



**LEWISVILLE**

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## **Executive Summary**

### **AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Neighborhood and Inspection Services Department, Grants Division of the City of Lewisville worked with community residents, groups and agencies to create the 2017 - 2021 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. The strategies, goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan guide the allocation of the City's CDBG entitlement funding so the funds can most effectively be utilized to benefit Lewisville's low-to-moderate-income persons, clients, households or neighborhoods.

This Annual Action Plan (AAP) represents the fourth year of Lewisville's 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan. The AAP outlines specific projects and services that will be funded during the 2020 Program Year. The City will receive \$768,876 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

#### **2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

- \$498,279 is allocated for ‘Triangle Park’ Development and Accessibility – a review of the City’s parks, green space and recreation facilities using the “10-minute walk” standard, revealed areas in the City where residents have reduced access. One such area, bounded by Highway 121 Business, Interstate 35 and Corporate Dr., also has a high concentration of low-to-moderate income residents. This year two of a multi-year project to develop new park/greenspace through acquisition and public improvements and could include improved pedestrian access through sidewalk rehabilitation and expansion. The first year commitment was \$498,279. Acquiring land will use a substantial amount of the first two years’ funding.
  - This allocation could be reduced depending on the funding level for Housing Rehab as discussed below.
- \$40,000 is allocated for Habitat for Humanity – Land Acquisition. Habitat had plan year 2018 funds for this purpose that expired in March 2020. Those prior-year funds are being re-allocated in an amendment concurrent with this plan and will be re-allocated to the land acquisition activity for the ‘Triangle Park’ project mentioned above. A new Plan Year 2020 allocation would replace those funds and allow Habitat to continue to search for an appropriate parcel on which to build an affordable single-family home.
- \$20,000 is allocated for Housing Rehabilitation – Minor Repairs. Approximately \$20,000 remaining from the 2017 Plan Year Housing Rehabilitation program will likely be re-allocated to the land acquisition activity for the ‘Triangle Park’ project mentioned above. A new Plan Year 2020 allocation would replace those funds. The City plans to re-write the program to conduct targeted, minor repairs for homeowners whereas previously the program conducted ‘substantial rehab’ meant to bring a home back up to standard.
  - This allocation could be increased in the final version of this Action Plan in order to conduct more minor rehab projects and to support enough staff time to ensure project success.
- Public Services Programs totaling \$115,331 Programs providing affordability of a suitable living environment from PediPlace. Programs providing accessibility of a suitable living environment from CASA, Denton County Friends of the Family, and SPAN.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City’s activities to meet the goals of the Consolidated Plan are reported annually in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Below are the program year accomplishments related to the goals in the 2018 Annual Action Plan as well as projects from prior years that were open in 2018. In the 2018 Program Year, the City was allocated \$699,808 for CDBG. Of this amount, \$108,889 went for public (social) services; \$139,961 was allocated to administration and \$454,876 to housing and community development projects.

#### Housing and Community Development:

- The Lewisville Housing Rehabilitation Program assisted one client.

- The First Time Homebuyer Assistance program was canceled due to rising home prices.
- The Morningside Sewer replacement project design had been completed and bids were solicited. The project cost was expected to increase. The project is under construction as of April, 2020.

The grants division provided \$170,000 from the City’s general fund and \$108,889 in CDBG funds for essential social services for Lewisville residents.

CDBG-funded Public/ Social Services:

- 1,624 victim services for 240 youth/abused children through the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County;\*
- 2,036 case managements services for 1,119 clients through Christian Community Action;
- 963 cases staffed for 146 youth/abused children through CASA;
- 20,725 congregate and home-delivered meals to 192 elderly and disabled residents through SPAN;
- 861 shelter days to 21 family members through Denton County Friends of the Family;\*
- 1873 health related services to 1136 Chin clients through Chin Community Ministries.
- 4,557 pediatric patient office visits for 2,199 youths from PediPlace.

**4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

This plan was developed using an effective citizen participation process in compliance with the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 91. The City’s participation plan encourages and empowers citizens to participate in the development of viable urban programs. The City utilized the public input received to help establish strategies and priority needs to guide the development of the Consolidated Plan.

The CDBG Advisory Committee is made up of seven citizens appointed by the City Council to provide citizen input. The City held two public hearings on November 12, 2019 and November 19, 2019. A notice was published in the Denton Record Chronicle on July 2, 2020 that this Action Plan will be available for public review and comment at City Hall, City website, and the Library. The CDBG Advisory Committee will host a public hearing and to consider the plan on July 21, 2020 and a final public hearing will be advertised on July 27 and will be held by the City Council on August 3, 2020 before formal adoption.

**5. Summary of public comments**

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The City of Lewisville held two public hearings on November 12th and November 9th 2019 requesting comments from citizens.

November 12th Public Hearing Comments:

- Five CDBG Advisory Committee members were in attendance along with persons from, non-profit agencies representing; housing for LMI residents, homelessness, aging and disabled population. Four residents were also in attendance.
- Affordable housing is scarce and should be a top priority and it has become a real crisis, particularly for the aging and disabled.
- The importance of having a green space to allow for outdoor recreation in the poorest parts of Lewisville was discussed. There was a “pop-up” park event prior to the public hearing. A resident described it as a big success and hopes for a long-term solution for the apartment communities along Business 121. The value of a park to the teen population was also discussed.

November 19th Public Hearing Comments:

- Four CDBG Advisory Committee members and three nonprofit agencies representing mental health, at-risk students, and child advocacy were represented.
- Denton County MHMR is looking to expand their Connection (focuses on homelessness) program to individuals who do not have mental health issues. Their supportive health grant can support 20 individuals, but they are serving over 21 families.
- Communities in Schools of North Texas (CISNT) explained there are no longer trends they are seeing, but the same needs are seen each year, so they are now continued needs. The drop out rate is steadily growing with 63% of students are now at risk of dropping out of school before graduating. An elementary school closed requiring those students to be split among other schools. CISNT has expanded services to 3 new schools.
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) reported that Lewisville had a high number of children in need and some of her best volunteers come from Lewisville. It was reported that cases of child abuse and children who need advocates are steadily increasing.

Additional Public Hearings are planned for July 21 and August 3, 2020 Public Hearings

## **6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

All comments have been accepted through July 2, 2020.

## **7. Summary**

The City of Lewisville solicited comments from the public for the proposed 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan by posting notice in the newspaper, posting the plan to the city website, and holding two public hearings in addition to the two hearings held the previous fall. All comments were accepted and recorded. All comments represent actual needs. Several of the needs are addressed in the Action Plan and through on-going collaborations. While affordable housing options are not a quick project, the concern were brought to City leadership. There is expected to be an affordable housing study conducted as first steps to consider a plan to address this need. The CDBG Advisory Committee recognizes a need for green spaces and outdoor recreational opportunities particularly for the LMI apartment communities along Business 121 (also referred to as “the triangle”). The City will partner its departments to complete a permanent park project. The CDBG Advisory Committee supports spending funds for the park’s development.

**PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)**

**1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan**

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	LEWISVILLE	Neighborhood & Inspection Services

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The Neighborhood & Inspection Services Department is the lead agency for this Annual Action Plan. The Department is responsible for administering the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the City of Lewisville.

Other agencies responsible for executing and administering programs include Building Inspection, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, and Public Services Departments/Divisions.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Lewisville continues to work closely with outside agencies, non-profit organizations, regional groups, and other governmental agencies to develop and implement effective community development.

### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))**

The City of Lewisville continues to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and service agencies through a variety of means, including membership of the Denton County Homeless Coalition, referrals to the Denton Housing Authority, and referrals to privately assisted housing project in the City. The City also offers a variety of technical service activities for non-profits, coalitions and neighborhood groups interested in developing housing or activities related to the CDBG program and other community development efforts. Coordination includes social service roundtables, United Way committees, the Community Resource Expo, and various non-profit organizations in addition to the eighteen agencies the City funds using CDBG and local funding. The City’s request for proposals process is open to all non-profit organizations.

### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

The City works closely with the Denton County Homeless Coalition, which is a member of the Balance of State Continuum of Care for the State of Texas. The Denton County Homeless Coalition is composed of local non-profits, government agencies, and county residents and helps coordinate efforts to address the needs of homeless persons in Denton County. The City also supports the United Way’s Denton County Homeless Leadership Team. A staff member and a council member attend meetings. The Leadership Team supports homeless issues with planning, coordination and political leadership.

This year the City will fund directly Denton County Friends of the Family with CDBG, as well as Salvation Army and Journey to Dream using local funds.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

The City of Lewisville does not receive ESG funds. However, the City of Lewisville works closely with agencies that receive ESG funding, as well as the Denton County Homeless Coalition. In recent years, the City has been successful in securing additional local funding for agencies that have received reduced ESG funding.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	United Way of Denton County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-homeless Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was consulted through invitations to provide feedback and other input in the plan.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Denton County Homeless Coalition
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was consulted through invitations to provide feedback and other input in the plan.

3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Christian Community Action
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was consulted through invitations to provide feedback and other input in the plan.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	PediPlace
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was consulted through invitations to provide feedback and other input in the plan.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	ADRC
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Aging & Disabled Resource Center
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was consulted through invitations to provide feedback and other input in the plan.

6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Communities In Schools of North Texas
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was consulted through invitations to provide feedback and other input in the plan.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	The Salvation Army Lewisville
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was consulted through invitations to provide feedback and other input in the plan.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF DENTON COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was consulted through invitations to provide feedback and other input in the plan.

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

The City of Lewisville made every attempt to be inclusive in its consultation efforts throughout the planning process.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Denton County Homeless Coalition/ Texas Homeless Network	The goals of this plan work in conjunction with the efforts of the Denton County Homeless Coalition and their efforts to combat homelessness.
Lewisville2025	City of Lewisville	The City of Lewisville's efforts as defined by the 2025 plan were taken into account when developing this Annual Action Plan, using any opportunities to maximize impact or pool resources to meet needs.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

The City of Lewisville continues to work closely with outside agencies in an effort to help promote coordinated efforts and consultation among agencies.

**AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation  
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The citizen participation process included various steps to gather resident and stakeholder feedback. Following the release of the draft document, a public hearing will be held on July 21, 2020 Another public hearing will be held on August 3, 2020. The culmination of these efforts is included through this plan and is integrated in establishing the priority needs and subsequent goals.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	No responses were received.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yco9tkky">https://tinyurl.com/yco9tkky</a>
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Nov. 12, 2019 - 7 citizens attended plus Advisory Committee	Homelessness and Affordable Housing. Need for resources within communities.	All comments were accepted	<a href="https://www.cityoflewisville.com/about-us/city-departments/neighborhood-services/cdbg-advisory-committee">https://www.cityoflewisville.com/about-us/city-departments/neighborhood-services/cdbg-advisory-committee</a>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Nov. 19, 2019 - 4 attended as well as Advisory Committee members	Need for services for at-risk youth and youth needing advocates in court. Homelessness prevention and the mentally disabled population.	All comments were accepted	<a href="https://www.cityoflewisville.com/about-us/city-departments/neighborhood-services/cdbg-advisory-committee">https://www.cityoflewisville.com/about-us/city-departments/neighborhood-services/cdbg-advisory-committee</a>
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	July 21, 2020 - Advisory Committee members but no other citizens attended.			<a href="https://www.cityoflewisville.com/about-us/city-departments/neighborhood-services/cdbg-advisory-committee">https://www.cityoflewisville.com/about-us/city-departments/neighborhood-services/cdbg-advisory-committee</a>
5	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	August 3, 2020 City Council. Residents in attendance but none that spoke or submitted comments on the AAP public hearing.			<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yco9tkky">https://tinyurl.com/yco9tkky</a>

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

The following are the anticipated resources for the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$768,876	0	0	\$768,876	\$768,876	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The City of Lewisville will consider any opportunity to secure additional federal and private funding for housing and community development activities through responses to Notices of Funding Availability issued by federal agencies, state agencies and through public/private partnerships. The City continuously looks for opportunities to leverage federal funding, extending the ability of the federally funded programs to impact community needs. However, the consideration to apply for additional funds may be limited by constraints of staff capacity and local funding needed to support new programs.

**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

Not applicable.

**Discussion**

The City will utilize its CDBG funding over the course of this Annual Action Plan period to fund the goals and objectives as outlined by this Plan.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	AFH Goal: Enhance access to vital social services	2017	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Special Needs Populations AFH Factor: Lack of quality health care for some	CDBG: \$105,480	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 340 Persons Assisted
3	Enhance infrastructure and public facilities	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Infrastructure Public Facilities	CDBG: \$439,769	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5080 Persons Assisted
4	Support efforts to combat homelessness	2017	2021	Homeless	Citywide	Homelessness	CDBG: \$9,851	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 4 Persons Assisted
1	AFH Goal: Promote the preservation of accessible and affordable housing	2017	2021	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Low to moderate Income homeowner households	CDBG: \$60,000	4 Persons Assisted

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

## Goal Descriptions

2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Enhance access to vital social services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	PediPlace will assist 192 with primary health care; CASA will provide court advocacy services to 8 children; SPAN will provide meals to 140 seniors.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Enhance infrastructure and public facilities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Park development and accessibility will assist 5,080 residents of the project service area. The project will take multiple years to complete.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Support efforts to combat homelessness
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Denton County Friends of Family will provider over-night shelter to 4 people
1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Promote the preservation of accessible and affordable housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Habitat will buy land to build 1 affordable housing unit; The City will complete minor repairs to 3 housing units

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The following projects will be undertaken during the 2019 Plan Year. Projects include park development/acquisition (infrastructure), social services and homeless services.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Park Development – Design, engineering
2	Habitat for Humanity – Land Acquisition
3	Housing Rehabilitation – Minor Repairs
4	PediPlace - Pediatric Office Visits
5	SPAN - Meals on Wheels
6	CASA - Court Advocacy Program Cases
7	Denton County Friends of the Family - Shelter Days
8	Administration PY2020

Table 7 - Project Information

#### Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The allocation priorities are established based on the results of the Needs Assessment, Market Analysis, public input, and the 2017 Housing and Community Needs survey. These assessments, coupled with the City's capacity to address needs with available funds, resulted in these projects being selected. All of these projects meet various needs, as identified in the Priority Needs section of the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Park Development Acquisition, Design, engineering
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Enhance infrastructure and public facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Infrastructure Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$439,769
	<b>Description</b>	Funding will support development of a) new park space through acquisition of land and b) pedestrian access improvements to new or existing parks, trails and green space. The multi-year project will likely be funded in 2019, 2020 and 2021 Action Plans. \$439,769 will be used in year two to acquire new land, design, and engineering for park space and/or for pedestrian access to parks for 5,080 Lewisville residents.  Note, the CDBG Advisory Committee will consider decreasing this amount at the public hearing on July 21, 2020 in order to increase funding for the Housing Minor Repair Program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5,080 Lewisville residents. 74.31% of households are low/mod income and 72% are Hispanic. Nearly all live in apartment communities and have no parks, grocery stores and other amenities in the neighborhood.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined, but within a 10-minute walk to the Target "Triangle" area: I-35, St. Hwy 121, Corporate Dr. Lewisville, TX
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Land Acquisition, improvements to infrastructure/ pedestrian access. In years 2-3 to include park design and construction. Once completed, new park space will be used for social gathering space for residents of the immediate area.	
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Habitat for Humanity – Land Acquisition
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	AFH Goal: Preservation of affordable housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low to Moderate homeowner households AFH Factor: Availability of Affordable Units
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG - \$40,000

