place to raise a family. I want to grow old in my home here, and I want it to be a community where my kids want to stay (or return) and raise their families. This will not happen if unmitigated growth is allowed to continue.
52.	Managing the growth
53.	I hope we don't look like Rowlett Good city zoning limited multi family housing. No STR!!! Safety and low crime
54.	Something other than bringing in more and more people to collect more money from its citizens. In 2050 I hope this city doesn't look like Frisco or McKinney.
55.	Single family homes that promotes community and local ownership No Apartments No corporate owned neighborhoods Leaders with community first and not their own interests
56.	Community engagement because residents who live here own their homes. Not corporations
57.	Rural lifestyle. Not an urban expansion of Dallas.
58.	It's true connectivity to it's citizens NOT a hand full of it's local family's agendas ! It's ability to use our tax dollars responsibly and with long term vision would be a blessing.
59.	It's uniqueness. . . a destination place for people to gather together . . . locally owned restaurants and shops. . . it's ambience.
60.	Good Conservative government
61.	Great living. Not turning into Garland or Mesquite. Keeping open spaces because housing density lowers property values. Simple supply and demand.
62.	It's small town
63.	...Being a thriving hub of the East DFW area that capped the city population at a reasonable level, built the road infrastructure causing traffic jams to be a thing of the past, maintained its beautiful forests and greenbelts, attracted major quality businesses to shop at, and maintain a strong sense of family friendly community.
64.	I'm the year 2050, I hope Rockwall County will be known for great shopping centers and food with the ability to get there in a timely manner because roads have been made for less traffic jams
65.	Not being overrun with people and traffic, losing its country atmosphere to bulldozers.
66.	Progression, innovation, and best places to raise a family
67.	It's great housing and class of people.
68.	Innovation and a community of creative and purposeful initiatives.
69.	In the year 2050, I hope Rockwall County will be known for a community of opportunity! Bring in medical research, manufacturing, and technical school.
70.	A well managed controlled growth community that has the proper infrastructure to support the population avoiding urban congestion and featuring great sit down restaurants.
71.	Lower property taxes

#	Virtual Comments
72.	Best for its management of growth
73.	Texans keeping the land green with grass and trees, not concrete and buildings.
74.	Being the slowest growth county in the state
75.	Green spaces, supporting nature and the animals that live around us, being the host of a vibrant arts festival, bringing people here from across the nation. Celebrating nature, helping increase biodiversity and habitat for wildlife.
76.	Being a beautiful well maintained community filled with natural spaces, ranches, and the same small town feel. PLEASE stop mowing down our natural spaces to build new neighborhoods. We have plenty of residents and businesses. Growth isn't always a good thing.
77.	for stopping construction to prevent the town from turning into the Next Mesquite.
78.	Better planning, nice roads, better infrastructure and still country feel
79.	Quality of life and A+ schools
80.	A quality place to live, work and raise a family.
81.	I would have hoped for a great small town outside a large metropolitan area but with all the new growth that feel is no longer. Unless you can remove the new neighborhoods and bring back the country, it will be know as the smallest concrete county in Texas.
82.	In the year 2050 I hope that Rockwall County will be known for preserving its open spaces, limited development, quality of life, low crime and its Parks and Trails system.
83.	Friendly people and a great place for a family
84.	Building a community that has balance. Not every neighborhood needs to be built with 20,000 sq ft lots nor does every neighborhood need to have 1 acre lots. Have some chain restaurants but continue to encourage unique experiences. I'd love to see mass transit but I truly do not understand mass transit in DFW. I should be able to take a train to Love Field/DFW Airport, to the AAC or to go see Rangers/Cowboys game. Water for everyone, the way the water supply is handled is like three 5 year old's arguing over a hot wheel car.
85.	It's green spaces parks and public access to the lake, good schools. Community centers. We often travel to Lenexa Ks which has a wonderful community and park plans already in place and activated. Rockwall County has an opportunity to do likewise.
86.	Big City feel at the core of the City of Rockwall, but rural open spaces outside the cities of Rockwall, Heath, and Mclendon Chisholm.
87.	Being safe, having necessary infrastructure and keeping high density housing to a minimum
88.	Still having the small town feel and to hopefully not have to pay such high taxes. I feel that the taxes in Rockwall County are absurd considering that we don't even have a 4 lane highway to get from north to south. Traffic is extremely bad most all of the time. Too many houses being built and we will be lucky if we have enough electricity on the grid to provide power to the amount of homes here. If we don't slow the growth of the population here we will be way overcrowded. I moved here because it is a great place to live, but I don't think we can provide enough space for everyone to live here. I get that people want to live here, but we are becoming very cramped.
89.	It's small town feel. I've heard recently so many say it hasn't lost that hometown feel. But the more lane that gets developed the less it'll feel small. Traffic is increasing and the fields are disappearing.
90.	Still having that small town atmosphere.
91.	Sense of community with owner occupy homes. Keep rental homes and corporate home owners limited and controlled. NO STR!!! You can't have community with people not vested on homes ownership. Hope all the realtors in leadership don't sell out community out for their gain

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92.	Low crime rate, less development of housing and apts. Need even greater improvement of traffic on major hwy's into Rockwall. Reroute movement of 18 wheeler traffic to its own roads.
93.	Still being a small town, affordable place to leave. Low crime and great schools. Plus not over crowded.
94.	... a breath of fresh air. Folks from Dallas county will retreat to the "country" in Rockwall for a weekend getaway vs. going south to Fredericksburg. Why cant we have a wine country to rival hill country? The lakefront is renowned and provides access to beaches, fishing, swimming, nature trails. I brief trip East can take you to the real "rockwall" to see and make your own conclusion if its man made or not.
95.	Low crime, great roads, fair property appraisals and low taxes.
96.	Being the best Small Town in the State
97.	A great place to raise a family and retire
98.	The safety of the community.
99.	Still maintaining the small town feel with family friendly activities, unique restaurants, friendly people, and preservation of land and park areas.
100.	Non homeless population. Crime rate low. Education at its highest grade level. No low income housing. Great parks for families to enjoy and easy access to a hospital/ Medical facility. Sports complex and proper road infrastructure
101.	Family friendly, lots of activities and restaurants with the best infrastructure.
102.	Less traffic, more hometown feel
103.	Creating pedestrian friendly designs, for using modern road calming techniques to slow down cars significantly, for not allowing unmitigated speeding on the highway. For designing developments that prioritize people, not cars and parking lots. For being good stewards of its past and prioritizing historic preservation. For not allowing new residential growth without first mitigating the impact on infrastructure and roads. Do something about the horrible traffic and crazy speeding, it negatively affects our quality of life on a daily basis.
104.	What is known for now... free concerts at the Harbor... cities United together to maintain good growth and an environment of welcomeness.
105.	Arts and culture - why should people drive to Dallas to enjoy great classical music, ballet, opera, museums? We should support the arts and create a venue. Why does Greenville have a venue and Rockwall doesn't? Crazy.
106.	Not turning into an extension of Dallas or California
107.	The open spaces, large lot communities this plan protects
108.	Being progressive, continuing to have a strong philanthropy network, and being a community of conservative citizens versus classes of people.
109.	Continuing to have a small town vibe by curbing expansion in the most developed areas like the city of Rockwall. I hope the live music opportunities continue. Expansion of parks with actual trail system (10+ miles) through scenic areas.
110.	What it's now, small town feel throughout the county, control growth, limit multifamily, keep standards high for development
111.	Christian people working together to create safe environments for families to live peacefully among each other. Highways that accommodate safe traffic and efficient roadways. Clean, trash free landscapes that provide beautiful calm views of our world. Safe efficient polo ring in our county!
112.	W
113.	The pasture land that brought so many people here to begin with

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114.	Citizens workin go together. Open spaces, small country living. I'm in Mclendon Chisholm. Hoping it will not overdo with houses.
115.	Quality of life (affordable housing, quality schools, well-thought out infrastructure, natural beauty). We need more routes across the lake, infrastructure to support the growth.
116.	Open spaces and low density housing.
117.	Being a safe place to live.
118.	Being a family oriented city close to Dallas that still has green space and good schools.
119.	Community with museum, arts district, quality parks,
120.	Great schools, well planned roads, sense of community. We came from a community with long-term planning. Rockwall could use some of that.
121.	The best county in DFW
122.	I'm here at 2050. I hope that Rockwall will still be known as a small town with a big heart. Our town offer so many wonderful activities and events and ways for the community to be involved as great to see people of all ages and life stages coming together.
123.	Smart, controlled growth, ability to maintain rural feel.
124.	Getting back to its roots of the early 2000s that attracted families to the area and doing everything needed to avoid turning Rockwall into Mesquite, Garland, Rowlett.
125.	Equity, diverse, and community filled safety.
126.	Well managed communities with proper zoning and planning. Since there are many realtors in leadership it will be interesting if they sell out their community for their own gain. Owner occupy neighborhoods! Keep the corporate housing companies out that build rental only neighborhoods. Low crime, NO DART! Will we follow Plano and Richardson and have to close schools in the future?
127.	A small town feel with all of the big town ammenities.
128.	A great place to raise your kids with schools that support gifted kids, neurodivergent kids and help them all to feel safe.
129.	Excellent schools. Conservative values. Strong infrastructure
130.	A classic planned community with a diverse population
131.	A safe law abiding community with infrastructure to support the population.
132.	A community of caring people with amazing schools.
133.	Its perfect balance of residential living and commercial businesses.
134.	Maintaining its small town feel and providing ample recreational options.
135.	... Is a healthy, safe and vibrant community where all have the opportunity to thrive and the environment is protected for future generations. In 2050, our citizens will be thankful that 25 years ago the county and its cities in a unified effort made some important changes to emphasize: - Smarter development protecting open spaces, natural wildlife habitat, and by creating more parks and natural paths and walkways - A regional and state-wide leader in water conservation programs where 75% of our homeowners are using smart outdoor watering programs like WaterMyYard.org. Today about 5% of homeowners in the county & our cities use this program because the cities aren't promoting it. Don't wait for the next drought to get on board!
136.	Being the gem of the metroplex
137.	In 2050, I want Rockwall to be known as the green heart of North Texas

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138.	Maintaining the small town feeling, with low taxes, well managed growth with a great infrastructure of roads, sewage, and electricity that is well maintained.
139.	A quality environment to raise a family. A community that is generous, spacious, well designed in roads, water and other public infrastructure.
140.	Quality of life and preserving rural feel.
141.	It's cities with a country feel.
142.	Country living
143.	Owner occupy neighborhoods, not rental and corporate owned neighborhoods. Good schools, parks and opportunities for families to afford home purchases. Community!
144.	Small town feel, but everything you need
145.	Quality family lifestyle and values.
146.	It's continued small town feel with minimal development
147.	All the conveniences of the big city with a continuance of the small town history of caring & friendliness.
148.	Great school districts, small town feel, lakeside living, great restaurants and amenities to raise a family.
149.	The county where Dallas meets East Texas. Keep the charm of what has made Rockwall - Rockwall, without turning the county into just another suburb of Dallas.
150.	Has has kept the small town feel by avoiding large apt complex
151.	A beautiful city to live in that feels like a getaway or vacation feel.
152.	Preserving natural assets, provide places for people enjoy the outdoors.
153.	Doing the right thing, I know that this is general however doing the right thing necessarily isn't the easiest thing. Growth is good as long as it's sown without weeds. We already have infrastructure issues with our current system and need to control that first prior to moving anything forward. We have already seen generational failure in development in our areas which some got rich quick but at what cost? We are still cleaning up the mess from poor building and development in the past due to pressure from developers and lack of accountability from our leaders, engineers and builders. The power doesn't rest in the money but in those chosen to look after their neighbor. We need the State to change the codes and hold everyone accountable.
154.	Innovation, infrastructure, Safe, Affordable, Freedom for All, not just a few.
155.	Excellent quality of life
156.	We are new to this area (2years+) but hope the county is a safe place to live, clean and kept up, with conservative values that include improved care for kids in foster care system, improved care for animals in shelters, safe roads to travel, and s safe county to live in.
157.	Continued low density housing.
158.	It's kind people and reasonable and realistic government
159.	Making the necessary adjustments to provide affordable housing, a sustainable water supply and better infrastructure for residents.
160.	Still managing to be a small town in the midst of the urban sprawl of Dallas. I pray we reduce our "buildout" capacity because at 500,000, we would be another Plano or Arlington. I pray we'll be a destination for families seeking a rare combination of involvement in their kids schools and fiscal affluence. I hope we'll be known for having a greater ratio of locally owned restaurants to chains, the best schools, while still enjoying opportunities to own acreage. I hope the traffic has finally been reduced (after 24 years here, I know it's a long shot.) I hope we will remain a place where kids can play in the neighborhood streets without parents worrying. The only thing I want expanded is the downtown shops to spill into the surrounding area.

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161.	Small Community Environment that values: Citizens, Ethics, Laws & Law Enforcement, Limited Growth, Real Education, Limited / Controlled Taxes, Budget Reduction everywhere. Community Leaders that aren't so focused on building on every square inch of land.
162.	It's peacefulness and wonderful people and driving through the city is a breeze!
163.	Being a well planned community with solid infrastructure, flowing traffic, green space & open minded people.
164.	Lots of green space, parks and being thoughtfully planned.
165.	Maintaining its charm and mix of city vs small town country life
166.	Putting a stop to over development. All these new neighborhoods make our town look cheap!!!
167.	Parks, green spaces, preservation of a small town feel in the midst of growth.
168.	Small town feel, a place where people put God and family first.
169.	Supporting its citizens through health care, quality public education, family and recreational resources.
170.	Not conforming to the demands of the developers and profit hungry. Maintaining the small town feel with big city proximity
171.	Maintaining a rural sense of community while the population of other cities around us become unbearable. Also known for great schools k-12.
172.	It's excellent schools and ease of layout to reach different areas within the city (better road systems)
173.	Still having a small town feel with community values.
174.	It's small, quiet town again!
175.	Anything other than the giant flag waiving over empty retail pads... the irony is too much and rather disgraceful. I'd prefer education, parks, and community growth be what we are known for... not the traffic jam caused by people waving flags on a bridge and bathroom bills. Find some other way for them to express themselves without driving out educated, moderate people. Something that promotes growth - not necessarily population - but connection and health. I think we can all say that stricter enforcement of tree/powerline codes are in order...
176.	Their great small town feel.
177.	Smart planning, safe for everyone and beautiful, affordable housing.
178.	Thriving suburban neighborhoods producing productive humans- sending out our kids to the world kicking butt academically and athletically! Known for a safe and conservative environment where crime just cannot thrive.
179.	Green spaces, quality schools, maintaining more natural look, doing something better with the harbor and the lake. There is nothing at all to do around the lake even though it's the main asset here. No walking or nature trails, no beach areas....
180.	Small town feel with green spaces...security and quality of life. Freedom of movement, expression and education. Very limited government that LISTENS actively to citizens
181.	I'll be dead but wish they would get people who really care and will listen. To much politics and they all have a fake face.
182.	A hometown feel, great schools and opportunity for youth
183.	It's Safe, small town feel, good schools and beautiful parks and open space for families to enjoy.

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184.	A respite outside the city. Well maintained roads and green space. Protected natural landscape and rural areas. Preserve the unique and historic feel of downtown and support local businesses. Foster sense of community with meaningful events and traditions. Focus needs to be put back into supporting the current citizens and building up the current infrastructure to serve them adequately before adding more growth. Water and power services are lacking in south Rockwall county (mclendon Chisholm) and need to be addressed, instead of approving more neighborhoods to come in and place further stress on a weak and fragile infrastructure. Power outages are of concern. Roads are congested and traffic is becoming increasingly difficult to avoid.
185.	It's preservation of its uniqueness, its schools, and mature community that supports each other.
186.	Large lots, open green space and a beautiful focus on our lake
187.	It's small town feel. Friendly town. Most everyone knows their neighbors. Traffic flows and crime is low
188.	Being a larger town with a small town feel. Traffic will flow freely, businesses will be well visited because customers will be able to get to them, and to park relatively close. The population growth will be slowed until roadways and utilities can catch up. I also hope for easier access to the lake. Walking trails or a park close to the lakefront would be wonderful.
189.	Safe and happy place to live.
190.	Being clean with very low crime with good schools.
191.	Their school systems and low crime as well as pride in keeping the city clean.
192.	It's small town feel, community, two high schools only
193.	Remaining a strong, conservative town to raise your children in.
194.	The schools and the SMALL town feel! Not being packed and massive like Plano!
195.	Big city feel but efficient
196.	Great schools. A perfect place to raise kids in the Dallas suburbs
197.	Open space, friendly small town feel, infrastructure, excellent medical care, no traffic
198.	But the time I'll be gone, it'll be so overcrowded that a lot of other people will leave too. There's no preservation of parks and green space
199.	Quality way of life near big city
200.	Small town living with great schools and pretty landscape.
201.	The Jewel of Texas
202.	Good schools and great place to raise family.
203.	Still retaining its natural beauty in the face of ever expanding growth.
204.	1) Maintaining conservative values in an increasingly progressive society, both in civil liberties and with fiscal responsibility. 2) Preserving a reasonable amount of open natural space. 3) Implementing a balanced strategy for a growing population, i.e. as new housing is added, ensure that schools, shopping, dining, parks, and infrastructure are added in a commensurate manner.
205.	It's small town feel -since it's the smallest county in the state - don't become a suburb of Dallas - keep its identity
206.	Quality of life, good schools, safety, conservative values, cleanliness and natural landscape.
207.	Great schools, great transportation (roads). No more multi family complexes. No more zero lot line housing complexes. Slow, smart growth with MORE WATER!! Water problem is ridiculous. No more new housing projects till we can water the lawns we have now.
208.	Having curtailed population growth while managing infrastructure growth.

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209.	Having stringently managed slow and steady population and business growth. Expertly timed infrastructure that maximized tax dollars for present resident's needs
210.	Maintaining a balance between growth and nature preservation with easy access to public transit and environmentally friendly planning.
211.	Being clean, friendly, beautiful; thriving businesses, friendly to entrepreneurs; big, long-lived trees; beautiful parks, trails, and green space; wide, easily navigable roadways; family friendly - no adult-themed businesses; well-designed infrastructure
212.	Same as I mentioned, small home town feel, safe living conditions, low on crime ...
213.	Excellent schools, safe neighborhoods, lakeside living
214.	It's successful efforts to have maintained a quality of life for its residents.
215.	A county that listens to its people, less housing, better roads to accommodate what we have
216.	A great community for families.
217.	Better infrastructure and immense improvements to traffic and bridges
218.	Great quality of life
219.	Conservative values, elegant place to live offering elevated food, entertainment and living experiences. Efficient services and high end housing developments
220.	Maintaining the small town community away from the big city issues. Preserving the values of small town.
221.	We don't get any mass transit. No more apartments. 2050 small town clean friendly feel not mass low income housing
222.	It's caring people.
223.	Maintaining its sense of community and support of local businesses. A town that people want to come visit for our attractions, businesses, live music, and downtown scene. Also, a safe environment for raising a family. Overall cohesion between locals despite differences in background, religion, political beliefs, and cultural differences.
224.	Its ability to manage growth in a thoughtful way.
225.	Having open space and being a strong small town still and not a town looking to for as many houses on it as possible to collect more tax dollars. No more development
226.	How friendly and small they are still.
227.	Unique businesses, lots of parks and not so many people that the county is too crowded and traffic is a nightmare.
228.	Not being a traffic hot spot on the news
229.	Remaining true to it's hometown feel and properly maintaining growth.
230.	Being a town that we can still feel comfortable enough to raise a family in while being close enough to get to a big city but staying a small town
231.	Being a small town to raise your kids with the best schools in Texas
232.	Being a small city with a powerful police presence and people will be terrified to come here and be a public nuisance
233.	Being opposite of Frisco. Large residential lots, good traffic management, and plenty of green spaces.
234.	Its outdoor recreation spaces to embrace the beauty that Rockwall has with its creeks, forests, and Lake Ray Hubbard and its population's active lifestyle that's attributed to the access to these spaces.
235.	Being a safe, open community that has the supporting infrastructure in place for the community of people it serves.

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236.	It's small town feel, safety, schools, family friendly, more parks/trails
237.	The beauty of our land. Stop building homes and keep our city green
238.	A kind and diverse community to raise a family.
239.	A beautiful natural landscape that supports local, and diverse businesses nestled in the elements of nature.
240.	Beauty of the area
241.	Providing quality education, support for teachers and those in the educational field. Having good emergency services To include tornado siren systems in the southern part of the county.
242.	As great alternative to Frisco, Allen and Mcinney.
243.	Fixing the infastructure and being back the great schools. We currently have to many chiefs and not enough Indians! Low pay teachers and high paid administration
244.	Great quality of FAMILY LIFE with excellent schools. Opportunities for shopping and entertainment venues
245.	Great schools, less traffic and limited retail. No liquor stores.
246.	Our amazing schools and our ability to maintain a small town feel regardless of our growth.
247.	It's small town feel despite the growth it's experienced.
248.	Great place to raise a family in a safe environment with great public schools
249.	High Quality of life with open spaces and interconnected trails and bike paths
250.	Prosperity. Cleanliness. Safety. Tranquility.
251.	Quality living, schools and conservative leadership.
252.	Rural environment, smart development *residential and commercial*
253.	Christian values!
254.	It can maintain its small town feel as it continues to grow. That Heath will finally figure out a way to provide water for its residents.
255.	High standard of quality of life for all residents regardless of income.
256.	Easy access by foot, bike, or rail within the county and to the surrounding region, with high-density development built next to green spaces and multi-modal transit corridors.
257.	Great thriving community that is highly educated and provides an opportunity for residents to receive a high quality education and work in a high quality environment. Managed roads that don't negatively impact getting around town. Great parks and outdoor that provide residents an opportunity to stay physically fit and enjoy our environment. Event center big enough to hold our high school graduations in our own county.
258.	Keeping a unique feel while being able to provide the qualities of big cities.
259.	Warm and welcoming community protecting a great quality of life but close enough to Dallas to offer a full spectrum of big city amenities in close proximity.
260.	A community that has preserved its rural feel while utilizing and repurposing existing facilities to accommodate creative and independently owned restaurants and businesses. A thriving culture that balances creativity and conservative values.
261.	Not becoming Plano. (But that's not looking good so far)
262.	Friendly to ALL people. Not a judgey atmosphere. I would like Rockwall to be unapologetically purple (equal GOP and DEM).
263.	The school district and the quality of life
264.	Safe living environment, good schools, small town feel with great amenities. I want county leaders to work with the cities within the county to determine appropriate growth and rein in development.

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265.	Still rural, not expanding, keep big developers out of the county.
266.	Returning to a small town feel. Maintains a system where by the residents are afforded a safe and free living lifestyle
267.	Outstanding schools and safe neighborhoods.
268.	Its safety, good schools, nice homes, and open greenland
269.	That it stays small , and not expanding
270.	The smallest county in Texas with the highest quality of life.
271.	The best small town in America
272.	Quality of life and good city planning, roads, infrastructure, communities etc.
273.	Preserving small town values and quality of life
274.	Not being over crowded and country feel remains
275.	Great schools, low crime rate, traffic not suffocating the city, awesome places to gather in parks and to eat out and be with people. A place that water isnt constantly an issue and where kids and flourish.
276.	Being a lovely suburban village with open spaces and neighborhoods with large lots where the neighbors aren't right on top of one another
277.	Staying true to its roots and not over developing to become the next Plano, Frisco, Allen, etc
278.	Being nice and exclusive.
279.	It's rural feel, good schools, good parks, no multi family housing, limited development
280.	Its handling of growth
281.	Involved community schools, Pristine land management, elegant shopping and entertainment areas, sports and recreational areas, conservative business politics.
282.	Family focus through parks, trails, activities. Easy access to get from one end of the county to the other, and throughout Rockwall, Heath, Roush City...
283.	Proper management of growth related to infrastructure, zoning and governance for the benefit of citizens
284.	Quality of living, not quantity.
285.	Great roads, shopping, restaurants, and kind community.
286.	In the year 2050, I hope Rockwall County will be known for how it is still a safe and nice town. I would also hope it's known for how good their school district is.
287.	In the year 2050 I hope Rockwall County will be known for Diversity and high pay for teachers.
288.	Amazing county to raise a family, by having top quality schools, great nature space, controlled growth, and Fosters a sense of community.
289.	Low crime, great schools
290.	Perpetual solvency.
291.	Well, planned, nice place to live. A place where is residence no longer have to travel to Dallas for any type of competitive sports, because we have the facilities here.
292.	Small town lifestyle in upbeat atmosphere.
293.	The best Lakeside county to I live and raise a family in Texas!
294.	The high quality of life, hometown charm and low cost.
295.	Quality roads and greenscapes throughout the county. Would love to see an Event Center in Rockwall for the community to enjoy the fine arts.
296.	A fiscally sound county with low crime, excellent schools and a high quality of life.
297.	Still a small community that has not filled every available piece of land with a house!!

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298.	Great place to live to raise a Godly family
299.	Friendly, safe place live.
300.	Too far in the future for me to imagine!
301.	A great place to experience the "All American Life style "with 4th of July celebrations, church socials and craft fairs in the summer. A strong Red, white and blue community.
302.	Their education, good paying jobs, housing for all levels of economical diversity.
303.	It's beauty, schools and small town feel.
304.	Better road to take traffic off of Ridge Rd - Southern area!
305.	I don't know I will be 101 that year
306.	N/A
307.	A safe and friendly community
308.	Conservative values, entertainment on the lake, great education, great sports.
309.	... for its commitment to the environment and intentionality when it comes to economic growth.
310.	Still being the smallest county and being well rounded. Not so munged for money and growth.
311.	Strong public school districts and diversity.
312.	The best SMALL county in the nation. Not over crowded by stupid decisions that have been made in the past.
313.	It's traditional values and love of the original Texas atmosphere. Not to become a large, over populated city.
314.	The Flag on I 30 and a safe place to live with good restaurants and shopping
315.	Responsible growth, government that plans ahead for water and transportation needs, and manages to retain some feeling of community despite the inevitable growth
316.	Not having anything to do with DART
317.	Upscale lakeside living
318.	Great roads, minimum traffic, great restaurants and high social economic status.
319.	Pedestrian/biker/hiker friendly trails around the community (including the lake), high-end shopping and entertainment areas, small-town forward-thinking, conservative values.
320.	Comfort Safety Great employers Ease of getting around
321.	Being a great place to live with adequate infrastructure - especially roads and water that is cheaper than gold at some point
322.	Revamping the appraisal board!
323.	Maintaining quality of life and a small-town feel. A place to go to enjoy what can be accomplished when you combine appreciation for nature with responsibly-managed growth
324.	Controlling inevitable growth
325.	Exactly the same thing it is known for today: communities that value freedom and traditional, American values; low density development; respect for our flag, our God and country
326.	Schools, neighborhoods and small communities.
327.	Good schools and infrastructure.
328.	Widening roads, adding lanes and planning for schools before approving new housing and business development.
329.	Exactly what it is known for today, small country town where you want to raise a family

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330.	It's being the very best location in the metroplex to work & live! Well maintained clean, safe neighborhoods, schools, parks, and shopping.
331.	Lowest taxes
332.	Lowest crime rate and highest quality of life
333.	A library that doesn't have a librarian who believes in creating hindrances to the tax payer to check out books & a good quality of life without high taxes
334.	Quality of Life and Life style
335.	Safety Kindness Low Taxes Business Opps Fun Outside Activities Casinos at Sapphire Bay That reduce Property tax by 85 %
336.	Quality housing, fair tax assessment and lower property taxes.
337.	A country type environment with low density housing.
338.	Limited growth of home development. Stop caving into the developers. Make them pay for all the infrastructure before any new developments are approved (streets, WATER, schools, water tank in each new development, electricity, sewage, etc) Stop all new home development for next years until studies can be done on growth Need more traffic studies Need better traffic flow Better schools, where real education (Math, Science, History) along with values, ethics, etiquette, patriotism, Leadership is TAUGHT No out of county students Year round school system, other counties in Texas do it so why not Rockwall Reduce ISD Taxes and their budget Police that enforce the RULES Better government Limited traffic. Maybe with slower speeds
339.	Open spaces, protected natural lands, Access to light rail to the airports.
340.	Being a showcase example of the balance between economic success and conservation of nature.
341.	Sweet suburb of Dallas, friendly people, nice place to raise a family. To do this, the county needs to improve the walkability of the area. I cannot walk or ride my bike to businesses near my home because of a lack of paths or sidewalks. It is impossible to walk around the lake even though the take back area is publicly owned. Little Elm has a popular public beach on Lake Lewisville. Where is Rockwall's? We have some wonderful opportunities here.
342.	No one moving here
343.	Upper scale, pleasant place to live and work. Safe area with beautiful single family homes with minimal to no multi family units. Low crime rate, great schools, place where you want to raise a family.
344.	Its preservation of conservative values.
345.	Safe living and great school districts
346.	Small town feel with amenities of a larger community.
347.	Better traffic and conservative values and leadership that stop spending and doing bad bond deals
348.	friendliness
349.	Maintaining it's small town feel.

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350.	... Places where families thrive.
351.	Keeping the small town country atmosphere alive. The number of high density homes will be squashed and the county roads will be improved.
352.	Its open space, beautiful neighborhoods and properly managed transportation corridors that are built outside of major housing elements. It will be know as a place where the government actually listens to the people and serves the populace.
353.	It's open country feel with easy access to major roads & cities.
354.	Not caving in like all other counties that started out: quiet country living feel; beautiful natural scapes & small to becoming over run, thousands pouring in & with it - serving to allow: public transp.; money paying housing developments & developers that cater to low income housing then becoming landscape filled with pawn shops, bail bond co's, apartment filled skylines & public buses! PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE US! We're one of the richest counties in Tx for a reason! Wealthy folks either moved looking to get away from over run cities/towns or born here. Exanding quickly will cause that wealth to move out of Rockwall to get way from the garbage you're trying so desperately to allow in. SMALL Rockwall should close its borders!
355.	Well managed growth.
356.	Being a pleasant suburb of Dallas where young and seasoned families can thrive and establish a permanent homestead.
357.	Open seren green space- clean air
358.	For being a better place to live than Collin County!
359.	Being one of the happiest places to live in America.
360.	Great schools and safe town
361.	Intelligent infrastructure for rapid growth, low property taxes, high property values, beautiful landscapes, low crime, and centrally located.
362.	... Listening to the objections of the community members regarding the Outer Loop. I hope Rockwall County will be know for defending its citizens against pressure to bring the outer loop through our county.
363.	The quite country living that is close by to amenities.
364.	In the year 2050, I hope Rockwall County will be know for being the richest county in TX.
365.	Controlling growth. Not getting dirty, ugly, and overpopulated.
366.	Maintaining a community feeling, low stress traffic, and free live music capital of ALL of Texas (not just north Texas)
367.	A nice place to live with nice people with an infrastructure that can handle the city.
368.	Being A beautiful family community .
369.	It's beauty from lake to farm with country charm. Kind people, 0-none crime rate, large lots and space families want to raise their kids.
370.	Rockwall County is a great place to live, but we're growing so fast that our infrastructure is not able to sustain it. We are seeing higher-than-normal traffic and accidents/death on our roadways because of this. The intersection where Fresh by Brookshire is one big example. You are tearing down so much beautiful natural land and making this climate that much hotter and less appealing to current and future residents. We are seeing property taxes skyrocket! Slow down some, and get that infrastructure up to safer and more efficient levels.

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371.	Resisting the temptation to build out every inch of open space with mixed-use developments intentionally designed to make max money for the developers, under the ruse of solving a non-existent housing crisis. Developers will capitalize, then leave the city and county with the bill of sustaining the infrastructure 30 years down the road. Property owners can and should have the right to sell and/or develop their property. The only recourse the county and cities have is planning and zoning, which ought not be rezoned bc a developer is telling us they have RoCo's best interest in mind. You know that's BS. Rockwall will also be known for recognizing and resisting progressive activists infiltrating the city of Fate and Rockwall's 2050 committee
372.	Stopping the growth and returning to its country roots
373.	Safety
374.	Not developing a ton of apartments or section 8 housing. Keep it the size it is. We don't need a ton of growth as far as housing. Lower taxes. Fix the highways. Keep the farmland we have left.
375.	Quality of life. Slow down the growth. Every inch of land doesn't have to be developed. No more apartments. Fix the infrastructure. Traffic is terrible. We moved here in 2003 and it isn't even the same place. It has also impacted the quality of the schools. If things don't change, we will move in the next couple of years.
376.	High quality of living with access to quality stores such as Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Market Street, and exceptional school systems (Royse City ISD and Rockwall ISD). We are close enough to the metroplex where we can sustain the image, safety, and quality of living that is comparable with Frisco, Prosper, or Colleyville. Just invest in the roads, parks, and schools and you are winning. We do not want to have the low quality and high crime image of Mesquite or Garland.
377.	The nature parks and trails and the best quality of life.
378.	Controlling growth. Not getting dirty, ugly, and overpopulated.
379.	Being the safest county in Texas. And we will still be the smallest county in Texas.
380.	The best place to raise a family in Texas with the highest rated public schools.
381.	A great community, not another large town
382.	Controlling growth. Not getting dirty, ugly, and overpopulated.
383.	A place where the constituents are heard and growth is managed responsibly.
384.	School district, emphasis on community
385.	High quality schools and upscale living
386.	Small town atmosphere, conservative values, open spaces/parks, friendly people, great schools, all of our wonderful churches, community events
387.	Size, family friendly, quality schools, low crime and small town atmosphere.
388.	Water sports, music, education, bio-medical research sponsored by major university, Mini-silicon Valley, outstanding library, and welcoming people
389.	Still feeling like a small town that's not another suburb that's over developed
390.	It's vibrant communities and close-knit community feel, while still providing a space for a thriving economy and therefore a thriving population.
391.	...Good schools, good neighbors, and overall good people.
392.	Still having old small town TX feel and traditions
393.	Being a premier, sought after place to raise your family in a top school district in the state, with opportunities for your family's quality of life in local activities, parks, dining, shopping, etc.
394.	Title of best county to live in in Texas and the U.S.A.
395.	Having a vibrant downtown square that still feels like a small town. I hope it will be known for a high percentage of home ownership and very few apartments. The parks are also an asset.

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396.	Intelligently managed growth- we are extremely tiny and to continue to let car dealerships and big housing developments in without improving infrastructure is absolutely asinine. Look at bucees down 30- they were required to make massive changes to the intersection and create turn lanes, etc. Why WOULDN'T you make the same contingencies for large housing developments. And stop giving these developments special treatment.
397.	Being a family-oriented community with great schools.
398.	Slowing down! I hope Rockwall leaders will see the value of the beautiful land around as it is, not as an opportunity for more quickly thrown up housing developments. I hope that through planning and proper approvals, the things that make Rockwall special will be preserved.
399.	Controlling growth. Not getting dirty, ugly, and overpopulated.
400.	Being a commutable, affordable place to raise a family
401.	Friendly, Safe community where the infrastructure was built to support the community it serves. The representatives elected understood that there is a limit to what could be built, based on the geographic limitations. An ever increasing tax base cannot be the goal as that only supports big government, Not the experience of the people currently living here.
402.	Low crime, thriving business environment, low taxes, great school system, family friendly environment, conservative political values. Would like Rockwall to be known as a place where young families can bring their children to live in a low crime environment, have access to quality education, and plenty of social opportunities to spend time with their kids and other families.
403.	Managing to remain a "big small town" not making the mistakes of Collin County, etc with massive overgrowth growing necessary infrastructure to keep up with needs/population growth good schools and a good place to live (that means services, retail, restaurants, park place, green spaces, Parks and Recreation programming, city/county events such as fireworks and music, etc, easy to access gov't programming (DPS, voting, senior programming, kids programming, etc.), friendly people
404.	Being a place where the cities and county have the financial resources needed to continue providing quality services and maintaining infrastructure, and people of all ages/stages of life can afford to live comfortably in a neighborhood that fits their preferences. This is not the path we're on! I do similar work with cities across the country and the suburban development model is not financially sustainable. Stop building more roads and prioritize a network of walkable/bikeable neighborhoods and commercial centers. Build more smaller (but still high quality) housing to provide affordable options for young professionals, service workers and teachers, and seniors that wont want or be able to afford \$500+k homes in car focused subdivisions.
405.	Being a close knit community with God centered values
406.	Retail, nice homes, strong school district despite Texas reps trying to mitigate that, roads that don't cause TBIs, and a place where people who know planning and zoning have taken over. I want the industrial companies out and more green spaces in
407.	Friendly people, good schools,
408.	Trails, green belts, prairie pockets, a hub for educational growth, such as college. We need cultural arts museum.
409.	Its excellent school districts and open space management.
410.	A cultural arts center drawing tourists to see visual and performing art exhibits for all ages
411.	Fun, local shopping, affordable housing for all
412.	Amazing school system. Clean and beautiful. Non violent crimes.
413.	It's community feel and nature

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414.	The best school district, friendliest, and most diverse place to live in North Texas.
415.	It's adaptation to the amount of people moving to the county, including paying teachers a competitive wage. The county is growing with so many people moving here for the education, yet teachers in Rockwall county are not paid to that standard.
416.	... Being a well-managed county that encourages moderate growth in order to preserve excellent quality of life for citizens in all stages of their lives.
417.	Improved roads and highways, a better school district where teachers are paid more.
418.	The steps it took to prevent developers from turning Rockwall into another Forney/Rowlett. Grand views, room to breathe, manageable traffic, natural open spaces preserved.
419.	...Having a small town feel and local festivals.
420.	The schools.
421.	A great family friendly community where the schools are amazing and the kids have plenty of entertainment.
422.	A wonderful top city to live.
423.	Being a place where people can live amongst those that hold traditional values, liberty, and freedom in high regard; where we can join in community events, and where it is easy to get around town while enjoying natural beauty. It should be the best suburb and resist urbanization. If people want the city, they should move to the city. We need to have our own unique culture and look so that people know you are in Rockwall County and not someplace else. We need a giant event center so our local charities don't have to travel to Dallas in order to host large events, that will get even larger as the County grows.
424.	Keeping its small town feel even as the population grew.
425.	Its open spaces, managed population growth and rural feel.
426.	People of faith.
427.	Protecting its open spaces! For putting quality of life over money from developers. For schools that offer opportunities for all students (trades). For it to be a desirable place that people want to live and start their journey. For the friendly people and amazing leadership. For having the best police and fire departments. Top notch medical. Basically, never needing to leave.
428.	Having preserved the "small town" feel and land preservation
429.	An ideal community for families with safe, open spaces, beautiful parks and recreation facilities, thriving small business opportunities, without feeling over crowded and full of congestion. A place for individuals and families to grow, enjoy their community, and retire without having to move.
430.	Best small county in Texas!
431.	Less building
432.	All apartment complexes being demolished and going back to a small town feeling.
433.	Still being a smaller family community!
434.	It's safety and friendliness.
435.	Low crime, modestly populated. Small government. Unique business.

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436.	Safe communities and police presence, you don't get put on hold when you call 911 Conservative Texas values and government leadership Nice, safe schools that are not overcrowded, even better if walkable. Middle to upper middle class neighborhoods that promote home ownership and not a mass influx of low income dense rental apartments and cement jungle of chain stores and restaurants. Would love to be known for keeping it local by having unique small businesses and local chains. Medium to high end shopping and dining options. Job opportunities Safe maintained roads and easy to travel across county Balance of suburban & rural living Maintain aesthetics, historic homes/ buildings, preserving history and keeping main streets thriving.
437.	It's inclusiveness of all residents
438.	...Having the best school district in Texas!"
439.	Great lake access, including open space and trails, for all residents.
440.	The diversity
441.	Small business, great schools, easy roads with more access points under 30 so the ridge and 205 traffic calms down. And to still see GREEN SPACE!! Also NOT covered with apartments. And for its schools to have great paying jobs for teachers and admins!
442.	Ease of movement and proper roadways with coordinated signals and home development with vision and the infrastructure to balance it all. A safe and conservative place to live and raise a family.
443.	Quality of living & a safe environment
444.	Being a great place to raise a family.
445.	Let's be the Frisco of the east.
446.	Highly rated schools and high property values.
447.	Best Quality of Life to live
448.	Being a safe, friendly and welcoming community with plenty of parks and green spaces, excellent schools, low crime, superior roads, streets and highways with a strong, easy to use public transportation system.
449.	The county that did not trade its small towns for commercial growth.
450.	Keeping areas less dense but have great infrastructure
451.	high income households with little diversity
452.	Being a safe place to live and raise a family with quality schools and infrastructure to handle the demands of the traffic living in and traveling through the city.
453.	Less traffic, and that it is "red"!
454.	Being a community that embraces diversity, arts and culture. A welcoming community that has invested in infrastructure, supported small businesses and is respectful to each other.
455.	The integrity of the people, small loving country the prides itself in preserving the environment.
456.	In the year 2050, I hope Rockwall County will be known for something other than just one acre lots in heath.
457.	Fixing the problems we have today and getting back to the small town feel and everyone being friendly and respectful. As well as infrastructure to match the population so we aren't always in traffic or crowded at every store or restaurant.
458.	Feeling like you're on vacation while you are at home.
459.	How the county slowed down the housing developments and preserved open spaces!

