DENTON COUNTY GREENBELT PLAN
Upper Trinity Regional Water District

- Created in 1989
- Provides regional water & wastewater services
- Serves Denton & portions of Collin Counties
Project Sponsors
Population Growth

- Over 1 million expected in Denton County by 2030
- Watershed protection important prior to development
Greenbelts...

- Protect water quality
- Lessen flooding impacts
- Enhance the quality of life
- Property values
- Preserve wildlife and aquatic habitat
Purpose:

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

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

- Ordinance
- Protected Land
- Setback
- Other
Greenbelt Opportunities

- Primary
- Secondary
- Limited
Implementation Strategies

- Completely Voluntary - No Less Important
- For Municipal/County Leaders, Citizens, Developers, Land Owners and others
- Implementation Tools
- Establish Coordinating Committee
Education and Outreach

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

- Ordinances
- Conservation Easements
- Alternative Development Ideas
- Green Infrastructure
- Private Land Owner Resources
Funding and Acquisition Tools

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

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

- Total Favor: 82%
- Total Oppose: 14%

- Strongly Favor: 49%
- Somewhat Favor: 33%
- Somewhat Oppose: 8%
- Strongly Oppose: 5%
- Don't Know: 5%

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

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