	<b>Description</b>	Funding will be used for acquiring affordable, buildable land in the city of Lewisville. Note, this replacing funds that went unspent the previous year with a new allocation.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	\$40,000 in CDBG funds will be used to purchase land to build at least 1 home for 1 family.
	<b>Location Description</b>	unknown
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Habitat for Humanity of Denton County will purchase land within the City of Lewisville to build a home for a family in need.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehab/Minor Repairs
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	AFH Goal: Preservation of affordable housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low to Moderate homeowner households AFH Factor: Availability of Affordable Units
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG - \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	The City of Lewisville will continue to promote the development and sustainability of affordable housing through homeowner housing rehabilitation for minor repairs
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	\$20,000 in CDBG funds will be used to assist 3 homeowners with a minor home repair/improvement project.  Note, the CDBG Advisory Committee will consider increasing this amount at the public hearing on July21, 2020.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations city-wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Priority will be given to 1) elderly and disabled, 2) extremely low-income 3) residents of target neighborhoods.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	PediPlace - Pediatric Office Visits
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	AFH Goal: Enhance access to vital social services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Health and Mental Health Services AFH Factor: Lack of quality health care for some

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$63,500
	<b>Description</b>	PediPlace provides quality, cost-effective primary pediatric healthcare to children from birth through 18 years of age. This program serves uninsured Lewisville residents and supplement limited reimbursements from Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	\$63,500 in CDBG funds will be used to provide 706 health-related services to 192 people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	502 S Old Orchard Lane Ste. 126 Lewisville, TX 75067
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	PediPlace provides quality, cost-effective primary pediatric healthcare to children from birth through 18 years of age. This program serves uninsured Lewisville residents and supplement limited reimbursements from Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
5	<b>Project Name</b>	SPAN - Meals on Wheels
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	AFH Goal: Enhance access to vital social services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Special Needs Populations
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$27,500
	<b>Description</b>	Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals and nutrition education to seniors to assist in meeting daily nutritional needs. The program includes noon-time meals delivered by volunteers to home-bound seniors and congregate lunches at senior centers and senior living facilities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	\$27,500 in CDBG funds will be used to pay a portion of the cost to provide 16,566 meals to 140 people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals and nutrition education to seniors to assist in meeting daily nutritional needs. The program includes noon-time meals delivered by volunteers to home-bound seniors and congregate lunches at senior centers and senior living facilities.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	CASA - Court Advocacy Program Cases
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	AFH Goal: Enhance access to vital social services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Special Needs Populations
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$14,480
	<b>Description</b>	The CASA Court Advocacy Program provides community volunteers, to advocate in the civil court system, for the individual needs and best interests of children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services due to abuse and/or neglect.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	\$14,480 in CDBG funds will be used to staff 45 Child Advocacy Activities for 8 people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The CASA Court Advocacy Program provides community volunteers, to advocate in the civil court system, for the individual needs and best interests of children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services due to abuse and/or neglect.
7	<b>Project Name</b>	Denton County Friends of the Family - Shelter Days
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support efforts to combat homelessness
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$9,851
	<b>Description</b>	Emergency shelter program provides shelter, counseling, and advocacy to both adults and children who have become homeless as a result of domestic violence and/or sexual assault victimization. We provide comprehensive services to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault as they transition from crisis to safety and stability.

	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	\$9,851 in CDBG funds will be used to provide 143 shelter days for 4 people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Friends of the Family shelter at undisclosed location in Denton County.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Emergency shelter program provides shelter, counseling, and advocacy to both adults and children who have become homeless as a result of domestic violence and/or sexual assault victimization. We provide comprehensive services to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault as they transition from crisis to safety and stability.
8	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration PY2020
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	AFH Goal: Enhance access to vital social services Enhance infrastructure and public facilities Support efforts to combat homelessness
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low to moderate Income homeowner households Infrastructure Public Facilities Homelessness Health and Mental Health Services Special Needs Populations AFH Factor: Availability of Affordable Units AFH Factor: Access to Financial Services AFH Factor: Resistance to affordable housing AFH Factor: Discriminatory actions in the market AFH Factor: Lack of understanding of fair housing AFH Factor: Access to publicly supported housing AFH Factor: Lack of affordable housing for seniors AFH Factor: Lending Discrimination AFH Factor: Private Discrimination AFH Factor: Siting Selection Policies AFH Factor: Practice for publicly supported housin AFH Factor: Lack of quality health care for some
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$153,775

<b>Description</b>	The City will use administrative funds to develop and implement the program. These funds are also used to help generate additional opportunities for collaboration among partners and service providers.
<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Administrative funds. No direct benefit.
<b>Location Description</b>	151 W. Church St Lewisville, TX 75057
<b>Planned Activities</b>	The City will undertake a variety of tasks to facilitate the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan, including actions related to furthering fair housing through increased collaboration and coordination with outside agencies

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

### **Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

While the City of Lewisville will not target CDBG investments geographically, the City does prioritize some client selection based on locally designated Target Reinvestment Neighborhoods. The Target Reinvestment Neighborhoods are established areas in the City, as identified in Map X.1 of 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan, that have carried over from the City’s previous planning efforts. These reinvestment neighborhoods primarily overlap with the Low-Mod block groups, as shown in Map X.2 of 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan. However, "Edna-Charles" does not fall in a low/mod income block group, so future LMA activities there would be unlikely. Since these target neighborhoods are part of other City efforts, the City may prioritize client selection within these areas. The TRN also affect selection of volunteer projects and increased marketing for programs including a new local incentive program, the Property Enhancement Program (PEP) that gives any homeowner-occupant a \$1,000 match for exterior improvements. The match is increased up to \$5,000 for low-mod income owners. Note, PEP funding is on hold due to decreased revenue after the Coronavirus crisis and may not be available for the program year.

Beginning in 2017 the City also concentrated efforts on the Triangle neighborhood. 76% of area households are low/ mod income and 72% are Hispanic. Nearly all live in apartment communities and have no parks, grocery stores and other amenities in the immediate neighborhood. The city is working to complete a park project for the residents in the described area. Once completed, “Triangle Park” will be used for social gathering and recreation space for residents of the immediate area serving 3,600 Lewisville residents.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Citywide	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

During the course of the five planning years from 2017 through 2021, the City of Lewisville intends on distributing CDBG funds throughout the City based on a variety of factors, including the level of need and the capacity to meet needs. Therefore, funds will be available citywide, although may be targeted

to areas of high need during subsequent plan years.

### **Discussion**

This year's infrastructure/ public facility project calls for park improvements and pedestrian accessibility in the area between I-35, Highway 121 and Corporate Dr., especially targeting multi-family residential areas with high concentration of LMA population. Planning by the Parks Department, in collaboration with the Urban Land Institute highlighted the needs in this particular neighborhood.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	4
Non-Homeless	4
Special-Needs	0
Total	8

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	3
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	4

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### Discussion

The 2020 Plan Year has funds to support housing programs: the Friends of the Family domestic violence shelter, a Housing Rehab – Minor Repair program, and Habitat for Humanity. The Minor Repair program goal could be increased and will be considered at the July 21, 2020 public hearing.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The City does not operate any public housing units.

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

N/A

### **Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

N/A

### **If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

N/A

### **Discussion**

N/A

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

During the 2020 Program Year, the City will continue its efforts to support the Denton County Homeless Coalition through continued membership and collaboration.

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

#### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The City of Lewisville will maintain its membership and coordination with the Denton County Homeless Coalition. The Denton County Homeless Coalition utilizes coordinated entry, which helps match any household experiencing homelessness with any available and appropriate service in the County.

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

During PY 2020, the City is funding two efforts to help provide shelter options for homeless households with CDBG funds and one effort is being supported with local dollars. The first is funding for the Denton County Friends of the Family from CDBG, by providing emergency shelter for 143 days for 4 people. Next, The United Way of Denton County is being supported with \$15,000 of local funds to combat homelessness. Lastly, \$13,000 of City funds will go to Journey To Dream to provide shelter and services for homeless teens?