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460.	Safety, friendliness, affordability
461.	Safe, friendly environment with a city/county government that manages growth
462.	A tech hub like San Francisco
463.	It's open land, parks, pastures, ecology, music, low crime and friendly people.
464.	Ease of traffic movement, and open spaces fl greenspace and access to greenspace
465.	Being like Frisco and Prosper Area of the east. There are a lot of things to do in north Dallas area like Frisco, Plano, Prosper, etc. Rockwall should be the center of that for the East. I think it comes when businesses and office buildings find it a great place to invest in and build infrastructure in. They bring the people, then the people bring the infrastructure investments. I don't know if we are set up to handle that type of thing now, but that should be the goal.
466.	Small town flavor
467.	A safe community of caring individuals who love a small town feel but have all the amenities needed to not leave the county they love.
468.	Safe county
469.	Keeping a check on uncontrolled growth.
470.	A family community where public education is supported but not driven by parents, let the professionals handle their job to train-up students who will contribute to our community because they have learned to work in school, not just been given grades and passed along to be someone else's problem.
471.	Keeping it's honest values and listening to the residents, while controlling growth and attending to the infrastructure keeping pace with the community growth
472.	A nice place to live with great schools, that still has green space, a fun vibrant downtown and isn't covered up with vape shops, check cashing stores, apartments and run down half empty strip centers. Don't want it to be known as another city that used to be nice.
473.	The open spaces, quality of life and school district.
474.	Smart development and planning practices that limit high density housing and fosters smart road design for efficient transportation in the County.
475.	Not buying into public transit or linking with DART. Putting a cap on multi family housing and new home builds. Staying conservative.
476.	Small town feel while having the amenities needed close by.
477.	Quiet, safe community and excellent place to raise children
478.	Stop building any new houses and enable road bumps and detours to stop traffic on our once quiet streets and prevent rampant speeding and revving of engines or even better get the cars to go on highways vs backroads.
479.	Above all else Safety. Additionally, it's cleanliness and natural beauty and strong sense of community.
480.	The same community feel it was and has been. I want us to be know for not maxing out every piece of land and keep the rollings hills and hidden gems that are all throughout this wonderful area. For putting a stop to growth. We do not need to be the next Frisco.
481.	Green spaces, fresh air, slower-pace lifestyle. Ranch properties. Police presence. Good schools and roads.
482.	Anything but waiting in traffic for 30 minutes just to get on the highway.
483.	Safest county in the country; has the healthiest people in the country; first county to be smoke free
484.	Country living and feel with designated urban zones.

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485.	Residents who enjoy the health and social benefits of an active lifestyle, facilitated by a city that prioritises the freedom and safety of active transport over car use. Further, I hope that Rockwall County is known as a county that chose the quality of life of its residents over the city and community destroying damage of over population. And i hope that Rockwall is know for the visitor drawcard of a path, accessible by everyone, that goes all the way around the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard.
486.	It's exemplary school district and reputation for retaining high quality school teachers and staff, as well as a beautiful park system and functional and traffic free infrastructure.
487.	Commentment to the citizens to have input on strategic planning
488.	Vibrant small locally owned businesses and best of breed schools
489.	Small town living with the comforts of big city planning and infrastructure that supports its community. We love it here but city traffic created by people (and 18 wheelers) commuting thru our city from surrounding cities needs to be better managed and addressed. Improved retail commitments from companies with higher end appeal than Big Lots, Ross, etc.
490.	The nice place to raise a family, and supporting local businesses. Not just "another suburb of Dallas!"
491.	Quality of life and a planned growth infrastructure that adequately manages the population growth.
492.	Quality of life
493.	...Still being one of the smallest, wealthiest counties in Texas. A safe place to raise your family, attend church, and socialize with other like minded conservative Texans. A place where traditions are still important. A place that still has a local school district that represents the community it serves and respects and honors the rights of parents to decide how their children will be educated. A place that isn't home to a transient population, but rather a place where people plant roots.
494.	Can't move the scales above. Still having wide open spaces.
495.	Rural feel and open spaces
496.	Wide open spaces, residents actually being able to purchase a home and live here.
497.	Excellent wide roads with without potholes. Sidewalks to enjoy the lake. Pockets of gathering places.
498.	Hospitality, beauty, affordable
499.	Less crime. More opportunity for kids to play outside safely in a natural environment; to fish, camp out, etc.
500.	Quality of life -- adequate access to water and utilities, access to excellent health care, great recreational opportunities, easier access to the Dallas metroplex, housing that reflects quality and individual space in such a beautiful setting. I DO NOT want to see tons of low income housing such as those developed by DR Horton on 1/8 acre lots that amount to nothing more than an apartment with a strip of lawn. I DO NOT want to wake up to zero water and strict watering restrictions because of mismanaged and fraudulent business practices. I DO NOT want billionaires from other parts of the state running our local politics. I want to be safe in my home and able to enjoy my freedom.
501.	Having successfully maintained its rural atmosphere and not succumbed to the overbuilding of homes, while still providing adequate supplies of water and power and a reasonable highway system to move people through and around town.
502.	Good schools, adequate transportation, low crime, nice parks and recreational facilities and a place to spend my dollars to have fun. And a place that will have live/work/play options that don't require a car. Better entertainment options like Collin County.

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503.	Being a good place to raise kids with good schools where the population density is such that it doesnt require rezoning of children every 3 years. EVERYTHING in balance. We are way out of balance currently.
504.	Preserving the small town environment while growing small business opportunities. Building of parks and recreational opportunities to allow our residents places to play and grow together.
505.	Its perfect balance of residential living and commercial businesses.
506.	Being a great place for small businesses and families to thrive. For preserving our history and small town feel.
507.	Good and honest leadership

OEQ.7. What do you think is Rockwall County's greatest asset moving forward?

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1.	The greatest asset is the people that are willing to make this a great community to work and live in.
2.	Proximity to Dallas and measured/calculated growth
3.	Not sure.
4.	The people and class.
5.	Location.
6.	You have the buy-in of your community right now. People love this place and are passionate about it. If you fail to see that as an asset or take into account the cost of choking the life out of it, you're going to lose it. The community is what makes Rockwall unique. Lose that and 75087 becomes just another zip code.
7.	HEB!!!
8.	Beauty, lake, parks, medical, homes with acreage mandates, local owned businesses, and schools.
9.	The people
10.	It was reasonable housing and taxes not anymore the city and county over tax us I pay over 7000.00 in taxes for 1600 square foot house
11.	Money
12.	Lake views
13.	Beauty- lake - safety
14.	The community
15.	The small town community feeling
16.	Lake Ray Hubbard and it's ambiance for the neighborhoods.
17.	Still carries a small town feel but quickly losing that by all the homes being built.
18.	The greatest asset is the people of Rockwall County. The biggest detriment and limitation to community enjoyment is the road infrastructure and the inability to get across the county East to West.
19.	I believe Rockwall County's greatest asset right now are the trees and the natural environment and it would be nice if we would build more into that. For instance building a community park.
20.	Great schools
21.	Change of leadership on the county level & county has less authority and city has more authority.
22.	Location to harbor.
23.	Location and leadership
24.	Our ability to work together on common problems, that folks are willing to listen to each other
25.	Since nothing has been done (relatively speaking) to meet the needs of the county and the future growth of the county, RC is somewhat of a blank slate.
26.	There isn't one based on the current path of overpopulation with government approval
27.	Location and people
28.	Lake
29.	Our lake and land. I would hope it's not going to be over saturated with mass produced communities.
30.	Lake access and large homes
31.	Desirable location= Concentration of wealth and property value
32.	The Lake and Space

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33.	The people who are active and participate.
34.	Open spaces and current leadership.
35.	At this point, it has already lost it's charm and uniqueness, so I would be hard pressed to identify as asset.
36.	The people.
37.	The lake, the remaining open space.
38.	The lake
39.	The lake
40.	That we still might have people who care about keeping our city and county small. Not a cut through to other cities. We have a water quality problem as well as supply. And our roads, water and electricity issues do not meet the growth being approved. We need to slow down. The kids that now need to be at the 9th grade center is going to be a nightmare. It will cause problems at all the schools and with sports.
41.	The lake
42.	People care!
43.	Relatively a lot of room to plan growth responsibly, preserving natural beauty, and supporting small and local business, promoting community based economic growth and well being
44.	Community
45.	Leadership
46.	The education level of its residents and it is a physically safe place to reside.
47.	Low crime rate and good schools. We cannot become Forney. Look what has happened to that poor town. The crime is terrible, their schools are a joke. It's knocking at our door. We have the ability to retain our sense of charm with smart and unique business offerings and not just approving anyone who wants to drop a building on a piece of vacant land. We need to stop approving mass residential developments that cannot be appropriately serviced. And we need to stop high density housing and public transportation methods that will bring crime to our area.
48.	Not sure but i can say what are not the assets. Not population, not roads, not improving teacher pay, not managing growth, not managing the clientele moving in
49.	Local control of policy and zoning not state or big corporations
50.	Solid planning and a commitment to its residents to slow down the expansion until the proper infrastructure can support it. Stop selling our land to developers to make a buck!!
51.	Community engagement
52.	Open land.
53.	Location.
54.	Its people
55.	The ability to recognize the uniqueness of our gem of a county without compromise.
56.	Relatively low taxes and good schools
57.	As long as there is a responsible, vigilant approach, Rockwall County's greatest asset moving forward is becoming the "Frisco of East DFW" in striking a perfect balance between expanding to attract more quality, desirable businesses to the area while also preserving its unique small town, family friendly persona.
58.	Working on more roads
59.	Money
60.	I am unsure.
61.	The many volunteer organizations and Lakepointe church.

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62.	Environmental preservation
63.	People involvement
64.	To elect better leaders, not young folks with no imagination on how to keep Rockwall country, not turn it into Dallas, Houston or heaven forbid, Austin
65.	Still having some undeveloped land and the ability to stop its development
66.	Undeveloped land, the ability to create trails and parks and green spaces is still a possibility.
67.	The land and the community. Focus on doing maintaining what we have well rather than growth and development, which is robbing us of our communities character.
68.	I don't really see one.
69.	Denying plans that use loopholes to avoid density requirements
70.	Patriotic community members
71.	Attractive lakefront, education, arts and housing communities to maintain quality of life.
72.	Probably the lake and it's relatively safe. I don't really see the appeal of small town anymore, so living by the lake and that it's a relatively safe town are bonuses. I'm sure if more apartments are added and public transportation comes in, we'll look more like Mesquite and Garland, then our town will no longer be safe.
73.	The lake and it's low crime rate, exclusive neighborhoods and Republican concentration.
74.	People who care about keeping Rockwall prosperous and safe
75.	You're a major transit artery that is more of a hindrance than a asset.
76.	Quality of life, good public schools, community arts and music, as the smallest county in Texas we must caretake the way land is used.
77.	Open spaces.
78.	Conservative Political stand
79.	The small county size. Separated from bigger cities by a lake on one side. Open land on the other side. Easy to live here yet close enough to visit small towns or big cities.
80.	N/A
81.	The businesses and people as well as the overall geographical location.
82.	The Lake and the smaller town feel with the schools and open fields. Please stop building.
83.	The funds to fix what needs fixing.
84.	Controlled growth, open spaces, safe neighborhoods, low crime. Don't turn into Mesquite, Forney or rowlett! Look to cities like Southlake for growth plan
85.	To maintain small town charm. If that's lost people will be disappointed and move on to other areas to live. Rockwall has become way overcrowded. Every green space is taken up for more housing and apts. Truck stops in this small county should not have been placed here. Continuous wrecks on 1-30 at Dalrock constantly.
86.	The lake.
87.	The lake. We need much better planning and development to take advantage of the lake.
88.	Its ability to define itself by preventing overgrowth. All the trees shouldn't be lost to too many neighborhoods, congested traffic shouldn't become more of an issue because of unwise growth decisions. No one finds it fun to live where you can't easily move around.
89.	Management in Each individual city. Most City Managers have lived here for years and are vested in our community and County.
90.	The people and the greenspace
91.	Leadership

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92.	I think the people of Rockwall genuinely love and care about our county and want the best for it!
93.	The lake its food and entertainment. And the family friendly driven community where our kids are safe to play in their neighborhood.
94.	Open space areas around the city are beautiful and should be used to the advantage of the city. People that live here want the city to be a place that you don't have to leave to find entertainment and family friendly activities and we have the space to out these things.
95.	We have the ability to change course and take it back to small town feel
96.	The lake, natural beauty and open fields that remain, its downtown with intact historic buildings with high integrity. Please do not ruin this city by turning it into another generic Frisco. There is a reason we live here and not Collin County. We do not WANT to be a major metropolitan city center, we want to be small town Rockwall!
97.	A county that is United and stands to protect the values that a county this size needs to preserve!
98.	The leadership/governance really care what the community value. It's a special place.
99.	Parks and rec. family friendly small town feel
100.	Friendly welcoming tedudents
101.	Passion
102.	Our people, topography, lakeside, and the great concerts we put on every year
103.	Public money and concerned citizens.
104.	It's people
105.	Republicans
106.	Getting roads better and traffic less
107.	Location, quality of life, quality schools (we need to keep investing in schools to stay competitive with neighboring districts).
108.	Land.
109.	The lake and the new families moving here.
110.	Strong core values.
111.	Recreational community - lake, parks
112.	Proximity to Dallas for hospitals, etc. The lake.
113.	Proximity to Dallas
114.	What are the greatest assets that Rockwell has moving board is the restructure of parks and recreation. We are so lucky to have all of the green space that we do. This really impacts families and our area. People are able to get out and spend time with one another.
115.	Smart leadership.
116.	Lake Ray Hubbard being a natural "buffer" to help keep crime and undesirables out of our county.
117.	Diversity in opportunities
118.	That at some point it is landlocked between Kaufman, Dallas and Collin counties. At some point we are full, just hope the leaders make fact based and intelligent decisions on development plan and zoning. We need more parks and large open spaces. Will we follow Plano and Richardson and have to close schools in the future? Plano has allowed the housing market to price out young families now the only people that can afford to live here are older people who don't have kids that go to school," Richardson ISD is in the same boat. Ranch-style homes that cost \$200,000 not that long ago are now going from more than \$1 million. Young families on a budget can't afford it, and so they've moved on
119.	It's beauty. I like the plants everywhere, especially in the medians. Also, buildings are maintained well.

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120.	The money here
121.	Forward thinking, planning, & financial resources
122.	A few forward thinking leaders
123.	Rockwall has a solid foundation to be a great small county/city now through 2050.
124.	It's people
125.	It's relatively open and rural feel and management by a competent County government serving the citizens.
126.	Utilizing revenue from Increased population and property values to benefit the community. Increased recreational opportunities for the community at the lake.
127.	Its community pride
128.	The opportunity to smartly develop the county to enable it to be the North Texas gem for rural county living.
129.	Location near major cities and activities.
130.	Land, or what is left of it. Next to that the people.
131.	Conservative mindset in the residents.
132.	Access to metroplex while being independent.
133.	Nothing if they keep growing
134.	Limited multi family and corporate owned homes. You can't build community with transient population. Safety and low crime
135.	The lake. I would have said the types of housing available years ago, but that is declining with more apartments and smaller tract homes which will become rental homes.
136.	Access to downtown Dallas with a small town feel.
137.	Controlling development and traffic
138.	Our downtown with the old courthouse & amazingly functional historic buildings surrounding it.
139.	The people, one of the most giving communities I have ever had the privilege to live in.
140.	Obviously - the lake... Open spaces, where cows still roam... A lack of high rise buildings, and mile after mile of cookie cutter apartment buildings. But first and foremost, it's the people. It's a different culture from our urban neighbor to the west. At retail and restaurant, you're greeted and thanked - and they mean it.
141.	Lake, downtown, parks and scenic
142.	Rockwall needs to seek out additional independent, unique businesses. Less large chain stores.
143.	The land and the willingness to preserve what makes this land so special
144.	Strategic Location, Excellent Interconnected infrastructure and managed growth potential
145.	The fact that we are still small enough to determine our own destiny if all the cities and counties were to work together
146.	Conservative values.
147.	Frank New and the new county officials willing to fight for open spaces and fight against high density housing
148.	People
149.	The people and the community.
150.	Community. Communication. Location - proximity and separation from Dallas.

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151.	NOTHING, Local Gov't would have to do the following to make this county better. 1. Local Gov't officials that are not trying to cater to the BIG Developers. Limited Terms. Minimum Lot 1.5 acres 2. Better Schools (Real Education; Science, Math, Technology, Reading, Writing, etc. along with Ethics, Patriotism, Values, Social Gracie's - Etiquette - Manners - Protocol - Public Speaking - Business Writing). More Technical School Training Courses 3. Reduce ISD Taxes and Budgets, have school year-round, no students from outside county 5. Local County offices to reduce budget each year by X% or lay off people 6. Any work that impedes on traffic flow should be done at night. All Country facilities should be manicured like a military installation
152.	It's people.
153.	The lake and green space.
154.	People
155.	Our values and overall community culture
156.	The school district
157.	People that truly care about where they live.
158.	Beautiful landscape
159.	Location
160.	Hometown feeling very close to a major metropolis.
161.	Schools, location
162.	The beauty of our area and the community feel
163.	??
164.	The size. That it is small should allow us to be a fantastic place to live. If actual discussion and plans to shift from this good 'ol boy dealing/ we only have baseball fields mentality - we will only attract people that aren't invested in the community and our long term success will be restricted. We can't be a community of renters - we have to have buy in. if there is a way to (legally and ethically) slow corporate buying of residential property, that would be a good place to start.
165.	It's people
166.	Safety! Over performing schools. Tourism for lake life
167.	Space, that should not be used to just cram in sub par housing on tiny lots and junk buisnesses
168.	Community support and involvement and investment. Limited government.
169.	Quit letting people move here.
170.	Education
171.	Schools and the people
172.	Rural, small town feel. Local businesses and sense of strong community. Proximity to Dallas while maintaining a slower and more peaceful pace of life.
173.	Proximity to lake, mature trees. Schools,
174.	The still available land space
175.	Police enforcement and we are known for not tolerating crime. I like the lack of public transportation
176.	Rockwall's greatest asset is its location. We are on the fringe of the metroplex but far enough away to have our own identity. I hope we can keep that identity and not become "just another suburb."
177.	The conservative character of the citizens. Minimal low income housing.

#	Virtual Comments
178.	The opportunity to improve its diverse businesses and the Downtown Rockwall area.
179.	Community
180.	The lake, the small town vibe of the square, the AMAZING school district.
181.	We have wonderful lake access. Need to improve traffic flow and public transportation access
182.	The schools and proximity to the lake
183.	Not sure. We absolutely loved Rockwall county when we moved here over 12 years ago from the Dallas area. We loved the relaxed lifestyle in a lake community, the open space, the excellent schools. It has changed dramatically in the past 12 years. Development has occurred too rapidly and we don't have the infrastructure to support it. Crime has increased. We still don't have an excellent medical system and commute to Dallas through traffic for doctor appointments. Lack of water is a huge problem. We spent 2 days in Dallas due to losing power in the storm. We noticed that Dallas was not as congested as Rockwall now. Disappointing.
184.	It's becoming overcrowded in the roads and infrastructure cannot handle the number of people it's gonna lead to people leaving home values decreasing
185.	The lake
186.	Being proactive
187.	Ability to shape future Rockwall county.
188.	Proximity to Dallas and the lake, which acts as a buffer to uncontrolled expansion.
189.	Access to the Lake / the lake gives the county a separation identity
190.	Open landscape
191.	Just far enough from but not too close to downtown Dallas. Quality lifestyle. Faith based community. Low crime at this time
192.	Proximity to the lake to attract outdoor enthusiasts rather than criminals.
193.	Wealthy county
194.	It's remaining natural assets such as the wooded areas around Harry Myers and its proximity to the DFW area.
195.	Elected officials who have the backbone to make hard decisions to protect the county and its future despite lucrative offers.
196.	Room to grow with direct access to DFW metro
197.	Proximity to Lake Ray Hubbard, people desiring and working for great quality of life
198.	Lake
199.	The people. Schools
200.	Location.
201.	Above average average income which means higher standards for our town and our schools
202.	The people
203.	Lake
204.	Lakeside living
205.	It's funny we need a Gap or Banana Republic and Firewheel can get it but we have not. Would love more shopping opportunities for upscale stores
206.	Our support for each other. The love for the history and locals.
207.	The people willing to volunteer their time to make it a better place
208.	Open space and conservative values
209.	It's small town feel but that has been going away with all the building taking place.
210.	Green spaces! Less building!

#	Virtual Comments
211.	Lakeside separation from Dallas.
212.	The people
213.	Rural feel
214.	The lake
215.	Open land was the greatest asset It's been sold for profit with no regard to infrastructure and no regard whatsoever to the people who created the lifestyle that made Rockwall what it was 5 years ago.
216.	The lake
217.	Greatest asset is the natural beauty of the area.
218.	The open land
219.	The schools and lake
220.	Our roads
221.	Location
222.	The lake
223.	Improving and elevating its businesses and visual appeal to match being the highest income county. Not that I want it to be like frisco or Southlake, but it not only sustains the higher income levels, but continues to attract more. With the element of a the lake also nearby this is a great opportunity to offer that elevated experience, but along the natural landscape of the lake, trees and green space
224.	Lake views and green spaces
225.	The idea of community.
226.	I don't know
227.	Nothing
228.	The lake is an amazing asset. We need more walking/running/biking lanes and trails
229.	Schools and small town feel with Jesus still alive.
230.	Schools
231.	Continuing the small town feel, making people feel welcome, keeping crime down and out, and preserving the country side of Rockwall.
232.	People, businesses, schools
233.	All elements of transportation available, highways, rail, airport that should be linked to support future needs that may be difficult to define in the present.
234.	Small size.
235.	Developable land and Freeway access.
236.	Lake Ray Hubbard, open spaces
237.	Being on the Lake with the ability to enjoy recreational activities as well as good dining.
238.	The lake.
239.	Small town feel with great amenities.
240.	Proximity to Dallas, Plano, Frisco, and Tyler. Lake Ray Hubbard could be an asset if it was much cleaner.
241.	Quality of life and friendly environment. Mainly single family homes that most owners take pride in.
242.	Open Spaces!
243.	History and tradition of a great quality of life, residents who value that, and leaders who made it happen

#	Virtual Comments
244.	Parks and rec.
245.	If the county can preserve some green space and old farms along with preserving the quality of the lake that would help. But I see farms getting bulldozed and small lot houses going in almost daily. We are moving out of the county in the next year. It has become so crowded, the infrastructure is not keeping up, I don't feel safe driving here anymore, the schools are not at the level they were - they aren't fully staffed right now yet they keep building new schools. We thought we would retire here but that has has changed and we are leaving.
246.	Schools
247.	It's size helps for simple solutions
248.	Lake Ray Hubbard
249.	Open spaces
250.	Conservative values
251.	Location. Well situated to Recreation and city access
252.	Because it's small is close to Dallas, but not ruined like Dallas
253.	Its people.
254.	The people and natural beauty
255.	Its still small and has open areas
256.	Small town feel and way of life
257.	The lake
258.	We are early enough and have enough expansion potential to not make mistakes other cities up north has made by just becoming little concrete jungles. Let other counties do that. Forney has sold out to massive neighborhoods and fastfood chains. lets be the county that still feels like Texas
259.	Overall wealth of the tax base affords the county many options that otherwise would not be available
260.	Lake Ray Hubbard
261.	The people that live there. There are a lot of people with great influence
262.	That there is no public transportation, no DART stops to bring criminals to Rockwall, very little multi family development.
263.	Economies of scale being the smallest county
264.	Its community - they care about what goes on here.
265.	The lake
266.	The lake
267.	Nothing right now. Leadership is worst I've seen in three decades. Money over what matters. Taxes are through the roof but the quality of Rockwall county has not grown with the new tax payment increases.
268.	Building schools.
269.	Rockwall's greatest asset is that it is such a nice and safe town
270.	I think the Education system and the schools are the greatest asset moving forward.
271.	Lake Ray Hubbard. Protect it!!!
272.	Small town feel but amenities of a big city
273.	Citizens are informed and proactive
274.	The talented people that currently live here.
275.	Lakepointe Church

#	Virtual Comments
276.	Beautiful lake access
277.	Undecided
278.	People
279.	It is close to the DFW metroplex with all the advantages that entails. However, it is geographically separated from the metroplex which limits the problems associated with a large city. The separation means that crime can be controlled, the county can maintain excellent schools and taxes and budgets can be managed.
280.	The appeal of small town without the traffic congestion of Dallas
281.	Community feel
282.	Small size friendly py
283.	Conservative Values
284.	Education
285.	It's small-town, homey feel.
286.	Its closeness to the Lake.
287.	The people
288.	Proximity to Dallas
289.	Lake Ray Hubbard
290.	Proximity to the lake and distance from Dallas.
291.	Rockwall's proximity to a developed urban center and rural areas is perfect for when you want big city amenities and the tranquility of the country.
292.	At this point, Rockwall is growing too fast and our roads and infrastructure can't handle it. Keep the small town vibes.
293.	NO DART SYSTEM. STOP CONSTRUCTION. PRESERVE NATURE. IN PERSON AND ONE DAY OF ELECTION VOTING.
294.	Rockwall ISD
295.	The small town feel.
296.	Being tough on crime.
297.	Lake separation from Garland, Mesquite and Dallas
298.	Balance across socioeconomic spectrum
299.	Still a lot of open land, please develop wisely. So far, all I see is more subdivisions, nail salons, dentist offices, and donut shops. Bring in upscale dining. Build an Event Center like the City of Allen has. Host shows, events, concerts etc. Tear down that unconstitutional courthouse and develop the land correctly. We voted that ridiculous building down twice and the crooks built it anyway.
300.	The lake
301.	The lake
302.	Location
303.	Community
304.	The small town friendly atmosphere
305.	Availability of medical facilities and shopping!
306.	Pro-law enforcement philosophy, responsible governance
307.	It's small enough to get things done
308.	The quality of the people who live here which could get skewed if we simply focus on volume and quantity.

#	Virtual Comments
309.	No more development!
310.	The citizens.
311.	Open land and space
312.	An interest in community planning to meet the influx of new residents and businesses as well as it's willingness to change/adapt.
313.	Asset is the lake front. But the people make it great.
314.	Safety and selective growth. Great downtown and events. Quality retailers and schools.
315.	Vision, just need to reel in the grandiose ideas and the thought, "it's Rockwall, the tax payers can afford it"
316.	Lake Ray Hubbard
317.	Sapphire Bay's Opportunity to have the Girst Non-Smoking Casino to reduce Property Tax Dramatically
318.	Conservative gov't— non Democraticg
319.	Proximity to Dallas and area recreation.
320.	Nothing unless government limits development, and ISD / Law Enforcement make REAL CHANGES Have special election and let votes decide on following Term Limits for all local elected positions Year Round Schooling to reduce having to build more Home Lot Sizes (min 1acre, but vote selection set at 1.5, 2, 3, acres, with no possible changes unless voted on again) Changes requirements to run for office 1. Background checks 2. No convictions of any kind (DUI, Felony) 3. No pending Lawsuits or Judgments for taxes, HOA fees, Child Support, Traffic Citations, etc. 4. Must be Resident for "X" number of years 5. Voted in prior 3 elections You list these panels below to interact with. But, I will forecast now that they make no positive changes
321.	Lakefront. Natural landscape.
322.	Leadership with the common sense to focus on longer term aspects instead of this term and the next election.
323.	The access to the lake.
324.	Lake ray hubbard
325.	Controlled growth and proximity to Dallas...not too close, but not too far away.
326.	Median income and keeping multi-family housing at a minimum
327.	Small town feel in an ever-growing community, good school districts
328.	Close enough to larger cities without needing to grow too much.
329.	I have no idea any more
330.	The lake and shopping
331.	There are so many that have grown up here and stayed or come back. They love Rockwall.
332.	Position on eastern edge of DFW metroplex
333.	Proximity to Dallas while remining rural.
334.	Charm, school system, parks & recreation.
335.	Its ruralness and land with small town feel limited residents and quality schools.

#	Virtual Comments
336.	The people that live here...
337.	The lake
338.	Build roads & try fixing them also- potholes r our od control
339.	The positive attitudes to planning for smarter growth across the county.
340.	The HEB and Ikea
341.	Great schools on a lake
342.	Property values, great leadership, and low crime.
343.	Country living, owning land
344.	I think the lake is the greatest asset and it would be great to have a park near the lake that is bigger and is public.
345.	The greatest asset to keep Rockwall County great is its elected officials who need to be courageous in their fight against the wealthy and powerful corporations and lobbyists who want to extract unfair value from residents by shaping the county into what best serves the corporate interests vs. the people. There is such a thing as unsustainable growth, masked as "progress", that backfires on a community, which is the current path this county is on. Stand up to D.R. Horton and Amazon and the rest. Protect the residents, not the bloodsuckers!
346.	The entrepreneurial spirit of people here. There are several fair-minded, rational problem solvers in our midst. They do all the work while us loud complainers do all the talking.
347.	The beautiful homes and nice people
348.	Careful, organized development where people, feel safe, and people can earn a living .
349.	Our current leadership (minus Dennis Bailey) to drive healthy responsible progress. That will keep the area beautiful and thriving without compromising the safety and serenity of its current residents. No over crowded, congested housing, rundown schools and trash. There's enough of that living elsewhere.
350.	It's people. Our community is what makes us special. Put God first. Keep God first.
351.	Staying stubborn and resistant to other's self-proclaimed "progressive" change. Barf
352.	People who lived here long enough to remember when Rockwall was great and how to return it to that state
353.	Land to build on
354.	Not turning into Mesquite or Forney. Stop housing development. Do not allow section 8. Clean house at the police department. Lower taxes and fix the highway.
355.	I am not sure there is one anymore. It has become just like he other small towns. Over growth, traffic and seems like more crime is coming in
356.	Population who truly love this county and want to see it become the best county in DFW.
357.	I do not know
358.	Somehow keeping the small town/community feel.
359.	The people of Rockwall are our greatest asset; smart, friendly, involved. Our smallness allows for good connectivity among the Cities in our County, we know each other.
360.	Steady growth, not too fast or too much. We came here to get away from crowded city, especially development in fate coming needs to be stopped.
361.	Embracing business of all sizes.
362.	Unity and safety
363.	Community.
364.	Beautiful natural resources

#	Virtual Comments
365.	Small town atmosphere close to Dallas
366.	Sustainable planning and growth for the size of Rockwall County.
367.	Location
368.	It's people! And growing that number of people (I believe) is only to our benefit. We can grow sustainably and get some additional services and amenities in our county without giving up our close knit community feel. It is a balance, but I think we are up for the challenge!
369.	Rockwall's greatest asset is the school system and should remain strong.
370.	Lake Ray Hubbard and the old town downtown
371.	The community identity is well established as a family friendly place to live and raise your children in a premier school district.
372.	History of good decisions relative to livability.
373.	Food choices, safety, cleanliness, friendliness of community
374.	Natural beauty of area
375.	The residents and community. The people who live here and have "bought in" to the idea of Rockwall (not just bought a house here) but have invested their time, money and talents and want to protect it.
376.	Holding on to open spaces, pastures, and large retention ponds that are not only pleasing to people but entirely necessary for the critters living in them.
377.	It's location in being tucked away from the city while still commutable
378.	It's people
379.	Location. Easy access to Dallas yet none of the hassles of living in a big city. I-30 corridor presents great opportunity for relocating businesses. Lakeside location is unique and allows for many building opportunities not available in other parts of DFW.
380.	I can't think of one right now.....that's rather telling in itself.
381.	Natural spaces- preserve them and stop developing everything outward. I30- prioritize high density mixed use centers and less one story big box and restaurant stuff. Fairly close to DART (wish we could get it across the lake, but doubt our community will figure out how important transit is until too late) Downtowns and surrounding neighborhoods- these are the types of places where more people are going to want/need to live in the future for access and affordability reasons. Interest in the suburban model is waiting. Lake- wish there could be more public access to the lakefront, but I know there are a lot of challenges to do that.
382.	The lake
383.	I think there are people who want to evolve and create beautiful space here. We need those who don't need to go so we can start making this county a place people want to be
384.	Conservative values
385.	Trails and open spaces
386.	?
387.	Locatio
388.	Education, location
389.	Accessibility
390.	People that believe in helping community thrive
391.	Acceptance of diversity
392.	Rockwall has the resources and the money do everything it needs to do.

#	Virtual Comments
393.	The people.
394.	Untapped open space that could be saved instead of developed
395.	Lake Ray Hubbard. We under utilize it.
396.	Family Friendly
397.	Rockwall ISD and attracting family friendly entertainment opportunities.
398.	Lake RH
399.	Its community and its people!
400.	The abundance of parks, trails and outdoor activities.
401.	The opportunity to shape a largely rural area into a well thought out low density community.
402.	Lakepointe Church
403.	At this moment, it's that people want to be here. For now. Compared to bigger counties Rockwall does have that small town feel. Not like it did in 1991, but to new people it still feels small. I think we are at a critical point in the growth though. If leadership isn't careful the county will move in a less desirable direction. We are already feeling this in the southern part of the county. The outer loop will destroy our country feel. It needs to be moved further south! Not squeezed between already established neighborhoods.
404.	Lakefront location and wonderful community
405.	Lack of apartments vice individual homes! I live in Rockwall County, but in that sliver East of Dalrock in Rowlett! Unfortunately, Rowlett has gone the apartment route. Traffic is VERY bad, crime rate is getting much worse, and streets need continual repairs.
406.	Not having Dart in Rockwall. There is still a small amount of farmland and Open Spaces
407.	The lake, shopping, restaurants.
408.	Citizens
409.	Small town Texas way of life with conservative values with a balance of rural agriculture and metropolitan amenities without feeling overcrowded or have traffic congestion. Where a hardworking middle class family can remain being able to afford a 3 bedrm, 2 bath home, take a walk in their neighborhood without fear, & send their kids to public school knowing they will get a good education free from radical progressive ideology. As soon as these things go away, we lose our county, our cities, state and our soul. These are the things that drew people here in the first place. I also think we can do more to promote our lakeside living with more accessible affordable activities like kayak, wave runner rentals on the lake. Also a path around it:)
410.	Lake
411.	The Rockwall Independent School District and the wide variety of local businesses and restaraunts.
412.	Lake access
413.	The growth, indifferent, restaurants, and retail
414.	It can only grow so much since it's surrounded by growing cities - keeping this small town feel.
415.	Public safety forward thinking attitudes.
416.	Our people
417.	Conservative family values
418.	The Lake and old town. Make old town pedestrian only. Ban the truck stop!
419.	High priced Single family homes
420.	Leverage with development. Hold developers accountable by means of 3-way contract to improve the infrastructure around the project. Streets, utilities, etc. but SOMETHING

#	Virtual Comments
421.	Community spirit, low crime, good schools, and great churches
422.	The lake provides a great platform to build the community. It is a center piece around which the county can build. Over growth and poor infrastructure are real concerns. The quality of design and community plans are very important. Quick growth can lead to over building, crowding and eye sores. So far this is not happening.
423.	It's growing tax base
424.	Downtown area is great
425.	Good question. I guess the lake and the schools. This city has some serious cultural issues that are repulsive to the average citizen. I am hopeful that over time leaders can tone down the hateful rhetoric.
426.	Our environment, lakes, country side and people
427.	Leadership is trying to plan ahead.
428.	We have strong individuals who care about the county, and if we get back to our original values we will be back to one of the most desirable places to live. If not a lot of us that care will move on.
429.	Proximity to the lake, being a walkable community not bisected by the I-30 corridor.
430.	Closeness to metroplex but (hopefully) still has relatively small town feel. That is if growth is managed and doesn't become a Frisco!
431.	The people who live in this county who help and support all the great groups that strengthen our community
432.	Location to Dallas and Lake Ray Hubbard
433.	Open land and low density population.
434.	Land and housing that includes at least two acres to allow for human, wildlife and nature beauty without a wall to wall carpet of roofs!!!
435.	Location and we still have the ability to grow without being too far outside of Dallas. To grow north you have to go over 1 hour north of Dallas. To continue to grow East it's 30 - 45 minutes.
436.	Clean and Safe place to live
437.	Rolling open space
438.	Green spaces, growth management, and strong schools that let the professionals lead the classroom and hold the students accountable.
439.	Not becoming a cement jungle!!
440.	It's people. I think majority of those in Rockwall want the same thing. Less overbuilding, no more multi family housing, no DART. We are close enough to enjoy the bigger cities when we want, but lucky enough to be far enough away not to deal with their problems. We want to keep it that way.
441.	The people that already live here.
442.	Our undeveloped land and the small rural/suburban communities.
443.	Not having a link to DART transit or other public transi
444.	Community. The people in the community are so welcoming, helpful, and friendly. I hope that continues.
445.	Lake, downtown area, shopping, recreational activities
446.	Countryside and proximity.
447.	Opportunity, we have the ability to set the tone with the abundance of opportunity in the future for growth and innovation.
448.	Determined members of our local government who share the open space vision.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
449.	Proximity to Dallas, the lake, beautiful homes. I do think the city needs to slow down and halt multi-family. When we moved to Rockwall, the city was against multi-family and that certainly has changed.
450.	The lake and schools.
451.	Maintaining the small town charm along side it's steadfast commitment to keeping our community safe and consistently upholding the values of our constitution.
452.	Open spaces.
453.	Lake Ray Hubbard, and the opportunities that exist to link up footpaths and bike lanes across the county. The potential to link Rockwall to the Dallas public rail transport system.
454.	It's location along Interstate 30 and easy access to George Bush.
455.	The lake and To keep a small town feel
456.	Downtown and lake access
457.	Location, location, location. Near a lake.
458.	The people. Rockwall people are still very friendly and caring. At least if they aren't driving. Just sarcasm. In fact, most drivers are very courteous and let people merge into traffic without causing unnecessary backups. We have a good support system of local charities and support for those in need. If you ask for help, most neighbors would drop what they are doing in a second to assist. We also have a very qualified and professional law enforcement and 1st responder network throughout the county.
459.	Location
460.	The lake and low tax structure
461.	The greatest asset we have are the remaining Rockwallians who still believe we can keep Rockwall somewhat similar to what it's always been and what we all love about it- a small town, with a small town feel.
462.	Listening to the people who live here.
463.	Rolling hills with open land
464.	Beautiful country feel
465.	The Lake
466.	Open land
467.	It has already lost the quality of life that made me proud to be a part of the community and say I am from Rockwall.
468.	Lots of great people who are willing to work hard to keep quality life in Rockwall County. Quality healthcare is a priority and that is important. There are many affluent people in this community who share their talents and dollars to keep things beautiful.
469.	Plenty of open space but will require solid leadership to avoid caving in to the developers.
470.	The lake
471.	Its deep pockets. We are the richest county per capita in the state. Also the smallest. We can acquire the same level of tax income with LESS houses with bigger lots. Yes this ultimately excludes diversity in our community but it also eases stress on literally every other component of our county. From infrastructure, roads, water, and environmental awareness. Less is more. Make it a desirable place to live. NOT another Mesquite.
472.	The small town charm
473.	It's relatively open and rural feel and management by a competent County government serving the citizens.
474.	Historic downtown square/Harry myers park area

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
475.	The citizens

OEQ.8. Slide the scale to rate how much you agree with the following statements about Rockwall County.

<i>Statement</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
I identify as a Rockwall County resident first and foremost when asked where I live.	26	26	18	84	323
I am proud to say I live in Rockwall County.	21	16	16	106	338
I think residential development in the County is orderly and desirable.	248	137	6	62	38
I think commercial development in the County is orderly and desirable.	151	128	18	96	45
Rockwall County positively impacts my quality of life.	42	34	14	158	179
I think Rockwall County is well prepared for rapid growth in the DFW metroplex.	335	128	8	23	9

Section 2: Economic Development (ED)

ED.1. What type of jobs or employment industries are desirable for Rockwall County residents?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Continue like the EDC is doing with clean manufacturing.
2.	Full range of medical care providers especially for aging population.
3.	STEM. Medical. Research. IT.
4.	Medical. Legal → need more lawyers! Tech. Biotech.
5.	Fewer tech park. Better coordination.
6.	Need more light industry.
7.	Professional services.
8.	Boating/watersports related.
9.	Continued accelerate value-added industry.
10.	Technology.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Customer service
2.	High end manufacturing, service, Regional, National or International Headquarters
3.	Professional Services, Healthcare, Retail, Education, Light Industry.
4.	Full range of professional, industrial and services to support residential developments.
5.	Hospitals, Clinics, Urgent Care
6.	If I wasn't retired I would like to work in Rockwall county.
7.	Tech companies
8.	White collar
9.	Retail? Food & beverage. Service.
10.	Professional
11.	High Tech jobs, office facilities
12.	Small businesses
13.	College education or trades required.
14.	I would like to see more high tech companies enticed to come here vs Frisco
15.	We need more entertainment options.
16.	Hi tech, skilled (require college)
17.	Corporate tech
18.	From home
19.	Information Technology
20.	Research and higher education
21.	We own a business in Rockwall and love that we are able to work close to home!
22.	Healthcare, education.
23.	Healthcare
24.	All types

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
25.	Common work space area/office building
26.	Retail, high tech commercial, medical.
27.	A mix of everything
28.	Technology, healthcare
29.	Light warehouse/ industrial and technology processing centers
30.	Top Insurance companies.
31.	Corporate headquarters, marketing firms, professional offices
32.	Ones that can be had without having a college degree.
33.	My house.
34.	Technology
35.	Professional Services, Healthcare, Retail, Education, Light Industry.

