



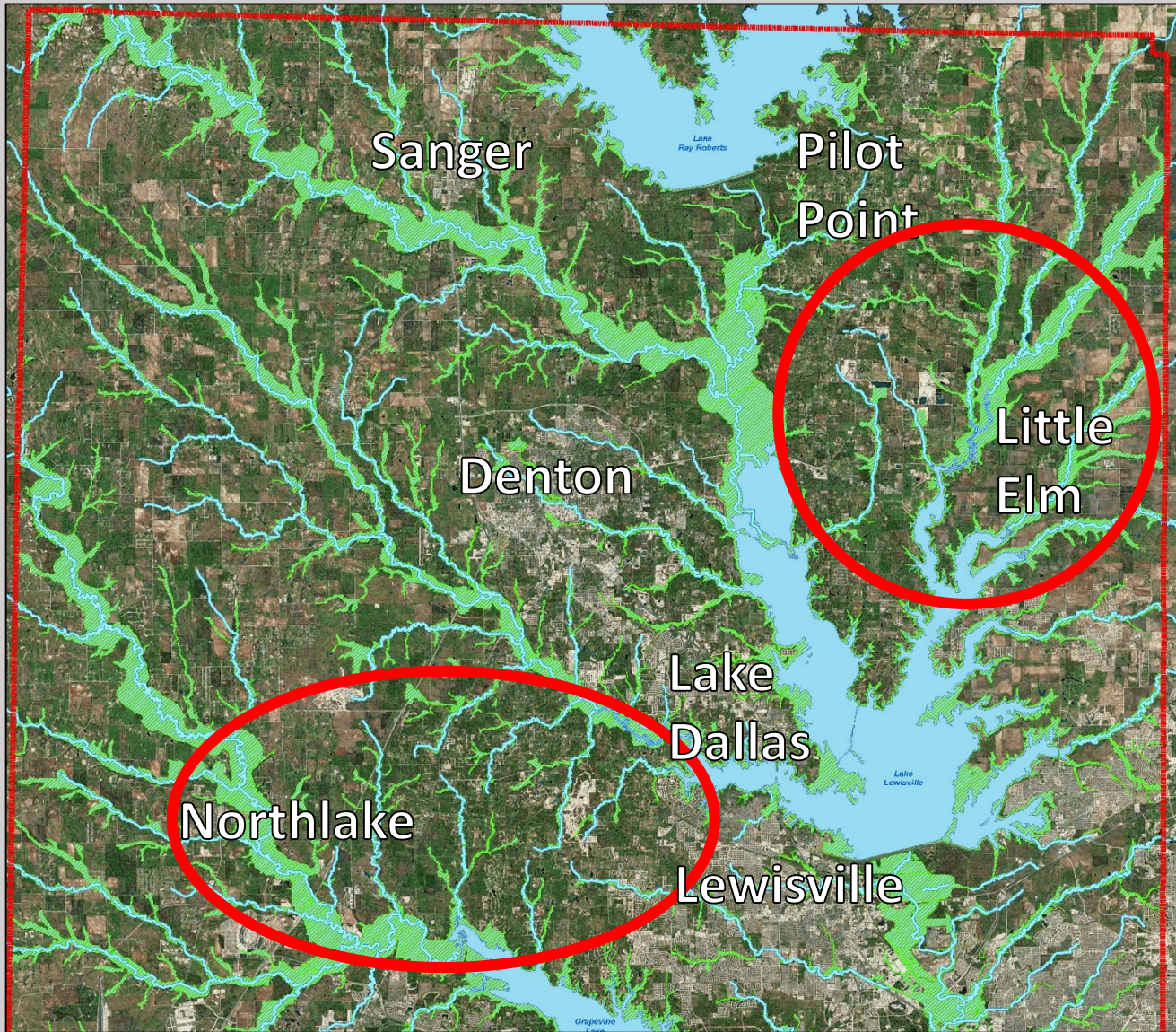
DENTON COUNTY GREENBELT PLAN

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Looking to the Future

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



Our Waterways

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



Greenbelts...

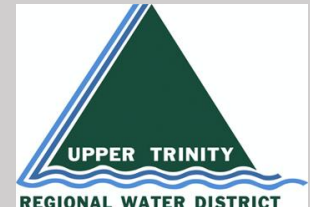
- ✓ Protect water quality
- ✓ Lessen flooding impacts
- ✓ Enhance the quality of life
- ✓ Provide nature-based educational opportunities and experiences
- ✓ Preserve wildlife and aquatic habitat





Greenbelt Plan:

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



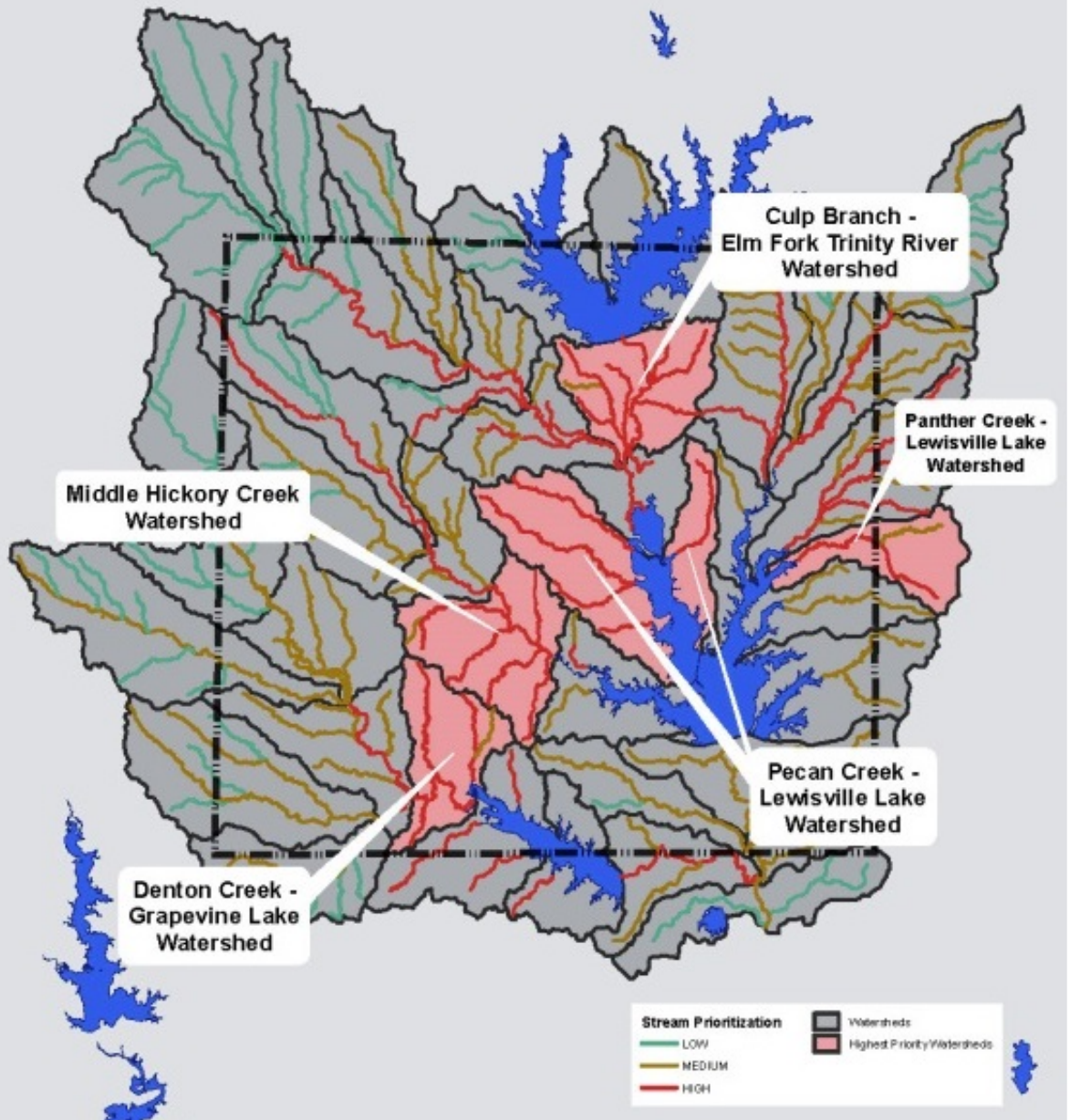
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Priority Streams and Watersheds

Factors Based On:

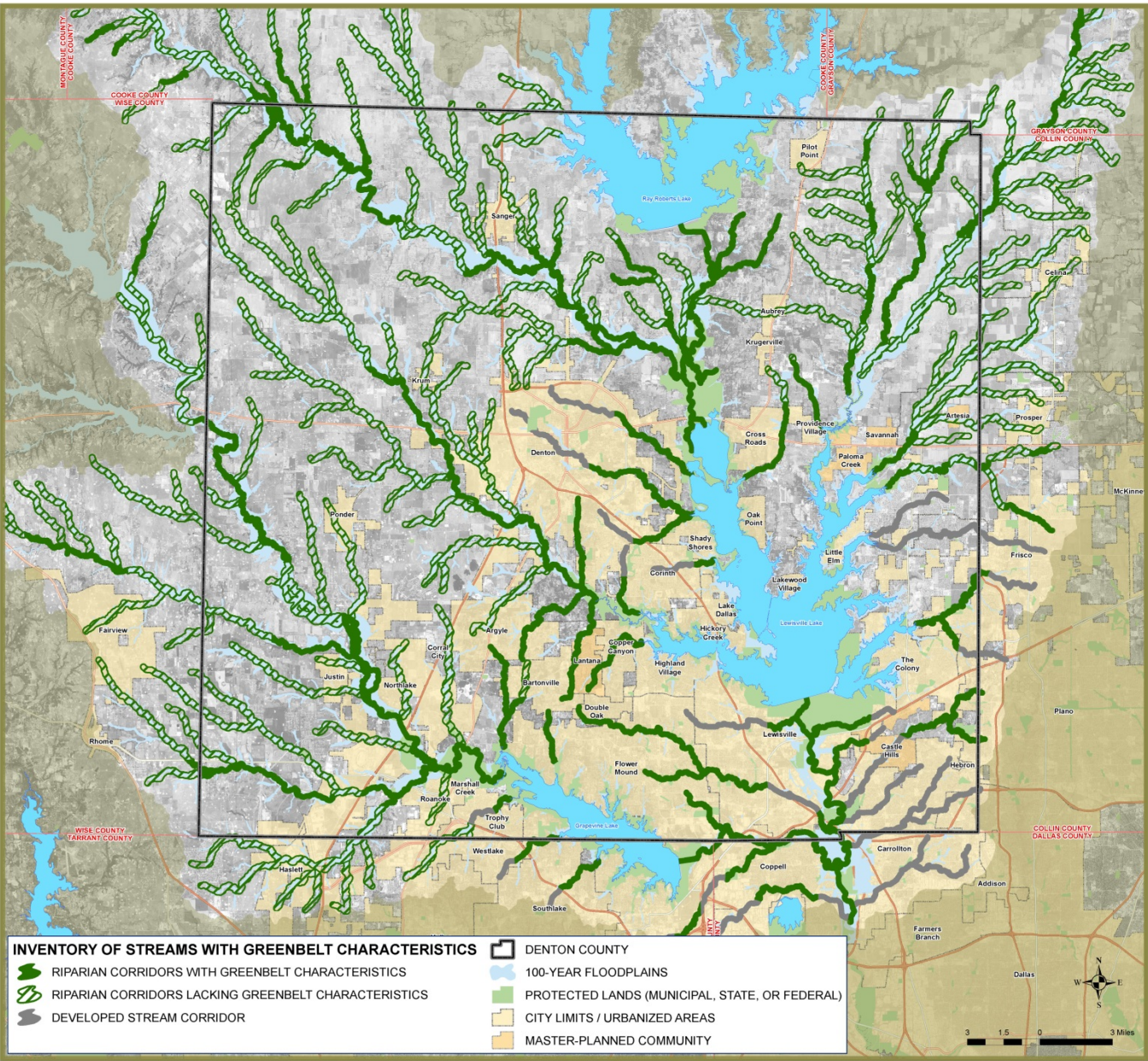
- Hydrology
- Ecology
- Land Use
- Cultural/Historical