#### **Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

Through the use of coordinated entry, the Denton County Homeless Coalition uses eight locations within the County, including two locations in the City of Lewisville to assess the needs of homeless persons and families. This service will assess the current housing situations and connect the household with any available housing resources. These efforts help reduce the average length of homelessness, as well as prevent homelessness through linking households with services in an efficient manner for all service providers within the County area. The Denton County Homeless Coalition has also created a Barriers

Fund. This fund assists nonprofits that are working to promote housing stability and self-sufficiency.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

The Denton County Homeless Leadership Team continues efforts to follow discharge plans through partnerships with local hospitals and other systems of care to help ensure that persons are not discharged into homelessness. These efforts utilize existing resources within the County to place in need persons with available service providers.

## **Discussion**

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

**Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment**

### **Discussion:**

While the major barriers to affordable housing remain the high cost of land, materials, and labor, the City created a goal in the 2017 Assessment of Fair Housing to consider affordability during a planned rewrite of local development codes, which is currently underway. The code overhaul was already planned but affordability was added as a component. Additionally, the City Council considered housing affordability at its 2019 Council Retreat which resulted in funding for an affordable housing strategy study local funds. An RFP was conducted, but the decrease in revenue resulting from the Coronavirus crises put selection of a consultant on hold and the project may have to wait until the City conducts the 2022 Consolidated Plan.

This Action Plan includes continued funding to increase access to affordable housing and support sustainable homeownership through a Minor Repair program and for a Habitat for Humanity build.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

The City recognizes the large amount of unmet needs within the City, including the approximate 9,900 households at or below 80 percent HAMFI that have housing problems. Addressing the needs of these households, as well as the needs of low to moderate income special needs groups continues to be a major focus of City efforts throughout this Consolidated Plan and during the 2020 program year.

The City has also undertaken additional efforts that are meeting the priority needs as identified in this Plan. The City is building a multi-generational rec center with City general funds, which helps address the public facility priority need. The City also has on-going activities for master trails throughout the City, addressing the infrastructure priority needs identified in the Plan. These plans were recently enhanced with strategic planning for 10-minute walk to the park approach that highlighted underserved populations and led to this year's Action Plan project for park development.

The City has worked to create a coalition, Together Lewisville Coalition, which brings local government, non-profits, faith based organizations, and businesses together. This coalition works to identify unmet needs and find the resources to fill the gaps. Two initiatives this Coalition created are a One Stop Pop Up Shop and a Resource Expo. These efforts bring multiple non-profit case workers and residents to one location. A resident is able to receive resources from multiple agencies in one day rather than traveling around the county and making multiple appointments. The Resource Expo is a larger, more centralized semi-annual event, while the pop-ups is smaller, more focused efforts in places with underserved population. Due to COVID-19 the in person events are on hold, but will resume as soon as possible.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

As the major obstacle to meeting underserved needs continues to be a lack of available resources, the City of Lewisville will continue to seek out additional funding opportunities. In addition, the City will continue to develop the Together Lewisville Coalition to increase collaboration, find resources, and increase the impact of available funding.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

During the 2020 Program Year, the City will re-establish and Housing Rehab program by funding Minor Repairs. Unfortunately, the homeownership program ended in 2019 due to high cost of housing. City planning and management are looking how affordability can be taken into consideration as the City

revises its zoning ordinances.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City will continue to increase community awareness by providing information to Lewisville residents. This information is provided to housing renovation projects at risk of lead-based paint, as well as providing adequate mitigation for any projects undertaken by City efforts. The City provides lead-based paint information to First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program (FHAP) clients when they begin their search for a home. If a client of the Housing Rehabilitation Program owns a home that was built before 1978, lead-based paint removal or mitigation is included in the scope of work. The City funded program, Property Enhancement Program (PEP) also provides information regarding lead-based paint to all clients. Lead-based paint activities, such as testing and use of qualified contracts, are eligible activities for PEP reimbursement.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The City, through direct funding and projects as well as partnerships with outside service providers, will support efforts that provide a full range of services to promote self-sufficiency. Through increasing access to vital health and social services, the City will strive to help meet the needs of poverty-level families. The Salvation Army continues to work on their new Community Center. This Community Center will help Salvation Army provide more services to low income residents that will help them find jobs. The City has designated \$170,000 for public service programs to aid families and residents who are considered low to moderate income. The City will fund three different agencies that assist LMI residents with various financial resources and programs. The Salvation Army will receive \$14,950 from local funds this year to help residents in financial crisis. Christian Community Action (CCA) has a Family Assistance Program that provides services that are tailored to each family's situation and needs. CCA will receive \$14,950 from the City's general fund. Additionally, United Way of Denton County's main focus are services and resources for the homeless population. They will be funded \$15,000. Also, local dollars will aid various social services to Lewisville residents by providing funding: \$2,500 to Camp Summit, \$11,000 to Chisolm Trail, \$31,400 to Communities In Schools, \$7,849 to Denton County Friends of Family, \$9,250 to Denton County MHMR, \$30,000 to Health Services of North Texas, \$13,000 to Journey to Dream, \$14,601 to New Hope Learning Center.

The City of Lewisville will also receive \$452,305 in CDBG CV funds that will assist LMI residents of Lewisville.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City will continue to work with outside agencies and organizations that encourage collaboration and joint efforts to meet the needs of Lewisville residents and provide effective service with the available

resources. Some of the programs the City is involved in that continue to encourage collaboration are Together Lewisville Coalition and its initiatives, Social Service Round Tables with Town of Flower Mound, Homeless Leadership Team, and Homeless Coalition.

### **Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

The City of Lewisville continues to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and service agencies through a variety of means, including membership and participation with the Denton County Homeless Coalition, referrals to the Denton Housing Authority, and referrals to privately assisted housing project in the City. The City also offers a variety of technical service activities for developers, non-profits, coalitions and neighborhood groups interested in developing housing or activities related to the CDBG program and other community development efforts. A program that the Barriers Fund is developing called Doors for Denton County will provide financial assurances to local property managers and landlords concerned with perceived risks, and will ultimately increase housing stability for low-income families. The City has established communication to the Resident Services Coordinator for Atlantic Housing Foundation who manages Stone Creek Apartments, a non-profit housing option for qualified Lewisville residents.

### **Discussion:**

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

This plan covers a single year from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

**Attachments: 10 Minute Walk to Park / Triangle Park Information**

Grantee Unique Appendices



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Why the 10-Minute Walk?

**PARKS HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL POWER**

**1 ACRE OF TREES**  
absorbs the carbon dioxide produced by  
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**PARKS HAVE HEALTH POWER**

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*3 or more days a week.*

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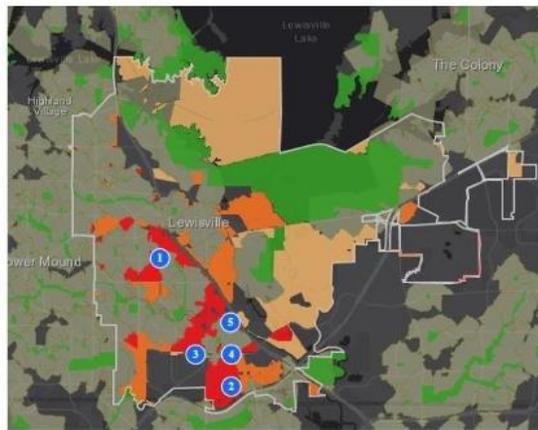
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## Lewisville, Texas