ED.2. As the County grows, what types of shops and entertainment would be most appropriate or needed?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Outlet mall. Fine dining (less like a small tourist area/restaurants).
2.	Walkable downtown retail areas.
3.	Park development. Walking trails-connected.
4.	Small business. Shop/restaurants.
5.	A 3rd golf course.
6.	More shopping downtown. Farmers market expansion.
7.	Incorporate more high end stores.
8.	Require retail & office & commercial close to new residential developments in the County.
9.	Outdoor activities. More parks.
10.	After hours clubs. Entertainment venues for 25-55 ages.
11.	Independent locally-owned businesses.
12.	More high end retailers.
13.	Night clubs.
14.	Green space.
15.	Large sports & event center venue.
16.	More community center event bldg. Community theater.
17.	Local business owners.
18.	Golf. Entertainment driven. For family.
19.	The Arts.
20.	Civic center.
21.	Anything but bigbox & chains.
22.	Farmers market (more produce from actual farmers).

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Cava & Trader Joe's
2.	Higher end shops
3.	Upscale restaurants, High end shopping, Music venues, More sports fields for tournament and recreation, Destination type of features
4.	Grocery, Restaurants, Cinema, Music Venue, Specialty Retail, Big Box and Discount Stores.
5.	I would like choices that allow me to travel less than five miles to meet my needs.
6.	Grocery Stores, Pediatric Urgent Care, Entertainment for Kids, Indoor Mall, More Theaters
7.	An automotive parts store in Heath would be nice
8.	What we have is good. More things like Aldi would be nice, affordable don't take up much space
9.	Trader Joe's and family-friendly entertainment. Do not want an entertainment venue where people come from outside the county to participate in.
10.	Stop the growth
11.	Kid and family friendly, putt putt, top golf, parks, sports parks and facilities, trails
12.	Some higher end restaurants
13.	Mixed development

#	Virtual Comments
14.	We need to attract less franchise more independent shops restaurants
15.	Top Golf
16.	Higher end stores, Lululemon, vouri,
17.	We need more companies like top golf and the rustic. We have to drive to Dallas most of the time. There's not even live music available in Heath.
18.	Easy to live/work/play walkable districts with Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, High-end retail (not Burlington, big lots, etc)/ Top Golf, farm team sports venues, county civic center
19.	Mix of boutique and upper-echelon national big box
20.	Boutiques and Bookstores
21.	Trader Joe's, Central Market
22.	Malls
23.	Whole Foods
24.	more high end clothing stores
25.	I love that Sprouts has opened as a place I can find almost any organic options. I'm also so excited for HEB. I'd love to see some additional higher end shopping options for clothing/shoes.
26.	As close to home as possible
27.	Small business
28.	Restaurants, grocery stores, mixed use development similar to Legacy West in Plano
29.	Need decent, affordable grocery stores
30.	I think there is plenty already
31.	I would like to see the existing buildings be maintained and refreshed as opposed to building more. Maybe city revitalization partnerships with property owners
32.	Need some high end restaurants, a multiuse development like Plano, Legacy West would be great.
33.	More arts.
34.	Live music venues, restaurants, golf, pickleball venues, food truck courtyards.
35.	A grocery store in McLendon-Chisholm!
36.	Trader Joes, Buckle, DSW, Top Golf, Bowling (not Shenaniganz or kids oriented)
37.	None- no more. We have what we need.
38.	City of Rockwall. Everything possibly needed is up in the City of Rockwall already.
39.	Civic center/conference center
40.	Grocery, Restaurants, Cinema, Music Venue, Specialty Retail, Big Box and Discount Stores.
41.	We need more entertainment for older kids and young adults, such as skating rink/rock climbing/putt-putt.
42.	No more huge chains that serve crap. Small mom and pop restaurants, need more grocery options also.

ED.3. What types of tourist destinations or attractions would you like to see develop in Rockwall County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	New cultural arts building with a theater for performing arts.
2.	Hobby farming/agritourism.
3.	We need a destination spot featuring the Rock Wall.
4.	Event center.
5.	County event center. Event of 5k.
6.	Maintenance of farms to see cows, sheep, horses in natural settings.
7.	The Arts.
8.	Agricultural tourism. Botanical gardens.
9.	Theatre (performing arts).
10.	Event center.
11.	Event center that includes 4-H/FFA livestock facilities & rodeo. Can be dual purpose for other community events.
12.	Natural trails.
13.	Build the Canup property Rockwall viewing Pavilion. Talk to RCHF.
14.	The harbor could be better utilized.
15.	Civic center.
16.	No more hotels – a resort would be nice.
17.	A development like Legacy West in Collin County.
18.	Youth 4H facility. Convention center. Athletic complex.
19.	Family multi-entertainment venue.
20.	Museum. Botanical garden.
21.	Soccer complex.
22.	More historic sites. Museums. Preservation.
23.	Destinations geared toward young adults – 20-30.
24.	Sports related facility. An indoor facility large enough to hold high school graduations.
25.	Event center.
26.	Agricultural.
27.	Water park.
28.	Large park where people can explore the outdoors and nature.
29.	Convention center. Event center.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	The Rockwall Park, Wildflower fields, Animal Park, Indoor water park / convention center
2.	Extremely limit. The Harbor Rockwall is good for now. Maybe more small Music or Conference venues on I-30 to the east.
3.	Rockwall has the opportunity to become a destination location emphasizing recreational, environmental and shopping. We can make our public spaces compelling and accessible.
4.	Mall, Ice Skating Ring, Skate Park, Water Park, Lazy River
5.	None right now

#	Virtual Comments
6.	Ferry from the harbor to the thing being developed on the other side of the lake.
7.	None
8.	None
9.	None, I don't want to be touristy
10.	Parks/trails, farmers markets
11.	Outdoor entertainment venue
12.	None
13.	None, keep Rockwall off map for tourist. I like the small feel of the county.
14.	Bike path
15.	A state park would be awesome
16.	Utilize our natural surroundings to create an outdoor draw.
17.	Live entertainment. Professional sports.
18.	Gardens
19.	Sapphire Bay
20.	Beach on Lake Ray Hubbard
21.	Lake development
22.	Indoor pools and enough hotel rooms to bring conventions and trade shows to the area
23.	I'd love to see a county civic center for rodeos, barn dances, junior livestock shows, even craft fairs, etc.
24.	Harbor. History museum.
25.	A boutique hotel downtown would be nice.
26.	Develop Lake Ray Hubbard for the use for personal water craft
27.	Family friendly developments around the lake including restaurants, movie theaters, outdoor activities including concerts and water sports.
28.	More lake access with trails
29.	The south area needs a grocery store off 205
30.	Would like to see a beach developed on the lake. Expand the harbor and build some parking down there.
31.	Water park, arts
32.	Arboretum, amphitheater
33.	I don't think we should be chasing tourism but rather having amenities for residents to avoid going into Dallas
34.	Nature preserves.
35.	Truck yard, something similar, food truck village
36.	none- enhance what we already have.
37.	Lake-oriented.
38.	None.
39.	Family farms
40.	Extremely limit. The Harbor Rockwall is good for now. Maybe small Music or Conference venue on I-30 to the east.
41.	Better use of The Harbor to attract tourists
42.	None

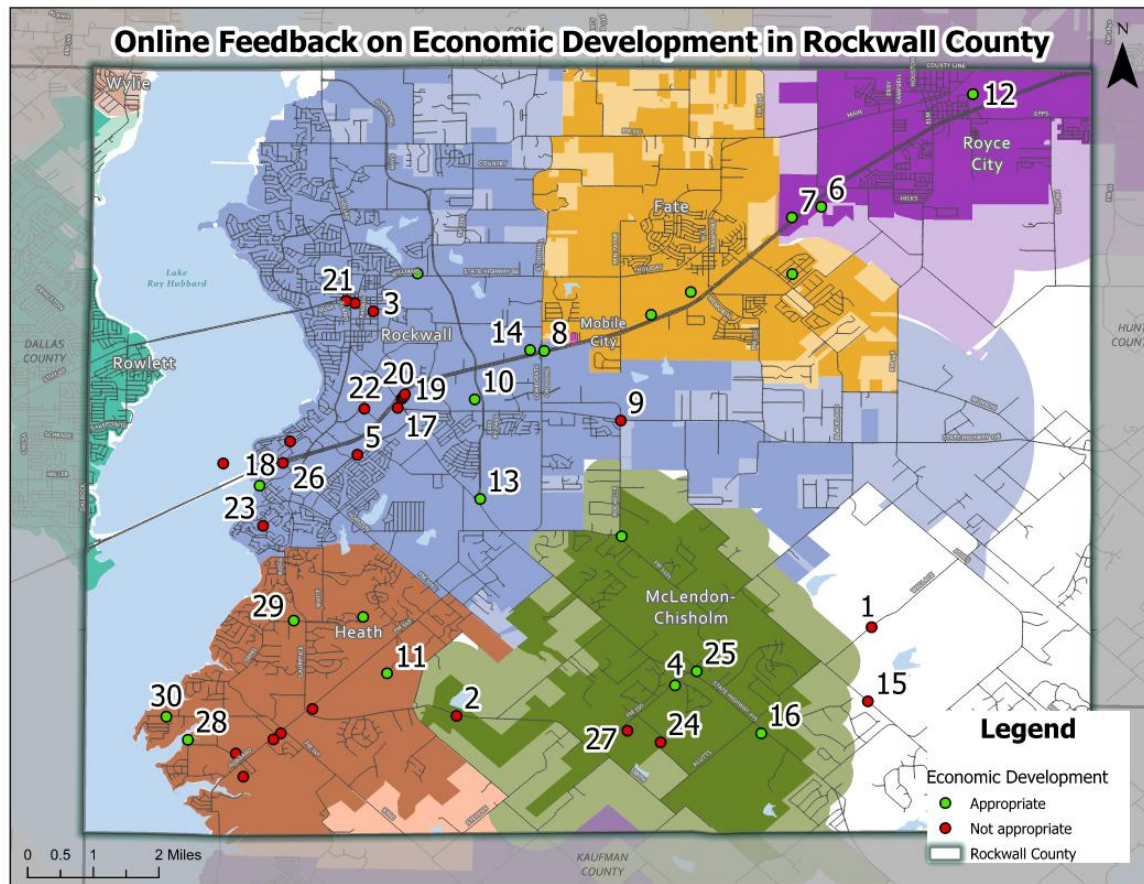
ED.4. What types of economic challenges do you see in the County, new and old?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Infrastructure in a whole. Water, sewer, roads. Schools.
2.	Outer loop is not what we need – we need roads serving Rockwall County not the metroplex.
3.	FM roads need to be widened rapidly.
4.	Limit expansion of apartment living impact to property values.
5.	Will industry workers be able to afford to live here.
6.	As the County grows and attracts more residence and businesses, how will we keep up with emergency come issues?
7.	High & rising property taxes/values.
8.	Front-line industrial worker availability.
9.	Traffic!
10.	Changing from a small town attitude in order to better represent existing & projected growth.
11.	Traffic.
12.	Keeping up with trends in living spaces – i.e. retail bottom/condo up top.
13.	Addressing the population diversity that exist in the county as you project out.
14.	Open space preservation.
15.	Traffic.
16.	Need more jobs to support the home prices. People that work here can't afford to live here.
17.	Not succumbing to overdevelopment like other parts of DFW.
18.	Traffic affects all business.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Growth too many houses no more land
2.	Lack of a strategic vision for the County or a Strategic plan that is tied to individual Comprehensive Development plans, Housing prices, Overdevelopment, Transportation (I30 in particular)
3.	Keeping growth under control and low density. This to mitigate stress on our infrastructure, especially Water and Roads.
4.	Reluntance to embrace change.
5.	High inflation, over population
6.	Poor traffic and lack of public transit make crossing the lake a pain in both direction. If industry jobs are developed in the county, public transit could help sell companies on setting up shop here
7.	Traffic flow is the biggest problem. If you cannot get around the county without a lot of traffic congestion, none of the other stuff matters because you can't enjoy them.
8.	Overpopulation, bad/lack of reasonable planning & zoning, traffic congestion, reducing the relative tax base
9.	Water is an issue, electricity and infrastructure
10.	Traffic in and out of the County. Road infrastructure within the county, need more north/south connections. Take 205 for example it is overly congested because it is major arterial. We need to have another major arterial like John King east of Rockwall
11.	Traffic movement, clogged roads
12.	Traffic

#	Virtual Comments
13.	Too fast of growth to keep up with infrastructure
14.	I don't understand why we are going backwards while our taxes are increasing. Why do we still have telephone poles and powerlines? It makes our city look dated and ghetto. Bury them.
15.	Tax assessment/tax valuation, funding infrastructure improvements, attracting the appropriate economic development opportunities.
16.	No standalone career center technical college or community college
17.	High taxes. High growth with poor roadway infrastructure.
18.	Attracting right development
19.	Road, commute.
20.	I'd love to see the county figure out the water situation so we don't feel such scarcity each summer & worry for the future infrastructure
21.	Officials who willingly balance the budget and seek higher office for Rockwall's gain and not personal gain
22.	There's not enough rooftops to support lots of the businesses that we've seen open (and then shutdown) in many areas. I think population growth (at a sustainable rate) helps with business growth!
23.	More homes isn't responsible as the traffic and the response times of Police and Fire are not acceptable nor responsible.
24.	Ability to upgrade infrastructure to keep up with growth in the County.
25.	Property taxes are TOOOOO high. We will end having to move because of increasing taxes alone
26.	Infrastructure
27.	The growth has been coming for years and zero infrastructure has been done to meet the need. Streets, water consumption vs. availability
28.	Traffic is horrible, we need roads.
29.	Roads. I 30 traffic is atrocious
30.	Roadways! Lack of planning in the past is increasingly creating a problem that will be extremely difficult to solve.
31.	The challenge is balancing adding rooftops to bring in outside companies and having a road system that supports their operations.
32.	Road infrastructure.
33.	County grew quickly and the infrastructure is poor, roads can't handle the large truck traffic and amount of cars in general - lots of housing development and not enough roadways.
34.	The push for more out of state companies and them not having jobs for those who already live in the area. They bring in their employees and then that causes more residential growth.
35.	Roads. Water.
36.	Roads and other infrastructure not in place to handle anymore development.
37.	Water resources. Too much uncontrolled growth and developers out of control
38.	Water supply
39.	Keeping growth undercontrol and low density. This to mitigate stress on our infrastructure, especially Water and Roads.
40.	Middle class residents are being priced out of our homes
41.	Grocery stores can't handle their current shopper volume.

ED.5. Click and drop a marker to provide your feedback on economic development!



#	Virtual Comments	Category	Upvote	Downvote
1.	Thousands of very small residential lots are planned by D.R. Horton in this area. The development is River Rock Trails, estimated to complete at over 9000 homes. This high density project will have a huge impact on roads adjacent to it, including Edwards Rd and League Rd. Those two roads are adjacent to or within the McLendon-Chisholm city limits. D.R. Horton must show a credible plan and provide funding to improve and expand Edwards Rd and League Rd to support the added traffic burden.	Not appropriate	1	0
2.	High density developments in ETJ or city limits cause huge stress on infrastructure, like Roads and Water. Anything less than one acre residential lots should not be built without credible planning and developer financed construction of necessary expansion to current infrastructure.	Not appropriate	1	0
3.	The City of Rockwall poorly manages its density and mitigation of stress development on infrastructure.	Not appropriate	1	0

#	Virtual Comments	Category	Upvote	Downvote
4.	Living in McLendon-Chisholm offers great opportunities for raising a family in a rural environment.	Appropriate	1	0
5.	Repurpose existing buildings if needed don't clear trees for more concrete	Not appropriate	1	0
6.	This would be a great area for a green belt similar to Plano's Oak Creek green belt. Or anywhere where we could string together a long stretch of developed bike trails and parks.	Appropriate	1	0
7.	This area between is ripe for development. We used to live in The Colony when they were building Grandscape. It would be amazing to attract a similar development out here somewhere, assuming traffic, etc. was managed correctly.	Appropriate	0	1
8.	I think there is an IKEA going in here. That's great, but wish I knew what the plan is beyond that!	Appropriate	1	0
9.	This intersection needs a stoplight and extra lanes or at least turning lanes. It is very dangerous.	Not appropriate	1	0
10.	I think the Rockwall industrial park is a great success story for economic development within the county-- including the expansion! I'm excited to see where additional businesses can expand in the new areas and how this will springboard economic growth in other parts of the county.	Appropriate	1	0
11.	I am excited about the work that's been done to solve the domestic water issues in southern Rockwall County. It's not an overnight solution, but I think things are moving in the right direction for longer term sustainable solutions.	Appropriate	0	0
12.	"My name is Greg Crenshaw my family owns this property, we have an opportunity to develop this property and believe the proposed road through our property that would connect I30 and 66 and fm 1777 could be an improvement for traffic and economic development for our property. We have an opportunity to buy the Truck Stop located at the fm 35 and Hwy 30 intersection. This could clear the way to develop our property and have the ROW to proceed with the proposed road to connect I 30 and fm 66 and fm 1777. My phone 214-498-4950 Greg Crenshaw Johnny Crenshaw 972-569-0944"	Appropriate	0	0
13.	Would like to see commercial development including grocery store, bank and pharmacy.	Appropriate	2	0
14.	Would love to see combined commercial and residential development at the corner of I 30 and 549.	Appropriate	0	0

#	Virtual Comments	Category	Upvote	Downvote
15.	"Stop allowing developers to make all the money without developing the infrastructure the city requires in their master plan. Sonoma Verde developer should have been responsible to build Edwards Rd and surrounding roads to meet the city's master plan. 2-lane concrete, etc. Another example of missed opportunity by MC and left to tax payers"	Not appropriate	3	0
16.	"City should be focusing on sales tax revenue, not just property tax revenue! Study and research small town squares, city centers and plan the development NOW. Concisely and focused, purchase the property, offer abatements, attract what the community wants and needs. The traffic counts along 205 are astronomical and MC is missing out on all the passing revenue... Instead they've wasted obscene tax payer dollars on trying to be a water supplier."	Appropriate	2	0
17.	The truck stop should be relocated to a more rural area down 30	Not appropriate	4	0
18.	The Harbor needs a parking garage	Appropriate	3	0
19.	This intersection is dangerous and overloaded. needs a traffic light or relocate it completely.	Not appropriate	1	0
20.	Truckers frequently park on the side of the road here. This should not be allowed.	Not appropriate	3	0
21.	Traffic needs to be rerouted around the square, too dangerous.	Not appropriate	4	0
22.	Too much traffic without a North-South thoroughfare between Ridge Road and SH205.	Not appropriate	3	0
23.	Too much density	Not appropriate	1	1
24.	Maintain 1-acre lot minimums in McLendon-Chisholm for all new developments. The proposed development around city hall does not fit with the existing neighborhoods.	Not appropriate	2	0
25.	Commercial development along 205 should be encouraged in tandem with widening of the road.	Appropriate	2	1
26.	This intersection and entrance ramp trying to get to 30 west coming from the south cannot handle any more vehicles, and is nearly nonfunctional as is. All new development, especially hotels and apartments, should stop until you can get the roads caught up to handle massive increases in traffic.	Not appropriate	7	0

#	Virtual Comments	Category	Upvote	Downvote
27.	Stop allowing developers to take over all the open spaces. The city, county, and state roads and infrastructure are not equipped to handle it. Like the water issues faced by Heath and MC are a direct result too much development. The developers can't be allowed to continue to just silly nilly create MUD either. Kind of like how MUD #10 placed a mobile home on a tract of land on FM550 and had 1 "voter" for the MUD creation. Then the "voter" was later found out to be a felon who was just allowed to live there in the mobile home so he could vote to allow the MUD.	Not appropriate	5	0
28.	Condos are needed for those that want to age in place in their community but can no longer take care of a home on an acre.	Appropriate	2	2
29.	This road is terrible and needs a complete resurfacing	Appropriate	3	0
30.	Terry Road needs to be paved and also needs a sidewalk for walkers a bikers headed to the lake	Appropriate	6	0

Section 3: Regional & Community Design (RCD)

RCD.1. What neighborhood amenities are important to you when new subdivisions and businesses are developed?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Schools/infra.
2.	Parks. Walking and biking trails. No liquor stores – liquor at restaurants is fine. No construction companies adjacent to neighborhoods. Far ms – need green spaces.
3.	Walkability (within neighborhoods). Open areas/park.
4.	Water pressure. Mobility/roads. No onsite sewage in high density neighborhoods.
5.	Sustainability. Parks/green space.
6.	Low density.
7.	Kids – pool, parks, schools. Investment – quality builders. Density mix.
8.	Walkable. Sustainable.
9.	Parks. Trails. Open spaces. Water collection.
10.	Pool for subdivision to decrease individual pools. Trails.
11.	No high density.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Parks
2.	Pool
3.	None
4.	Less crowded look and feel
5.	Playgrounds, sidewalks.
6.	Easy access to roads
7.	Large lots, high-end houses/ buildings
8.	Access to public transit (STAR as it is available in Rockwall does not really count)
9.	Wide enough roads to create good traffic flow and the subsequent maintenance of those roads.
10.	Lot size, house size, population density

RCD.2. How do you rate the relationship between the County and local municipal governments?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Good. Continue reg. communications – construm.
2.	Good 4/5. Small county lends to this.
3.	Good & getting better.
4.	Some cities play better than others.
5.	Very good.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Needs work
2.	Poor
3.	Don't know. I think it is good.
4.	Please fix our roads. Please.
5.	?
6.	Don't really know.
7.	N/A

RCD.3. How do you think the mix of land uses across Rockwall County should be balanced?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Maintain rural uses in unincorporated county. Density near services. More integrated/walkable neighborhoods.
2.	← same. (Pointing to comment #1)
3.	Too much development – residential.
4.	Place mixed uses in cities.
5.	Preserve rural lands.
6.	HOAs for maintenance of open space. The rest is up to the developer.
7.	Retain small open spaces for agricultural review by public
8.	Poor commercial development planning.
9.	Acreage. SF. Parks. Retail/commercial. Office.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	With less land being taken
2.	Small town
3.	Good now
4.	We do need more corporate locations here to balance out all the retail.
5.	Limit housing developments
6.	Emphasis should be made on maintaining existing mature trees and development of land should be made to work around them, not replace them with saplings
7.	The balance right now is pretty good, with the exception of several roads not being big enough.
8.	Overwhelmingly residential or agricultural. Restrict industrial and Multifamily housing.

RCD.4. What policies should Rockwall County adopt to maintain or improve the quality of life across the County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Beware policies that encourage sprawl.
2.	A Rockwall County Consortium with all municipalities having a seat at the table (for better communication).
3.	With growth keep open space/trails.
4.	Develop a density per acre policy.
5.	Road capacity based on driver demand regardless of population per location.
6.	Better coordination between state and local government.
7.	No development in the unincorporated County.
8.	These should be separate issues!

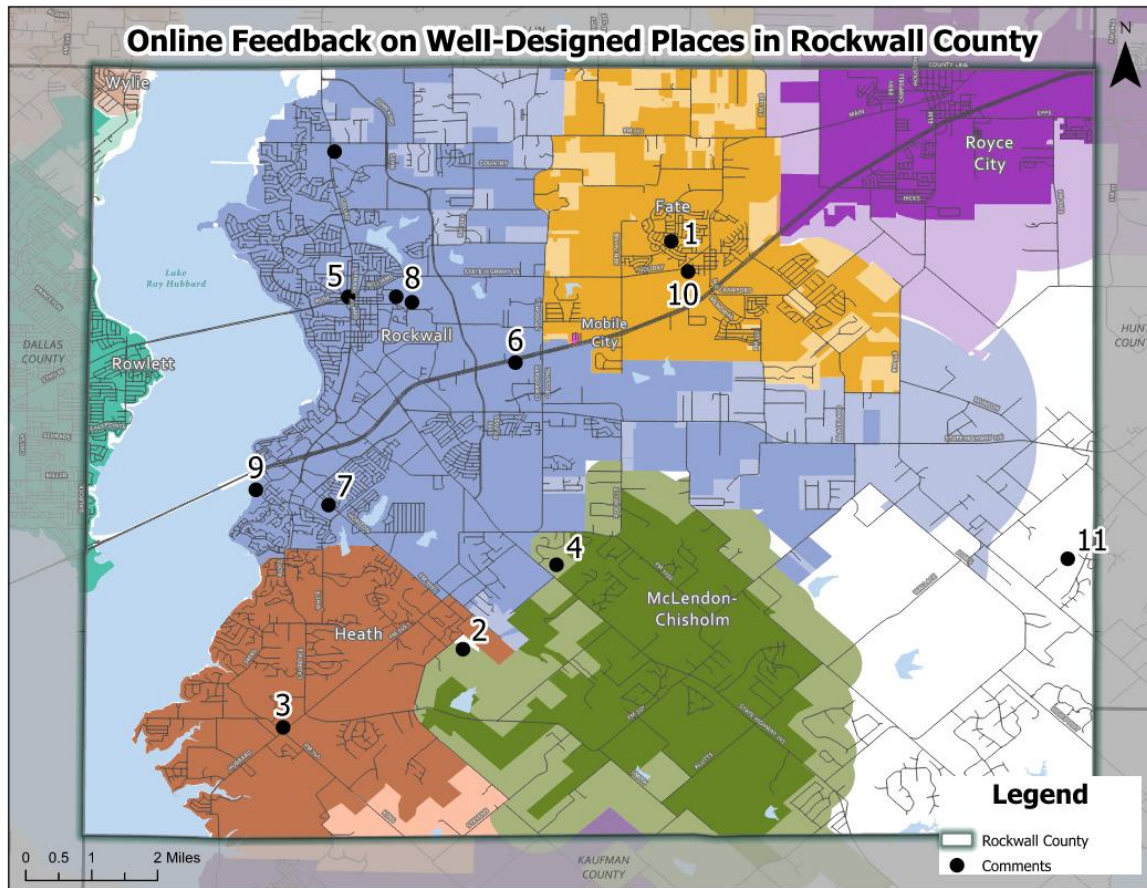
#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Large lot size no apartments
2.	Yall need to fix the water supply issue. Fix the frequent power outages. Fix the dang traffic.
3.	Bike lanes and a more outdoor feel
4.	Sidewalks and playgrounds.
5.	Keep nature and ability to walk around up front. Too many subs have put people second to traffic.
6.	Natural landscape preservation. Crime prevention maintain/improve quality of public education
7.	Public transit
8.	Roads, roads, roads. Too much traffic and the flow is horrible.
9.	Restrictive zoning g and building regulations. Building codes, minimum sizes and lot restrictions. Limit small lot & industrial development.

RCD.5. Place a dot to rate how important the following items are to you.

<i>Items</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
County planning processes and inviting community involvement Note: One dot is split between "important" and "very important"	0	0	0	4	9
Coordination between County, State, and regional leaders, including surrounding counties	0	0	0	0	14
Coordination between the County and its cities	0	0	0	1	12
The visual appearance of residential and nonresidential areas within the County	0	1	0	7	6
Mobility and connectivity of roadways and trails across the County, including within its cities	0	0	0	5	9
The County providing municipal-level services (water, sewer, police, etc.) in the unincorporated areas	2	3	0	4	3

<i>Items</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
County planning processes and inviting community involvement	0	0	0	3	8
Coordination between County, State, and regional leaders, including surrounding counties	2	0	0	3	3
Coordination between the County and its cities	1	0	0	4	5
The visual appearance of residential and nonresidential areas within the County	0	0	0	3	8
Mobility and connectivity of roadways and trails across the County, including within its cities	1	0	0	2	7
The County providing municipal-level services (water, sewer, police, etc.) in the unincorporated areas	1	0	0	3	8

RCD.6. Identify up to three places in Rockwall County that you feel are designed well, and that could serve as a template for future development.



#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
1.	Developer worked with City to provide main thoroughfare roads and thought-out micro neighborhoods with community amenities. This can be implemented in a mixture of larger acreages as well. Having developers build these main thoroughfares or road improvement around the developments will be key to sustainable growth.	0	0
2.	New development appears to be designed well (TBD ofcourse), however approval should have been contingent on completing the Horizon to 550 connection for traffic flow.	0	0
3.	Standard Service	0	0
4.	Urban Air Pickleball	0	0
5.	The redevelopment of the square.	0	0
6.	Future development along the highway is importantly for letting people know what we have here and encouraging them to stop and or move here.	0	0

#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
7.	Bike lane, don't get to use it much because I have no need to bike that way but would be nice if there were bike lanes on major roads like Goliad, John King, Ralph Hall, etc.	1	0
8.	Amazing community space that has lots of trees. My kid says Rockwall needs to stop cutting trees and protect them.	0	0
9.	Favorite spot in the county	0	0
10.	Woodcreek was designed well. Everything around it needs to catch up.	0	0

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Section 4: Transportation & Mobility (TM)

TM.1. How do you currently get around the County? What method would you like to get around the County in the future (walk, bike, drive, transport, etc.)?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Drive; run. We'd love more bike trails for family access to parks.
2.	Drive.
3.	Drive. Bike would be great.
4.	Drive.
5.	Drive.
6.	Drive. Run.
7.	Drive.
8.	Drive.
9.	I use a car. Biking is too dangerous.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Drive
2.	Driveo
3.	Car
4.	Bike
5.	Car. City transportation would be nice.
6.	I bike when practical, e-bike when it's a bit farther. Drive when I need to go somewhere I don't feel safe biking or weather requires. Public transit access on this side of the lake that connects to Rowlett DART station would be amazing.
7.	Drive

TM.2. What is your impression of the Rockwall County Thoroughfare Plan and NCTCOG Mobility 2045 Plan?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Getting across lane big problem, causes 1 hour backup in my neighborhood. No EMS can get in.
2.	Good trend but lacking on outer loop.
3.	It relies on US debts and TxDOT debts.
4.	Biggest pain point: "The Lake" not addressed, intra-county accounted for.
5.	Plan is good, but it has to be implemented now!
6.	Micro-transporter.
7.	Need bypass routes.
8.	Neighborhoods built too close to John Kins. Widening John Kins will impact those neighborhoods.
9.	Now, car. Later, small-scale transit and micro-transportation.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	It sucks that the outer loop is impacting so many people near High Point Ranch, Tate Farms, etc... i can't imagine that many people willing to drive so far south and east to make it to Rockwall/Fate etc on a daily commute. Can't see how it will help
2.	In general, the county has done a poor job in updating its overall thoroughfare plan and coordinating efforts with the city. The roadway consortium is more fluff than action.
3.	Too many roadways through current open spaces and farms.
4.	More walking and biking paths. Enough lanes of traffic to accommodate the populace but not so many that it's just roads everywhere.
5.	Honestly don't think thoroughfare plan will have much long term positive impact. By 2045 if growth continues as it has, we will like be back to where we are now, especially without easy access to public transit on the east side of the lake.
6.	Widen TX-66 and I-30. Restrict trucks from TX-205 between Ridge Road and John King in the north. Also, we need easy access to a DART rail line.

TM.3. How do you think the County should prioritize transportation and investments? Do you support bond initiatives that directly contribute to reducing traffic if it would raise taxes?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Support bond as other "roll off." Prioritize based on movement corridors.
2.	No DART!
3.	Yes support if implemented and acted on diligently.
4.	Yes! I support bonds for solving traffic issues.
5.	Yes. I support the necessary infrastructure to support the growth.
6.	No DART.
7.	More roads. No transit.
8.	We need to stop holding onto being country. We are in the middle of growth around us no matter what we do.
9.	The city has tried to get more thoroughfare but the voters stop it.
10.	Taxes limited to 5.0% of any major road subjected to voter approval.
11.	Keep traffic moving. Allow EMS to get places quickly during rush hour. Yes.
12.	I am in favor of widening roads 205 specifically.
13.	Bonds only for shovel ready projects. SH 205 widening has been on the books for 20 years, still 5 years to actually widen. Time value of money?
14.	No DART.
15.	Yes.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Taxes have been raised enough. The roads are still packed with traffic...roads are not improved and yet more homes are being built to add even more cars to the roads.
2.	Much higher. The county has used the road bond poorly, focusing on TXDOT projects, including I30. East-west travel has been neglected, Too many choke points that make traffic unbearable.
3.	No
4.	Yes
5.	Yes within a reasonable amount and if put to a vote among residents.
6.	No

TM.4. What type and mix transportation methods would you like to see in Rockwall County by 2025?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Leave Rockwall alone.
2.	Transit. Trails. Smart traffic grid. Walkable city design.
3.	None.
4.	Bypass routes.
5.	Intercity trails.
6.	Shuttle system for weekend to square, to Harbor, to Heath, to Northside.
7.	A train along 552 to the airport or along I-30 to Dallas.
8.	Autonomous vehicle shuttle.
9.	None.
10.	No DART rail or busing. Local busing maybe.
11.	More expressway. Options to 66 and I-30.
12.	Trail system that connect.
13.	Trails to connect neighborhoods. Promote walk/run/bike for community connection.

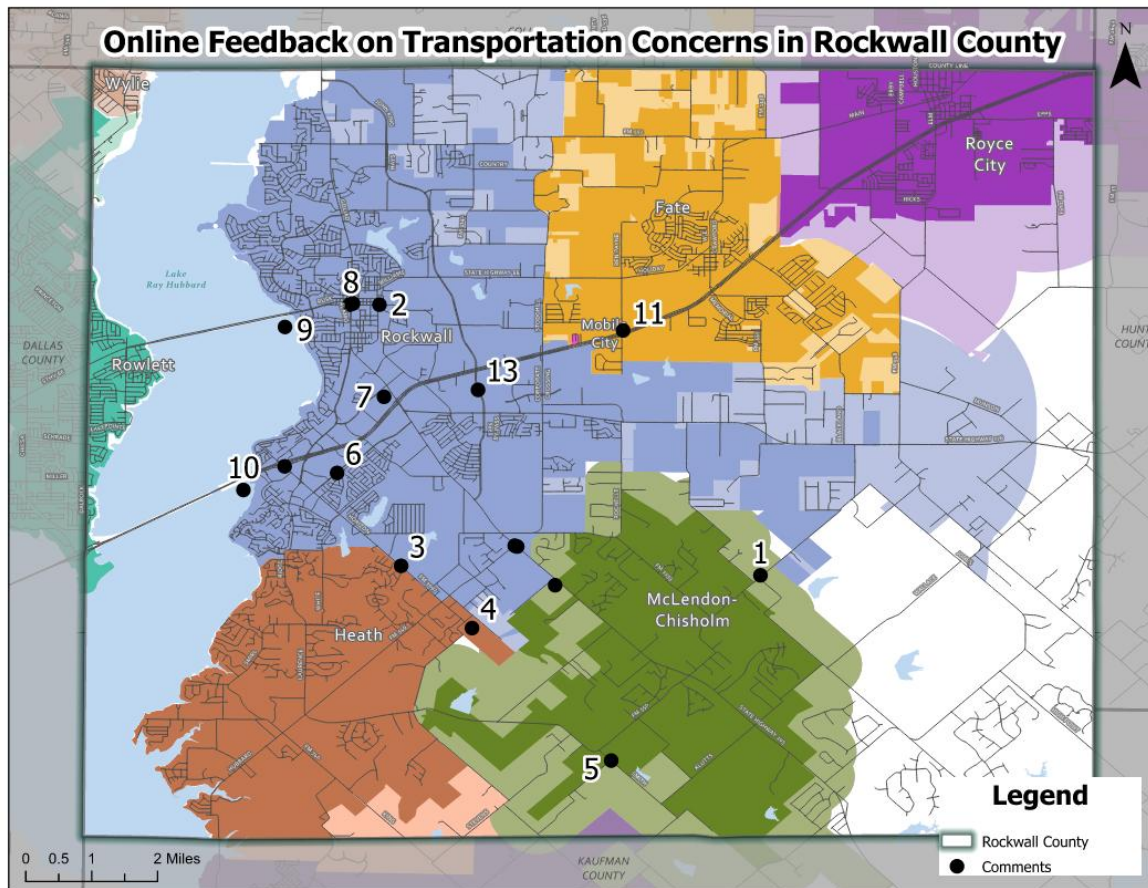
#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	NO Busses/Dart will only add more congestion to the roads. Anyone who has lived in a city with operational mass transit has seen it's effect...you need many more lanes to accommodate the slow/stopping busses.
2.	Greater use of autonomy, alternative means such as air taxis.
3.	Bike lanes
4.	Cars, automated lanes, bike paths, more walking sidewalks.
5.	More bike lanes and at least a DART bus route that ran the harbor, to Ralph hall, Goliad to downtown then 66 to the rowlett train station. I think it would bring local business more customers and make it easier to commute.
6.	Widen main arterial roads. Extend the DART rail line to enable easier transit to Dallas.

TM.5. Place a dot to rate how satisfied you are with transportation and mobility in Rockwall County.

<i>Not Satisfied</i>	<i>Somewhat Satisfied</i>	<i>Neutral/No Opinion</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Very Satisfied</i>
9	4	1	0	0

<i>Not Satisfied</i>	<i>Somewhat Satisfied</i>	<i>Neutral/No Opinion</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Very Satisfied</i>
3	1	0	0	1

TM.6. Identify areas that you feel pose an existing or potential transportation concern.



#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
1.	Route between 205/550 intersection and direct to 276 as part of outer loop needs to be prioritized before developers scoop up the lang.	0	0
2.	66 East/West route through downtown needs to provide a stronger flow of traffic than currently designed.	0	0
3.	Single lane road is a challenge for North/South traffic around schools and other resources.	0	0
4.	The lack of connector in the Trilogy Development to Horizon is problematic for North/South traffic. Developer needs to be required to complete connection with Horizon.	0	0
5.	New Development at the end of Smith in Kaufman county will increased traffic on this road that already poses significant challenges. Need a good North South Parallel to 205 that connects to Horizon	0	0
6.	Lake Pointe Church does NOT need another light here. There is already a light at Steger Towne Rd., which is less than 800 ft away. A new light would slow traffic on Ralph Hall Parkway on weekdays. The Church should simply hire traffic control officers for a few hours on Sundays and special events.	0	0

#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
7.	North side by the highway, and going all the way north to 78	0	0
8.	Least future proof transit area	0	0
9.	Horrible bottle neck	0	0
10.	Horrible traffic and bottle neck	0	0
11.	Ben Payne is heavily used now and has not been improved for the amount of use it now receives.	0	0
12.	TX-66 traffic flow is horrible through downtown Rockwall.	0	0
13.	The truck stop here is a major point of congestion.	0	0

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Section 5: Housing & Infrastructure (HI)

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HI.1. How do you believe the community should balance the need for new housing, while preserving historic areas or open spaces?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Historic and green spaces need to be identified ASAP. The issue is how to pay the landowner for the land. They have a right to get maximum value.
2.	Keep "small town" feel. No more high density housing.
3.	Identify desirable areas for preservation. Make a plan for how to purchase. Grants, fundraising, land funds are all options if there's a plan in place.
4.	Preserve all historic sites, open spaces as much as possible.
5.	Start buying land to use for open spaces. I went to the harbor for the Spring Eggstravaganza and it was so crowded. People want somewhere to go.
6.	Lack of density within the city = more development within the county. Had to maintain low density and open space.
7.	Rockwall has little "historic" to worry about. Trying too hard to preserve anything that could be historical.
8.	Identify historic now and to be done. Open space – challenging, landowners deserve to use land and fair value when selling.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Limit the amount of developers and new communities being built
2.	Large lot size only, stop apartments, stop cramming houses size by side. Let's be different that the surrounding areas
3.	New housing should be thought out better than currently planned. A balance is nice but new smaller communities popping up lead to planning and zoning discrepancies and street access issues.
4.	It's all up to who owns the land.
5.	Preserving historic areas and open spaces should be primary, the need for new housing I believe should not be addressed until the issues with the state are handled first. We need to take back control of our land and preserve what we have first.
6.	There is little historic homes that need to be preserved but the counties and the cities should focus on designs that emphasize traditional Texas homesteads.
7.	Large lot homesites with a more country feel
8.	I want people to be able to enjoy the surrounding area, so I dislike anything that takes away from it. On the other hand I know more people want to enjoy the area so I understand why we need more multifsmiöy buildings. It's hard to strike a balance.
9.	If there are established trees, they should not be cut down to make room for more concrete.
10.	There needs to be a balance to make it still feel like where in the country and different from Dallas County.
11.	Stop multitenant housing approvals.

HI.2. In general, do you prefer to live within walking distance of restaurants and businesses or prefer driving to those locations?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Walk no, drive 7 minutes or less.
2.	Not really.
3.	Driving is fine.
4.	No.
5.	I prefer living within walking distance to restaurants.
6.	We need housing that allows both.
7.	Walking is great. But I will drive.
8.	Short drive to well thought out retail/restaurant areas with proper parking.
9.	Don't mind driving to areas that are walkable. E.g., downtown, harbor.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Prefer driving
2.	Drive
3.	Both is great
4.	It would be incredible if there were restaurants and businesses within walking/biking distance. Unfortunately for Rockwall County, we are set up as a suburbia so this is probably not feasible.
5.	Walking distance, even though the idea of a farm is sounding better and better.
6.	Driving
7.	Driving
8.	Both, depending on time of year or weather.
9.	The less I have to drive the better
10.	Walk or drive, doesn't matter as long as it is short.
11.	Driving

HI.3. Place a dot to rate how important the following housing types are to you.