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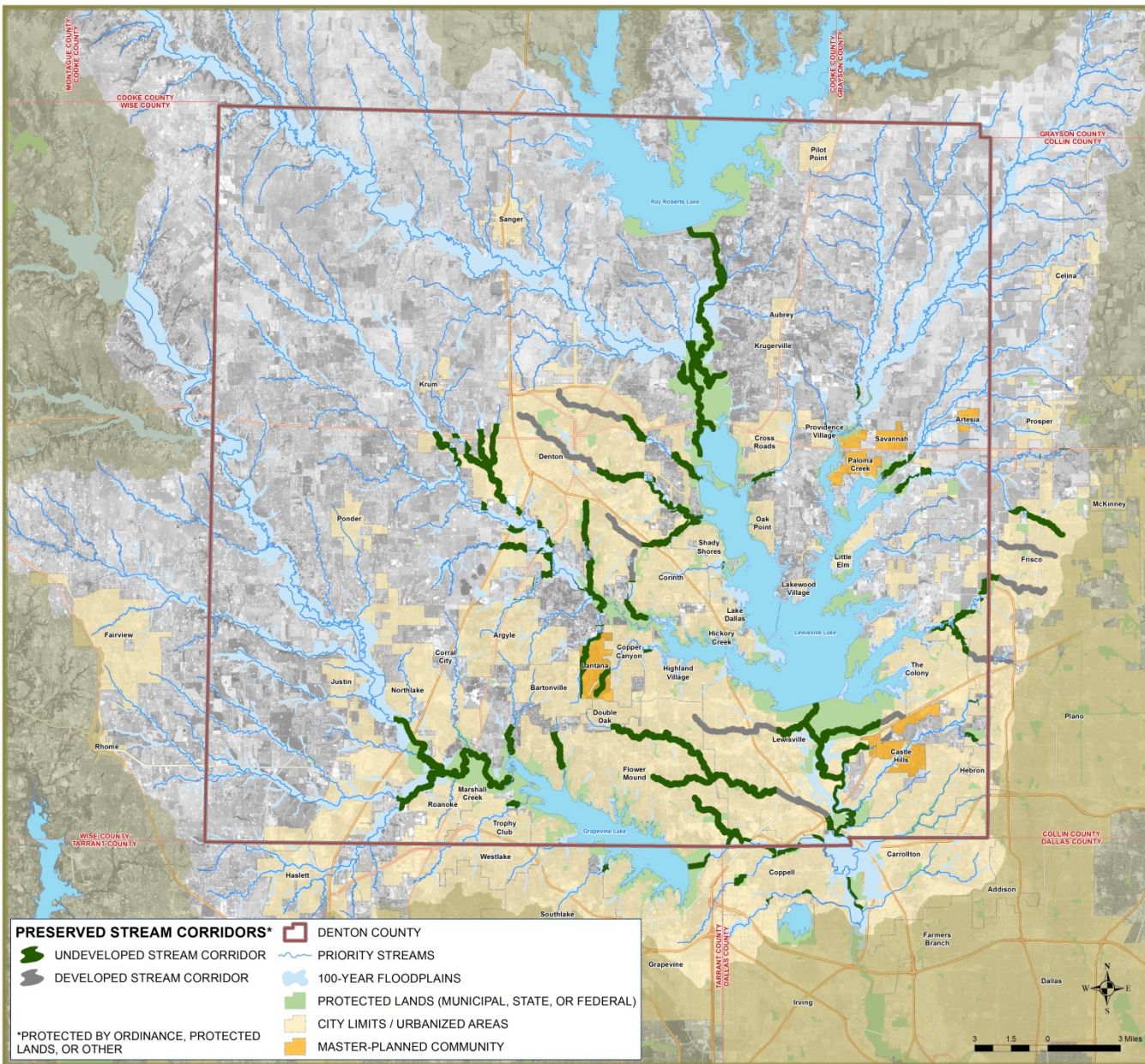
Greenbelt Inventory

➤ Riparian areas with sufficient tree canopy.