TPL Parkserve

**60.4%**

Current percentage of residents living within a 10 minute walk to a park

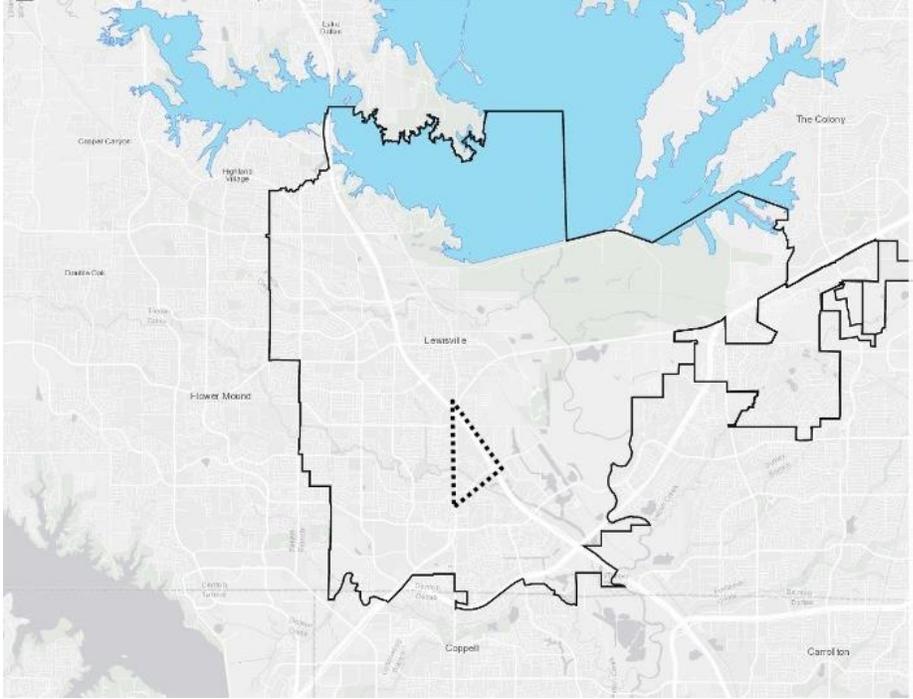


# The Study Area

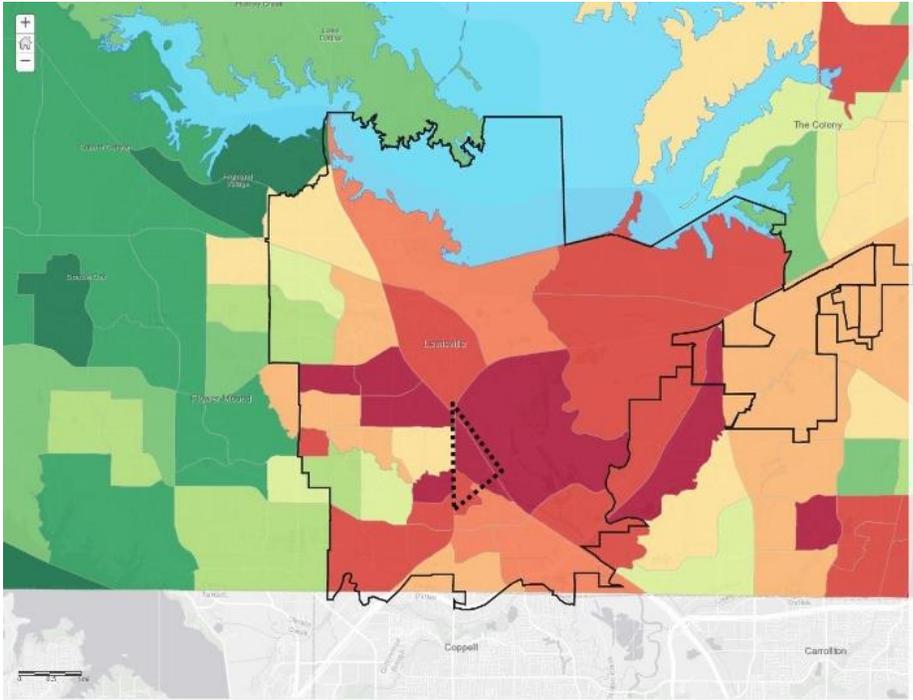


Aerial





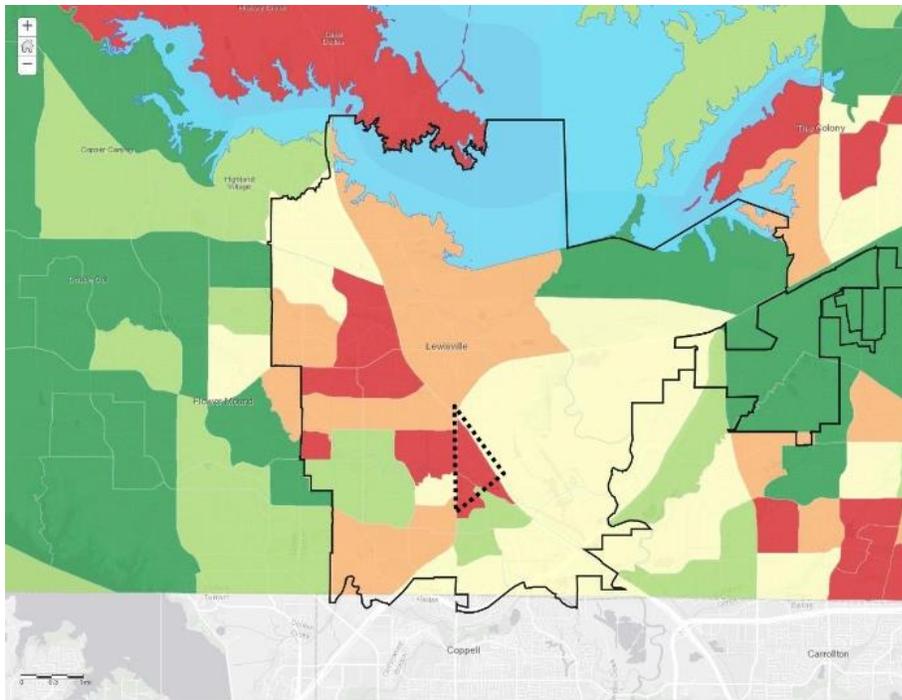
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**Measuring Project Impact**



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**71.5%**  
 Non-White/Hispanic



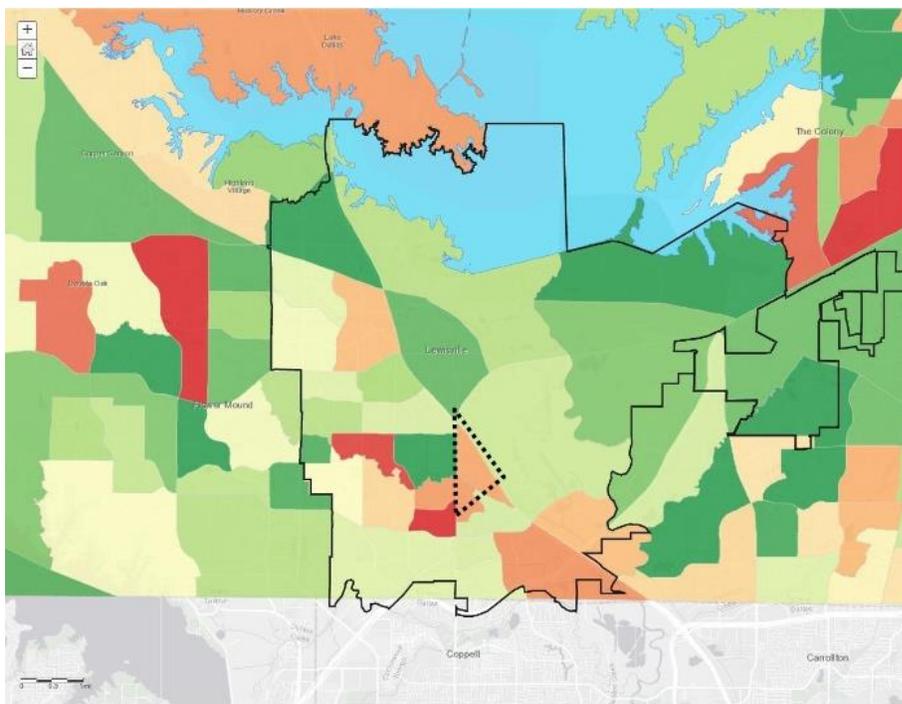
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**26.1%**  
Associate's or Bachelor's