<i>Housing Types</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
Detached single-family homes (Large/estate lots, 1+ acers)	1	2	4	8	4
Detached single-family homes (suburban lots, 0.5-1.0 acers)	1	1	1	14	1
Attached single-family homes (duplexes, townhomes)	5	4	3	2	3
Small-scale multifamily buildings (4-10 units per building)	6	3	0	3	1
Larger multifamily buildings (over 10 units per building)	12	0	0	2	2
Multi-generational homes	2	0	4	10	1
Senior and/or Assisted Living facilities	0	0	1	13	3

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Detached single-family homes (suburban lots, 0.5-1.0 acers)	2	0	1	4	3
Attached single-family homes (duplexes, townhomes)	5	1	0	3	1
Small-scale multifamily buildings (4-10 units per building)	5	3	0	1	1
Larger multifamily buildings (over 10 units per building)	6	0	0	4	0
Multi-generational homes	4	1	0	2	2
Senior and/or Assisted Living facilities	0	0	0	3	4

HI.4. How would you define “Affordable Housing?” How available is affordable housing across the County? How should this be improved?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Affordable housing = people who live paycheck to paycheck & work most low paying jobs. Workforce housing. It is needed for people to work their way up instead & allow natural growth. Helps reduce turnover within the county.
2.	Affordable housing = American dream. A family can thrive with their payments and not just survive.
3.	No MUDs.
4.	Affordable or attainable is achieved w/ a variety of housing options that support a variety of residents: young families, teachers, law enforcements, doctors, empty nesters – all need a place to live and are an important part of a vibrant community. X2
5.	Affordable housing is what an average person can afford. We do not need to offer them!
6.	If affordable housing is for those below poverty, 10% even spread should be considered.
7.	Teachers, coaches, firemen, law enforcement, city personnel, etc. Those folks and their families should have opportunity to own in the communities they support. We should be mindful of government that increases the finished lot cost creating roadblocks that impair affordability. A plan for a healthy mix of density is key.
8.	Housing & other consumer debt should be limited to 50% of take home income.
9.	175% of AMF.
10.	Housing options for more than 1 group. Ability to “live where you work.”
11.	Single seniors have a high tax burden. A single person goes into a higher tax bracket faster than a younger married couple, so there is less money to pay for property taxes.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Affordable housing = Forney
2.	Let's keep Rockwall upper class
3.	More affordable housing is necessary for the types of jobs the REDC is brining into the city.
4.	Affordable housing is housing that leaves a good chunk of an average paycheck (that could be attained in the County) for other expenses. Housing is not affordable in Rockwall County for single people or young families.
5.	Affordable housing is the American dream, to have a single family income support that family without stress, we should not feel oppressed in our land let alone in our home. Anything over 250K is a stretch and with the “boom” our home isnt worth .5M-+
6.	County wide, Rockwall should offer cradle-to-grave housing. Collaboration between the cities offers an opportunity for each to develop in its own character while complementing each other and the county. We need to end the use of MUDs.
7.	It shouldn't
8.	All home and apt prices are out of control. It's ridiculous, and makes it harder for younger families to come into the area.
9.	Not sure about other cities but housing in Rockwall is no longer affordable and def glad I bought a house when I did.affordable should include the cost of the housing as well as the on going costs like HOAs and taxes.
10.	Housing is not affordable any more. Affordable is below \$300k.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
11.	Restrict low income housing & multitenant housing. Require minimum lot & s.f. affordable housing is too available already & should be severely curtailed in development plans.

HI.5. What are your greatest concerns on the impact of residential housing and infrastructure as more people move to the County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Roads and <i>[see legibility note]</i> too living safety between 66 and 30 when one is not down due to accident.
2.	Keep out Section 8 housing. It ruins the communities.
3.	Water & sewage.
4.	Need 30% commercial 70% residential.
5.	If we can't support it, the developer has to. It then gets pass on to the buyer.
6.	Affordable only for people who don't work in county. People who can't live here commute in, people who live here commute out.
7.	Texas State Law you cannot draw more than 1% of neighboring property but development oversight misses or in time erosion occurs causing issues with neighbors, or even structural failure when not covered by insurance. How can we ensure homeowner protection and stability/security for future generations?
8.	Seniors will be forced out of their homes. There isn't a way for seniors to get around once they can't drive.
9.	Traffic. Taxes. Declining neighborhoods.
10.	Roads. Amenities to meet demands. Quality of education.
11.	Traffic.
12.	Traffic. Traffic. Traffic. Emergency services.
13.	People want more commercial services but don't support the types of housing that the employees can afford.

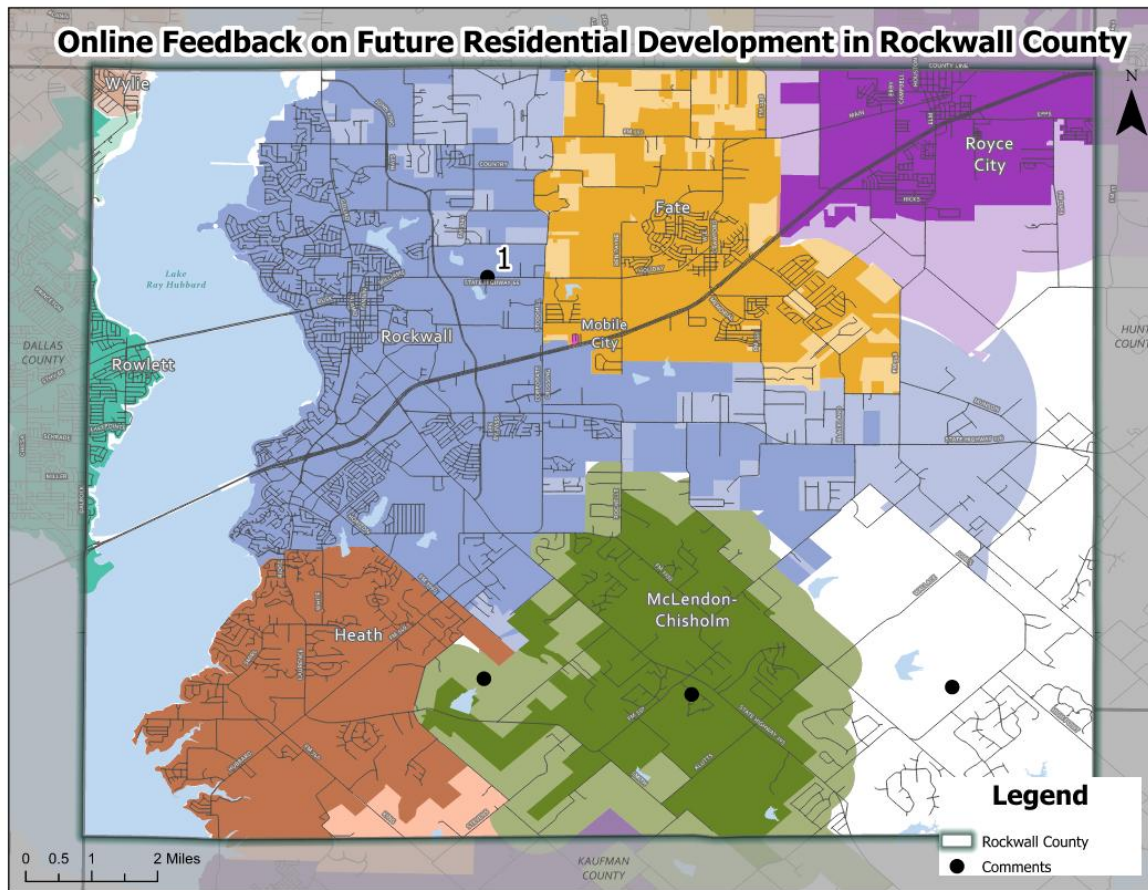
#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	That it will be come like Forney and have a higher crime rate
2.	TRAFFIC
3.	Lack of appropriate road infrastructure.
4.	If developers buy the land, they're going to build on it. A few apartments near highways could make Rockwall much more attainable and attractive to the younger generation
5.	Infrastructure is already failed/failing, we cannot give in to the pressure of developers and continue self destruction on future generations. Our county alone is worth 60B with an annual 60M of tax revenue. Fix our problems now to preserve our future
6.	Loss of a sense of what it means to be a Texan
7.	That we will end up looking like Plano
8.	Having enough schools available, and not just throwing a building on a corner just because.
9.	Lack of public traffic and the fact housing developments are so far from shops and stores just means more traffic.
10.	Lack of roads to support the increase in traffic.
11.	Overcrowding, lower relative tax base, bad traffic, lack of infrastructure, reduced performance in education, school overcrowding,

HI.6. Describe the housing image Rockwall County should project to those considering moving here.

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Safe community above average.
2.	Security, safety, convenience.
3.	Safe community. Great schools. Open spaces (between homes). Small town feel.
4.	Conservative community.
5.	Many options.
6.	Safe. Open.
7.	Safe place to live.
8.	Family. Schools. Safe.
9.	Community aspect not bottom tier. Not cheap for a person. A place to live and stay not so to sleep.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	\$\$\$\$
2.	Big lots, open space limited apartments. NOT Dallas
3.	A balance of all levels and types of housing that maintain an upscale feel at an affordable price.
4.	Expensive.
5.	Baby boomer community, one house per family no multiple purchases for rental purposes of any kind. Thou shall not covet if you wish to gift a home that is your choice but any rental or "rent to own" has got to go. If you want custom by land and build
6.	Primarily single family homes on 1/4-1/2 acer lots.
7.	Larger lot more country feel homesites
8.	Family friendly with safe neighborhoods. Also single friendly with apts and easy access to amenities. We need both.
9.	Connected, accessible, safe (which I do not currently think is the case)
10.	Family friendly.
11.	Expensive bedroom community

HI.7. Identify areas where you think future residential development should occur.



#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
1.	Apts along the highway allow others to have easy access while providing neighborhoods to develop	0	0

Section 6: Environmental Factors & Sustainability (EFS)

EFS.1. As the County develops, what concerns do you have regarding environmental factors, conservation, or sustainability initiatives?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Water sheds.
2.	Protect our creeks/water. No sewage dumping into our water systems.
3.	It would be great to preserve farmland.
4.	In other countries, solar panels are placed over medians, not on houses. The solar panels on houses are an eyesore.
5.	Water and water quality have become major issues.
6.	Protect our water ways and open spaces.
7.	H2O.
8.	Adequate power and water.
9.	Removing native Blackland prairie that is near extinct ecosystems. Rockwall County should preserve these spaces as relief that will both improve the environment and draw environmental tourism.
10.	Protect our creeks from MUDs dumping sewage & wastewater into them. Protect the animals that are having to relocate from developments.
11.	Perhaps industrial development on perimeter of lakes should cease to preserve water quality and be more attractive.
12.	Conservation: we have run into supply issues due to demand already in some districts. If we struggle to keep up with current demand what happens when we ran out per their contract, how can we protect everybody and not just the higher bidder.
13.	More farmland. Protect our water supply & air quality. More and more young people are dying from all the contaminants in our water and food supply.
14.	Importance of agliteracy and residents understanding agricultural production alongside of urbanization.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Less land
2.	All of the green/open spaces and ranches are being developed. It is destroying the counties charm/uniqueness
3.	The amount of rubbish and single use plastic everywhere. Waterways, rivers and lakes are flooded with rubbish. Takeaway food containers are everywhere including polystyrene. A product banned in most country's for years.
4.	Water.
5.	Water is our most precious resource and our county and cities, along with other cities that receive their water from North Texas Municipal Water District, must better communicate, incentivize, and enforce water conservation practices year-round.
6.	Preservation of green spaces. Development of a large county or state park.
7.	Lack of water because of irresponsible development/lack of building standards
8.	I don't know if there is an active policy and enforcement of our land useage, conservation of resources and sustainable practices ie water - power.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
9.	Still using harmful chemicals like roundup. Need unmowed meadows to sustain butterflies and bees
10.	I am concerned that we will become completely urbanized, lose the charm of our semi-rural surroundings, and deplete our natural resources
11.	Lack of pure water , land dedicated to polinators which are future of are survival
12.	Available water-land conservation for wildlife
13.	New landowners with small acreage are building homes, killing the native grass, planting invasive bermuda, making their acreage a huge, water needy lawn
14.	We are going to run out of vital green space to sustain water sources, wildlife habitats, and the quiet that comes with a natural space
15.	Water usage. destruction of natural fields and to much grass
16.	The concerns I have relate to the lack of tree and nature preservation with the population growth. The scrapping of land and leveling areas no longer provide natural wind breaks.
17.	The county needs to do more to preserve an environment that facilitates the growth and sustainment of pollinators (butterflies, bees, moths, etc.)
18.	I am concerned that we will become completely urbanized, lose the charm of our semi-rural surroundings, and deplete our natural resources
19.	All our open land areas are being turned into housing subdivisions that are nearly zero lot. Unnecessary businesses are taking away from the beauty. We do not need more nail salons.
20.	The traffic is already insane here. We moved here 6 years ago and the green spaces that used to be in North Rockwall are almost all gone. It's SOOOO sad!
21.	Unknown impacts on floodplains and lack of cooperation between jurisdictions regarding impacts of development.

EFS.2. Are you willing to support other reasonable bond initiatives designed to preserve and develop natural and cultural areas within our County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Depends on the cost and vision for the plan.
2.	Yes, but want to see specifics.
3.	Please define "open space."
4.	Yes as long as the money doesn't go for study after study, and litigation between political parties that are set on using up taxpayer money.
5.	Yes.
6.	Yes as long as tax breaks are going in return as the preservation/projects should already be in budget and developers/community leaders should be held accountable to get things done right.
7.	Absolutely.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Yes
2.	No more bonds. No more taxes. Property taxes are already extremely high
3.	Yes. The more natural spaces available, the more clean air and waterways are available.
4.	Yes.
5.	Yes, willing to support initiatives that protect natural wildlife habitat and develop parks and natural walkways. Seems we are building on every level piece of ground, concrete is replacing beautiful natural landscape, forested areas, open spaces.
6.	Yes
7.	if it is reasonable and takes into account how much a person makes
8.	Yes
9.	Yes
10.	Yes
11.	Yes
12.	Yes
13.	I would like to see an incentive for small landowners to keep a portion of their land for native plants.
14.	You shouldn't have to develop a "natural" area it's already there. We don't need to spend money on Cultural areas. Our culture is country. Leave it that way.
15.	Yes
16.	YES
17.	Yes
18.	Yes
19.	Yes
20.	Yes
21.	YES! Absolutely!
22.	Yes

EFS.3. Place a dot to rate how important the following environmental factors are to you.

<i>Factors</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
Water quality and availability	0	0	0	2	17
Soil quality	0	0	2	3	13
Air quality	0	0	0	4	13
Night sky quality (reduction in light pollution)	0	0	4	6	9
Preservation of open spaces	0	0	0	4	12
Preservation of natural animal habitats	0	0	1	9	10
Preservation of natural environmental or topography formations	0	1	2	5	10
Preservation of natural waterways, lakes, creeks, and floodplains	0	0	0	2	15

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Water quality and availability	0	0	1	5	18
Soil quality	1	0	0	8	13
Air quality	0	0	0	6	17
Night sky quality (reduction in light pollution)	1	0	0	5	14
Preservation of open spaces	0	0	0	5	18
Preservation of natural animal habitats	0	1	0	3	19
Preservation of natural environmental or topography formations	0	2	0	5	16
Preservation of natural waterways, lakes, creeks, and floodplains	0	0	0	4	18

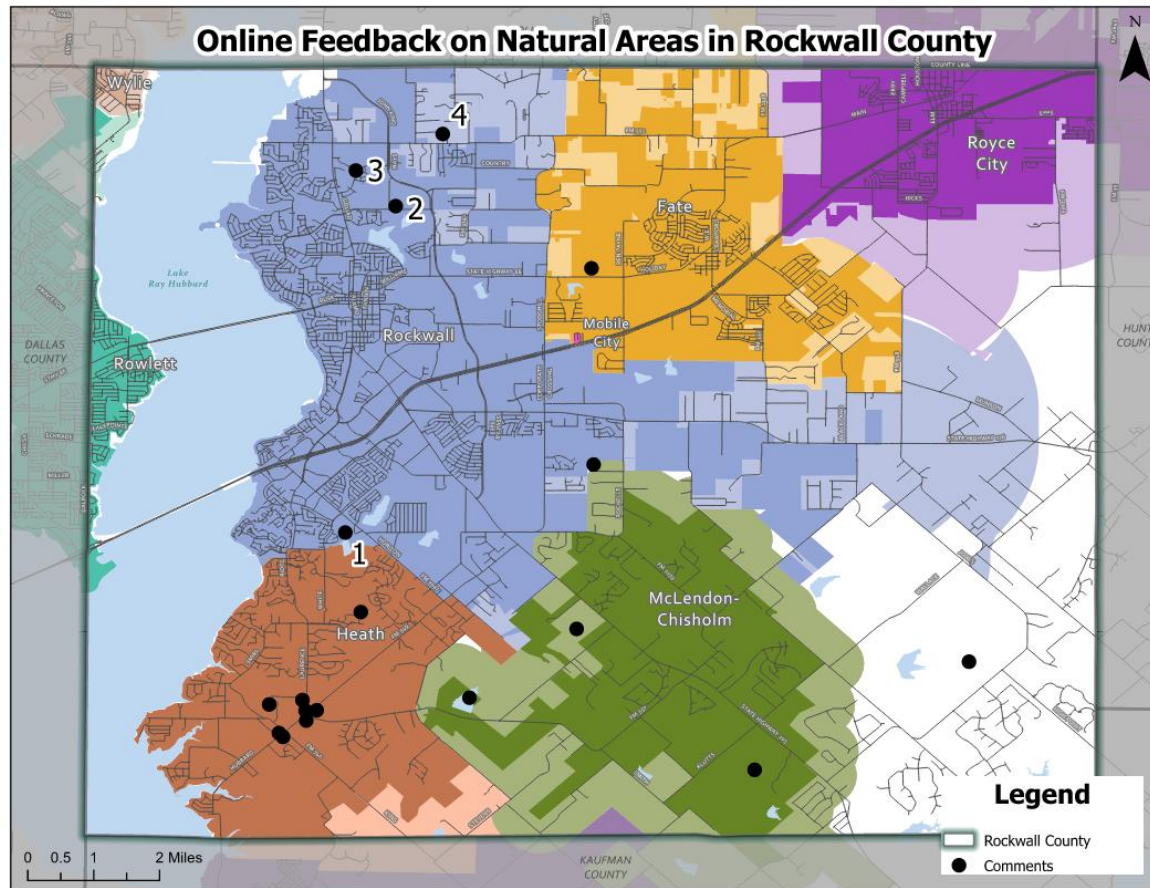
EFS.4. Given that the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) utilizes surface water from reservoirs to meet our water needs, is water conservation an issue you are concerned with?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Sufficient water to support growth.
2.	People continue to irrigate their lawns during and after it rain.
3.	Reasonable water use.
4.	Are you aware of WaterMyYard.org to tell you weekly how much to water your lawn??
5.	Yes, conservation needs to be exercised.
6.	Capture rainfall with personal/home water barrels + underground cisterns.
7.	Massive issue – supply, demand, conservation, storage. Awareness.
8.	Yes! Love the water reuse project filtering water through wetlands. The largest water recycle project in Texas, and the country.
9.	Yes. We need better education for people and HOAs to know the benefit of watering lawns smartly and using drought-tolerant nature grass, wildflower, etc.
10.	Yes, watermyyard.org should be advertise or Rockwall should offer something similar to limit overwatering.
11.	We want to conserve. Also need to develop more.
12.	Sewage & trash in the water.
13.	Yes, definitely and polluting it.
14.	In the Northwest they have water bladders – above growing water collects when there is excess water.
15.	Support regional water support. Think bigger – will be expensive.
16.	Yes, absolutely.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Yes
2.	No
3.	100%. Polluted water affects everyone and is a major problem in most states and most countries. Our drinking water lakes are fed by creeks and rivers littered with rubbish.
4.	Yes.
5.	Yes!! The county and cities need to educate, communicate, incentivize and enforce smart outdoor watering programs like WaterMyYard.org; people are overwatering their lawns and these practices with large lawns is NOT SUSTAINABLE. Don't wait for next d
6.	Smarter use of water - emphasis on native landscaping and drought resistant trees.
7.	Yes
8.	Yes,
9.	Yes
10.	Absolutely. I moved here from Houston, where the increase in nonpermeable ground surfaces through the paving of natural watersheds and increasing development contributed to frequent and more severe flooding events
11.	Yes

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
12.	Yes. This year we have twice as much water as we need, but I know severe drought years are in our future!
13.	YES!!! We aren't going to have enough for all the people moving here.
14.	Yes
15.	YES
16.	Not so much
17.	Yes
18.	Absolutely. I moved here from Houston, where the increase in nonpermeable ground surfaces through the paving of natural watersheds and increasing development contributed to frequent and more severe flooding events
19.	Yes
20.	Yes
21.	Yes, especially amount of storage on hand (ground level and elevated storage)

EFS.5. Identify any natural areas you feel should be preserved or improved within the County.



#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
1.	Rainbow Lake should be developed into an attractive public park area with walking trails and perhaps a boardwalk. It needs to be connected to the existing Foxchase park. There are very few trails south of I-30, and the existing paths are too short.	0	0
2.	New development that has negative environmental impact	1	0
3.	Nature trails	2	0
4.	Breezy Hill meadow should be preserved and seeded with plants that facilitate pollinators, especially butterflies and bees. There is quite a bit of natural milkweed, which is good for Monarchs, but we could add other plants to facilitate growth of other species (Swallowtails, Fritillaries, Queens, Viceroyes, etc.). The butterfly garden has a lot of these plants, but the meadow would provide a much larger area for propagating these pollinators. Without pollinators, we don't eat!	1	0

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Section 7: Land Use & Open Spaces (LU)

LU.1. How often do you and your family utilize open spaces, including parks, across the County? What is your preferred family recreational activity?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Weekly use of our parks, for kids & exercise.
2.	Never.
3.	Walking, running.
4.	Weekly access – trails, parks, need intercommunity trails.
5.	Occasionally.
6.	Once a month or so when its not raining.
7.	Every day! Bikes + hiking.
8.	We love to run. We miss safe running trails. Bikes as well.
9.	At least once a week.
10.	Regular use of park walking trails.
11.	Weekly. Tennis, pickleball, walking.
12.	As much as we can. And would use more if more options.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Not often due to heat or cold. Very few usable weeks throughout the year that can be used.
2.	Once a week.
3.	Daily. Hiking, photography, and enjoying nature are our preferred activities.
4.	2 times a week. Walking
5.	Daily
6.	Walking on trails, meadows, especially Pettinger Preserve.
7.	Weekly
8.	Visiting parks and meadows.
9.	Often
10.	Weekly
11.	Every single day!
12.	Weekly, parks and playgrounds.

LU.2. What attributes of features make parks, trails, ball fields, and other open spaces attractive to you and your family? Why?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Mixed uses for diverse ages – play, athletic amenities, shade structures, educational and interpretive signage, wayfinding, public art.
2.	Quality of life.
3.	Need to make trails accessible for the elderly.
4.	Quality of life for citizens and families.
5.	Have grass! YMCA needs help!
6.	Trails to connect North and South, not just north. Change med to high priority. Benefit more people.
7.	Bike & walking trails.
8.	Open spaces left natural allow you to connect with nature/release stress/rejuvenate your soul.
9.	Trails that incomposite natural features and allow exploration of local areas, especially natural areas.
10.	Moved from Kent County, Michigan 4 years ago. Our trails built in last 2 decades was a huge success. My husband bikes. We want more trails.
11.	Easy access, clean spaces. [see legibility note] the used them.
12.	Dark skies [see legibility note] bad fields [see legibility note] after dark.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Natural with no rubbish.
2.	Water, change in elevation, trees, wildflowers.
3.	A natural environment (not overly manicured) that celebrates Texas' unique sense of place by valuing our native flora and fauna
4.	Trees and wildflowers
5.	Lots of trees and fields and water
6.	Meadows of wildflowers, especially where birds, butterflies, and bees are found.
7.	Natute
8.	Pollinator-friendly host and flowering plants
9.	Not manicured areas but areas for native plants to grow
10.	We have a toddler and are all used to being outdoors and active
11.	We love to be outside and exploring and being able to do things like hiking and family bike rides close to home is amazing.
12.	Proximity and variety

LU.3. In one sentence, describe your vision for Rockwall County in 2050.

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Every resident lives within a 10-minute walk of a public park, trail, or greenspace.
2.	A park within 10 minutes of my home.
3.	Outer loop through Hunt not Rockwall County.
4.	Best town in North Texas for youth sports fields!
5.	Bike trails and parks near lake especially in S Rockwall Heath.
6.	Get the through traffic out of downtown Rockwall.
7.	Reasonable housing density – a good place to live.
8.	Meaningful transportation route, think larger!
9.	Restore all the Downtown store fronts.
10.	Outer loop in Hunt County.
11.	Best civic center in the area.
12.	Open space area where open space is seen as an asset to protect.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Clean air, water and sustainable.
2.	Rockwall will embody sustainable practices and environmental stewardship through green infrastructure, energy conservation, water conservation, and programs such as Roots for Wings and Homegrown National Parks.
3.	Plenty of open spaces for wildlife and people without harmful chemicals.
4.	place where nature and people nurture each other
5.	I see a model for preservation of a portion of our available land, a model of pocket prairies and dedicated space for birds and small animals.
6.	Growth in quality and not quantity
7.	Facilitate pollinator preservation and growth.
8.	Preserving space for animals to have space
9.	Open spaces preserved. Something done with the area around the lake, walking trails, parks, beaches. There is nothing to do around the lake
10.	Small town with amazing schools!
11.	Quality living and leisure with access to a range of opportunities to work, live and play while maintaining a safe and healthy environment.

LU.4. What is the best mix of land use, between residential, public space, and commercial activities, to sustain the quality of life you desire for your family?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Activity nodes and destinations that connect neighborhoods. Use creeks, easements, and existing canopy for trail development.
2.	Like Rowlett Town Center, great mixed use.
3.	More multi-use spaces. Parks, restaurants, shops, outdoor venues for concerts, like the harbor.
4.	If all we have is residential, then we have no culture or style.
5.	Both residential & commercial interests need to be low density.
6.	Community ag/horticulture facility with restaurants/activities parks for family for using the resources and education.
7.	Enough to do for those that live here, but not to become overrun on weekend and holidays with out of towners.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Yall need to stop building for about 5 years. Let everything settle. In the meantime, work on providing adequate roads for the residents, providing water to it's current residents and fixing the power issue.
2.	Plant trees for shade and habitat.
3.	We should preserve or reconstruct at least 1/3 of our natural green spaces. We should re-use deteriorating commercial areas (like the shopping center at Hobby Lobby) instead of destroying natural areas for new shopping centers and office space
4.	20% public space 60%ommercial residential, 20%
5.	I want to feel like I live close to open land. I have lived here 38 years, have seen the open spaces diminish, but I still think we have time to change the process and look at our future.
6.	50/25/25
7.	Pollinator-friendly plants are beautiful and can easily complement park and recreational areas and, at the same time, help pollinators thrive.
8.	Set aside more land not disturbed by builders
9.	It should be equal and houses should be on bigger lots and more spaced out. Businesses should be thoughtful and not redundant
10.	I can't think of any store that Rockwall needs that it doesn't already have. I would love to see more green space and less shopping centers!
11.	A variety that enables a diverse blend of available housing. With density focused on downtown and highway corridors.

LU.5. How do you think the County and cities should balance the need to preserve open spaces, adding amenities while creating recreational opportunities with the rights of landowners?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Mandatory open spaces within developments.
2.	Expand Harry Meyers. No franklins. Create more spaces for retirees.
3.	Each city should adhere to their comprehensive plan.
4.	Have a plan voted on by the people & stick to it! We didn't!
5.	Open spaces also need to have extensive natural areas.
6.	Follow the comprehensive plan for each individual city.
7.	Acquire land for parks instead of high density communities.
8.	Residential 55%, public space 5%, commercial & agricultural 40%.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Just stop building. People don't move here because of the stores it has. People move here for the open spaces and small town vibe. If we want other options, we drive to it and then happily return to our homes.
2.	Limit building construction. In the last 2 years so much land has been flattened for housing. How can housing be built without first building infrastructure?
3.	We should promote sustainable home landscapes that support Texas native flora and fauna and stop the overuse of invasive landscape plants
4.	Pass bonds where needed to keep up with the demands of the community
5.	I think direct appeal will work in putting together the plan. Most landowners want their land to have a positive effect. Give all landowners help in becoming part of the solution.
6.	L
7.	See previous answer
8.	Allow people who own acreage a tax break
9.	Less houses! Less stores! More green space!
10.	Given it is something that residents want, developers should prioritize it to make our residential offers attractive.

LU.6. Place a dot to rate how much you agree with the following statements.

<i>Statements</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
New residential or commercial development within the County should be subject to more regulations and designed to create and preserve open spaces. Note: one dot is split between "important" and "very important."	0	0	0	2	22
Preserving our community's small-town charm is important to my family and me.	0	0	0	2	21
New residential or commercial development within the County should be subject to fewer regulations.	18	6	0	0	0
Rockwall County should have greater control over the residential and commercial developments in the unincorporated areas of the County.	0	0	4	6	14
Any new development should always include dedicated open spaces that benefit all Rockwall County residents. Note: one dot is split between "important" and "very important."	0	0	2	1	19
Rockwall County should actively work to protect residents' overall quality of life when considering new development. Note: one dot is split between "important" and "very important."	0	0	0	1	23

<i>Statements</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
New residential or commercial development within the County should be subject to more regulations and designed to create and preserve open spaces.	0	0	0	0	12
Preserving our community's small-town charm is important to my family and me.	1	0	0	2	9

<i>Statements</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
New residential or commercial development within the County should be subject to fewer regulations.	9	1	0	0	2
Rockwall County should have greater control over the residential and commercial developments in the unincorporated areas of the County.	1	0	0	1	9
Any new development should always include dedicated open spaces that benefit all Rockwall County residents.	0	0	0	0	13
Rockwall County should actively work to protect residents' overall quality of life when considering new development.	0	0	0	1	12

LU.7. Should Rockwall County actively promote trails and recreational connectivity between residential development in the cities and the County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Yes.
2.	Yes.
3.	Yes.
4.	Yes please!
5.	Yes!
6.	Absolutely – coordinate between the cities and county.
7.	Yes it makes property values increase.
8.	Connection builds community.
9.	Yes!
10.	Yes.
11.	Absolutely.
12.	Yes.
13.	Yes with safety in place.
14.	Yes!
15.	Connect the trails, so people don't have to drive.
16.	Co-operation is key.
17.	Yes.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	No
2.	Yes. People can connect via bicycle or walking instead of driving and increasing traffic issues.
3.	Yes.
4.	Yes
5.	Yes
6.	definitely
7.	Yes!
8.	Yes
9.	See previous answer
10.	Yes
11.	Yes
12.	YES! Absolutely!
13.	Yes. This adds connections and commonality while being able to preserve the uniqueness.

LU.8. Should there be a County-wide trail system that includes walking, biking, equestrian, and other types of trails?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Walking and biking. The 1 st trail should run North/South. Trails should connect communities. Divide running from biking.
2.	We should promote trails that connect the different subdivisions, North-South, Completion <i>[see legibility note]</i> to be less of a priority. It should be <i>[see legibility note]</i> .
3.	Old rail system to Dallas.
4.	Yes please.
5.	Yes especially biking and hiking.
6.	Yes yes yes.
7.	Yes! Consider dividing uses of hike/bike and surface maintenance. Utilize Oncor easements and rail easements.
8.	Yes. People want to get outdoors. It is important for children to be outside. Studies have been shown that it helps to be present near sightedness in children.
9.	Yes!
10.	Yes, and they should connect between neighborhoods to make a longer trail.
11.	Yes but connectivity too.
12.	Yes – trails will connect the different developments – now they seem to be all standalone.
13.	Yes. Walking trail.
14.	Yes! Improve quality of life for residents.
15.	Utilize creek systems for trail connectivity.
16.	Yes.
17.	Yes it will enhance property values too.
18.	Yes connect cities and parks.

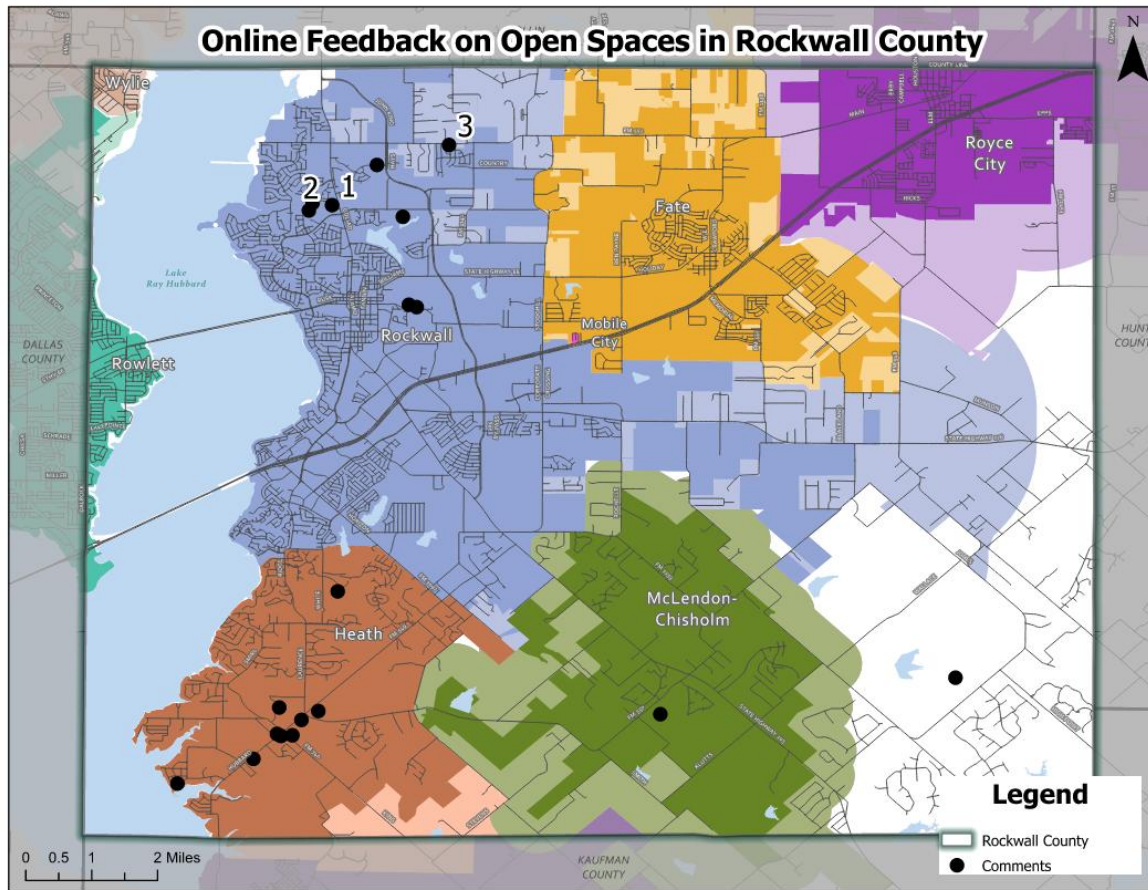
#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	No
2.	Yes. As above.
3.	Yes.
4.	Yes
5.	Yes
6.	Yes
7.	Yes!
8.	Yes. Equestrian would be very unique and rival Lavons!!
9.	Yes, and it should be populated with pollinator-friendly plants.
10.	No
11.	Yes
12.	YES!
13.	This would be great. And it could involve buying flood prone land to enable better flood protection.

LU.9. Should Rockwall County use public funds to develop and maintain natural and open spaces, including a trail system?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Yes County bond. Clear guidance with use of funds. Could have allocation to support public/private partnerships.
2.	Only if it can be done without raising taxes.
3.	Yes absolutely.
4.	Voter-approval bonds.
5.	Yes!
6.	Yes, pass a bond.
7.	Yes.
8.	Potential bonds – need scope of plan.
9.	Yes – via grants & bonds.
10.	Yes.
11.	By the people, for the people.
12.	Yes. It will make property values increase.
13.	Move that outer loop to Hunt County.
14.	Yes connect cities.
15.	Yes!!
16.	Yes – but we need to see specific plans.
17.	With a limit. 5% of budget.
18.	Yes to all 3.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	No
2.	Yes. US has enough pay as you go parks.
3.	Yes.
4.	Yes
5.	Yes
6.	Yes
7.	Yes! I also propose a by application only grant by our county to landowners with an acre or more for instructions from local naturalists on how to plant a pocket prairie and enough seeds and soil amendments to start each prairie.
8.	Yes
9.	Yes
10.	Yes
11.	Yes
12.	YES!!!
13.	Yes

LU.10. Identify your favorite parks, trails, recreational athletic facilities, or other open spaces within Rockwall County.



#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
1.	Pettinger Nature Preserve & Squabble Creek	0	0
2.	New homes changed the land grade that causes more flooding and less of the bike trail. Needs a professional to make improvements to drainage. We had a jewel before the houses came.	0	0
3.	Breezy Hill trail, gardens, and meadow	0	0

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Section 8: Historical Preservation (HP)

HP.1. Are there any places in the County that you feel are not rightfully recognized as historically significant? If so, where are they?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	The Rock Wall.
2.	The random grasssite placed throughout the county markings still face East but developers want to more.
3.	The Rockwall.
4.	Land around the "Rock Wall."
5.	Blackland prairies.
6.	Blackland prairie.
7.	Blackland prairie and ranches.
8.	Historic ranches.
9.	Native Blackland Prairies. Less than 1% of this ecosystem remains in the US.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	No
2.	The original Rock Wall site
3.	Downtown areas and the Harbor. Areas close to lake should be more accessible to public without distracting homeowners close by.
4.	No
5.	Heath

HP.2. Do you support the County in creating a public park to allow access to view the County's namesake, the natural rock wall formation? Would you support a bond initiative?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Yes!
2.	Yes.
3.	Yes.
4.	Yes.
5.	Yes.
6.	Absolutely. This should be a major project.
7.	Not if raising taxes are involved.
8.	Agricultural areas for observation.
9.	And understanding.
10.	Need more information.
11.	Yes.
12.	Would want more info on long term plans.
13.	Yes.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Yes
2.	Yes
3.	Yes
4.	Yes
5.	Not sure
6.	Yes
7.	No

HP.3. What structures, sites, or buildings may become historically significant by 2050?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Existing ranches and farms.
2.	Farms ranches slopen land with trees, wildflower, ponds, etc.
3.	Ranches, prairies.
4.	Mark Russo's home.
5.	Cemeteries.
6.	Churches. Cemeteries.
7.	Churches. Southside. The hill <i>[see legibility note]</i> of I-30.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Tate Farm, Pullen Homestead, City of Rockwall Square
2.	Old courthouse
3.	Downtown buildings. All city parks and trail system that links all of Rockwall county together.
4.	Not sure
5.	No opinions

HP.4. Do you believe the County adequately highlights the history of Rockwall County and engages the public in historic significance? Do you think the County should invest more effort in preserving historic sites? Why?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	We should educate more so historic sites are more known. We should invest in preserving our history.
2.	Yes it is important to recognize the truth in history good and bad so future generations can take heart.
3.	Preserve sites of the Rock Wall.
4.	Only if done without raising taxes.
5.	Better identification of public parking spaces. I didn't know you could park behind the center in downtown Rockwall.
6.	The only place I have found Rockwall history is at Harry Myers Park! Where else?
7.	Yes, understanding of history is important for the present and the future.
8.	Restore all the Downtown store fronts please.