Protected Stream Corridors

- Ordinance
- Protected Land
- Setback
- Other

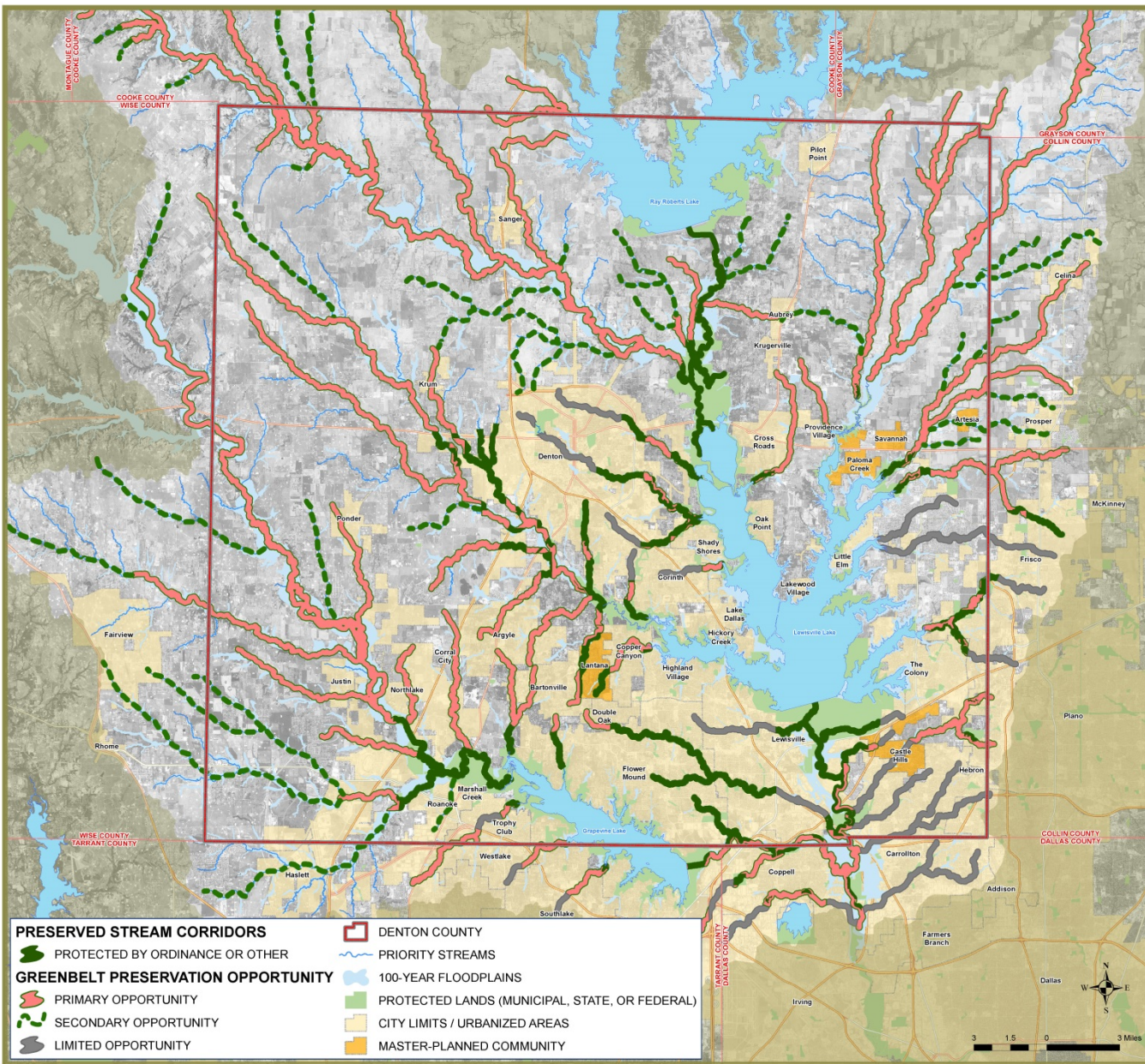


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Greenbelt Opportunities