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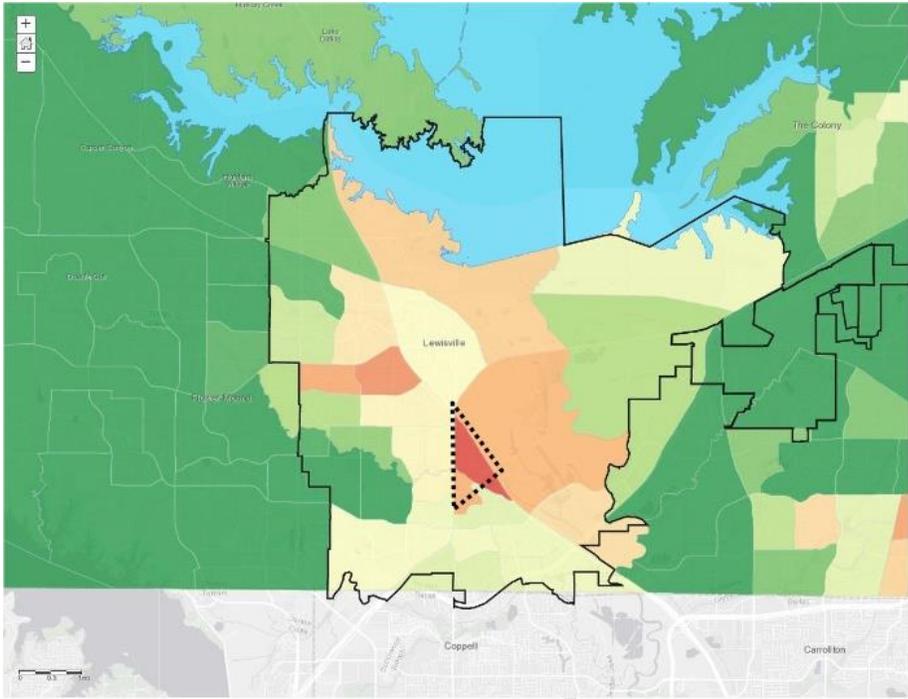
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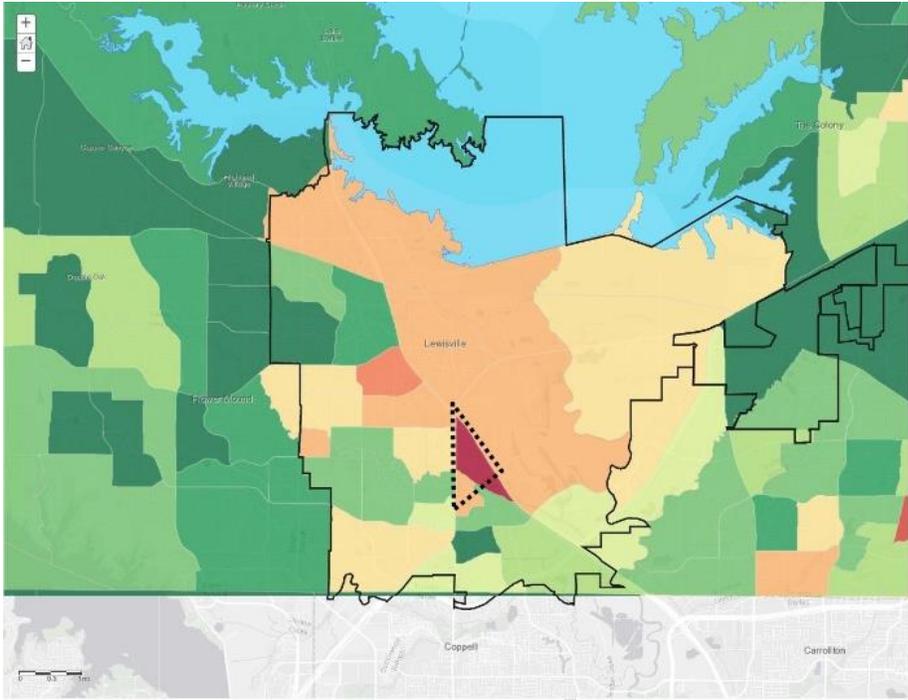


**6%**  
Unemployment



### Quantifying Equity Measuring Project Impact

-  **71.5%**  
Non-White/Hispanic
-  **26.1%**  
Associate's or Bachelor's
-  **6%**  
Unemployment
-  **\$35,000**  
Median HH Income



### Quantifying Equity Measuring Project Impact

-  **71.5%**  
Non-White/Hispanic
-  **26.1%**  
Associate's or Bachelor's
-  **6%**  
Unemployment
-  **\$35,000**  
Median HH Income
-  **406**  
Children in Poverty

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## National Study Visit Process: March 27 – 29, 2019

 Briefing materials

 Tour of the study area

 Stakeholder interviews

 Develop actionable recommendations

 Public Presentation



## Study Questions from Lewisville, Texas

1. Identify **creative opportunities to increase connectivity** to existing parks, greenbelts and/or open space in or near the triangle? What strategies can be employed to enhance equity at new or existing connections?
2. Identify opportunities to **convert existing** City of Lewisville **drainage right-of-way, easements and/or open space** in or near the triangle to parks or trails. What **placemaking strategies** can be employed to create community gathering and activity opportunities.
3. What are the successful **community processes** to engage the wide range of stakeholders for creating strategies for improving the 10MWP ratios in the triangle?
4. What **investment and partnership strategies** can Lewisville employ to encourage **existing businesses** and multi-family residential units improve connectivity to existing parks, greenbelts and open space in or near the triangle?
5. What **incentive** or **regulatory approaches** can Lewisville employ to **spark redevelopment of properties** near the northern corner of the triangle and encourage the inclusion of parks, open space and trails?



## Study Questions from Lewisville, Texas

6. The triangle is within an **Opportunity Zone**, how can the City leverage/market that to potential developers for redevelopment of multifamily housing to include public spaces?
7. What strategies can be employed to **fund infill sidewalk and trail projects on undeveloped property**, or property that was developed prior to the requirement for sidewalk construction. Is there a way to fund the infill with public funds and recover the cost from property owners?
8. What are **creative ways to engage the population** in this area which is predominantly made up of multi-housing units and **Spanish speaking residents**? We want to ensure the **community and cultural needs** of the residents are represented in the 10MWP triangle.
9. What are creative strategies for **employing micro-parks** in areas where larger open spaces are not achievable? Can the **amenities** of public spaces **be incorporated into the connectivity** elements to create spaces that function as both?



## Key Opportunities for Lewisville

- **Community Engagement**
  - Stronger Together
  - Create social cohesion and stewardship
- **Park Planning and Services**
  - Achieve 100% Park Access
  - Activate existing spaces
- **Connections and access**
  - Stitch the community together
  - Create walking and biking connections
- **Funding and Investment Partners**
  - Leverage partnerships to foster development
  - Create a sense of place



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## Equity

- **Equity is...**  
when everyone, regardless of who they are or where they come from has the opportunity to thrive.