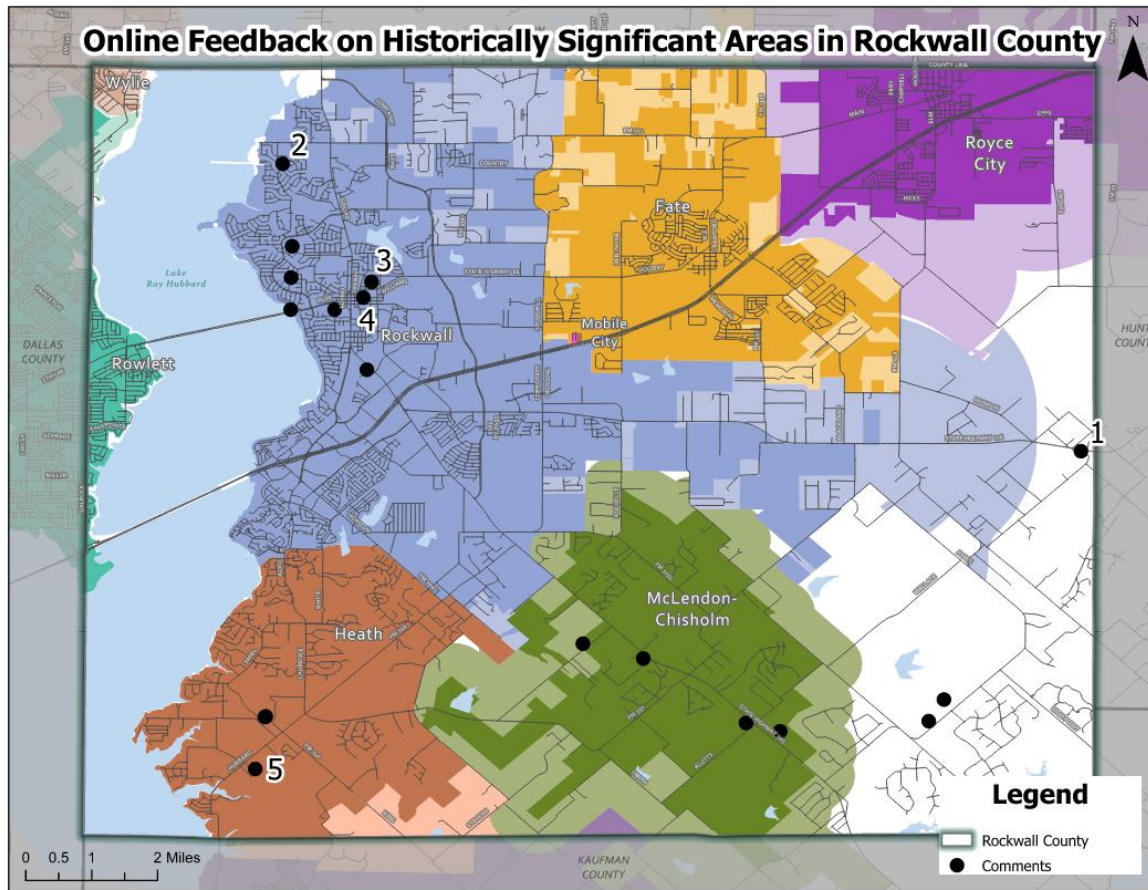
#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	No
2.	No, we do a very poor job of leveraging our history to attract tourism.
3.	I'm not sure but I see good evidence near the old Rockwall courthouse in downtown Rockwall.
4.	Not sure
5.	No

HP.5. Place a dot to rate how important the following practices are related to the preservation and maintenance of Rockwall County's historic structures, sites, or buildings.

<i>Practices</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
Ongoing maintenance and preservation	0	0	0	3	16
Education through public events and commemorations	0	0	1	8	10
Expansions and improvements to surrounding areas	0	0	0	14	4
Relocation to more frequented and visible areas, when possible	0	4	5	5	0

<i>Practices</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
Ongoing maintenance and preservation	0	0	0	2	2
Education through public events and commemorations	0	0	0	1	1
Expansions and improvements to surrounding areas	0	0	1	2	1
Relocation to more frequented and visible areas, when possible	0	1	1	0	0

HP.6. Identify areas within the County that you feel are currently historically significant or will be by 2050 and should be preserved.



#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
1.	Futuro House on SH 276, also known as the UFO or flying saucer house. Designed by Finnish architect Matti Suuronen in the 1960's, this "spaceship" is mentioned on websites around the world.	0	0
2.	The city has done very little to treat the diseased junipers in the park or prune trees in a way that foster health. This is a beautiful park. Would like to see perineal planted over annuals which cost tax payers.	0	0
3.	County Courthouse	0	0
4.	Old county courthouse	0	0
5.	Heath	0	0

Section 9: Education Components (EC)

EC.1. Beyond college extension programs currently available, what adult education opportunities should exist in Rockwall County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Vocational schools. Remote campus for more universities.
2.	Trade school.
3.	Any trade that might interest a student and be beneficial.
4.	Trade school.
5.	Vocational. Training – truck driving, wedding, cooking.
6.	Financial literacy curriculum, entrepreneur training and AI classes.
7.	Graduation with a trade associate or transferable credits.
8.	[See legibility note] university satellite campus would be amazing!
9.	Trade schools! We need a community college as well.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Collaborate with businesses, hold job fairs, etc., essentially put jobs and employees together. If needs are seen, foster company-led schools and apprenticeships (i.e. Lyons Air Conditioning and Heating).
2.	Na
3.	Military ROTC programs
4.	I'm unfamiliar with the TWC services (state vs local) but I imagine that vocational rehabilitation/placement would make a difference.

EC.2. When new housing developments are planned, do you feel the County adequately anticipates the impacts growth has on the education system? Why?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Not the Counties' job – it falls on the school district.
2.	Developers in this area should be required to set aside land for public schools.
3.	Need improved communication!
4.	We need to improve our partnership and communication in this area!
5.	Not at all! The current roads/infrastructure aren't even handling the population now!
6.	Not in the past. Doing better now.
7.	Developers should be required to set aside land for schools.
8.	Land dedicated to schools by developer with roads, cost communication of upcoming development proposals.
9.	The schools do a great job anticipating growth.
10.	No developers focus on housing first then infrastructure then school.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	The County has too little control in these developments. The State needs to be lobbied for more local control. Our fight is in Austin. Housing developments spring up more quickly than infrastructure can be built, much less funded.
2.	No, as an employee at the district, we are facing serious financial implications because we do not have adequate facilities nor adequate state funding for facilities to be able to support this group. This is why we need development to slow down.
3.	Don't put in any more high density communities like apartments and small lot single family housing.
4.	I can't speak to it without additional information. The feeling (based on ISD rezoning, etc.) is that the county has not.

EC.3. Do you believe the state adequately supports education? Why or why not?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	No.
2.	No! The state is required to properly fund public education. They are not doing that!
3.	Improve mental health funding!
4.	Absolutely not! \$6,120/kid is not enough!
5.	We need school choice – more efforts/money to support teachers in all learning system: private and charter etc.
6.	Absolutely not! The state is funding less and less and putting more of the burden on local residents.
7.	Has reduced contribution to local school district budget more the past few years. 2011-2012 state contribution was 36-38%. In 2023, state contribution was 11%.
8.	Yes – but with Austin's finger on the pie – it's difficult.
9.	No! the state of Texas has not increased the public school student daily attendance 2019 and has made no inflationary adjustments. Yet costs like gas for buses, insurance costs, cleaning, food, [see legibility note] have all risen.
10.	No! currently is 2 nd most populated state in the nation and ranks 43 rd in nation for public school funding!
11.	No.
12.	No! Way! No.
13.	No. No focus on drop rates (retention), system has become too political.
14.	Need more funding for teachers and special needs.
15.	Need more state funding per student and programs/allotment. Need legislation on MUD's regulation.
16.	No, too focused on personal agendas.
17.	We are too concentrated on basic education (math, English & history, [see legibility note]), we need a real focus on work ready (made/assoc) upon completion of 12 th grade.
18.	Improve special needs funding!
19.	The state does not support teachers and doesn't fund schools enough.
20.	No, need more funding.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	No, wrapping up teacher raises in something as controversial as school vouchers is downright slimy.
2.	The State is Constitutionally mandated to provide education. The method is currently in flux. if more magnet and charter schools are to be promoted and less emphasis on ISDs, it needs to be carefully calculated.
3.	No, the current fund model hasn't been updated in such a long time and it doesn't reflect the current economy.
4.	Yes, because they are making their best efforts educating illegals. That's what's hurting our Texas school systems.
5.	No - particularly if/when vouchers are passed. Our per capita spending is one of the lowest. Our (state) data on successful outcomes is poor.

EC.4. What do you believe will be the primary characteristics of primary and secondary education (K-12) in 2050?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Keep focusing on the 3Rs for a better society.
2.	Unfortunately more standardized testing.
3.	Financial literacy.
4.	Focus will be on the wrong things – social programing instead of truths and <i>[see legibility note]</i> critical thinking skills.
5.	Reading. Writing. Aithmtic.
6.	Al.
7.	Hopefully it will be focused on critical thinking and skills kids need to have an abundant life (not teaching for a test).
8.	Critical thinking.
9.	Written communication.
10.	Remote & in person.

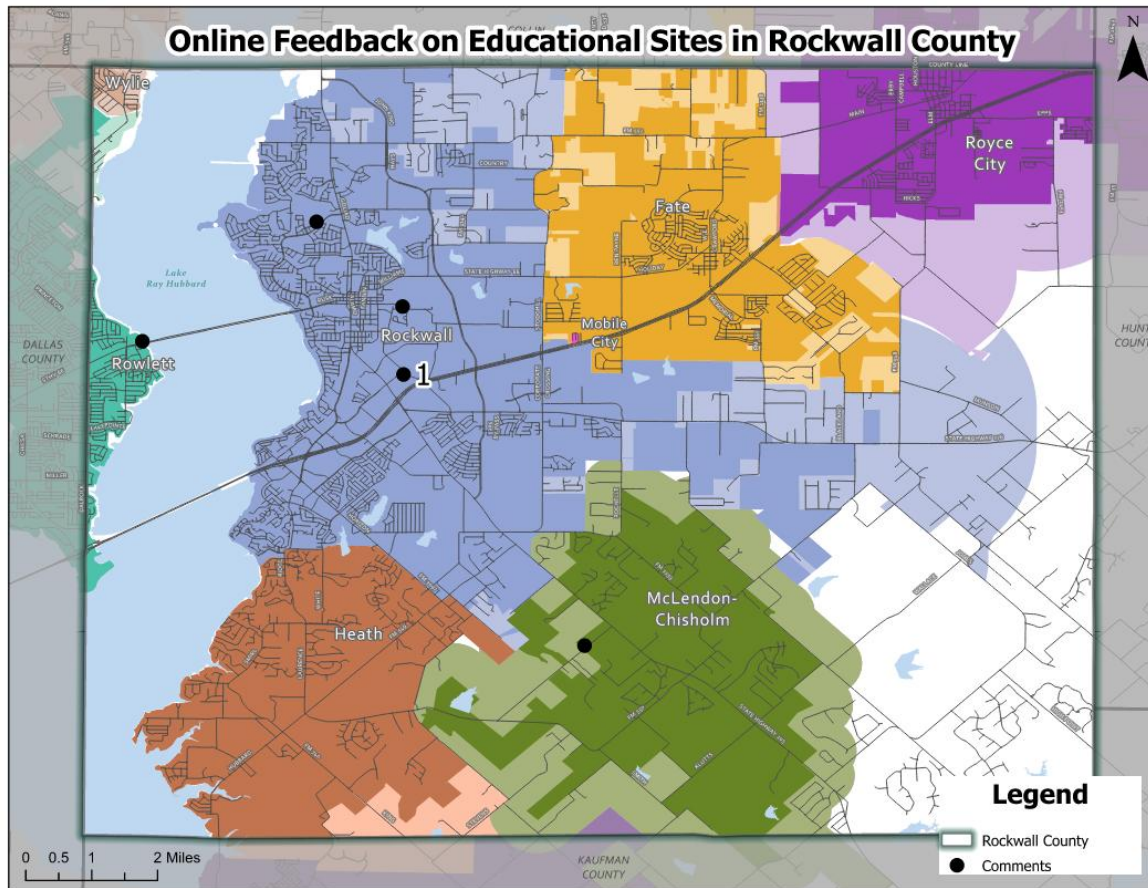
#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	What it will be has yet to be determined. What it should be is reading, writing, arithmetic, civics and government.
2.	Unfortunately, we have some pretty huge heart cuts coming in our future. We are losing teachers at a rate that we cannot replenish them due to our funding crisis.
3.	To educate our children in math, reading, and arts. Stay away from the fringe crap with DEI, trans kids, etc. There's no place for that in our schools.
4.	Emotional intelligence

EC.5. Place a dot to rate how important the following factors are to you and your family when evaluating your overall quality of life.

<i>Factors</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
The drivability and walkability from your home to a public elementary school.	3	0	0	7	2
The drivability and walkability from your home to a public middle school.	3	0	1	7	2
The drivability and walkability from your home to a public high school.	3	1	4	4	1
The quality of educational and extracurricular facilities (e.g., size, aesthetics, functionality)	0	0	1	1	10
The availability of adult education and the ability to pursue an advanced degree.	0	0	5	8	1

<i>Factors</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
The drivability and walkability from your home to a public elementary school.	0	0	1	2	2
The drivability and walkability from your home to a public middle school.	0	0	0	3	1
The drivability and walkability from your home to a public high school.	0	0	1	0	2
The quality of educational and extracurricular facilities (e.g., size, aesthetics, functionality)	0	1	0	1	2
The availability of adult education and the ability to pursue an advanced degree.	1	0	0	0	2

EC.6. Identify places, other than public or private school locations, that you feel highlight the ability to learn in Rockwall County, and areas that could be developed to improved learning.



#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
1.	The County Library could be provide adult learning classes like English and Civics.	0	0

Section 10: Non-Profit Organizations (NPO)

NPO.1. What do you believe should be the primary role of the non-profit community in Rockwall County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	To serve those where the gaps between government and community cannot cover.
2.	Government should not spend tax dollars to provide everything a person might need. Social services in forms of NGO should exist to use dollars people donate to care for & love on our neighbors in need.
3.	Fill gaps in services.
4.	Upfill gaps and make the county feel united.
5.	Help the community by filling gaps and bringing awareness to the need.
6.	Helping families without shelter.
7.	To assist in areas not covered by govern.
8.	The role is to see a need & meet the need.
9.	Non profits fill the gap to support residents when others including government can't or can't do it well.
10.	NPOs should fill gaps in service that are not feasible and/or desirable for government or business to offer, to serve as a safety net for those who fall through the cracks of public programs.
11.	Transitional ... focusing on prevailing needs of the community at any point & time.
12.	Erase pain, suffering, hunger.
13.	Fill gaps that government can not address.
14.	Provide needs not adequately supported otherwise.
15.	To support what is not required by law – animal shelter, after school programs.
16.	To fill the needs and gaps that public and private entities can not fill.
17.	To provide additional support to the community – especially to those who can't afford services.
18.	Support people in the community experiencing crisis or hardship. Fill the gap left by government services.
19.	Fill the society gaps that support our community.
20.	To help those in need.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Fill the gaps where government does not provide
2.	They should provide services that the County does not or cannot. They typically do it better, more comprehensively and at a lower cost. The County should better fund and foster better relationships with non-profits.
3.	Support to disadvantaged communities and communities of need within Rockwall County
4.	Collectivism and shared referrals. And transparency.

NPO.2. Do you believe nonprofits are central to maintaining a civil society, are needed to support economic development, and establish social accountability?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Yes!
2.	Yes.
3.	Yes.
4.	They can be, but certainly are beneficial.
5.	Yes.
6.	Nonprofits are very important to the growth and stability of the community – absolutely needed.
7.	Yes.
8.	Yes.
9.	Yes.
10.	Yes!
11.	Yes.
12.	Yes.
13.	Yes.
14.	Yes, based on the need they are serving.
15.	Yes!
16.	Overwhelming yes.
17.	Yes!
18.	Absolutely! Keeps the county have a community feel.
19.	100% yes!
20.	Yes! I love volunteering at local non-profits.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Yes very much so
2.	Without a doubt non-profits provide a community fabric, a sense of community, therefore are very important to aid in regional desirability.
3.	Absolutely, government is limited in what it can and should provide; an engaged society is a more civil society.
4.	Yes. Particularly secular NP organizations. Churches (for a variety of reasons) can't and don't meet the needs of all members of communities. Safety nets exist for a reason.

NPO.3. As the County grows, how do you believe the role non-profits should change (providing food security, shelter, safety, child protective service, etc.)?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Work to make it easier on the community to access help through an alliance of support services.
2.	Texas court does not adequately fund services to help kids, seniors, and [see legibility note] gap in the social safety net. Non-profit are.
3.	Non-profit are being formed to fill those gap, but do not have adequate funding.
4.	Non-profits are too City of Rockwall focused.
5.	Eventually they will start to overlap so blending them together for the same common goal may have to happen "one fund."
6.	Non profits will need to grow with the community.
7.	Non-profits will play a role in filling gaps in services.
8.	Work together to strengthen the community.
9.	More collaboration between non-profit organizations.
10.	More collaboration w/ county support. More county sponsored non-profit events. Show the orgs. Public fundraising.
11.	So many non-profits in need of facilities.
12.	Consolidate and collaborate.
13.	With county growth the need for social service will increase.
14.	Collaboration.
15.	There are services that are critical to help the community that cannot afford the services. These non profits need to grow with the community needs.
16.	Learn needs of community & meet citizens where they are at – not publishing agendas not evidence by data in the community.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Rather than spending individual effort there should be a collaboration and community Hope center to cater to all needs. Pride should be set aside if we are to care for our brothers and sisters. The end goal is the same love one another, together.
2.	Non-profits should be bolstered to continue and expand services. It is much more cost effective than having government in charge.
3.	Yes, as the county grows we can assume there will be greater stress on several communities and nonprofits will provide a vital role. The County should take an active leadership role in collaboration and support, NOT funding.
4.	Depends on data/need

NPO.4. Do you believe the County government should play a greater or lesser role in the non-profit community? Do you have suggestions for improvement?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Create a non profit cooperative group.
2.	Government has a role in understanding various needs but nothing greater.
3.	Evaluate the benefit of non-profits and evaluate which one need funding for the county.
4.	Yes, a non profit will do the job better and for less money than government. Wherever there is a mutual need we must work together.
5.	Counties should have greater role and more financial responsibility.
6.	Greater role – facilitate a non profit alliance and shared space and services.
7.	Government should support them, but spraingly when it come to dollars of taxpayers. Taxpayers should use who to support, not the government.
8.	Lesser – less government oversight in non profit entities. They are (should be) busy fighting the state.
9.	Help create a shared space wraparound services.
10.	Yes. In order for non profits to engage in the community, it would be beneficial for county government to re-engage to understand and support the mission.
11.	Greater role to help others.
12.	Greater role - more funding & more support in start up and expansion.
13.	Greater! Use county forums for visibility the non-profits provide and collaborative fundraising.
14.	Yes, there should be an alignment around goals.
15.	The County should support the efforts of the non-profit community.
16.	Far greater.
17.	How can the county help encourage shared facilities/partnerships.
18.	Need to support those that can not be replicated more efficiently by government.

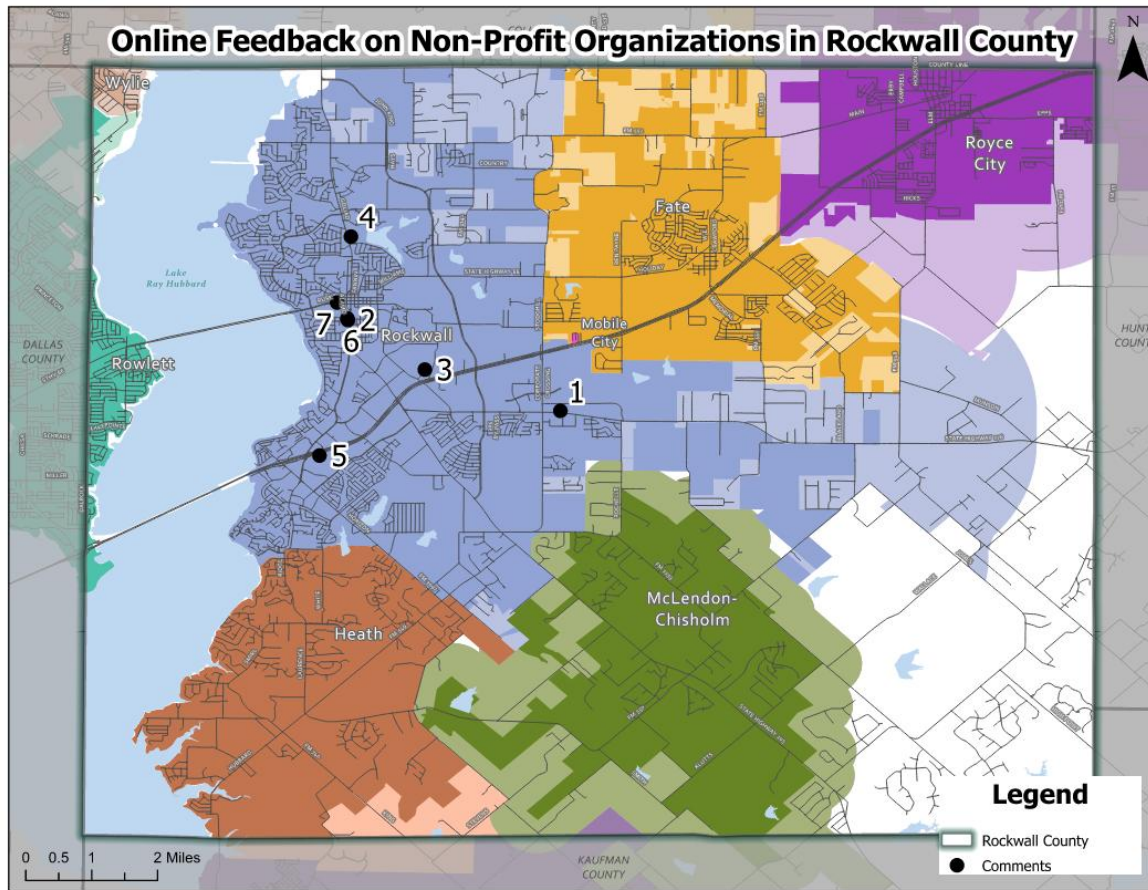
#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	No roll at all
2.	Greater role in support, including financial, but not in oversight.
3.	The county should help lead, but not fund.
4.	Greater - to an extent. Both have healthy, functioning communities as their goal. Or at least should.

NPO.5. Are there non-profit services not available today that you believe would bring value to the County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Mental health clinic.
2.	Child abuse prevention.
3.	Mental health support. Juvenile support → troubled youth.
4.	Mental health.
5.	Community health clinic.
6.	Nutrition education → Overall health of the community → combat obesity → community gardens.
7.	Help veterans more.
8.	Child placing agency.
9.	More veteran services.
10.	Addiction services.
11.	Child care.
12.	Indigent healthcare/clinic.
13.	Job placement. Mental health.
14.	More foster homes.
15.	More senior oriented non-profit organizations.
16.	Mental health services.
17.	All of the above.
18.	Greater focus on children's needs – parental support.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	I honestly don't know because I do not know what gaps there are from the government... That's why rather than having 70+ different non profits there should be 1 center 1 entity to cater to all and set pride aside.
2.	Not that I'm aware of.
3.	Land conservation and environmental protection education.
4.	I'm not familiar enough with data - I imagine secular mental health and preventative health would be a missing service.

NPO.6. Identify the location of any non-profits that you have used, or you know are currently meeting the needs of Rockwall County residents or the surrounding region



#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
1.	Meals on Wheels: meal and other support for the elderly	0	0
2.	Lonestar CASA: advocacy and representation for children in the court systems	0	0
3.	Rainbow Room: life supplies for children removed from their homes	0	0
4.	YMCA: fitness, youth sports, water safety, group exercise, elder health	0	0
5.	Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce	0	0
6.	Rotary Foundation	0	0
7.	Helping Hands	0	0

Section 11: Public Safety (PS)

PS.1. What is your primary public safety concern? What keeps you up at night concerning public safety?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Underfunded street's department.
2.	Stabbing needs due to intense L.E. competition in DFW area, funding for sufficient number of officers to keep up with growth, and retention due to today's demand on L.E. and stresses of the job.
3.	With growth are there enough stations for emergency responses to cover more people/larger area.
4.	Influx of people coming to our community from the Rio Grande.
5.	Lack or shortage of water and fire call response with that shortage.
6.	Frequent accidents on 205. We need other routes in and out of Rockwall than 205 (south).
7.	Another option besides 205.
8.	Need another district court and county court at law.
9.	Traffic & accidents.
10.	I-30 transports things & people that would scare our population.
11.	Traffic accidents on bridge?
12.	Increase crime due to people coming into Rockwall County. Safety in rural areas.
13.	Dense development will lead to increased pressure on emergency services at a pace that is difficult to keep up with.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	The pressure on the Sheriff Department to provide basic law enforcement in subdivisions in the unincorporated areas
2.	Nothing keeps me up at night. I do think we need to make sure we stay ahead of the public safety curve. We need to concentrate on culture and other workforce retention considerations.
3.	If we go the route of high density residential living, I fear for crime like we have not had before and not for the better.

PS.2. Does the County meet your informational needs concerning public safety? How can communication be improved?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Continued integration and proactive approach to emergency response.
2.	Yes mostly. Let's keep working on communication with our new PID and emergency management.
3.	Meets my needs. NIXLE is a great system.
4.	Use of reliable social media.
5.	County does a good job but there can always be more communication.
6.	Single 911 call CTR.
7.	Yes! Continue with social media posts.
8.	Racial profiling.
9.	Like the increased social media communication.
10.	More communication. To be well publicized for emergencies.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	No, the County expansion in the unincorporated areas places significant tax burdens on those in the cities while those in the unincorporated area pay little or nothing!
2.	Yes, I think between the OEM and our new PIO we are communicating as well as we can without local news/media.
3.	Subscribing to Rockwall County OEM is fairly good, but could use better identification of type and severity of traffic alerts.

PS.3. Do you feel safe and secure when in public places across the County? If not, why?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	I feel safe in public across Rockwall County.
2.	Yes very safe.
3.	Yes – I have confidence in RPD & RSO.
4.	Feel safe and secure in public places. More concerned about have invasions, property crime.
5.	At this point, “yes” w/ growth?
6.	Yes!

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Yes
2.	Yes for now, but am concerned about unrestrained development and associated crime of overcrowding.

PS.4. The County recently invested in a common radio system to enable communication between all law enforcement and emergency services operating in the county. Do you believe there are other areas the County should be investing in to address County-wide matters?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Possible fire control, but not a high priority.
2.	Personnel, training, & training facilities.
3.	County wide communication is important for protection and healthy growth. It should be implemented across the board.
4.	Any media that increases responses is great!
5.	Better funding fire in unincorporated areas.
6.	Education & training & resources for own fire and police services. Support them.
7.	Education & greater awareness of the illegal drugs flooding our community.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	County-wide fire and EMS
2.	The most important addition to the ESC would be a combined Communications Center, combining post PSAPs into one secure location. It should be underground and have an accompanying EOC. A countywide LE and FD training facility could be located above.
3.	Have quality, reliable communications among the county services and with the citizens. I'm not clear as to what we may already have.

PS.5. Have you had any interaction with law enforcement or emergency services within the County over the past year? Was that experience positive or negative?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	No incident.
2.	Yes – very positive.
3.	Health – great response time! Great job.
4.	Very positive & professional.
5.	Yes – very positive.
6.	Very positive!

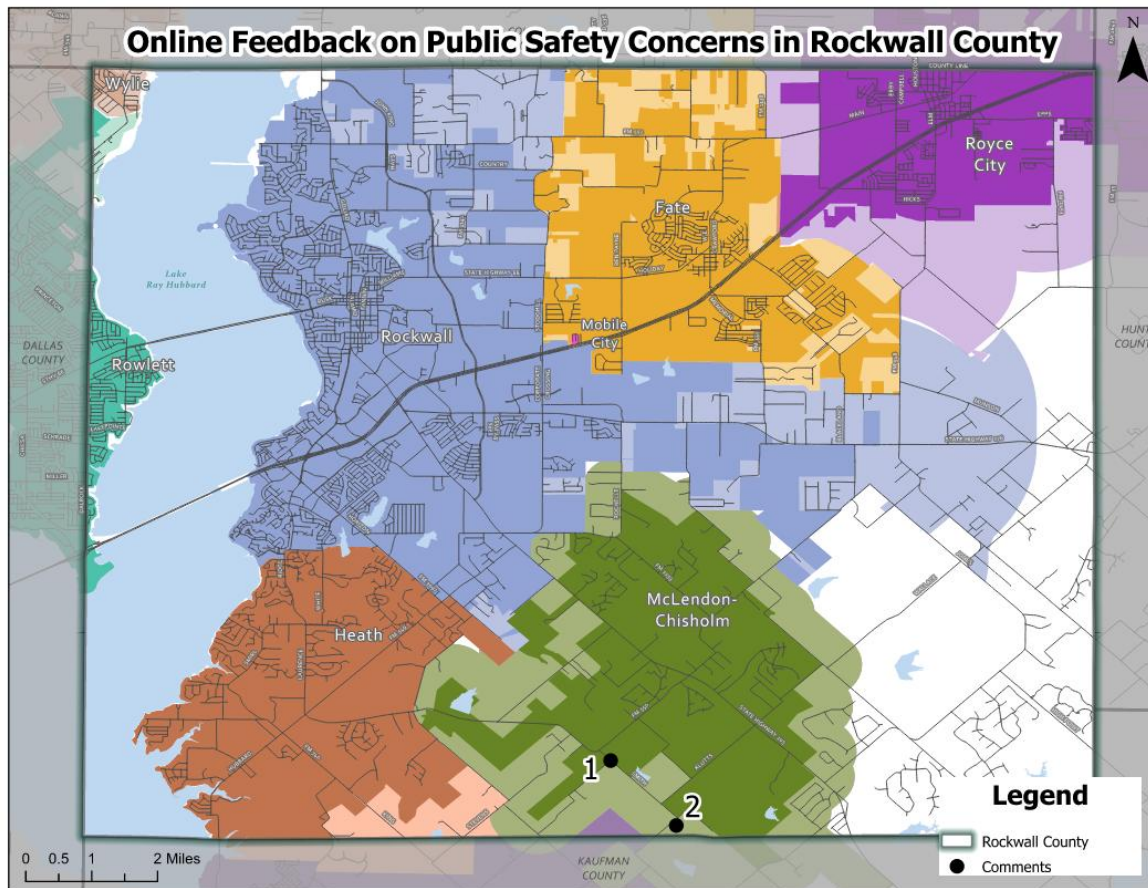
#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	I've had many interactions with LE, FD and EMS. None could be considered negative.
2.	No personal interactions with law enforcement or emergency services.

PS.6. Place a dot to rate how much you agree with the following statements.

<i>Statements</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
Cooperation between cities and the County is important to ensure public safety and emergency services.	0	0	0	1	8
Law enforcement and emergency response times within Rockwall County satisfy my needs.	0	0	2	2	3
Maintaining or improving the emergency response times for existing residents is important when considering new developments.	0	0	0	0	10
New development should be responsible for any startup costs associated with extending public safety and emergency services.	0	0	0	3	7
Emergency services (fire, EMS, and ambulance) are excellent throughout Rockwall County.	0	0	2	4	2

<i>Statements</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
Cooperation between cities and the County is important to ensure public safety and emergency services.	0	0	0	0	3
Law enforcement and emergency response times within Rockwall County satisfy my needs.	0	1	0	0	1
Maintaining or improving the emergency response times for existing residents is important when considering new developments.	0	0	0	1	2
New development should be responsible for any startup costs associated with extending public safety and emergency services.	0	0	0	0	3
Emergency services (fire, EMS, and ambulance) are excellent throughout Rockwall County.	0	1	0	1	1

PS.7. Identify areas that you have public safety concerns.



#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
1.	Unsafe intersection with multiple vehicles falling off drainage ditch erosion of road.	0	0
2.	New Development with high density homes	0	0

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Section 12: Public Health (PH)

PH.1. Do you and your family have access to the food, water, counseling, exercise, and other enablers required to sustain a healthy lifestyle? What are the primary inhibitors to you achieving a healthy lifestyle?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	There is a lack of outdoor areas, trails for leisure safely.
2.	We have access.
3.	Need connecting trails for hike/bike.
4.	Yes. # of locations like the YMCA.
5.	Good access. Primary inhibitor: lack of time.
6.	Yes!
7.	We have great access.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Water is spotting at best. RCH stinks
2.	Yes
3.	Yes, plenty of access and non-profits to support those in need; Rockwall is a giving community
4.	Financial
5.	Yes, my family has access to food and services that are required to sustain a healthy lifestyle.

PH.2. Do you believe you and your family have access to adequate healthcare support today? In the future, how do you expect your healthcare demands to change for you and your family?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Transition to retirement – greater healthcare needs with aging.
2.	Greater ability to treat cancer, heart, and strokes.
3.	I didn't think this is a county issue per se – may be more of a business issue – but more specialists would be great.
4.	As the population ages, eas to see specialists within Rockwall County.
5.	Adequate access. Need more healthcare as we age.
6.	Yes we have access. We are getting older and our need will change.
7.	Yes. Retirement/transition to medicare from excellent employer-paid healthcare will have impact on cost and possibly quality of healthcare.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	It will increase as we are all getting older
2.	Today yes, but physician shortage will pose a challenge. Need to provide economic incentives for primary care, OB/GYN and other physicians to want to move to Rockwall. As supply of physicians decrease the incentives will be needed.
3.	Yes, both general and specialized care
4.	Healthcare demands always increase with age.
5.	We are senior citizens and expect to utilize more health services in the future.

PH.3. As the County grows, what do you see as the greatest risk to public health and overall quality of life in Rockwall County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Pollution due to increased traffic that comes with larger population.
2.	We do know our neighbors – the unknown thinking more about safety!
3.	Under served marginalized communities.
4.	Let's continue to grow our charity – non profit network to engage the needs of a growing diverse population.
5.	Water pollution, sewer plants (new developments particularly).
6.	Concerns about water access, cost, and quality is a state-wide problem.
7.	Pollution/tolens in the air due to the large number of semis which drive through on 205.
8.	Overdevelopment will increase traffic which hurts emergency response times.
9.	Extreme weather events, extreme heat, etc. is becoming a greater concern. It would be great for the county to establish & implement resilience and emergency management plans to equip everyone with the knowledge and resources to be prepared and adequately respond.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Too many people moving in compared to services
2.	The lack of physicians that are in practice is dwindling and growing communities will face a physician shortage issue. Need to provide incentives for physicians to move practices to the county.
3.	Increasing demand for medical services as the population ages
4.	More growth less space for activity, accountability comes down to the person how many treadmills sit in someone's home and end up being a clothing rack. Active people like space if you crowd that for unnecessary reasons you jeopardize the well.
5.	Density and ingress/egress.
6.	Overcrowding and it's ramifications are the greatest risk to public health and safety. Let's not get there.

PH.4. What do you see as the greatest strength and greatest weakness in how public health services are currently delivered in Rockwall County? How should services be improved?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Greatest weakness heart attack and strokes claim more lives yearly than all cancers and chronic lung diseases. TH Rockwall needs to place heart stents and treat strokes. A heart attack should be in a cathlabs in 15 mins. The [see legibility note] can't place a stent.
2.	Traffic issues nezanvely impact healthcare.
3.	Good balance vs. service today. Not sure with growth.
4.	Strength: many healthcare options for private care. Weakness: Need improved indigent care.
5.	Heart diseases continues to grow and be a major issue – Rockwall County does not have what I would call a heart hospital -- capable of all health procedures.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	EMS services is challenged with staffing and truck availability. Transfers from hospitals are delayed due to lack of resources.
2.	Strength -- good doctors & dentists to meet demands; weakness -- lock of a County Public Health office to ensure starndards
3.	That's difficult to answer as we have many services but how many are quality, are they necessary, how many specialists does one need to see before diagnosis. Our healthcare system needs to be held accountable to its people by the oath they take.
4.	The greatest strength is the cooperation (mutual and automatic aid) between entities. The greatest weakness is the lost opportunity with further regional collaboration through the ESC, etc.
5.	No personal experience to weaknesses in the system, for now. Must manage growth of all services to support future developments.

PH.5. How do you think neighborhoods should be designed to promote healthier residents?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	If you are going to walk, run, or bike – you need a way to safely put some time in. sidewalks and paths that connect subdivisions – so we don't just go in circles.
2.	Neighborhoods need trails for running & biking, indoor exercise & outdoor pools.
3.	Yes – CIM and County subdiv regs should demand.
4.	Less density – more public space and trails etc. for exercise.
5.	Access to safe walking/running areas is vital. Encouraging HOA neighborhoods to include exercise rooms within clubhouses, proximity to sources for healthy foods, and attention to keeping ponds/lakes in the neighborhood clean.
6.	Hike/bike trails that connect. Green space, less density.
7.	Improved hike and bike trails and open spaces.
8.	More local food grows and farmers markets/local groceries.
9.	Longer connected trail systems to connect key areas. Serve for alternative transportation/health option.
10.	Safe walking hike trails. Lighted facilities.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Outdoor activities
2.	Walking and biking in some of these more rural neighborhoods should be prioritized. Having developers help improve access roads for biking and walking safety such as Altura should have improved Smith when Wellington Manor was built.
3.	Yes -- we need new developments to ensure inclusion of outdoor activities
4.	Neighborhoods should be designed to hold integrity, structurally safe and built to last a lifetime. It will not get someone off of their couch... but having nice large sidewalks, larger roads, parks nearby, may encourage those to get out.
5.	Walking/riding trails, especially connecting the local schools. Amenity Centers with swimming pools and gyms would promote healthier residents and build community.
6.	Avoid high density residential developments, no multi-family structures, generous green space and include recreational facilities.

PH.6. Place a dot to rate how important it is to you to have access to the following public health and prevention services in Rockwall County.

<i>Public health and prevention services</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
Emergency room services	0	0	0	3	6
Family medicine/primary care	0	0	0	1	7
Options between local specialized practitioners (e.g., dentists, optometrists, physicians)	0	0	0	5	3
Assisted living services	0	0	1	7	0
Out-patient hospital services	0	0	0	5	3
Elective surgery centers	0	2	2	5	0
Pharmacies	0	0	1	5	2

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Emergency room services	0	0	0	1	5
Family medicine/primary care	0	0	0	1	5
Options between local specialized practitioners (e.g., dentists, optometrists, physicians)	0	0	0	3	2
Assisted living services	0	1	1	1	2
Out-patient hospital services	0	0	0	3	2
Elective surgery centers	0	1	0	2	1
Pharmacies	0	1	0	3	1

Section 13: Community Facilities & Services (CFS)

CFS.1. What is your opinion on the availability and quality of public and community facilities and services across the County (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, public safety, recreation, meeting centers, public gathering locations, commercial, etc.)? Are there any key services missing?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Need event center – could be used by every non-profit in town.
2.	Better access needed for residents in the south and east of County.
3.	Historic Rockwall County walking trail.
4.	Sports complex 100+ acres.
5.	Need to improve trail throughout the County.
6.	Need to improve access to indiget healthcare and psychiatric care.
7.	Need County fair.
8.	Contiguous bike & jogging trails.
9.	More public gathering space for community events would be amazing.
10.	Need funding to maintain parks.
11.	Needs multi use expo centers, multi sport field complex, youth engagement opportunities.
12.	More room at GBCCA. More schools – crowded. Update both high school as (now 6A in a 4A building).
13.	Need increased library hours & add online services.
14.	County fairgrounds. Multi-events.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Not enough school for all grade levels. Need another hospital on the North side of Rockwall with more specialties and a NICU for the population that has grown. Another library, fire station and public parks and pools are lacking. Need another target
2.	An events center, a place to celebrate the arts and a place to celebrate Texas
3.	There are few parks

CFS.2. Do existing County governmental services support the needs of you and your family? How?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Yes – support our family well.
2.	Meals on Wheels & Helping Hands do a good job.
3.	Yes. Need transparency on website.
4.	Meets basic needs.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	We need more food pantries and thrift stores for people who may be struggling.
2.	Yes, easy access to core services
3.	Yes police and fire service are important, and we will probably be having to spend more money to keep up with growing population

CFS.3. How can the access or quality of County customer services be improved?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	More mobile and digital access for routine services.
2.	Encourage more access to customer service personnel.
3.	Tax Assessor's office (Kim Sweet) works well.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	An app like Plano, Tx would be great! I moved from Plano and their app was incredible to report issues, concerns etc.
2.	Greater use of automation and on-line services; would like to see a governmental center south of I-30 so I would not have to drive into the City of Rockwall all the time.
3.	stop building residential

CFS.4. Are there any specific community facilities or services that you think the County should prioritize investing in to create, improve, or foster a greater sense of community?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Large open air events center.
2.	Trails.
3.	Theatre center/event center.
4.	Event center.
5.	Event center.
6.	Regional sports complex.
7.	Multi-event center.
8.	Expo center.
9.	Virgin prairie (protected) but accessible location for preserving & passing on to next generation.
10.	Connecting trails -hike & bike. Green space.
11.	Trails & leisure parks.