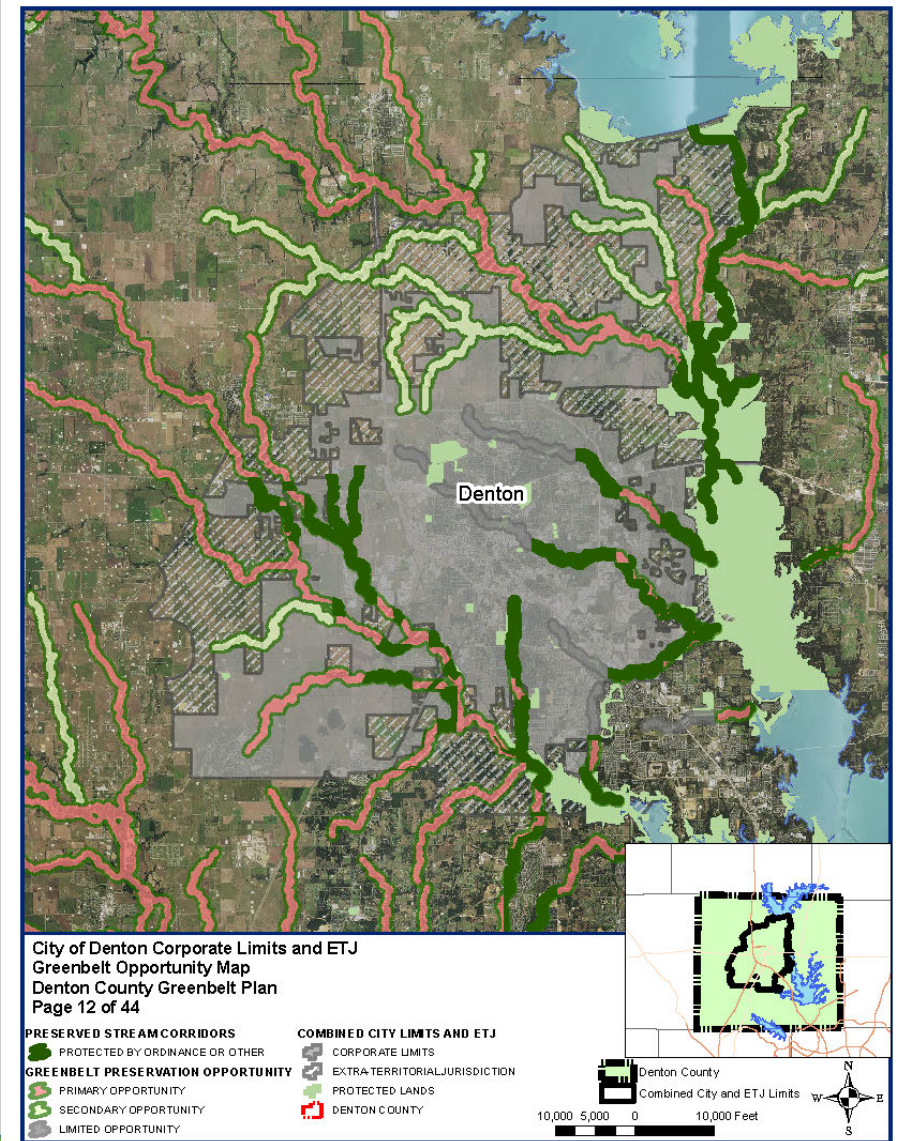
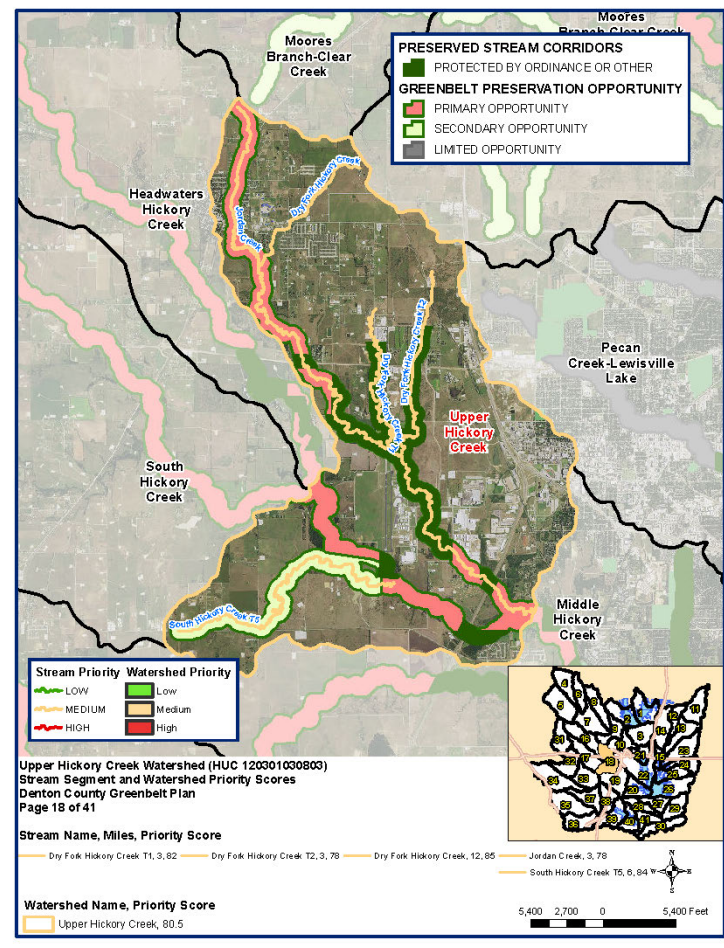
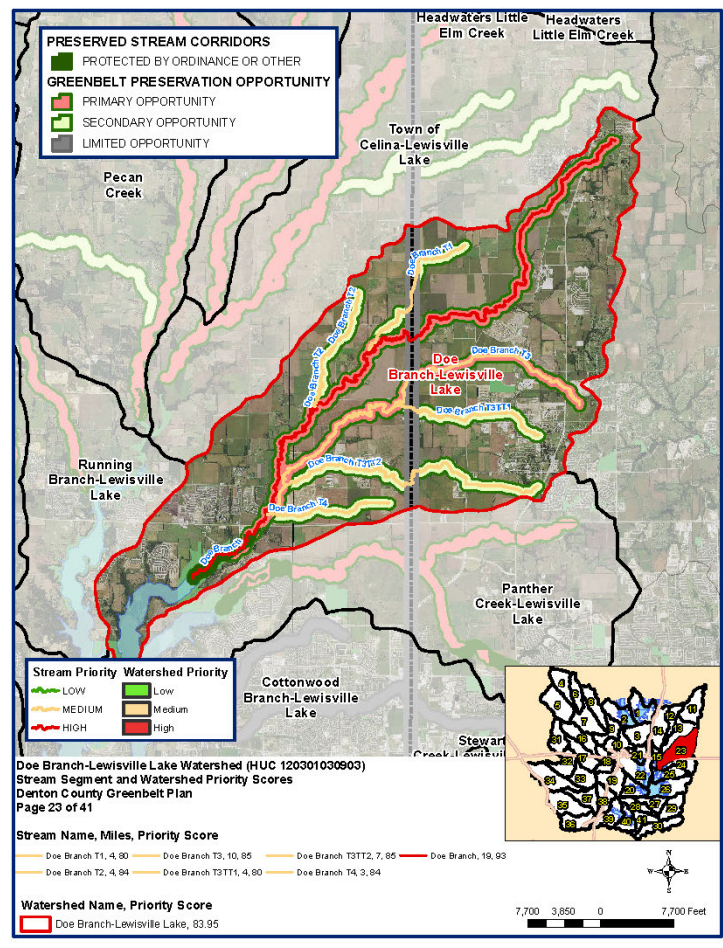
- Primary
- Secondary
- Limited