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Health Equity



# Progress and Future Action

- Increased community connections
  - Community Resources Expo
  - Chin Community Fair
  - Autumn Breeze Apartments
- Community Engagement Training/Awareness
  - Place IT Workshop
  - Latino Urbanism Presentation
- Inclusion of Place IT Strategies in future engagement initiatives
  - Park and public planning
  - Park and program development



## Park Planning: How to Achieve 100% Park Access

### Strategies

- Increase the number of parks by studying opportunities for greater trail connectivity
- Land Acquisition and Design for select sites
- Engage community in design process
- Use innovative short-term/temporary park solutions to bridge current park access gap
- Community Land Trusts and Non-Profit Management
- Funding and Support from Future Lewisville Parks Foundation
- Encourage Public Access to Private Greenspaces through Policy or Incentives



Photo credits: City of Lewisville, Design Workshop, and Landscape Architecture Foundation

## Park Planning: Approach

- Invest in various park types
  - Community Parks
  - Green Centerpiece Nature Park
  - Signature Community Plaza Park
  - Temporary Parks and Pop-Ups
- Programming Considerations
  - Community Gathering Spaces
  - Health & Fitness Programming
  - Everyday Hangout Areas
  - Nature Programming
  - Play and Activities for Both Children and Older Youth



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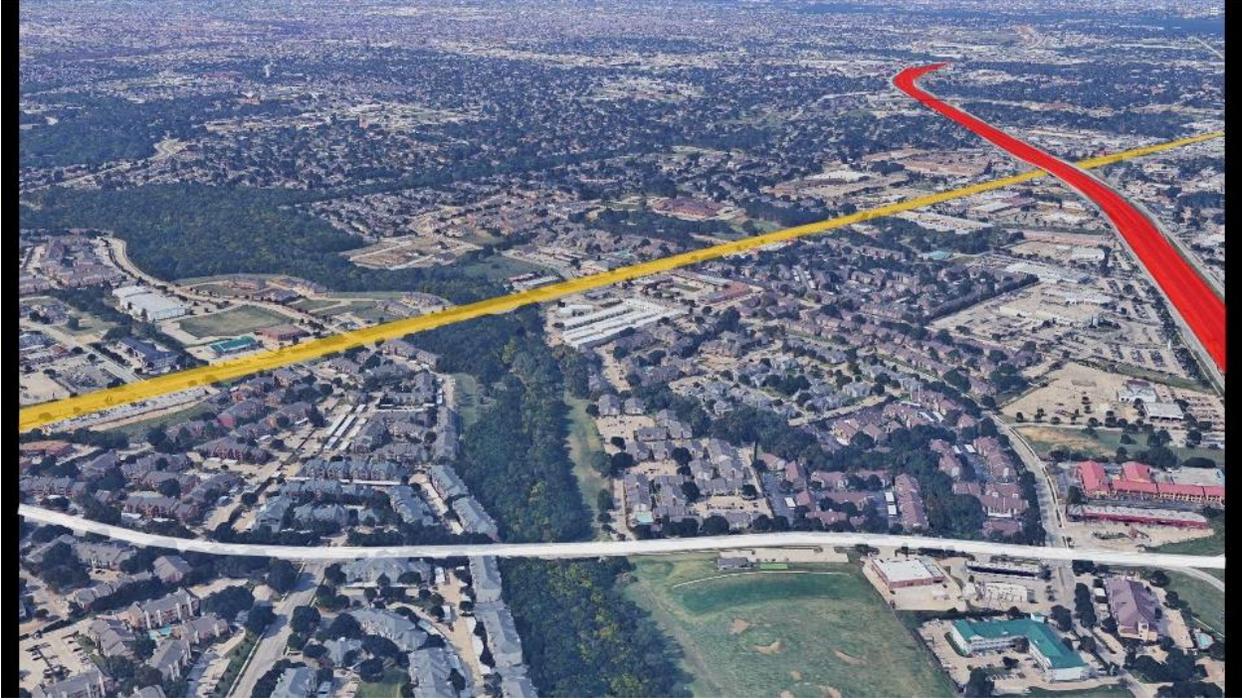
## Park Planning: What Could New Parks Look Like?

- 3 New Community Parks
  - 2 Signature Parks
    - Addition as an Extension of the Green Centerpiece
    - Signature Park Designed to Serve as the "Community Plaza"
  - 1 Schoolyard-to-Park Opportunity



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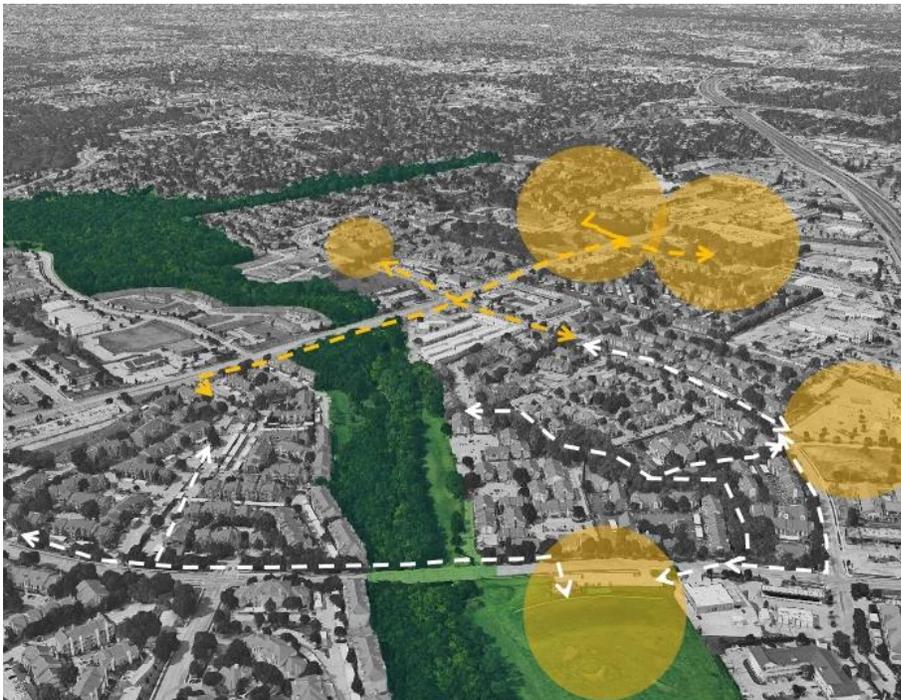






## Timber Creek Linear Park

1. Stream Beautification
2. Pedestrian Passages
3. Community Visioning
4. Trail Design & Construction
5. Network Integration



## Future Park Plaza or Zocalo

1. Identify potential parcels
2. Consider access
3. Evaluate purchase or partnership
4. Purchase/Execute agreement
5. Community Visioning
6. Design & Construction



## Quantifying Equity Measuring Project Impact

1. Create walkable park access for 4,000 people (+ 4%!)
  - 60% → 85%



2. **Equity:** Prioritizing investment in communities where it will have the biggest impact

## Providing Park and Recreation Services

### Development of Micro or Pocket Parks

- There is limited vacant land available in the study area
- Land acquisition can be a costly and lengthy process
- Park size is not always important provided that the park offers an amenity or amenities that meet community needs such as basketball courts, soccer/futsal courts, and playgrounds
- Examples: City of Los Angeles 50 Parks Initiative, L.A. City and County Partnerships with local land trusts



Photo credit: City of Los Angeles

## Providing Park and Recreation Services

### Temporary Street Closures for Recreation

- Closing some streets for recreational activities temporarily can also create additional opportunities for physical activity
- This can be a quick and low-cost way to create active play spaces for children
- Example: CicLAvia in Los Angeles, Play Street Program in New York City



Photo credit: CicLAvia



Photo credit: NYC Parks



## Providing Park and Recreation Services

### Mobile Recreation

- Mobile recreation is a means to bring more resources to the study area
- Portable soccer goals, basketball hoops, and skateboard ramps may be placed on vacant or parking lots on a regular basis or at special events
- This can also take the form of vans that bring exercise and play equipment to the community
- Example: Mobile Recreation Vans in New York City

#### Play Mobiles

Play Mobiles are stocked with games and toys and are most suitable for children.

#### Fitness Mobiles

Fitness Mobiles come with exercise equipment and instructors for physical activity on-the-go.