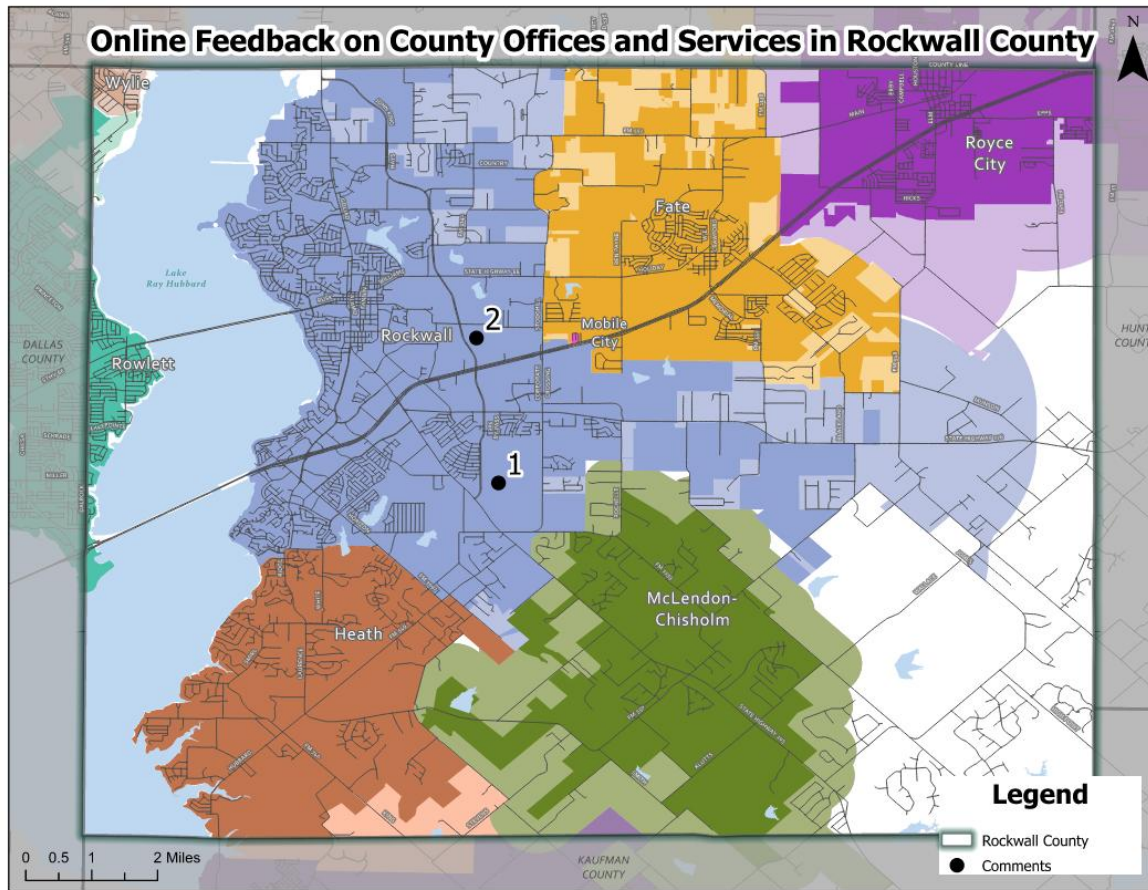
#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	I would love to see Rockwall County and the City of Rockwall (and maybe some developer partners) work on a large park facility for residents, sports teams, etc. Could be a revenue generator with tournaments (i.e. plano).
2.	Recreational centers with fitness equipment and pools. As well as parks for children with Special needs. The parks need shades, as it gets so hot here.
3.	Creation of a Texas State Park would be good; investment in a multi-event center so we could hold County wide events (Fair, etc)
4.	improving traffic - I am experiencing once very drivable streets become gridlock near neighborhoods - too many apartments concentrated around the harbor

CFS.5. Should Rockwall County increase investment in arts and entertainment, including expanding cultural events?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	No.
2.	Yes.
3.	Yes!
4.	Yes!
5.	Yes. Give theatre groups access to school facilities at lower cost.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Of course, there are more backgrounds being represented here. They need to all feel welcomed.
2.	Yes, willing to support bonds to create an arts center outside of the City of Rockwall
3.	Yes!

CFS.6. Identify areas where County offices and services (e.g., Historic Courthouse, Jail, County offices, etc.) are working well or need improvement.



#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
1.	Could be a location for sports field complex (partnership with City, County and maybe even some developers). This facility could be multi-sport (turf/grass) and include some playground, gathering space as well as other amenities. If done correctly like Prosper, Plano and other parks, this could make Rockwall County a destination for sports tournaments. With our hotels, restaurants, proximity to the lake and other assets, the area would be desirable.	0	0
2.	Could be a location for sports field complex (partnership with City, County and maybe even some developers). This facility could be multi-sport (turf/grass) and include some playground, gathering space as well as other amenities. If done correctly like Prosper, Plano and other parks, this could make Rockwall County a destination for sports tournaments. With our hotels, restaurants, proximity to the lake and other assets, the area would be desirable.	0	0

Section 14: Leisure & Activity (LA)

LA.1. What leisure pastimes or activities are missing in Rockwall County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Rowing. Kickball. Youth sports assoc beyond baseball. Trails – even trails that connect between neighborhood development. Bike lanes.
2.	Tournament quality soccer fields.
3.	Community vegetable garden. Gardens at the schools (elementary) can be e established. Parks.
4.	Car racing.
5.	Trails that connect.
6.	More public access to the lake – county park, boat ramps, could even include camping areas.
7.	Multi purpose agriculture event center – stock show facility can double with rodeo arena. Also agtourism with learning park/experience.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	More public pools, skate parks, more trails
2.	Arts (theater, symphony, etc).
3.	Need more music events

LA.2. Do you see recreation and cultural arts activities as an integral part of the County's economic landscape? Why?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Yes, as these draw both businesses and residences to the area, especially as higher transportation costs make people prefer to stay closer to home.
2.	Yes. Brings more people to the County to visit restaurants/hotel while here.
3.	Recreation and cultural arts should be more important.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Things could improve
2.	Absolutely, with our open spaces there should be a greater emphasis to attract greater outdoor activities; the creation of the pickleball facility in McLendon-Chisholm was brilliant!
3.	Yes, they enrich the city

LA.3. Would you support the County becoming a tourist destination? Why

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	There are pros and cons. So yes, but ... only if and when the infrastructure is upgraded to support the increased traffic and burden on resources, including sufficient law enforcement and fire/EMS services. The Rockwall Cty portion of Sapphire Bay will bring both challenges and opportunities.
2.	Yes, \$\$\$.
3.	Yes – we have the lake & 3 great golf courses – should leverage all them.
4.	Not really. People are moving out have for a reason. Develop areas for the citizens who live here. Create/Maintain the culture where people want to live and work.
5.	No due to not having the infrastructure to support it.
6.	Yes – county receiving a small tax for destinations.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	No, that brings crime and chaos.
2.	Yes, tourist dedicated revenue could be used to reduce property taxes
3.	I dont know if our streets could support visitors even though tourism is very economically important

LA.4. Are there sufficient recreational and cultural arts activities to meet the needs of all ages? What type is missing?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Performing arts.
2.	Could & should expand these opportunities.
3.	Soccer. Agriculture based experiences. (can't have soccer without ag!).
4.	Need more soccer fields – recreational sports for the kids like Plan Sports Association.
5.	Create a state park.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Theater, performing arts, symphony, etc
2.	No - Rockwall does possess artists and cultural organizational they just need more support and visibility

LA.5. Thinking about Rockwall County in 10 to 20 years, what opportunities do you see to enhance the quality or amount of leisure, activity-based events, and cultural arts opportunities within the County?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	Trails along the lake. Rowing Boat House can house paddle boards, kayaks, dragon boats; high school rowing program.
2.	A multi-events center that includes a museum highlighting Texas and the region.
3.	Event/Theater/Civic Center.
4.	Identify land now and begin to acquire it for future use and ultimate recreational goals in 10-20 years.
5.	Trails.
6.	Green space for recreation.
7.	Execution of the parks plan, find the resources to actually make it happen.
8.	Event center.
9.	Learning gardens.
10.	More lake activities.
11.	Multi purpose agriculture center w/ shows/rodeos to bring in \$\$\$\$. Also, interactive ag based events/parks for fun and learning – fishing, crops, gardens.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Performing arts, professional sports, greater emphasis on use of the lakes (sailing, etc)
2.	More pocket parks rather than apartments - more weekend events hosted at the harbor. A theater where the performing arts could be hosted

LA.6. What examples or firsthand experiences from other communities related to leisure or activities do you think the County may benefit from?

#	<i>In-person Comments</i>
1.	White Rock Lake. Trail around lake for running, biking; Athletic races; 2 boat houses.
2.	Example: Williamson County Regional sports complex.
3.	An arts district.
4.	A regional sports complex provides opportunity for tournaments, clubs and recreational play.
5.	← Plano has a great system of parks and sport fields. (Pointing to comment #4)
6.	Hunt county fair.
7.	Youth sports multi sport complex.
8.	Theater center.
9.	More lake access could more fully leverage the greatest natural asset but should be balanced with the property rights and privacy of lake front residents and businesses.
10.	Bell Co. Expo Center. Taylor Co. Expo Center.

#	<i>Virtual Comments</i>
1.	Plano, Tx
2.	Pickleball and tennis
3.	Marble Falls or Salado. I lived in Austin in the “weird” days before it exploded on itself - Rockwall reminded of Austin when i moved here. Please don't make the same mistake as Austin did it will lose what attracted people there to begin with

LA.7. Identify areas within the County that you use in your free time for leisure, outdoor activities, or cultural arts and entertainment.

#	Virtual Comments	Upvote	Downvote
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No comments received.

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Section 15: Comments on alternative boards and written cards

Place a dot on the map to identify areas that you feel pose an existing or potential transportation concern.

#	<i>In-person Comments*</i>
1.	Support for future transportation the outer loop.

Place a dot on the map to identify areas where you think future residential development should occur.

#	<i>In-person Comments*</i>
1.	A lot of school already planned.
2.	Tea report – school population decreasing across state.

NCTCOG Mobility 2045

#	<i>In-person Comments*</i>
1.	Please move outer loop through Hunt County.
2.	Move outer loop to Hunty County.

Place a dot on the map to identify your favorite parks, trails, recreation facilities, or other open spaces within Rockwall County.

#	<i>In-person Comments*</i>
1.	We have trails??

Comment card received during public meetings

#	<i>In-person Comments*</i>
1.	Rockwall airport: a simple runway expansion will do little/nothing to benefit Rockwall business. Consider making the airport a “vertiport” and take advantage of emerging VTOL technology. Picture direct VTOL service to DFW/Love. That will be a big attention to new companies.
2.	Rockwall County Emergency Service should be expanded. Just because Rockwall is 12 x 12 miles does not mean the county is limited to small disasters/incidents.
3.	Rockwall will never be a “walkable” community. Sidewalks look good in pictures, but rarely get used. It’s too hot to walk. Consider, instead, a focus on urban electric vehicles. Dedicated lanes, charging stations, local P/D support.
4.	Trail opportunities. The purpose of trails would be to provide the community outdoor enjoyment. I feel a trail going from North to South would be for all of the community. Unifying. Not just up North.
5.	I think you are missing an opportunity for a trail along Lake Ray Hubbard. It would be a great place to walk/run/bike and would also bring in tourists.

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Appendix: In-Person Board Scans

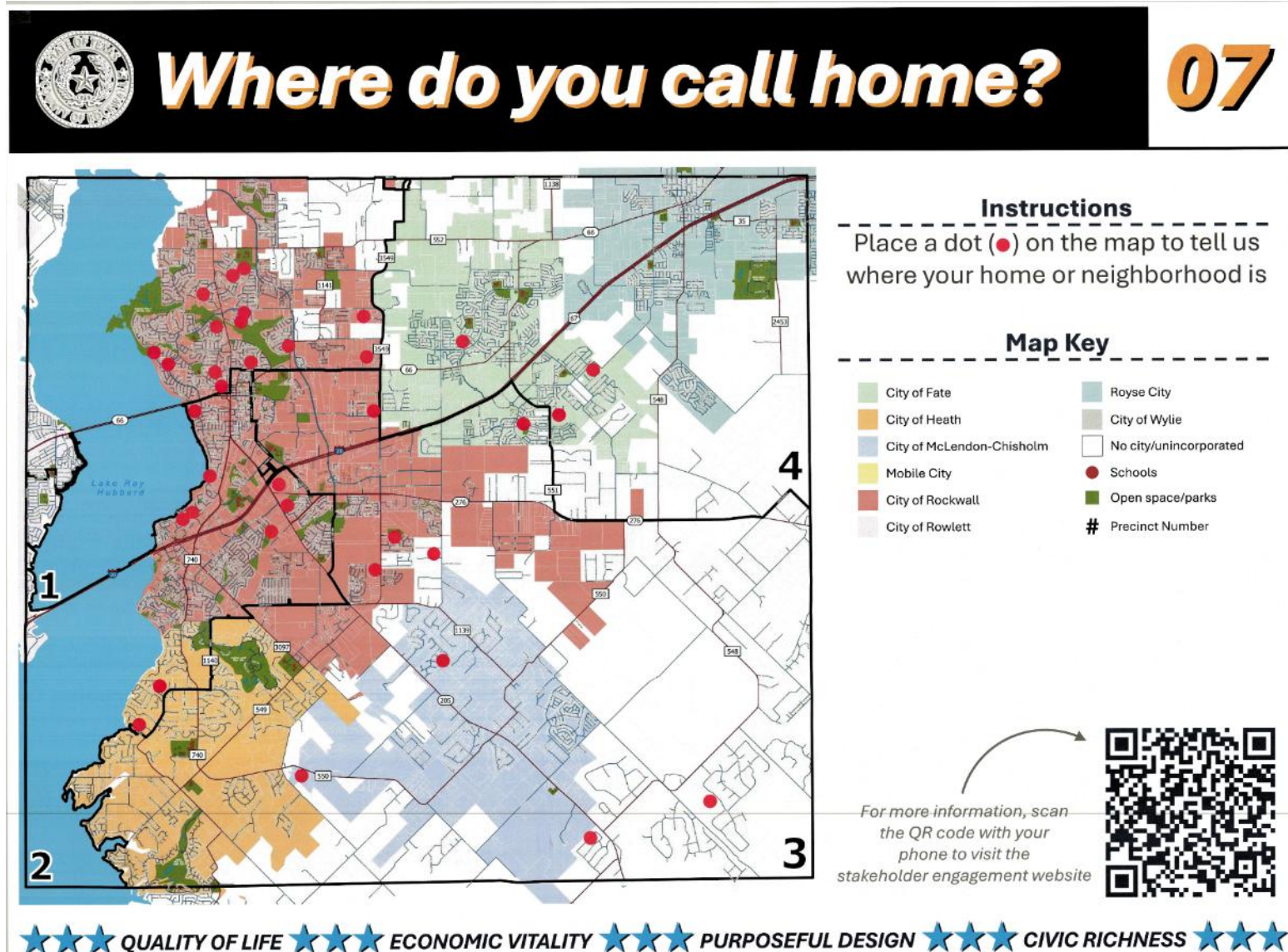


Figure 1 Engagement Questions, May 14, 2024

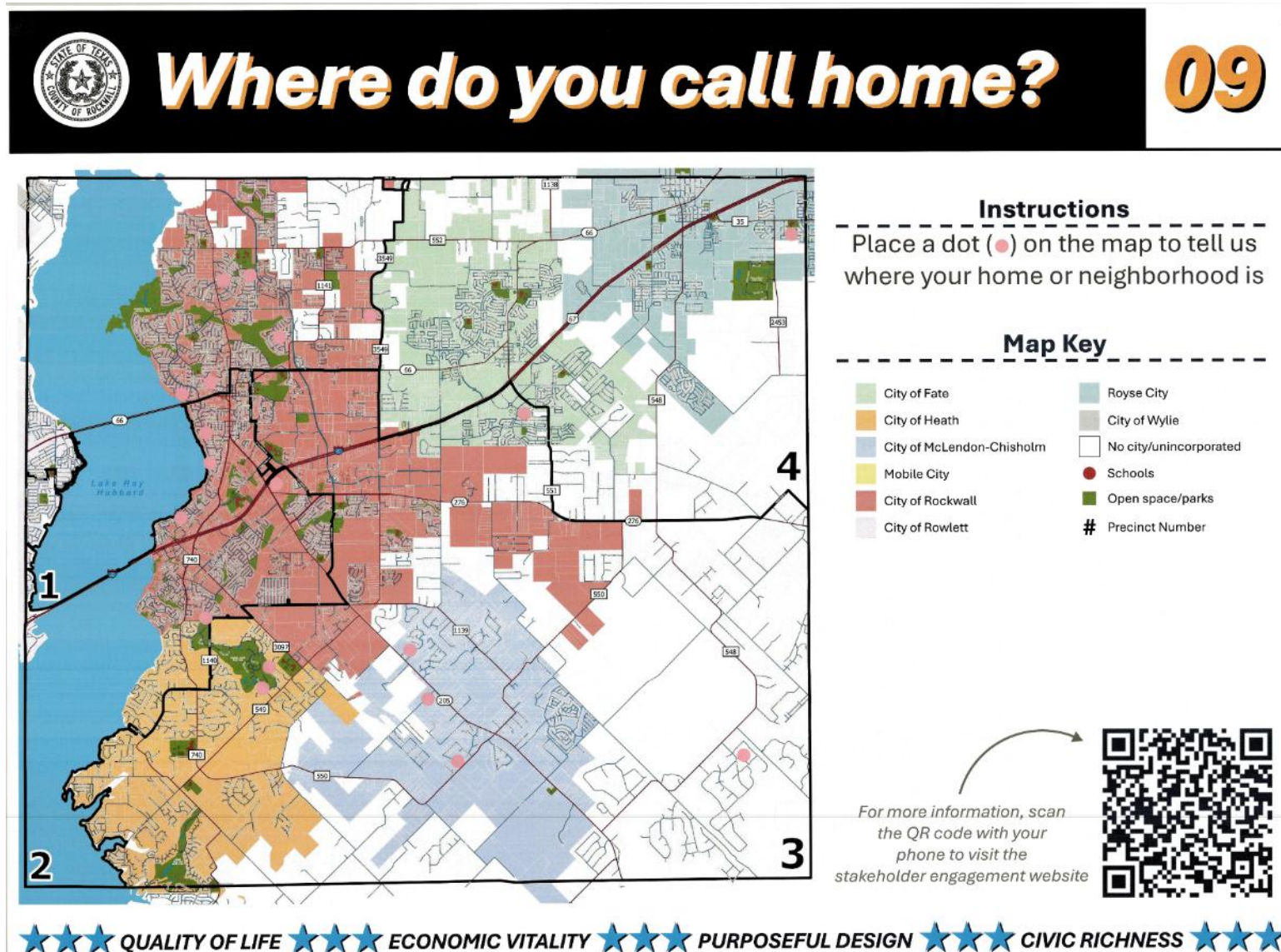


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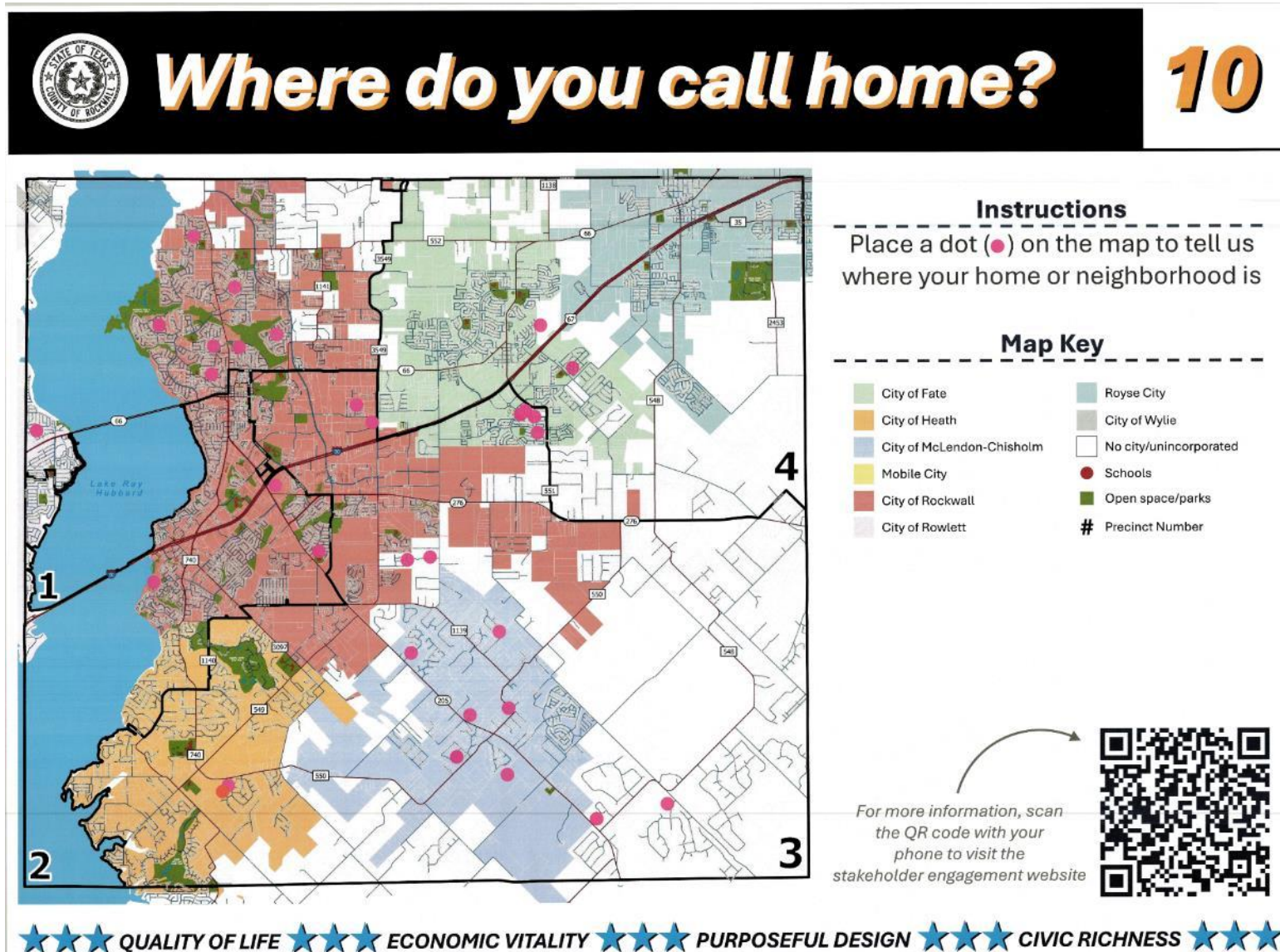


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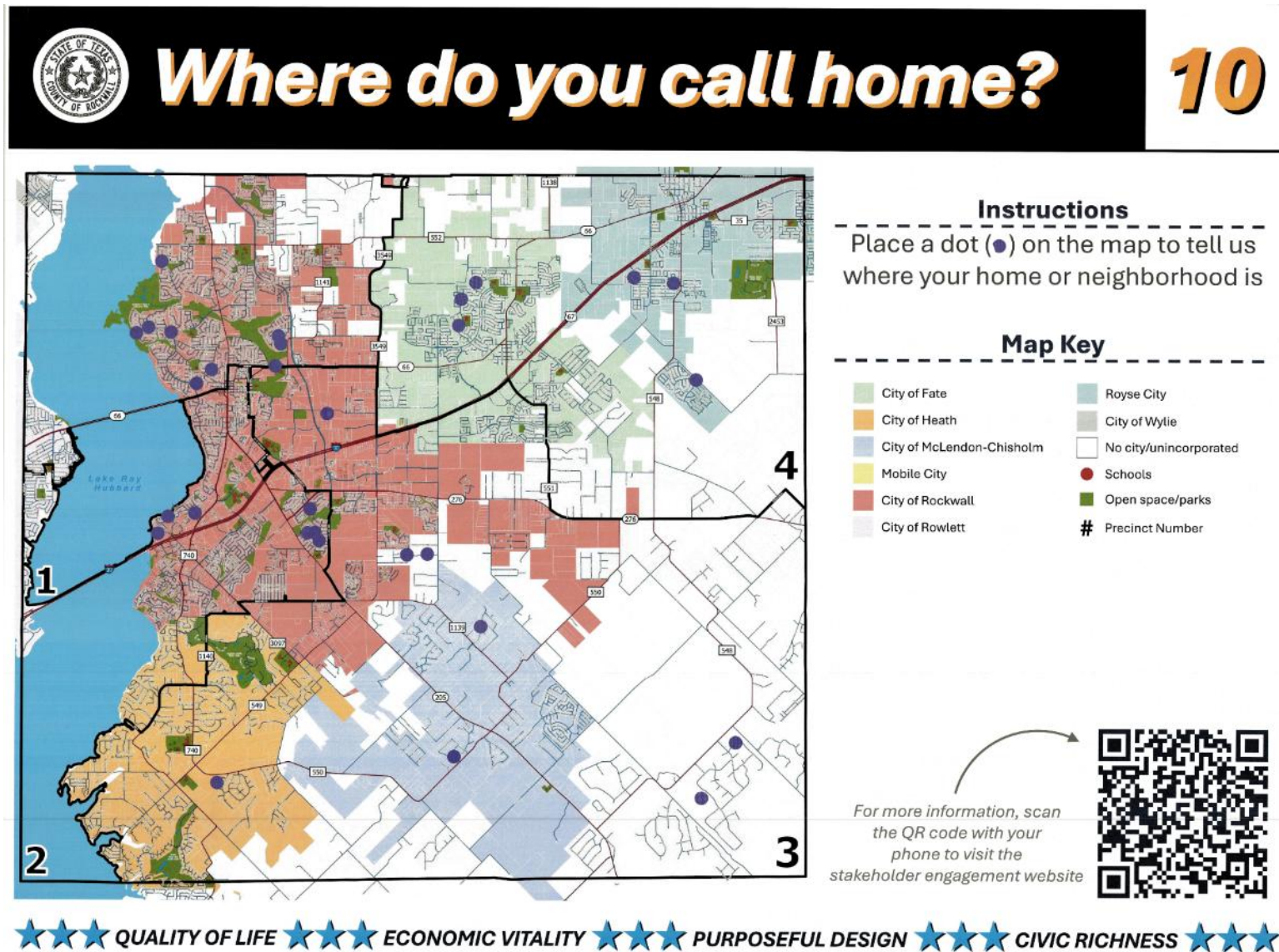


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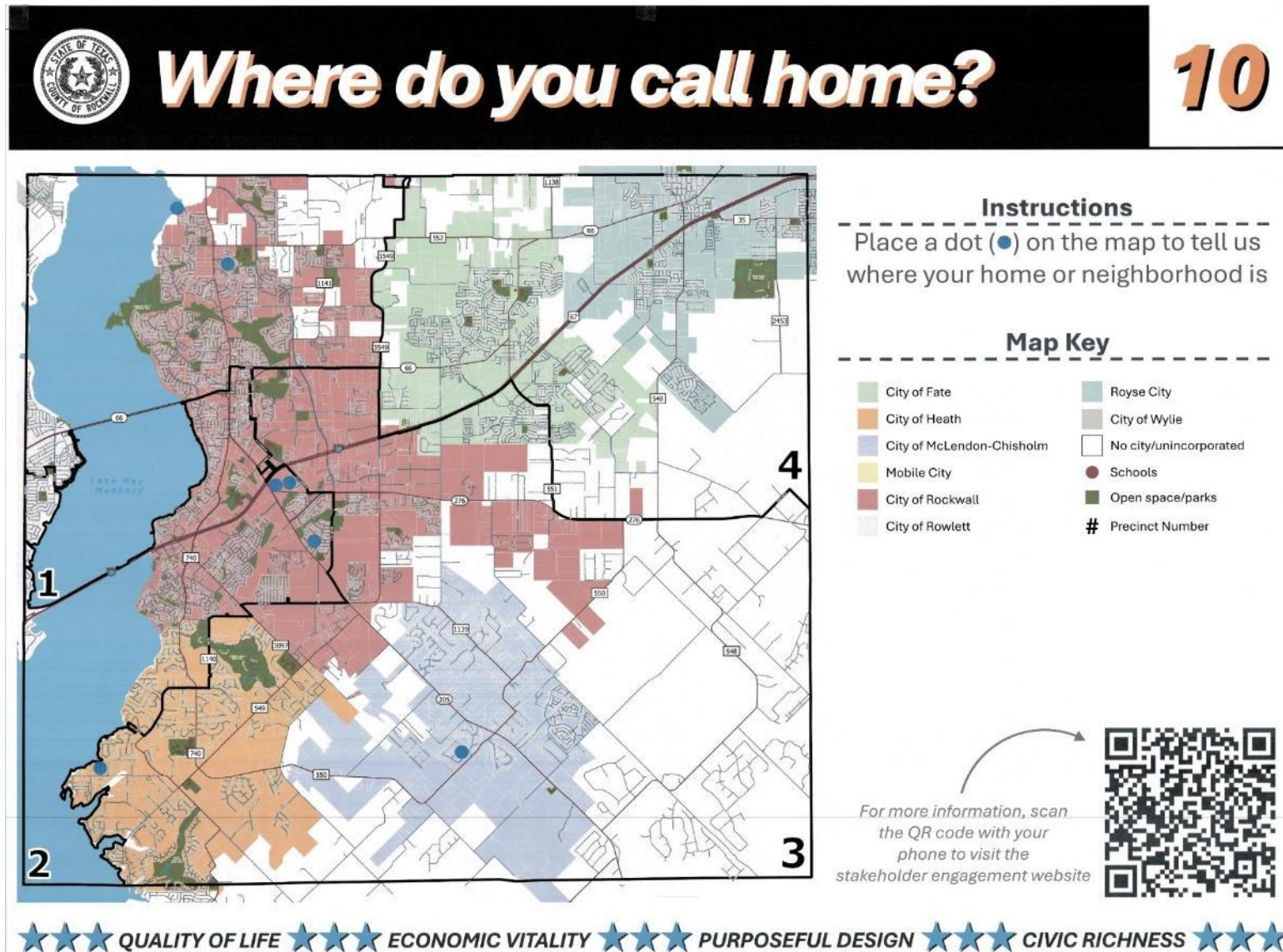


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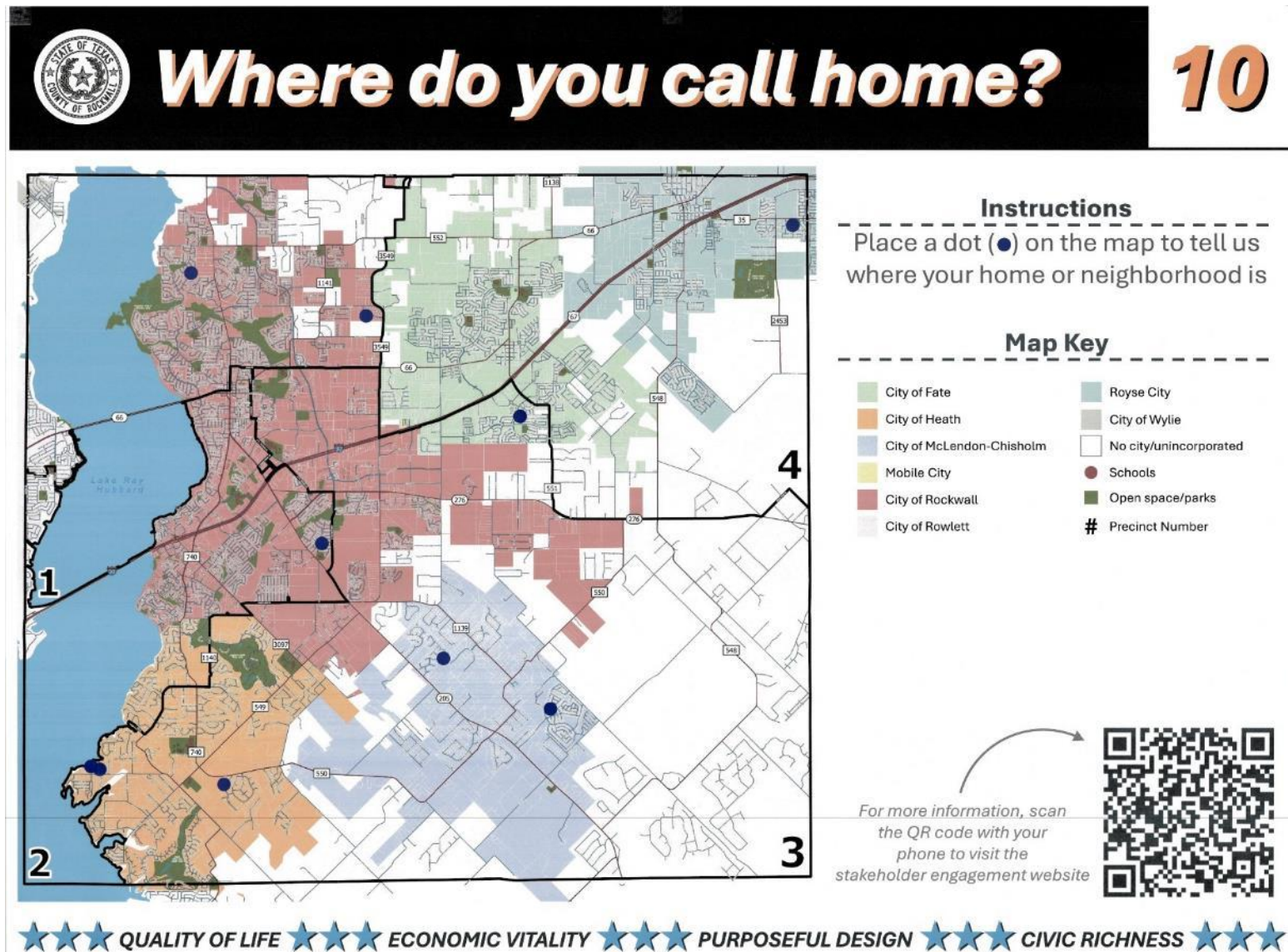


Figure 6 Engagement Questions, June 27, 2024



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Figure 8 Engagement Questions, May 23, 2024

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Q. Is it a long



Figure 9 Engagement Questions, June 4, 2024



Engagement Questions

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What do you **love** about Rockwall County? What would you **change**?

Write your comments on the red (love) and blue (change) sticky notes and place them below!

CHANGE!

Love!

The traffic

Comm. to CHS - 1000

Love: South Fork Lake

The lake the history the people!

Widen 263 to change traffic flow

Individuals - a dedicated

Love the small town feel even though we're growing

Smaller - Sense of Community - (Community involvement)

Schools - teaching prices small town feel

Education - building around the lake - 1000 - 1000 - 1000

Better traffic flow!

More - Over - 1000

Family friendly - more than just a lot of culture and activities

Smile

What should Rockwall County's defining theme be in 25 years? What should the County aspire to be?

Write your comment on a sticky note and place it below!

Belonging to all families

City with highest quality of life

Keep the small town feel Strong schools Strong community

Keep Rockwall Awesome!

Liveability - Should be a place where you want to live

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Figure 10 Engagement Questions, June 11, 2024

The poster features the Rockwall County Seal and the title "Engagement Questions" in large, stylized orange and white text. A large orange number "11" is in the top right corner. The poster is divided into two main sections by dashed lines. The left section is titled "What do you *love* about Rockwall County? What would you *change*?" and includes the instruction "Write your comments on the red (love) and blue (change) sticky notes and place them below!". It contains several handwritten sticky notes: a pink one with "love...", a blue one with "Change...", a pink one with "The people and the way they live here is what I love about Rockwall County.", a pink one with "Love: Because of being able to get a lot of good food. Also, it's very nice and beautiful.", a blue one with "What makes Rockwall County special?", and a blue one with "People - the friendly people. Also, the fact that it's a great place to live and work in." The right section is titled "What should Rockwall County's defining theme be in 25 years? What should the County aspire to be?" and includes the instruction "Write your comment on a sticky note and place it below!". It contains a handwritten sticky note that says "Country Club, Golf Course, The Lake, The Lake at Rockwall, and more." and another that says "A beautiful future! Today!". At the bottom right, there is a QR code with an arrow pointing to it and the text "For more information, scan the QR code with your phone to visit the stakeholder engagement website".

Engagement Questions 11

What do you *love* about Rockwall County? What would you *change*?
Write your comments on the red (love) and blue (change) sticky notes and place them below!

What should Rockwall County's defining theme be in 25 years? What should the County aspire to be?
Write your comment on a sticky note and place it below!

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Figure 11 Engagement Questions, June 20, 2024



Engagement Questions

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What do you *love* about Rockwall County?
What would you *change*?

Write your comments on the red (love) and blue (change) sticky notes and place them below!

Love...

CHANGE

*Open space
from roads
and trees*

*Open space
with beautiful
landscaping*

*Stop
cutting
down
trees! on
dirt roads*

*More trees
and landscaping
on dirt roads*

*Home
from
freeliving*

*Finally
have your residents
that understand
what's best*

*Lower
Density Regions
Road construction*

*Successful
growth
to maintain
small town
feel*

*Open space
Rockwall and
Love spending
family time here
and not
elsewhere*

*Lower
Density
Regions*

*Increasing
the
number of
residents
that
understand
the
importance
of
the
community*

What should Rockwall County's defining theme be in 25 years?
What should the County aspire to be?

Write your comment on a sticky note and place it below!

*Relaxed, laid
back, friendly
community
with a focus
on family
and friends*

*Family friendly
community*

*A clean, green
and healthy
community*

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Figure 12 Engagement Questions, June 27, 2024

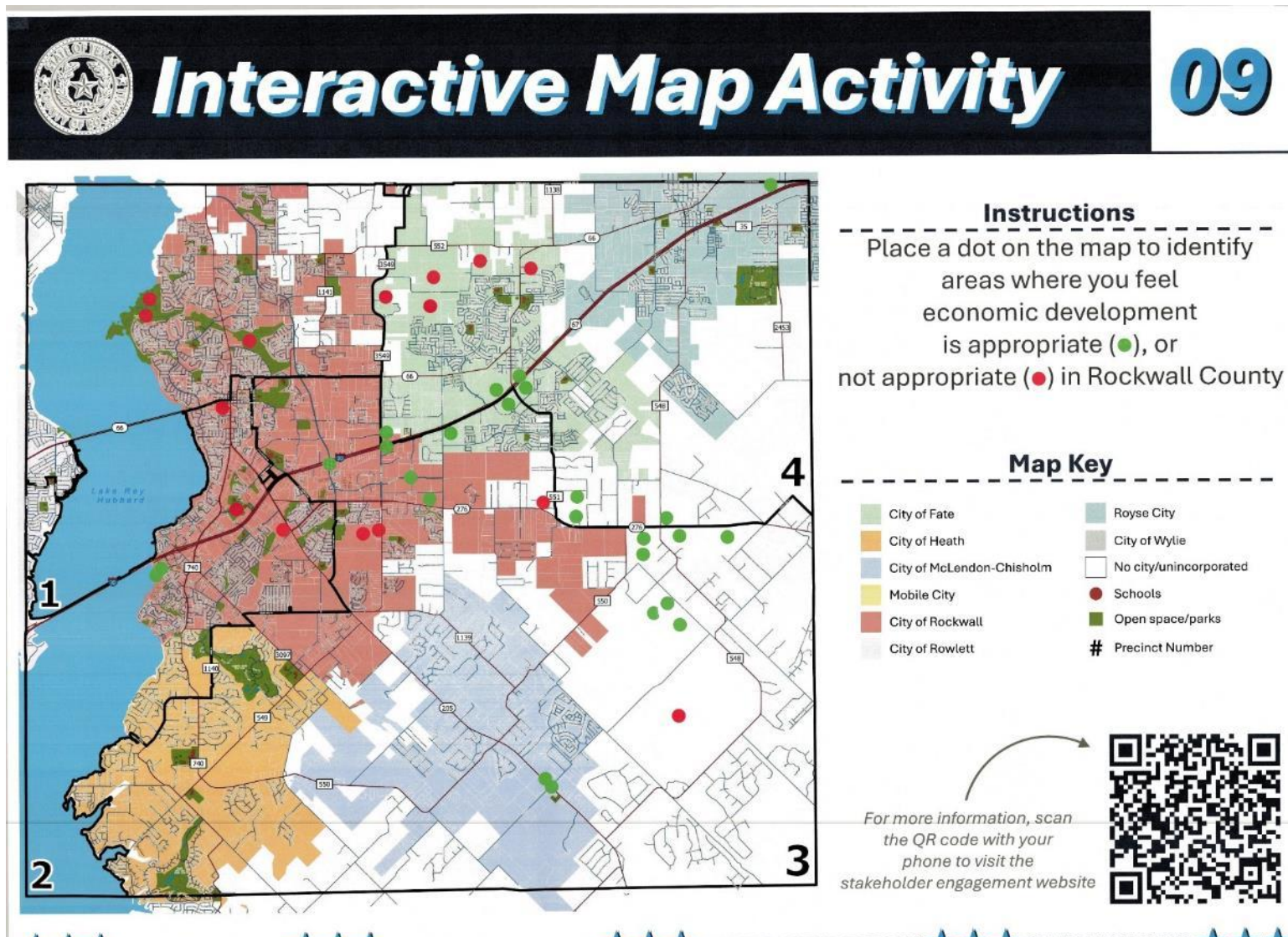


Figure 13 Economic Development, May 14, 2024

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Figure 14 Economic Development, May 14, 2024

Engagement Question #2

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In other words: Where do you want to shop?