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Maps in Detail



Implementation Strategies

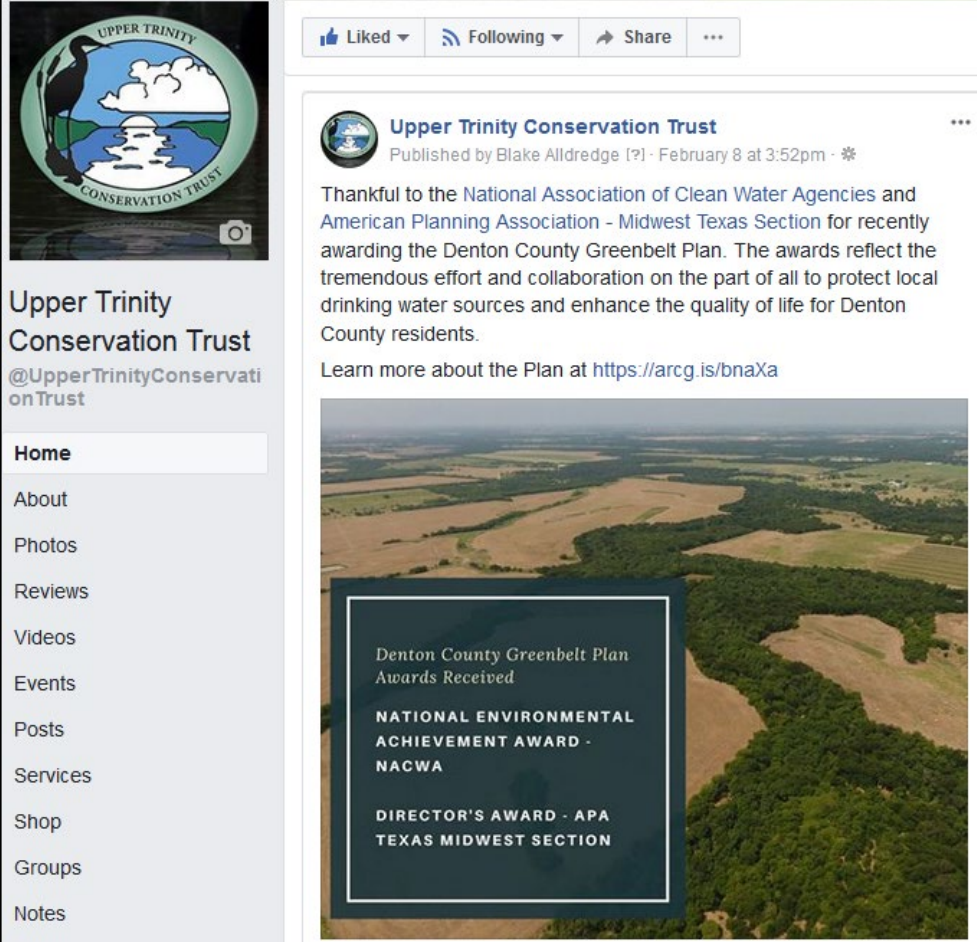


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- Completely Voluntary - - No Less Important
- For Municipal/County Leaders, Citizens, Developers, Landowners and others
- Implementation tools
- Education – Protection – Funding

Education and Outreach

- Brochures
- Public Awareness Campaigns
- Ambassadors for Greenbelts
- Recognition Programs
- Others



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Thankful to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and American Planning Association - Midwest Texas Section for recently awarding the Denton County Greenbelt Plan. The awards reflect the tremendous effort and collaboration on the part of all to protect local drinking water sources and enhance the quality of life for Denton County residents.