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## Providing Park and Recreation Services

### Transportation to Outside Parks and Recreational Amenities

- Residents without cars are less likely and less able to visit parks outside their neighborhood
- The City of Lewisville has some wonderful parks and recreational facilities such as Central Park and Lake Park
- Transporting residents, especially children, to some of these facilities is another way to address their recreation needs
- Example: Beach bus and The Link shuttle services in Los Angeles County



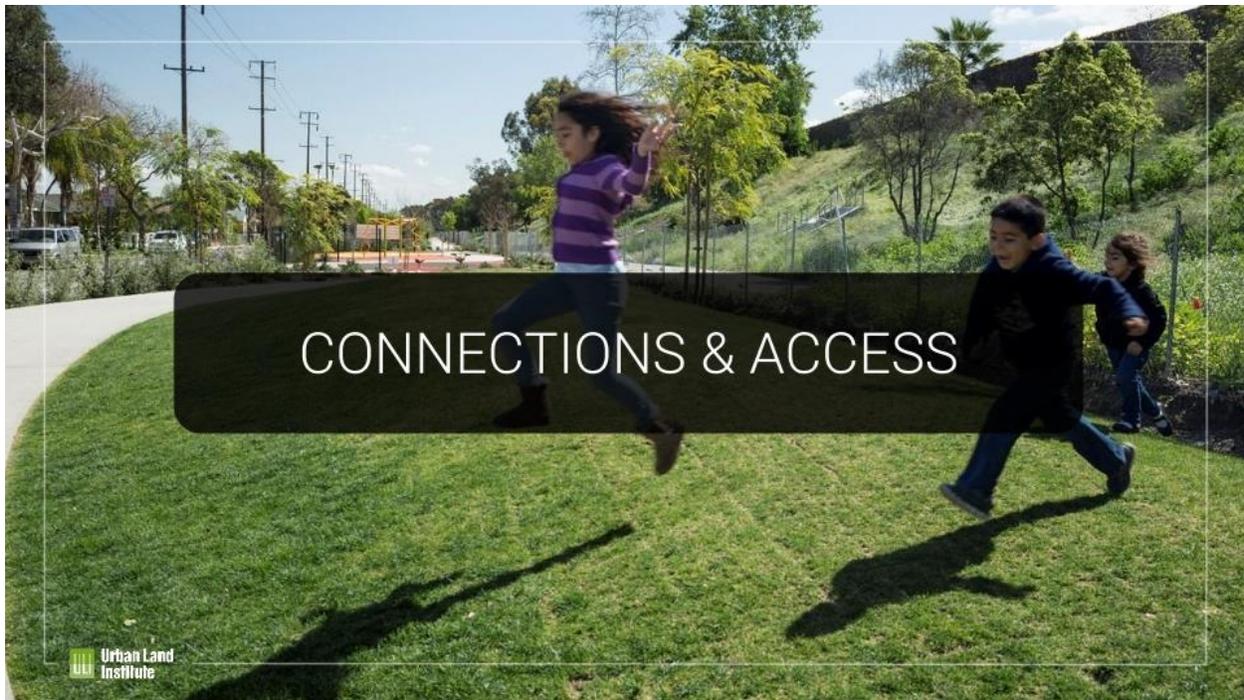
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## Progress and Future Action

- Short-Term
  - Initiate community engagement activities centered around greenspace
  - Start creek clean-up initiatives
  - Use temporary and pop-up parks
  - Mobile recreation
- Mid-Term
  - Consider planning and design for longer-term solutions
  - Work with outside partners to fund projects
  - Continue organizing community groups and empowering residents to “own” greenspaces
- Long-Term
  - Implement the vision, build parks and trails based on a community plan
  - Connect the study area to the rest of the city through parks and trails





## Leverage Regional Transportation Projects

Provide access with TxDOT projects

- Corporate Drive and Bus-121 / I-35 Interchange Improvements
- Incorporate quality pedestrian and bicycle facilities similar to Lake Park Road
- Retrofit existing city streets to provide access for people walking and biking



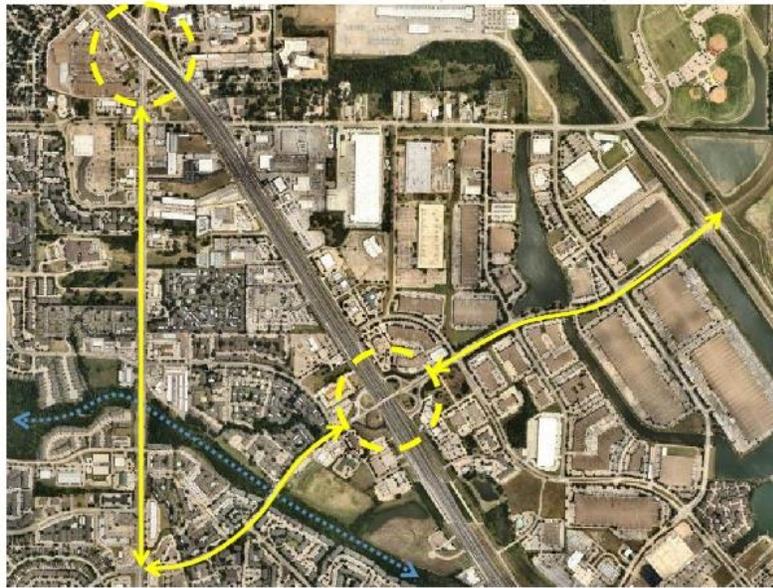
Source: Google Maps - Nov. 2018



## Connections

### Complete Streets

- Add a shared use path on the north side of Corporate Drive
- Add continuous wide separated sidewalks on both sides of Business 121



Source: City of Lewisville GIS



## Access: Stitching the Project Area

### Create access to accommodate people of all ages and abilities

- Perform a Road Safety Audit for Business 121
- Apply proven safety measures as recommended by FHWA such as high visibility crossings with appropriate signal crossing times for children
- Perform a technical study for new signal or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) at McCart Drive
- Evaluate a grade separated crossing over Business 121 at Lewisville Elementary



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## Connections & Access: Building Healthy Corridors

ULI Case Study: Aurora Avenue North - Shoreline, Washington



Photo credit: City of Shoreline (before)



Photo credit: City of Shoreline (after)



## Connections & Access: Safe Routes to School

Educate and Encourage families to walk to school

- Create a Safe Routes to School committee with LISD, City of Lewisville, community members
- Apply for SRTS funds through NTCOG
- Develop a Safe Routes to School Plan
- Celebrate Walk to School Day
- Educate students and parents on traffic safety
- Plan a monthly Walking School Bus



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## Progress and Next Steps

- Safe Routes to School
  - NCTCOG grant seminar
  - Discussions with LISD
  
- TXDoT
  - Business 121 pedestrian improvements
    - Sidewalks
    - Crosswalks
    - HAWK walk
    - Timber Creek crossing
  - Corporate Drive/IH-35 overpass pedestrian improvements



## Long-Term Recommendations:

Integrate strategies for multiple “Big Moves” identified in Lewisville 2025 vision.

- Implement Lewisville 2025 vision for central node at Business 121 and IH 35E (Big Move #7).
  - Consider forming a new TIF (such as a barbell TIF), PID, and/or market tax credits
  - Implement funding mechanisms before interchange upgrades are completed.
- Allocate funding to park/trail improvements (Big Move #2)
- Include affordable housing program to ensure long-term mixed income development (Big Move #4).
- Look to include a variety of densities and types (Big Move #5).



Source: Lewisville 2025 Vision. [www.cityoflewisville.com](http://www.cityoflewisville.com)



## Long-Term Recommendations

Creating a Destination/Sense of Place for the Area

- Co-development opportunities to incorporate signature park
  - Acquire or form development partnership(s)
- Link to Timber Creek where possible
- Involve adjacent multi-family property owners
  - Land donations/access for plaza amenity
  - Shared parking agreements
  - Access easements between properties to create neighborhood trail network



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