[illegible]

Place a sticky note with your response on the board to provide feedback

Planned Locations for Future Roads



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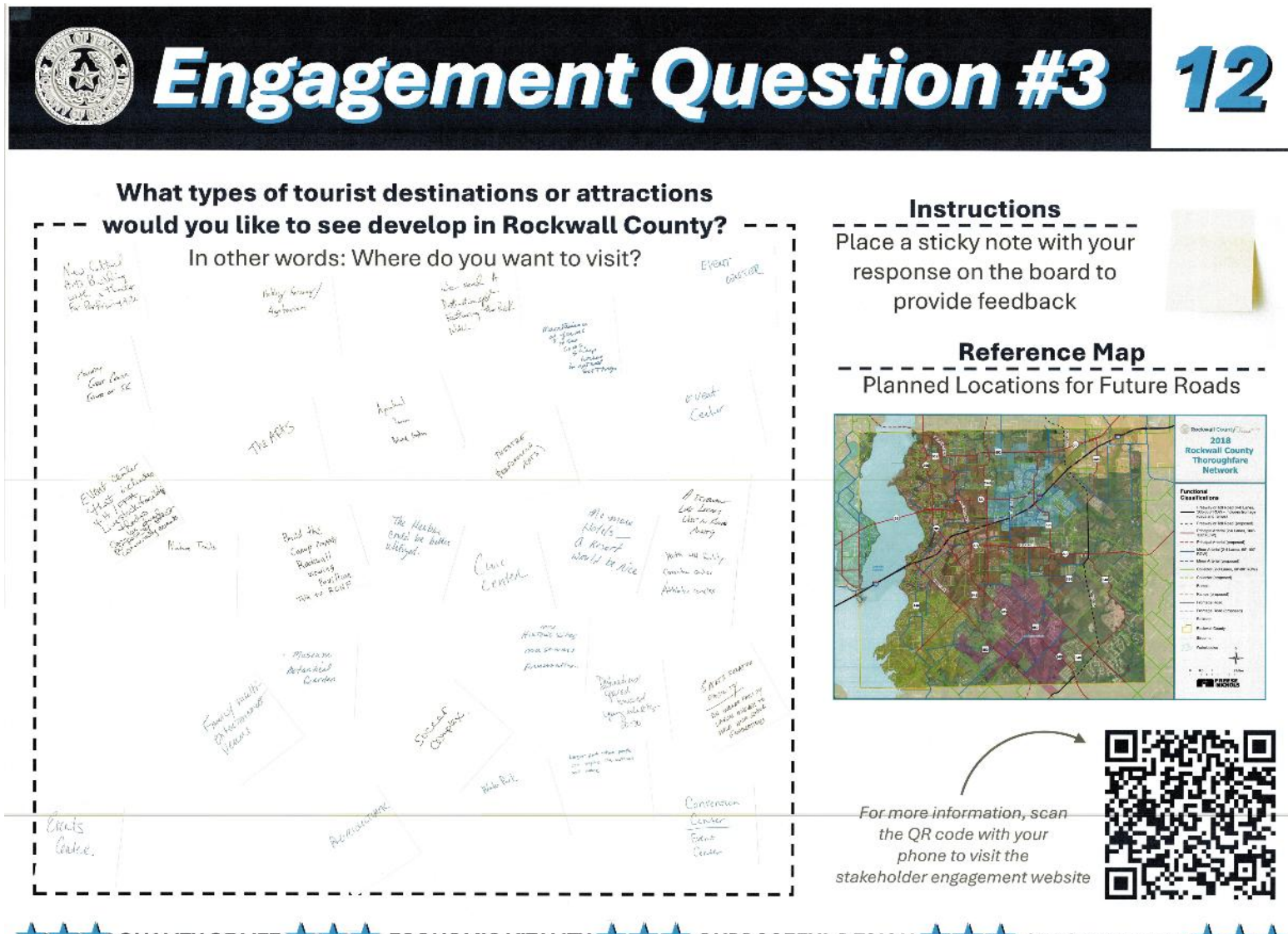


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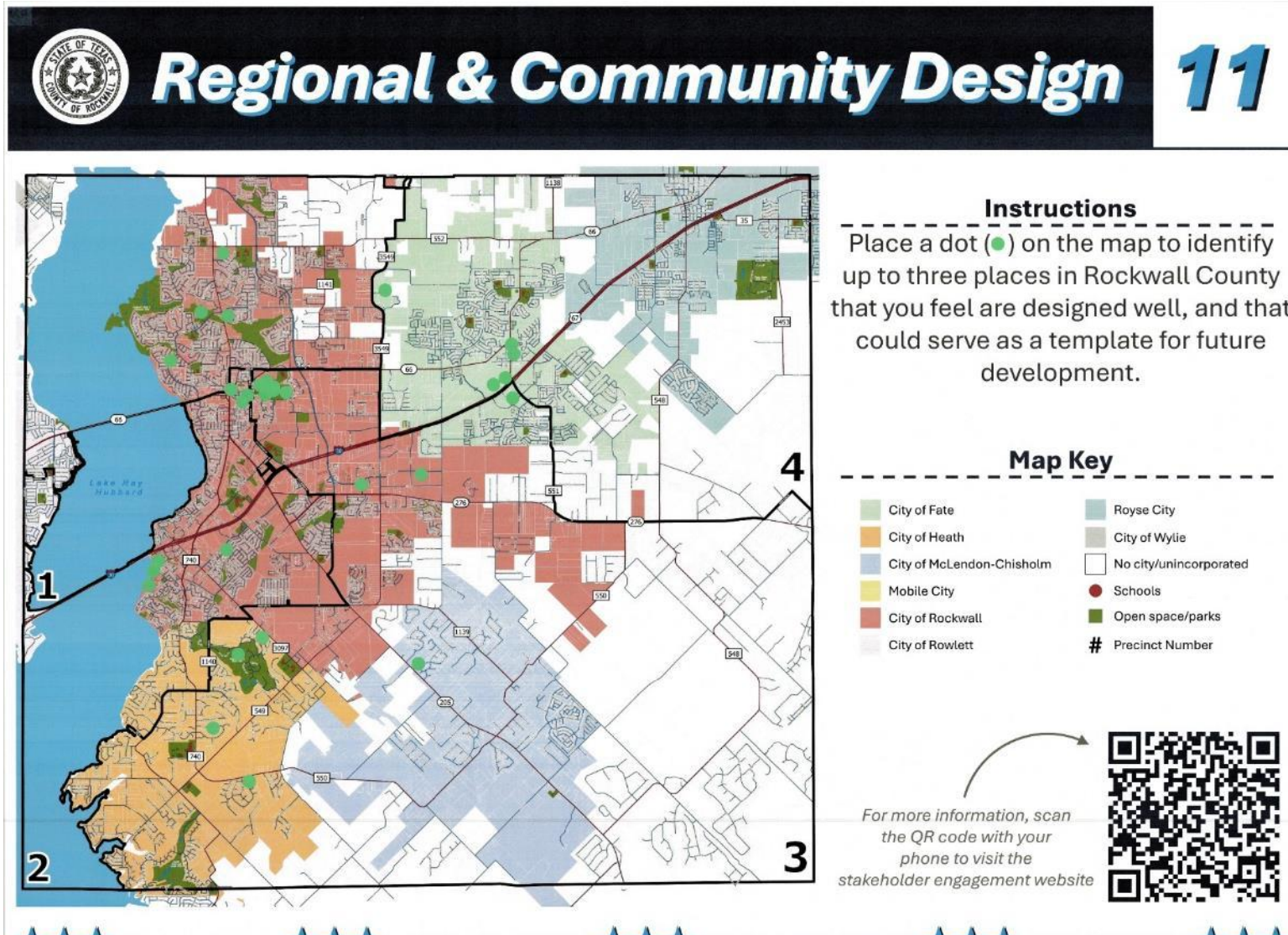


Figure 18 Regional & Community Design, May 23, 2024



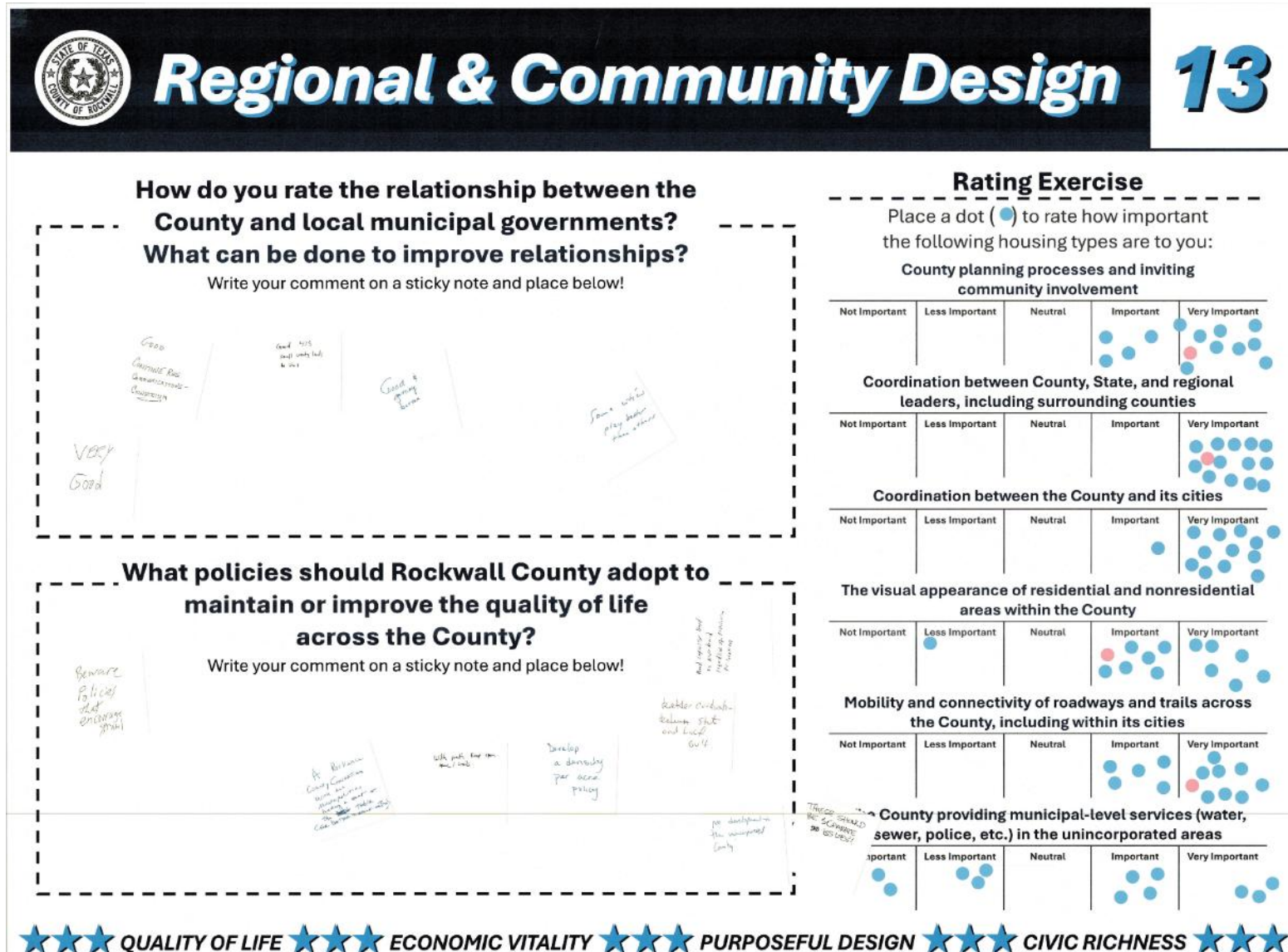


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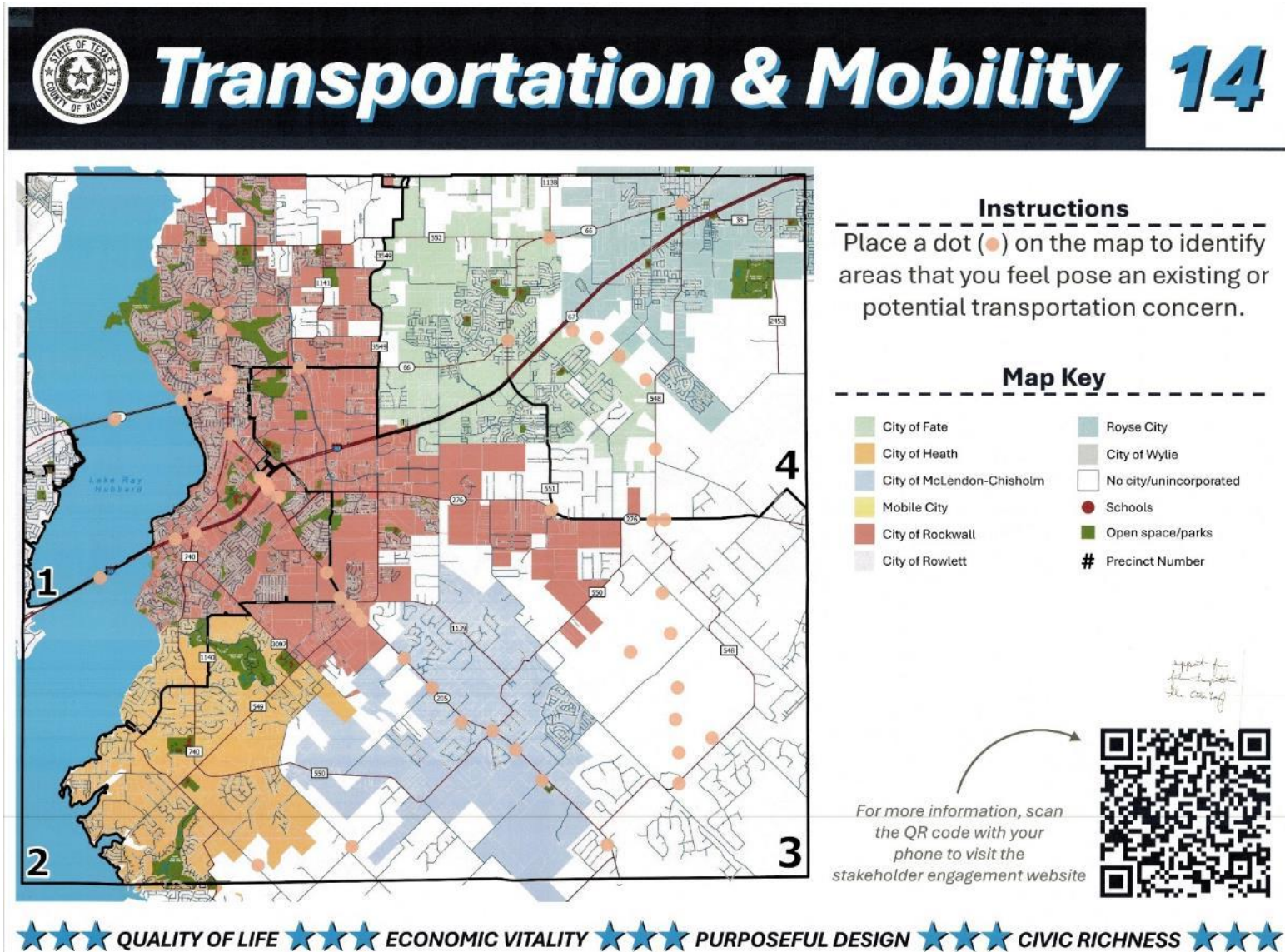
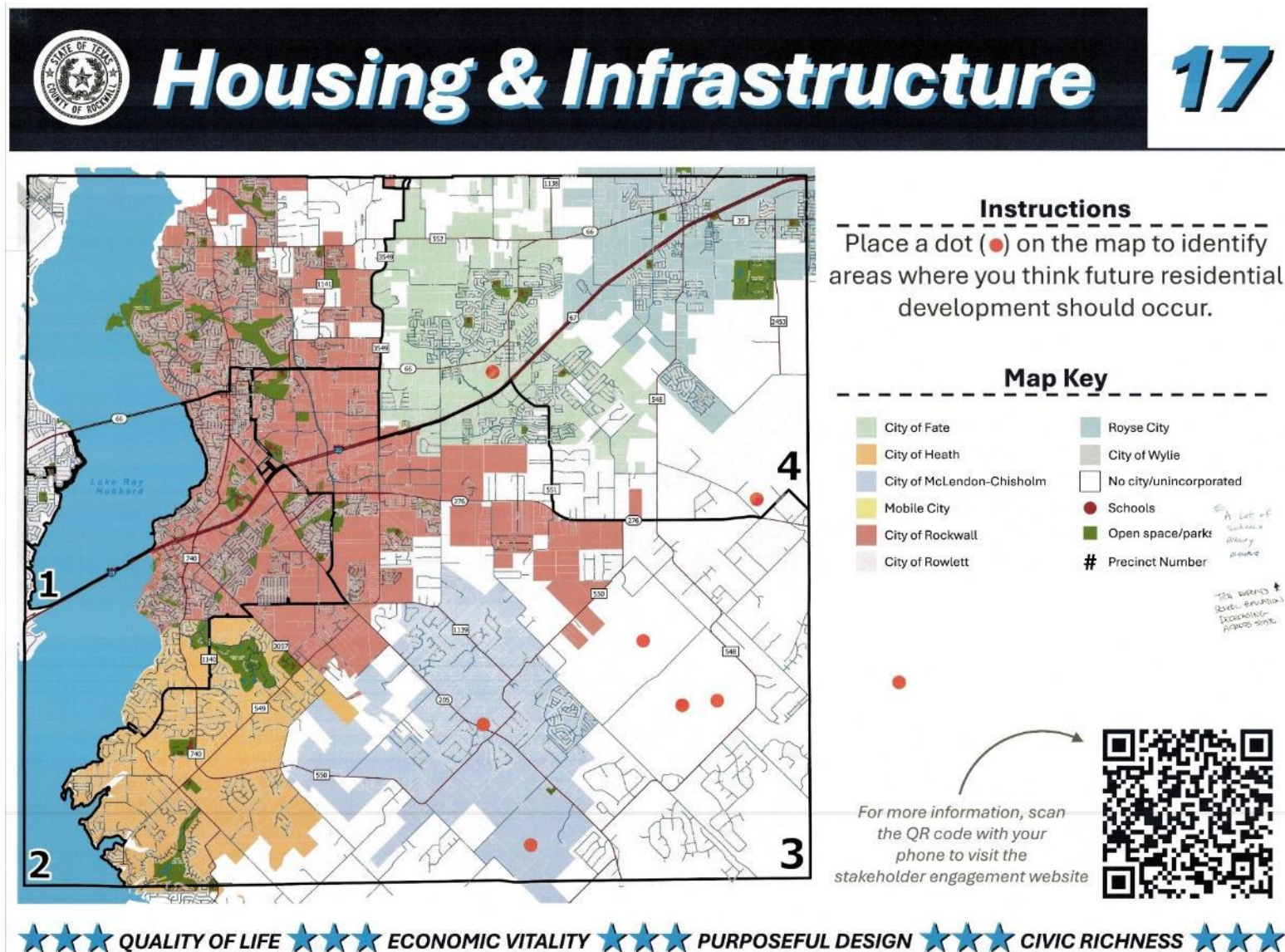


Figure 21 Transportation & Mobility, May 23, 2024







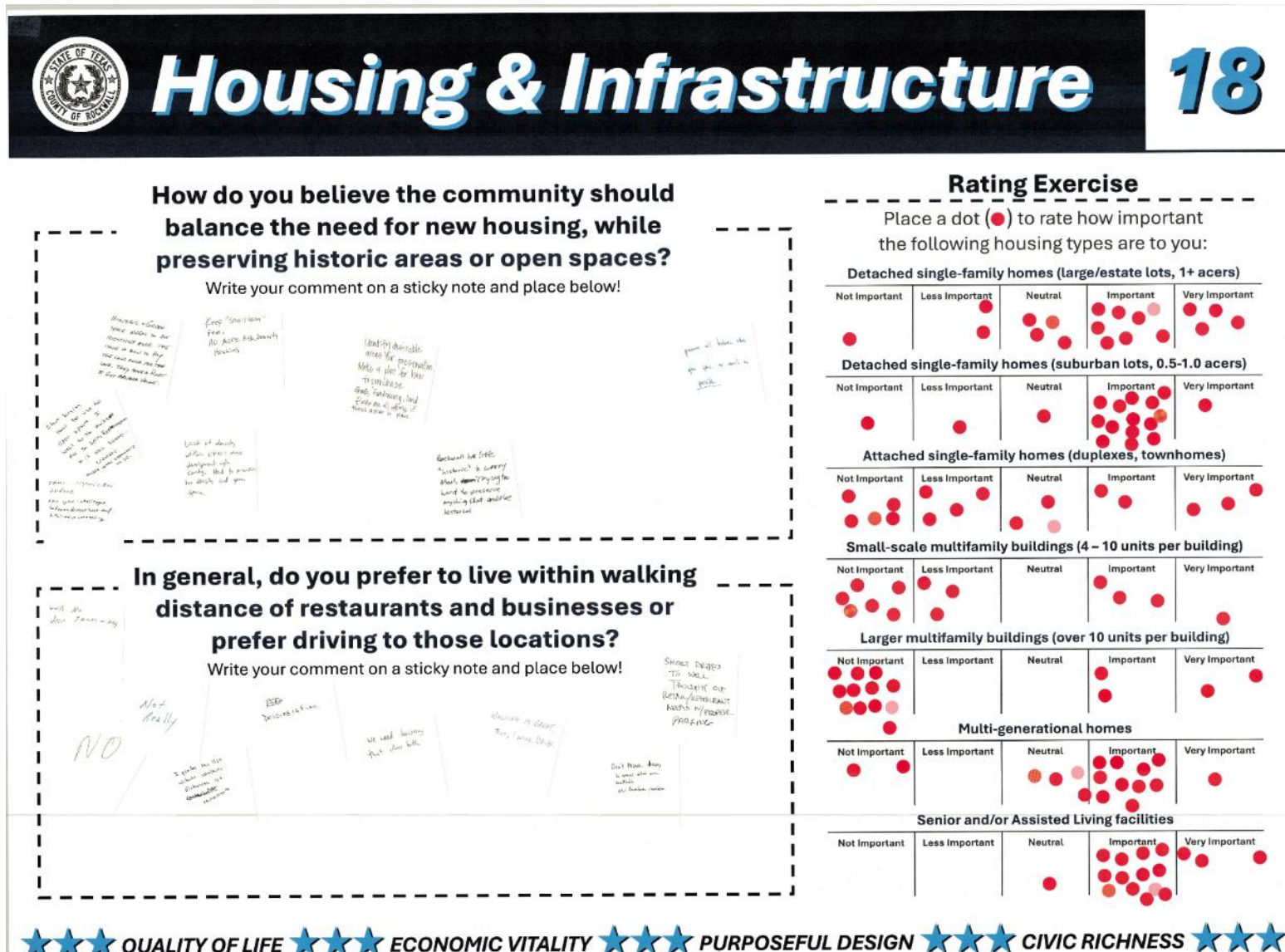


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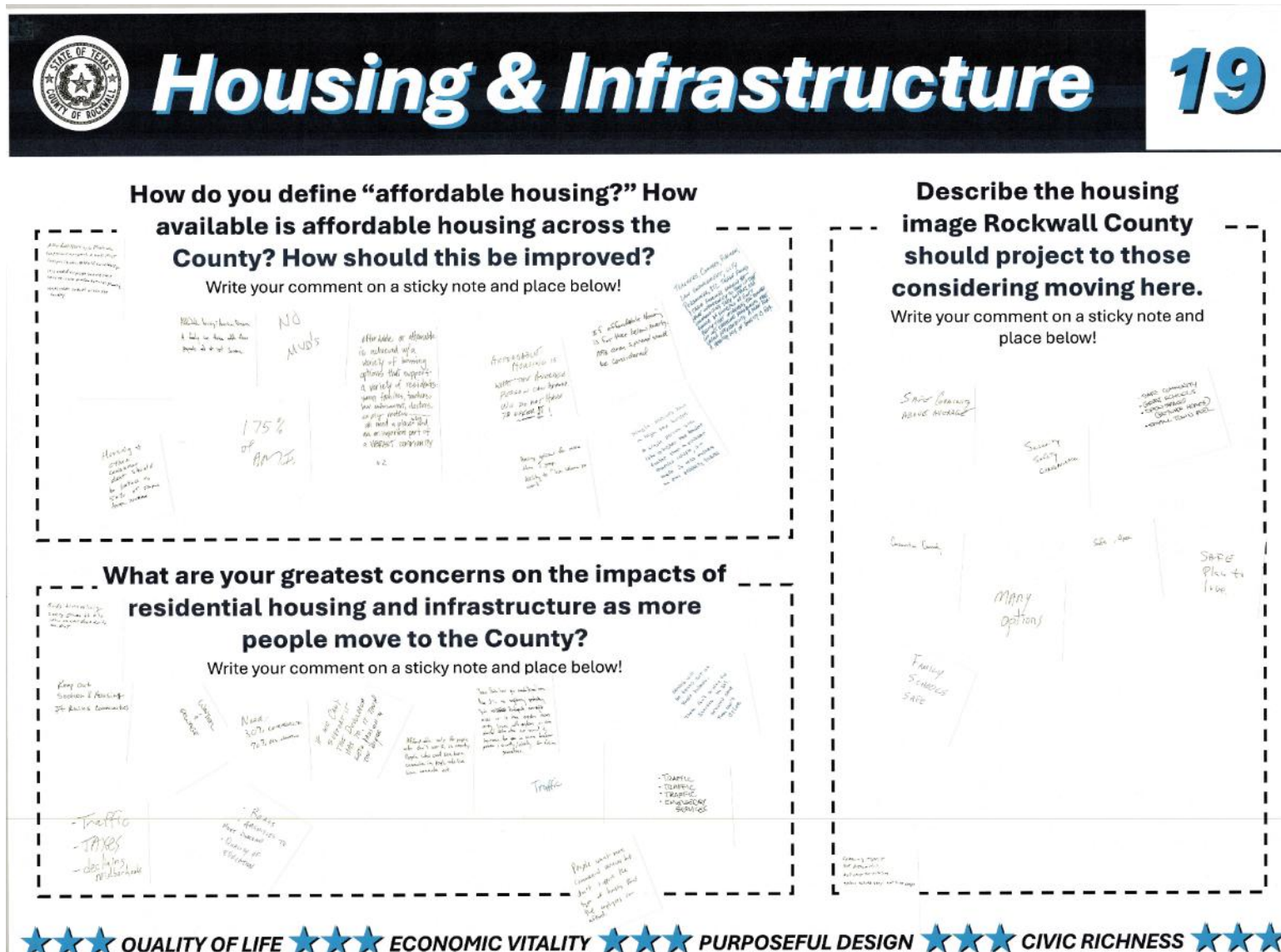


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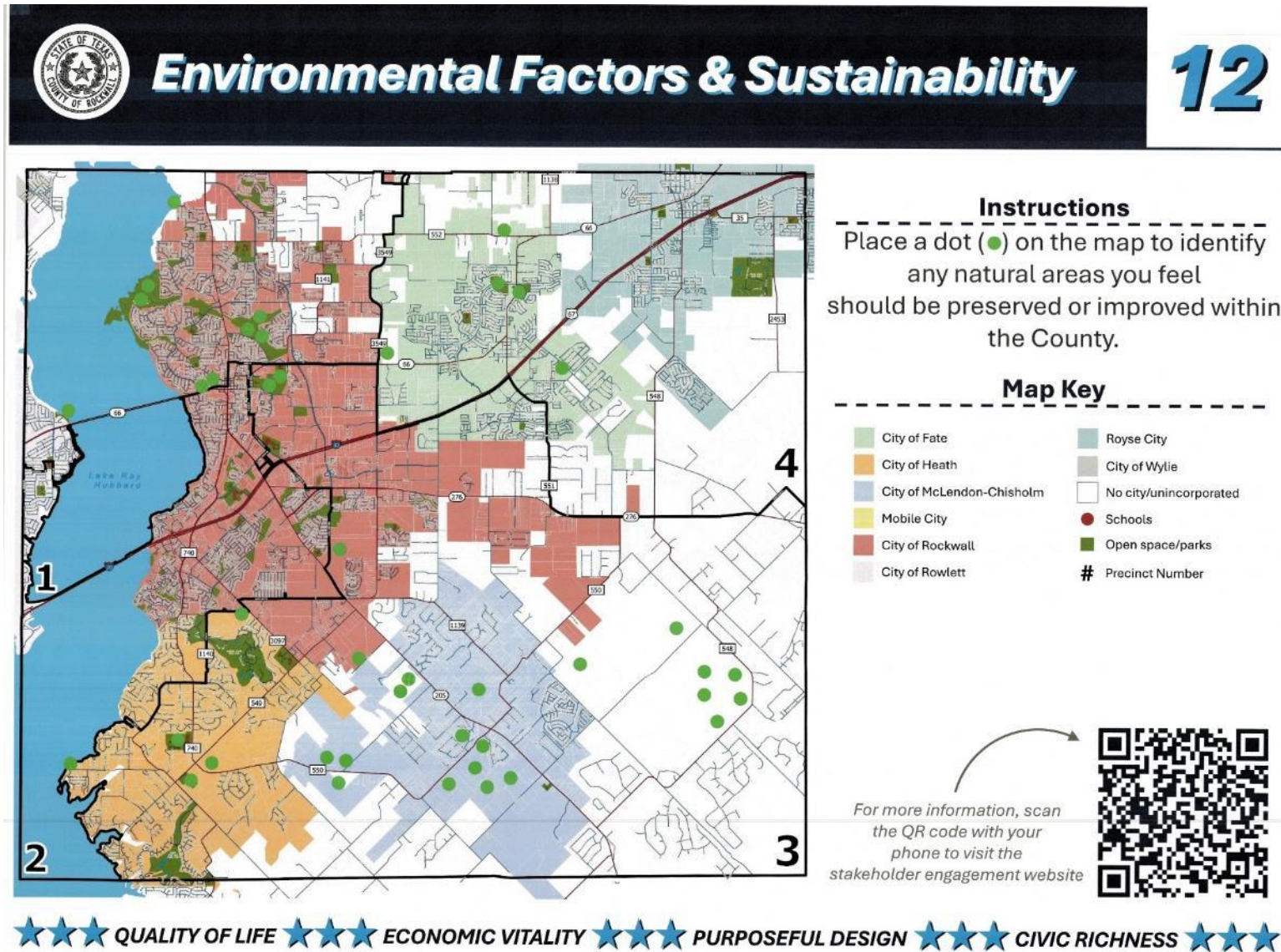


Figure 27 Environmental Factors & Sustainability, June 4, 2024





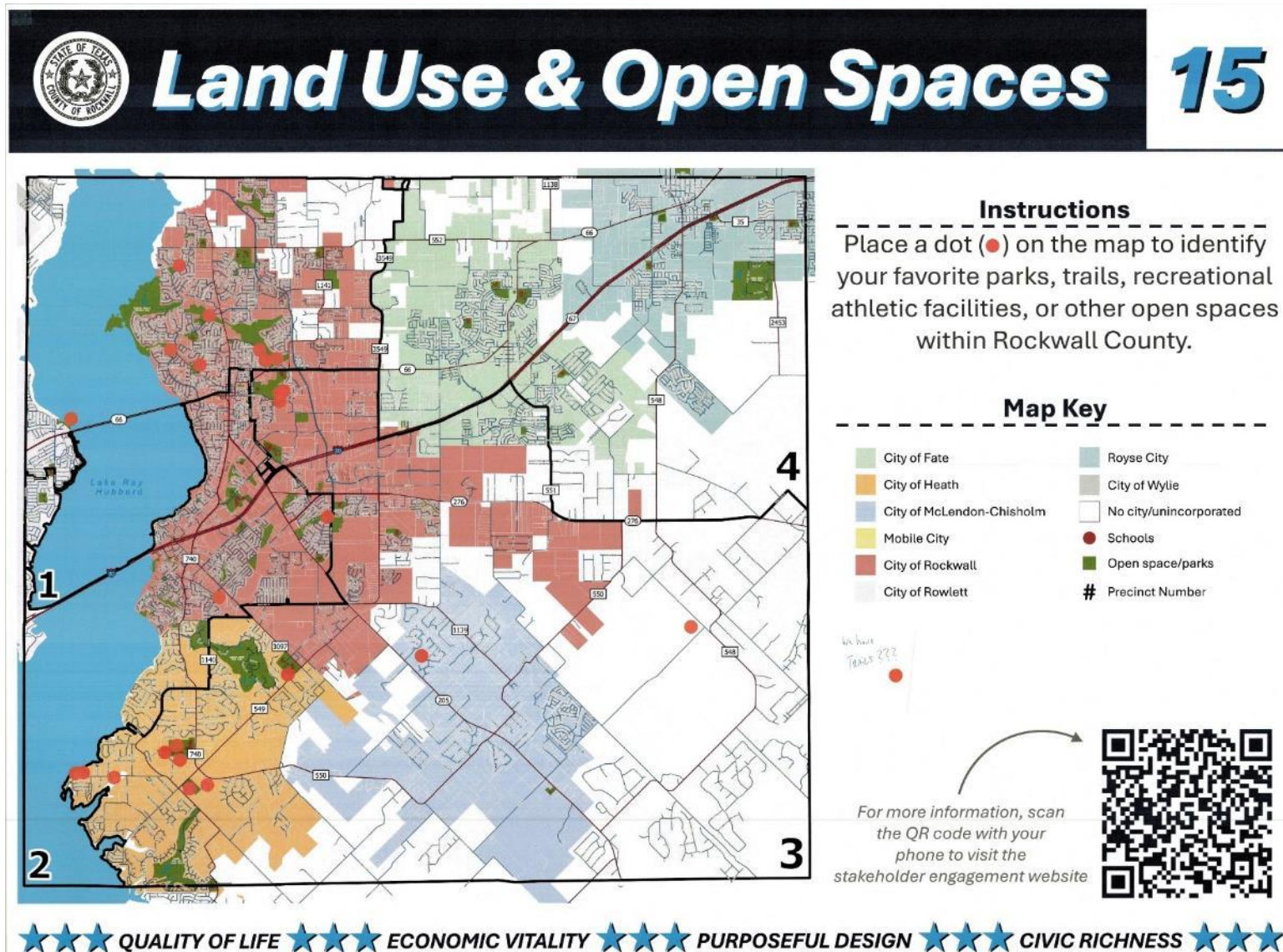
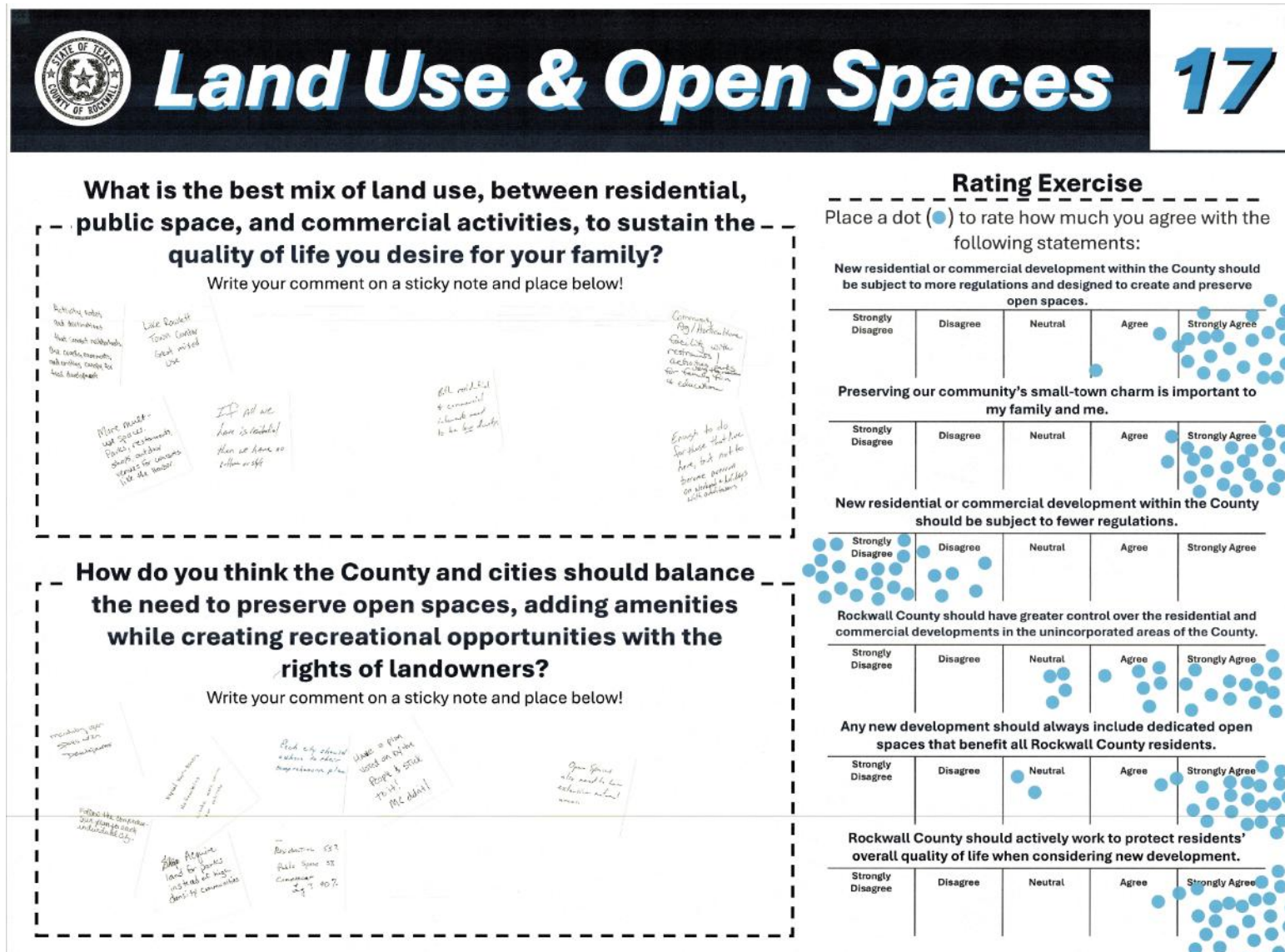


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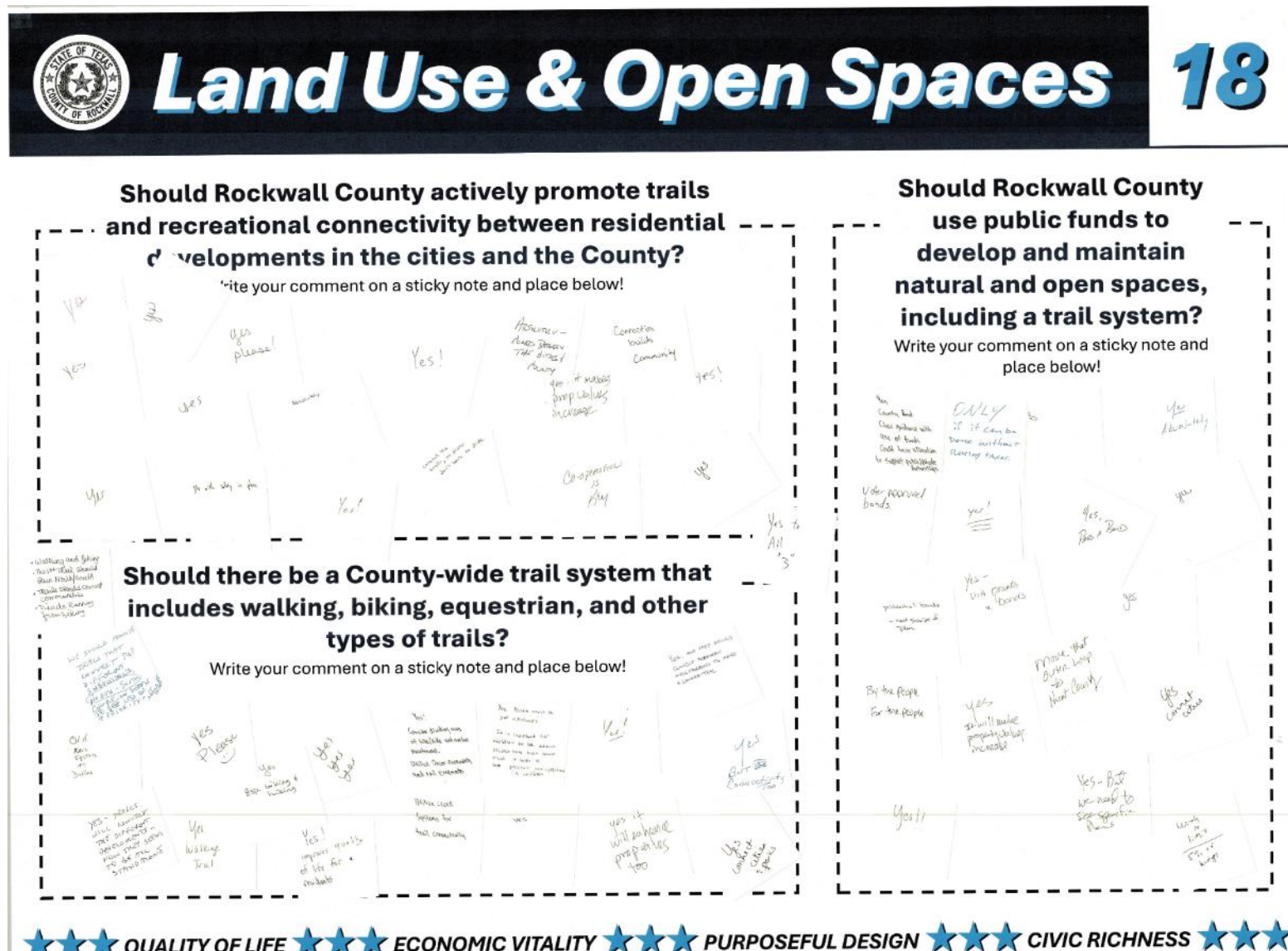