Learn more about the Plan at <https://arcg.is/bnaXa>

Denton County Greenbelt Plan
Awards Received

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD -
NACWA**

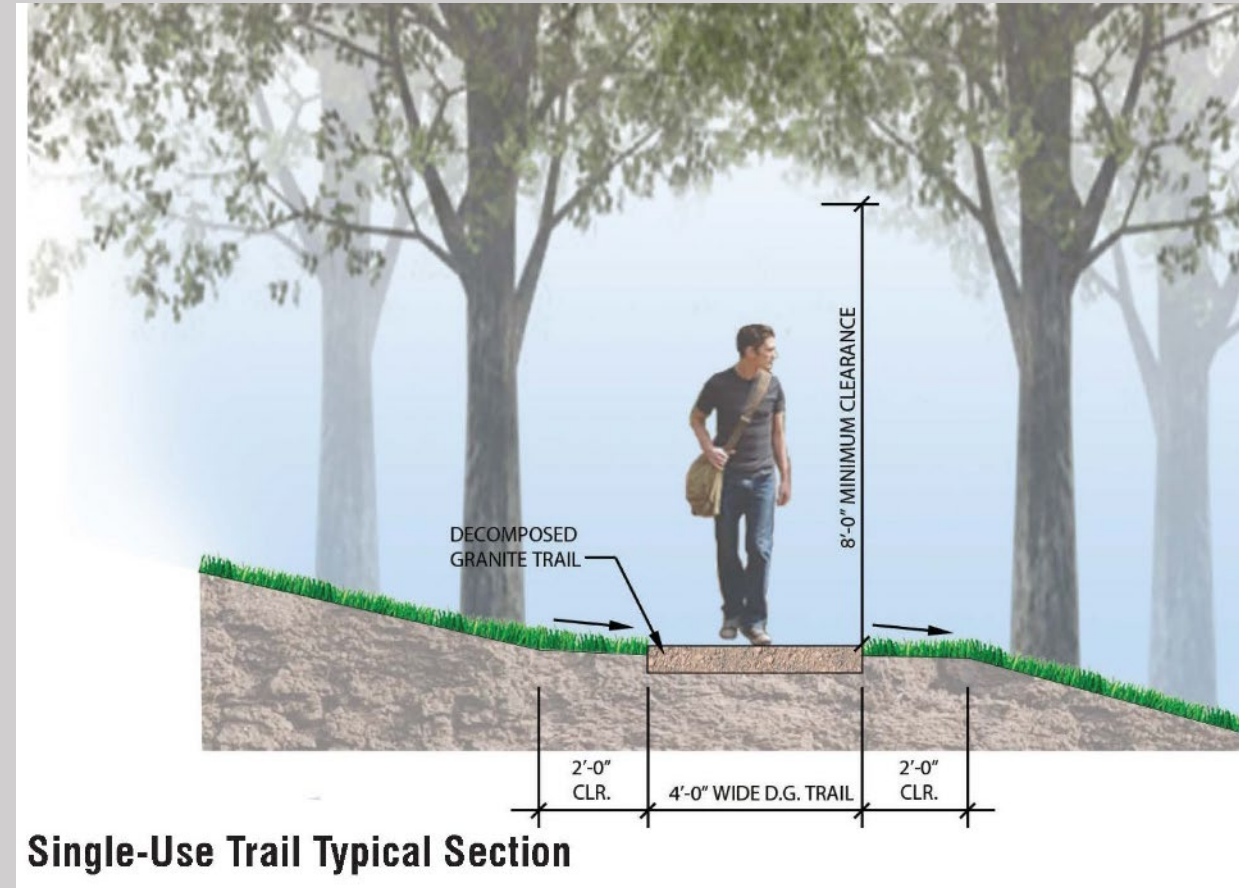
**DIRECTOR'S AWARD - APA
TEXAS MIDWEST SECTION**



**WHICH CREEK WOULD YOU RATHER
HAVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**

Preservation/Protection Tools

- ❑ Development Standards
- ❑ Conservation Easements
- ❑ Alternative Development Ideas
- ❑ Green Infrastructure
- ❑ Trail Design Standards
- ❑ Mowing Regimes
- ❑ Private Landowner Resources



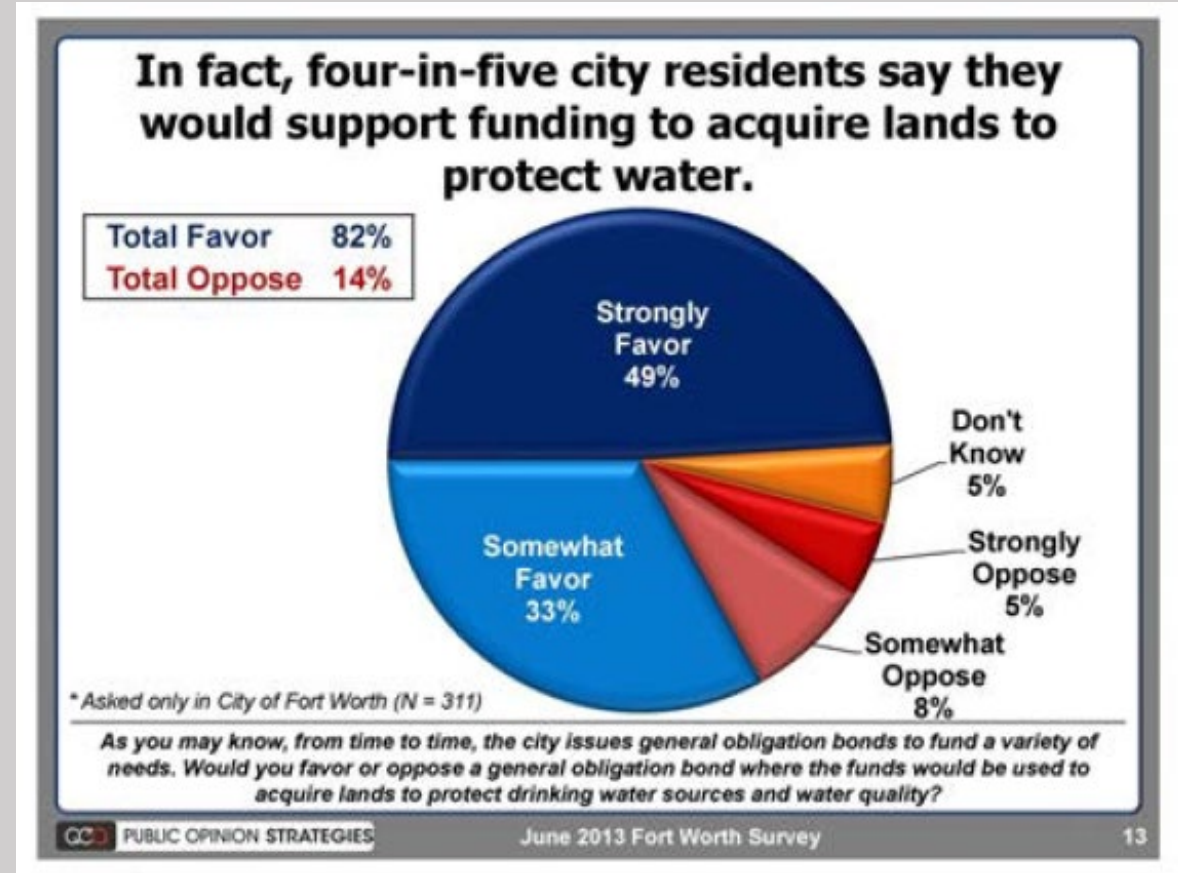
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- Conservation easements protect natural, riparian areas on the land
- Allows a property owner to continue to own & use the land
- Limits development rights to extent specified
- Runs with the land in perpetuity