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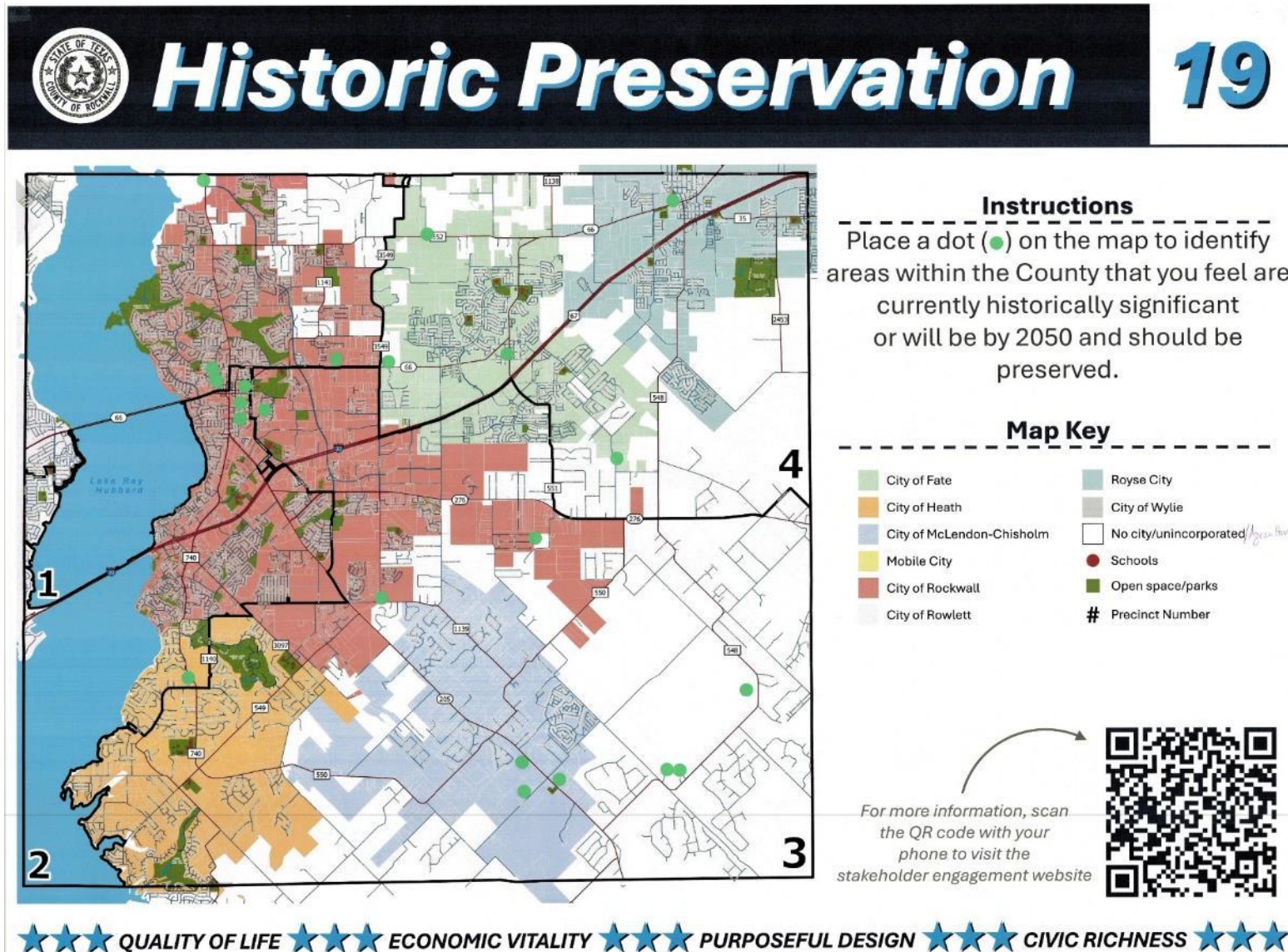


Figure 34 Historical Preservation, June 4, 2024

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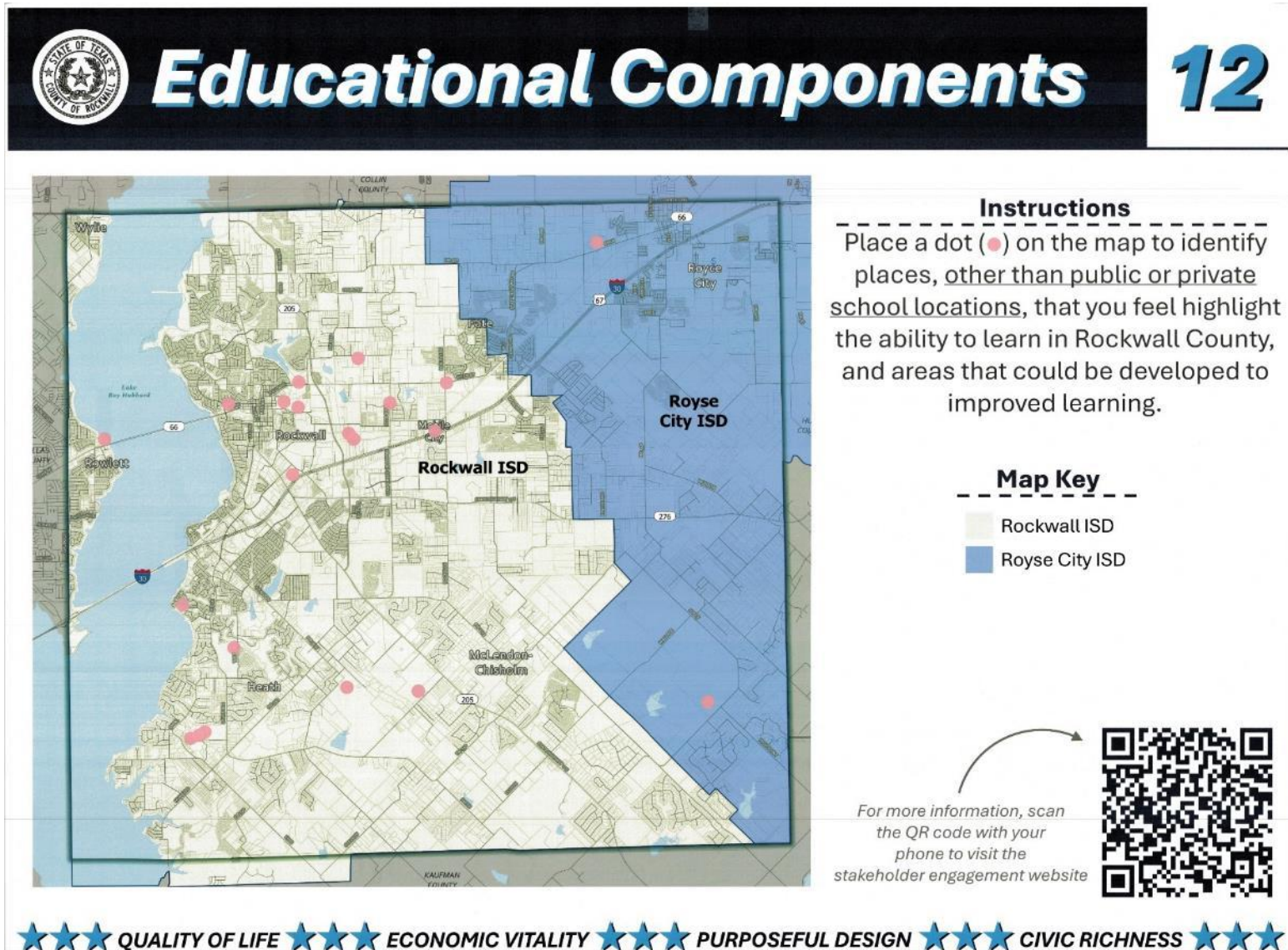


Figure 37 Education Components, June 11, 2024

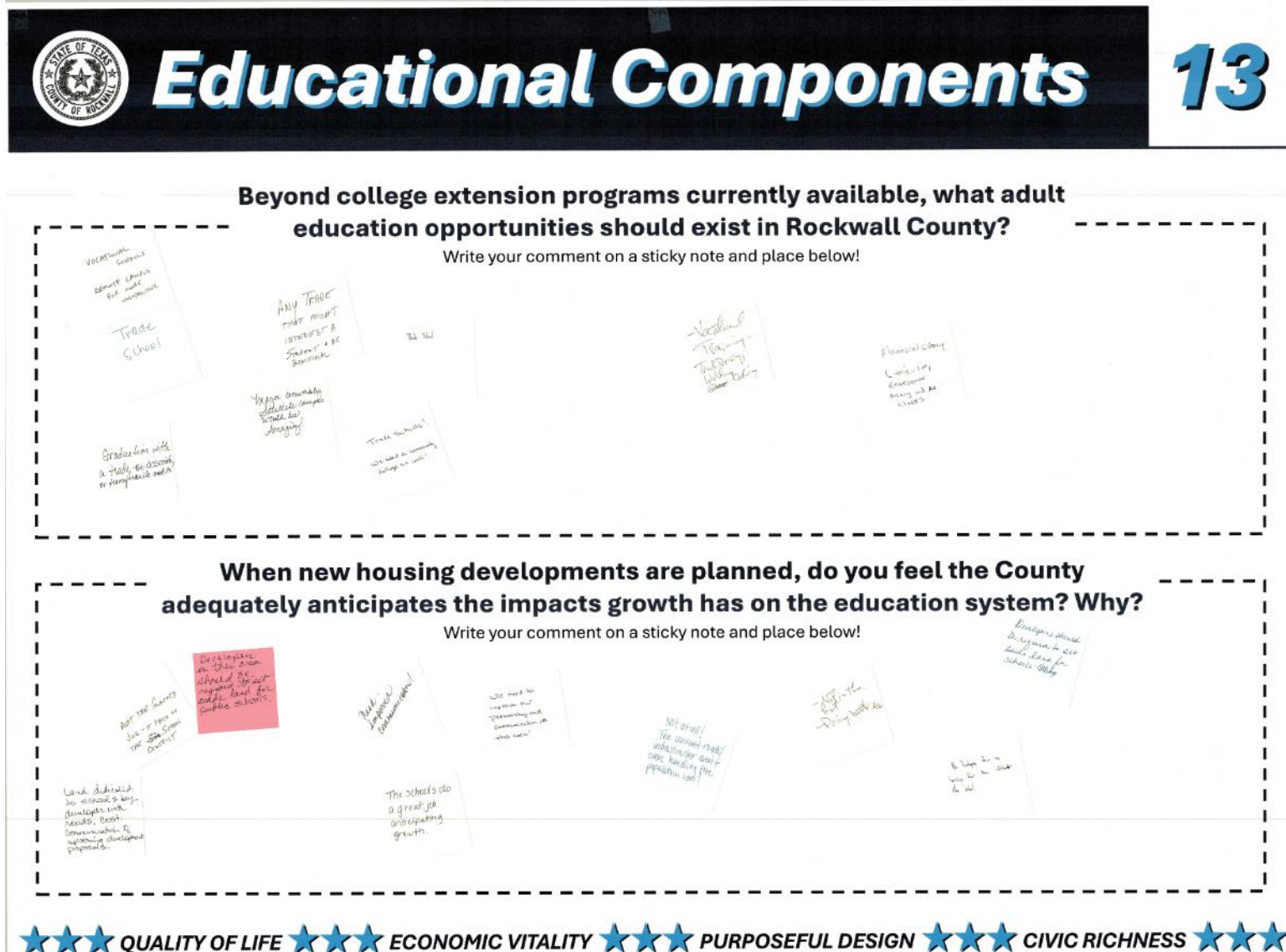
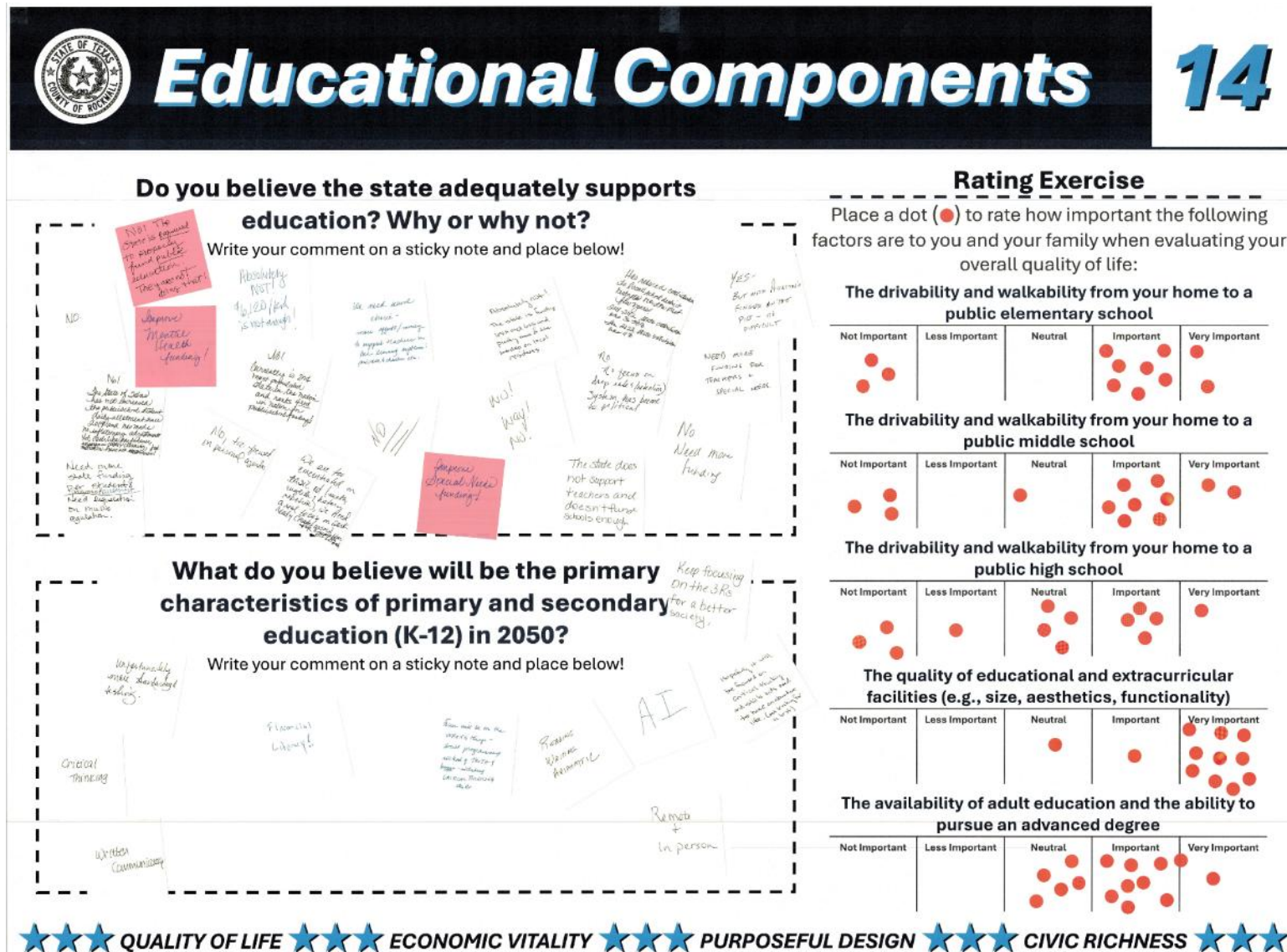


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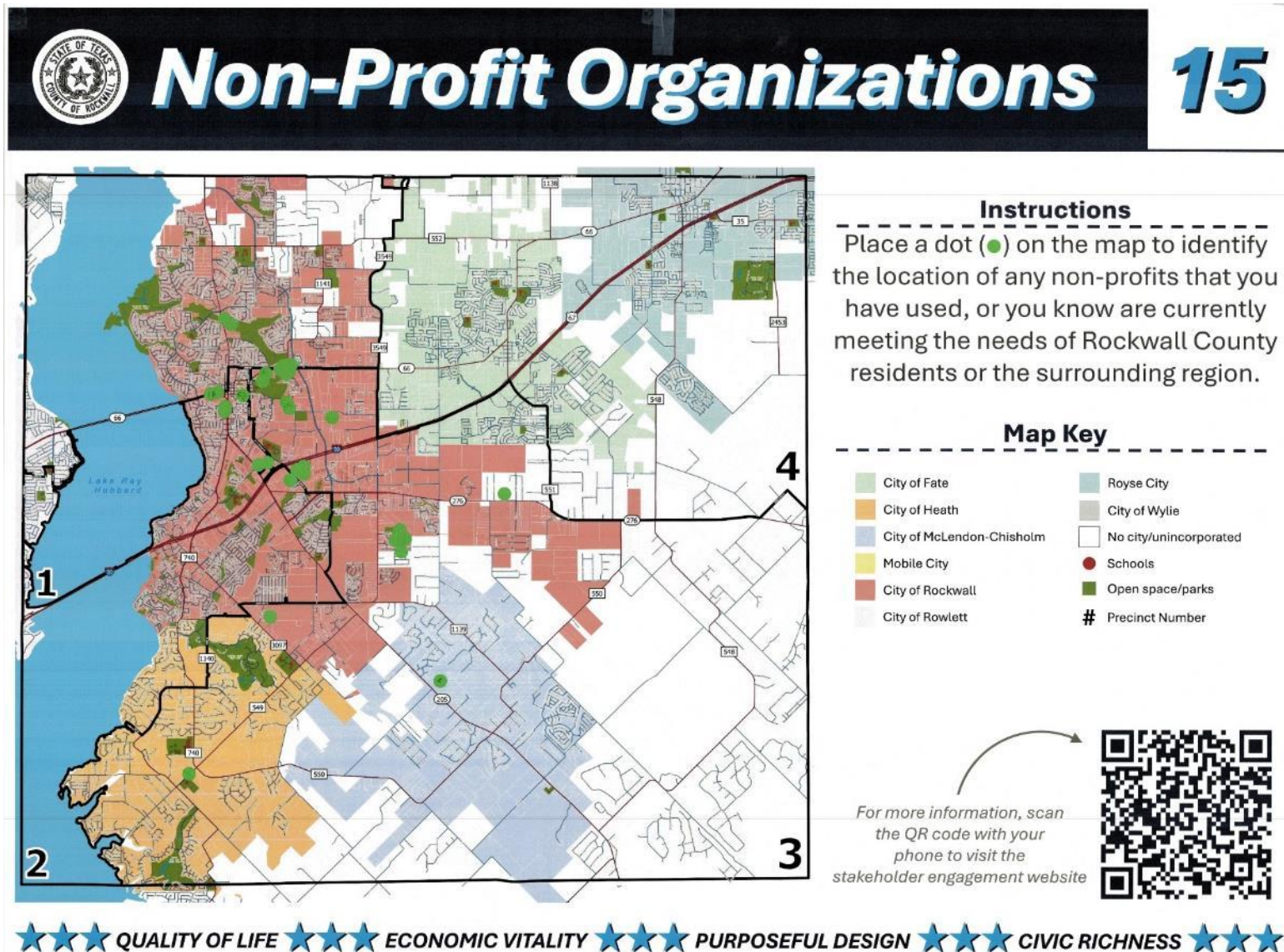


Figure 40 Non-Profit Organizations, June 11, 2024

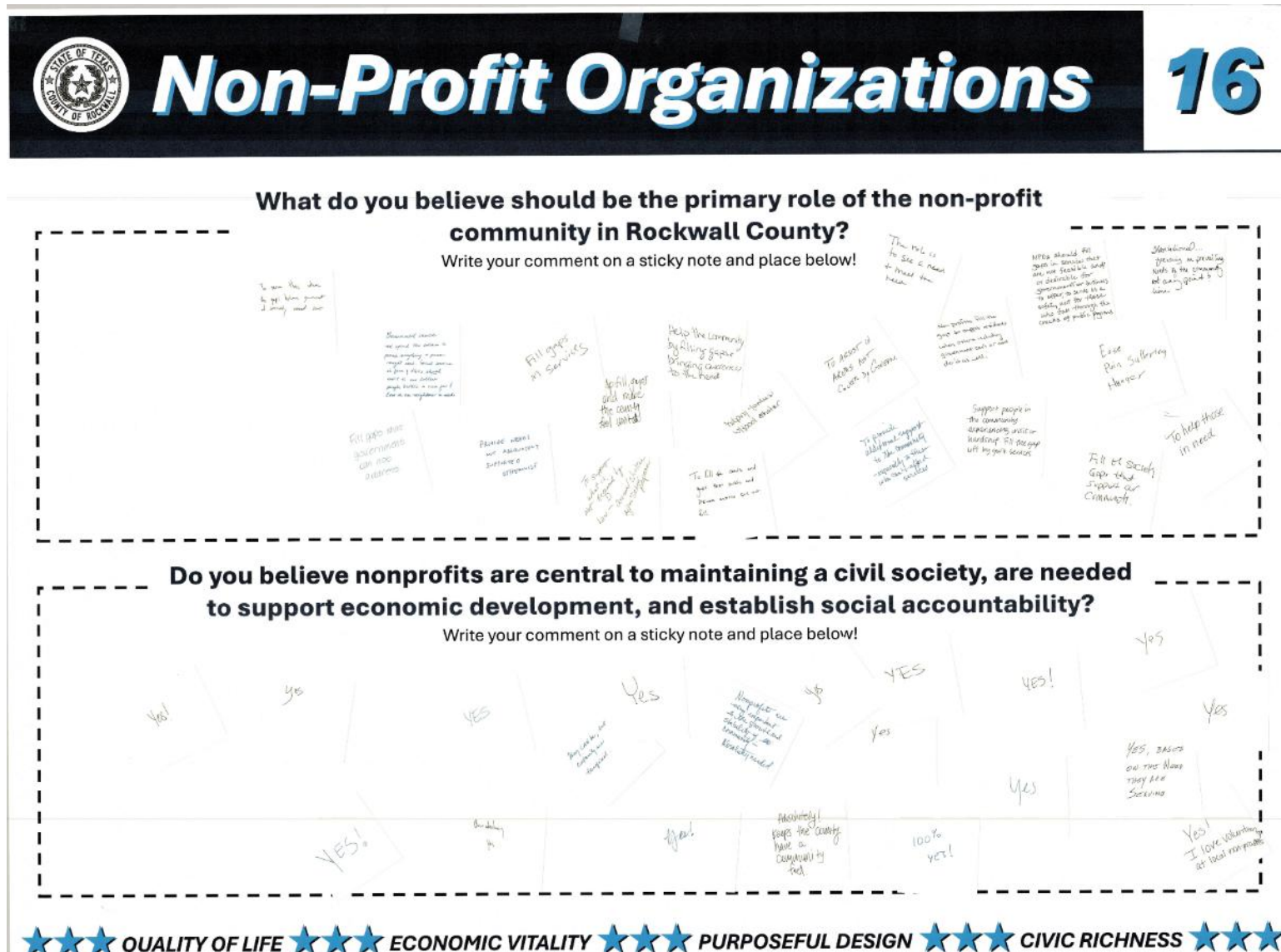


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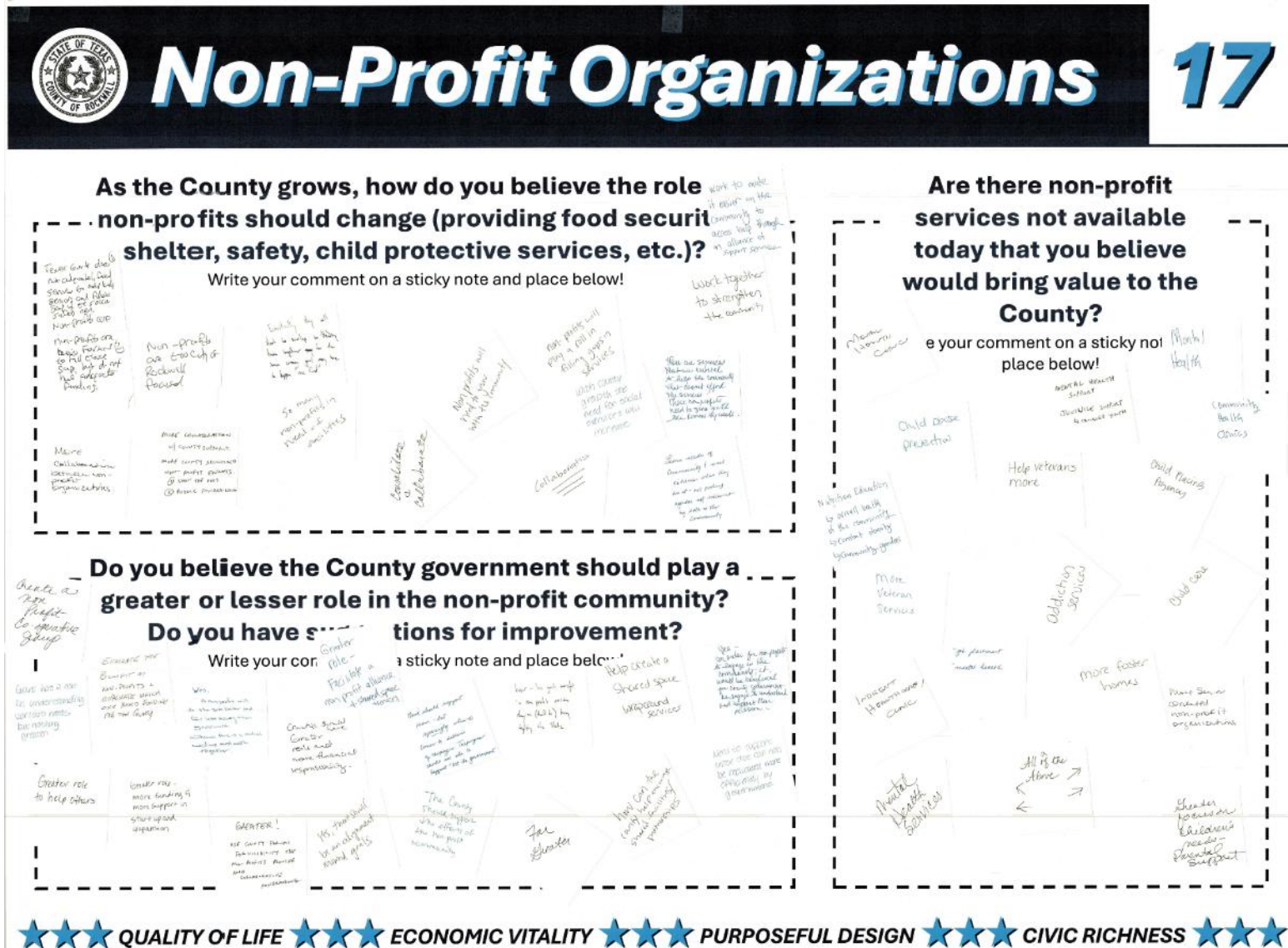


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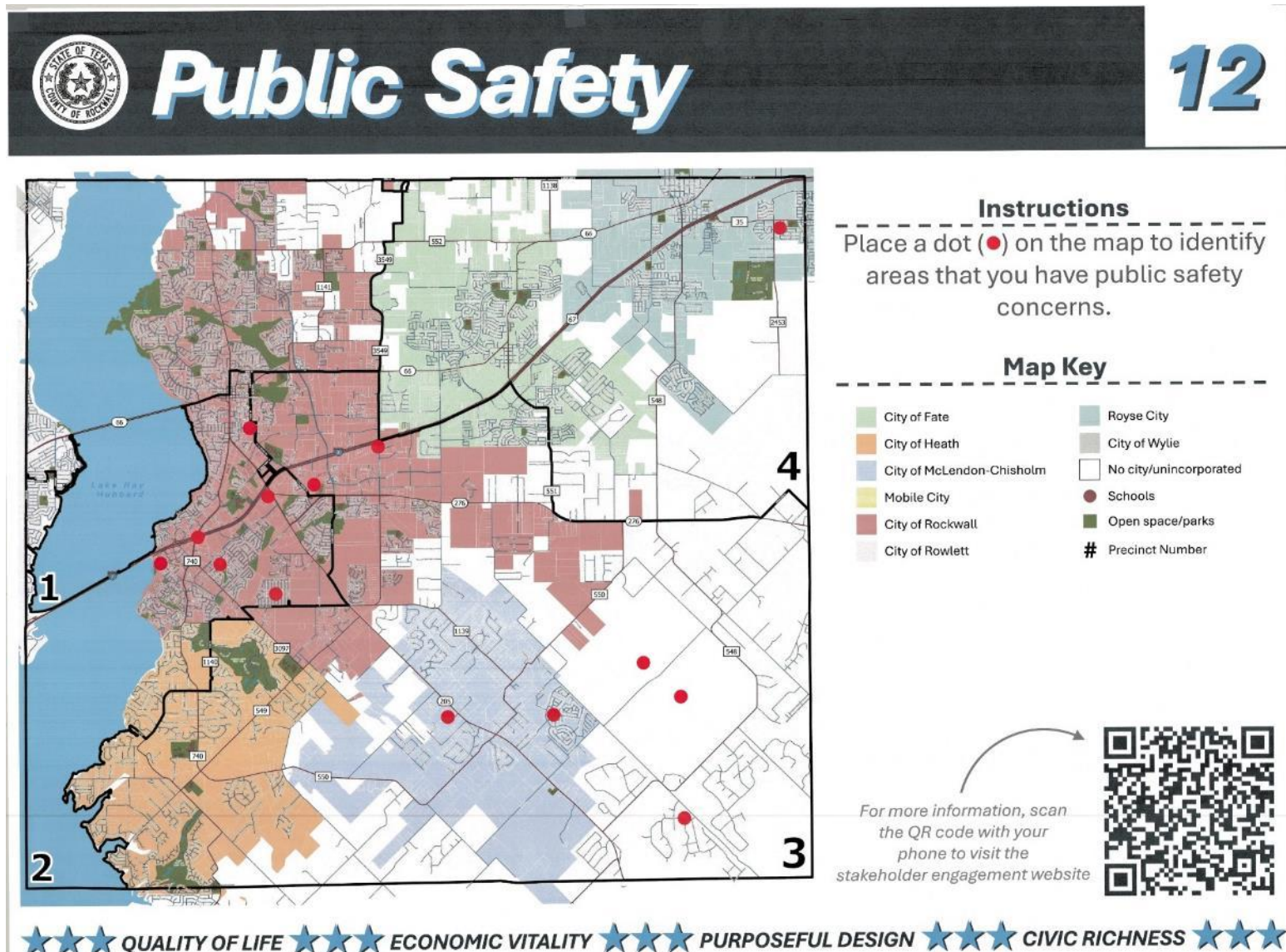


Figure 43 Public Safety, June 20, 2024







Public Health

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Do you and your family have access to the food, water, counseling, exercise and other enablers required to sustain a healthy lifestyle? What are the primary inhibitors to you achieving a healthy lifestyle?

Write your comment on a sticky note and place below!

There is a lack of food and water in the area

Cost of living

Need counseling that's for kids / teens

Yes

Cost of living

Primary inhibitors: lack of time

Yes!

As the County grows, what do you see as the greatest risk to public health and overall quality of life in Rockwall County?

Write your comment on a sticky note and place below!

Increased traffic that comes with large population

We do have our own challenges - The railroad bringing more about safety!

Water pollution, trash, sewage, etc.

Water pollution, trash, sewage, etc.

Increased traffic that comes with large population

Water pollution, trash, sewage, etc.

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Water pollution, trash, sewage, etc.

Increased traffic that comes with large population

Water pollution, trash, sewage, etc.

Do you believe you and your family have access to adequate healthcare support today? In the future, how do you expect your healthcare demands to change for you and your family?

Write your comment on a sticky note and place below!

Increased traffic that comes with large population

Water pollution, trash, sewage, etc.

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Figure 46 Public Health, June 20, 2024



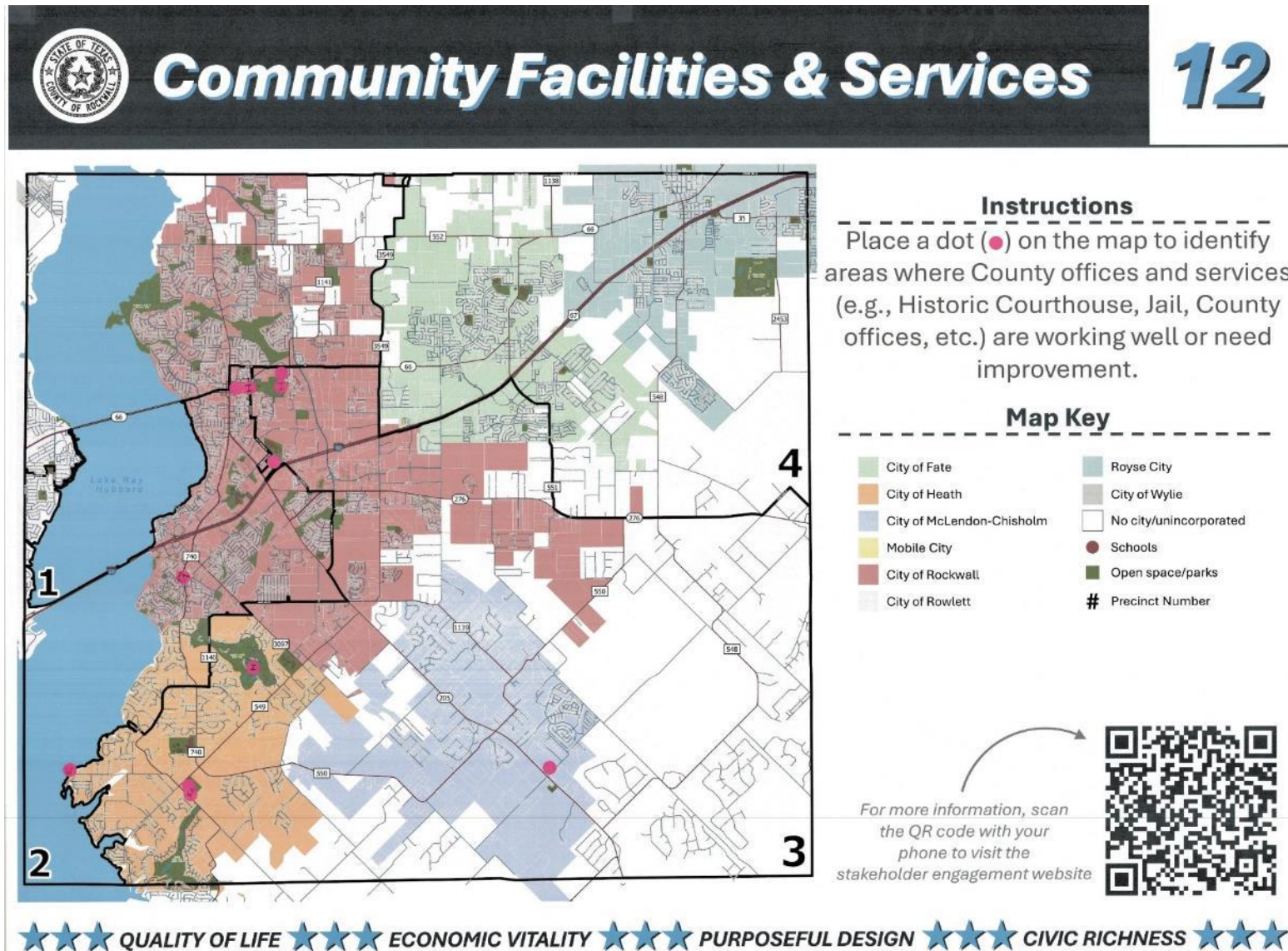


Figure 48 Community Facilities & Services, June 27, 2024



Community Facilities & Services

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What is your opinion on the availability and quality of public and community facilities and services across Rockwall County (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, public safety, recreational, meeting centers, public gathering locations, commercial, etc.)? Are there any key services missing?

Write your comment on a sticky note and place below!

Need more seating - could be used by many companies in town

More area around the airport for a new airport car share

Historic Rockwall County walking trail

SPORTS complex 100+ acres

need more public gathering space for community events should be addressing

need kinder to downtown park

Need to improve trails throughout the city

Need to improve ability to adapt to changes in population

Need improved library space - a lot of older books

Need to improve the way we manage our waste with proper recycling

Need to improve our economic status with more jobs

Need to update water treatment plant buildings

County Fairgrounds Multi-Events

Continuing Bike Spinning Trails

How can the access or quality of County customer services be improved?

Write your comment on a sticky note and place below!

Need more staff for more services

Encourage more access to online services

For historic office (via satellite) visit

Do existing County governmental services support the needs of you and your family? How?

Write your comment on a sticky note and place below!

Yes - Superior Family Care

They do a lot of things that we need

Yes - Most transparency on website

Yes - see above

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Figure 49 Community Facilities & Services, June 27, 2024



Community Facilities & Services

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Are there any specific community facilities or services that you think the County should prioritize investing in to create, improve, or foster a greater sense of community?

Write your comment on a sticky note and place below!

Love what the County does

Event Center

West Center

Regional sports complex

Multi-Event Center

Expo center

Visiting Museum, Community Center, preserving & passing on the history

Connecting trails - lake & water green space

Trails

Trails and Leisure Parks

Trails

Trails

Should Rockwall County increase investment in arts and entertainment, including expanding cultural events?

Write your comment on a sticky note and place below!

No

Yes

Yes!

YES!

Yes! Can't think of any more to add but love the forecast

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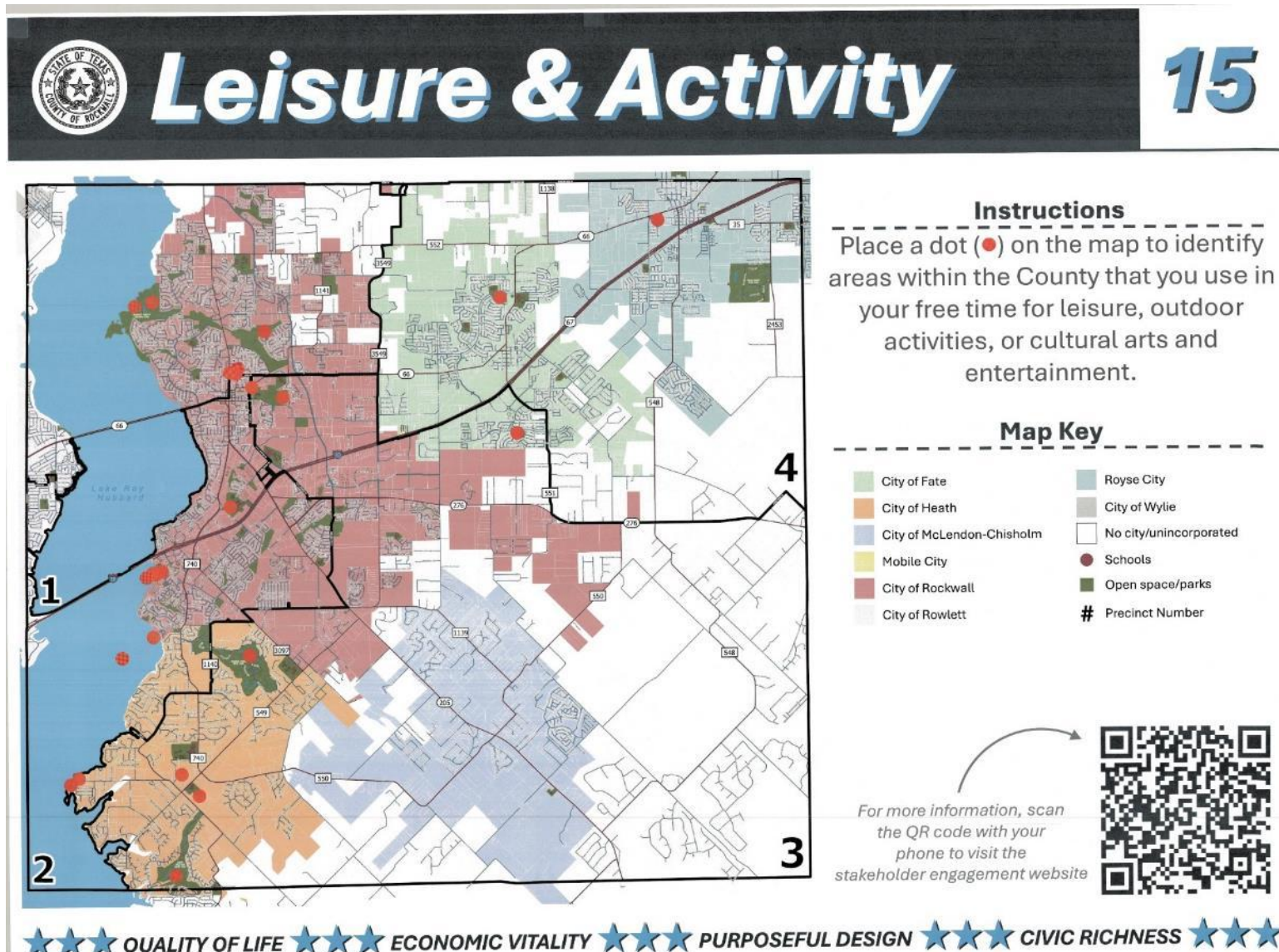


Figure 51 Leisure & Activity, June 27, 2024





Leisure & Activity

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Are there sufficient recreational and cultural arts activities to meet the needs of all ages?
What type is missing?
Write your comment on a sticky note and place below!

Handwritten notes on sticky notes:

- Need more youth activities
- Need more cultural arts activities
- Need more senior activities
- Need more family activities
- Need more community activities
- Need more cultural arts activities
- Need more senior activities
- Need more family activities
- Need more community activities

What examples or firsthand experiences from other communities related to leisure or activities do you think the County may benefit from?
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- Need more community activities

Thinking about Rockwall County in 10 to 20 years, what opportunities do you see to enhance the quality or amount of leisure, activity-based events, and cultural arts opportunities within the County?
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