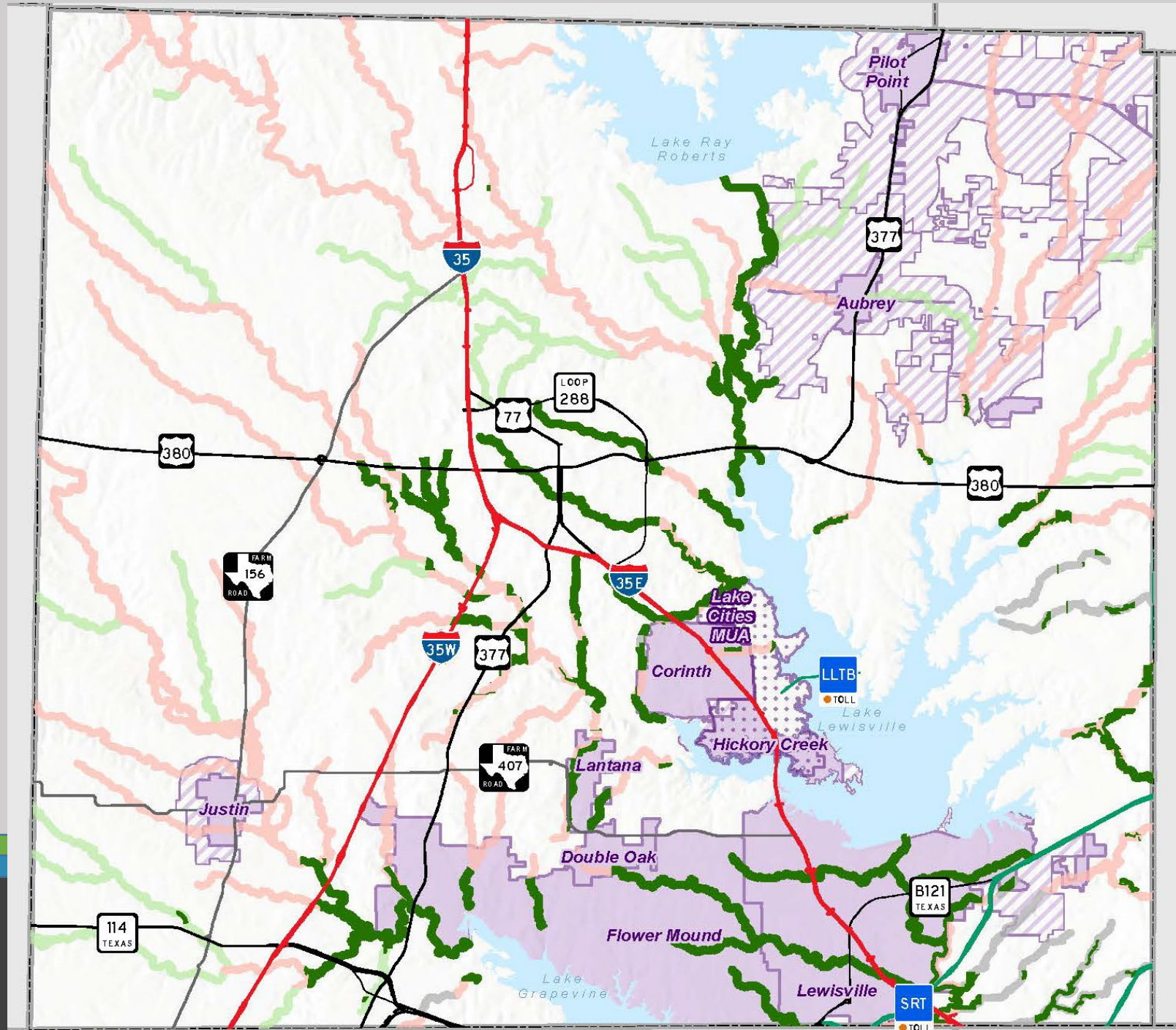
Funding and Acquisition Tools

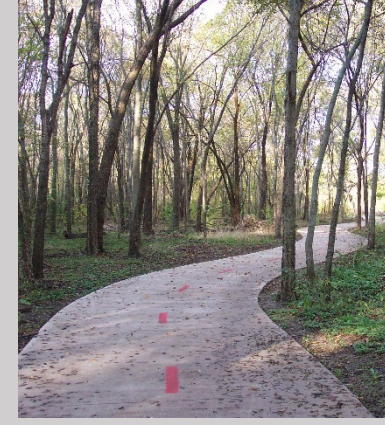
- ❑ General Obligation Bonds
- ❑ Development Dedications
- ❑ State and Federal Grants
- ❑ Conservation Programs
- ❑ Public/Private Partnerships
- ❑ Donations



Entities who have adopted

- 10 entities
- 102 square miles
- Population of 242,000





Questions?

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