

Joint Projects With Texas A & M University and the TAMU System

Ongoing and Past Collaborative Efforts having success

UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS

1. **Shared Utility Easements** - Recently BTU was allowed to place a major electric transmission line in a City of College Station public utility easement adjacent to the City's new water transmission line. The BTU electric transmission line services the west campus of TAMU.
2. **Planet Earth Celebration** - The Planet Earth Celebration has been sponsored by the Cities of Bryan and College Station Energy, Solid Waste, and Water Services Departments, the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency, and the Texas A&M University Physical Plant. Past Planet Earth events have been located on the Texas A&M campus as well as other sites throughout the community. The free event features community wide education on water conservation, water quality, energy conservation, recycling, waste reduction, and composting in the form of booths, displays, and demonstrations. Other attractions include bush collection boom demonstrations, fire hydrant painting, a backhoe rodeo, a Joy Jump, games, give aways, music and free refreshments.
3. **Master Composter Training Course** - BVSWMA holds two Master Composter Training classes per year, which provide an opportunity for hands-on experience, lectures by guest speakers, instructional books and videos, and an overview of the latest composting tools and techniques. The program is designed to train committed individuals who want to gain composting expertise and assist in educating their community in the area of backyard composting. The Cities of Bryan and College Station provide staff for presentations covering their solid waste collection practices at each training class. The City of Bryan provides a class tour at their compost facility, the City of College Station provides a class tour of their Landfill and the class tours the Holistic Garden at Texas A&M University.
4. **Recycling Aboard TAMU Buses** – TAMU will provide a bus recycling program. The City of College Station Public Works Department provided recycling containers for all TAMU buses. This recycling program will allow students to recycle paper materials including office paper (white and colored), computer paper and newspaper.
5. **Area Wide Drainage Standards** – The Cities of College Station and Bryan have contracted with TEEX to facilitate discussion with local engineers and developers to establish an area wide drainage standard.
6. **Water Transmission Line** - Transmission line interconnection with TAMU for emergency use.
7. **Water Distribution Line** - Two distribution line interconnections with TAMU for emergency use.
8. **Parallel Water Transmission Line** - The new line crosses TAMU property along 2818.

9. **West Side Water Service** - The line along 2818 from Dowling Road to F&B serves as a second tie to Northgate facilitating better water pressures and fire flows for future development in the area. The line crosses TAMU property and allows for more uniform water flows when using the TAMU/CS Distribution Interconnection in the Northgate Area.
10. **Callaway House** - Contracted wastewater treatment for this development by TAMU for the City of CS.
11. **Pornada Property at 2818 and F&B** - Contracted wastewater treatment for this development by TAMU for the City of CS.
12. **TAMU Class Tours** - Students in various classes from TAMU tour the Carters Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant with CS employees describing the processes and equipment.
13. **TAMU Stormwater Master Plan** - TAMU agrees to implement detention on the main campus in order to mitigate the effects of increased runoff in the City due to campus development.
14. **Northgate Sewer Line** - This is part of a utility system upgrade in the Northgate area. The sewer system needs to be enlarged to accommodate increased flows due to new development in Northgate. Particularly, the new Traditions Dormitory. The new sewer line crosses TAMU property near Hensel Park. TAMU is granting an easement across its property. We are sizing the line to accommodate service to the University Duplex property owned by TAMU.
15. **New Traffic Signals** - TAMU is funding all of one and part of another signal on Hwy 60. One will be at Polo Field Road across University from married student housing. The other will be at Discovery and Raymond Stotzer, a major entrance to Research Park and Reed Arena.
16. **Jones Butler Road** - We have been working with the University to secure permission to extend Jones Butler Road from Luther Street to George Bush Drive.
17. **Communication With TTI** - We have agreements with the Texas Transportation Institute at A&M allowing them to use our fiber loop to gather traffic data for research purposes. TTI, in turn, provides us with valuable advice and assistance in making ours one of the most advanced traffic signal systems in the state.
18. **Railroad Pre-empt** - TTI is using the Wellborn corridor as a research site to develop new technology for safely coordinating the movement of trains, vehicles and pedestrians. We provide data and communications and we benefit from the solutions developed by the research.
19. **TAMU/College Station/TxDOT Joint Sidewalk Project** - In 2004 these 3 entities teamed up to fund a project that constructed sidewalks along the perimeter of the TAMU campus on TxDOT right-of-way. These were roads with heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic; George Bush Drive, Wellborn Road, and University Drive.

PUBLIC SAFETY

20. **Easterwood Fire Station** - Through an Interlocal Agreement College Station Fire Department is staffing a structural engine with a minimum crew of three personnel at the Easterwood Fire Station. The station was built with funding provided by the FAA, Easterwood Airport, and Texas A&M University. Under the agreement the City of College Station is responsible for paying 80% of the O&M cost for this facility. This is a joint use facility in which College Station provides structural response to areas in the Northwest areas of our city and TAMU. One City fireman is always in the Easterwood Fire Station to drive the Crash Fire Rescue which is housed in the same facility.
21. **Hazardous Materials Response** - Texas A&M University Health and Safety Office personnel are available and will assist College Station Fire Department personnel on Hazardous Materials responses within our jurisdiction. TAMU and College Station Fire Department personnel attend the same training courses and are in line with operating procedures of each organization. The two agencies coordinate the purchase of equipment in order to minimize duplication.
22. **Cooperative Efforts with the Emergency Response Training Center** - College Station Fire Department works closely with the Emergency Response Training Center (formally the Fire Training School) on various training activities. In the past CSFD has provided resources such as fire engines, ambulances, and personnel for the purpose of assisting with the making of various training videos. CSFD's Training Coordinator assists with testing of Cadets from the Recruit Fire Training program. CSFD benefits by either no-cost or reduced-cost training for our personnel. CSFD provides volunteer members to the Texas Task Force One emergency response team housed at TAMU.
23. **Fire Investigations at TAMU** - The College Station Fire Department provides fire investigation services to TAMU. This cooperative effort is through an agreement with CSFD and TAMU PD.
24. **TAMU Student Paramedics Ride-out with CSFD Ambulances** – TAMU Paramedic students ride out with CSFD ambulances as part of their EMT and Paramedic training. Texas Department of Health guidelines require actual hands on field experience riding and working on an ambulance for EMT and Paramedic state certification.
25. **Ball Games** - Police Department develops traffic plans for football, baseball and some basketball game traffic. Security is provided by CSPD only at football games. The Motors Unit provides escort services to the football team when they go to out of town games within the state and also escorts the football team during home games. Reimbursement by TAMU is at 100 percent for security and escort services and 50 percent for traffic planning and control services.
26. **Bee a Good Neighbor** - In an effort to heighten awareness of quality of life issues in College Station, CSPD has teamed up with Texas A&M University to educate students on personal responsibility issues such as alcohol abuse, noise, and code violations. Prior to each football season, CSPD in cooperation with CS Code Enforcement and Student Life on campus coordinate neighborhood parties, knock and talks, and meetings with such student groups as Greek Life, fraternities and sororities, and the apartment association to heighten awareness of quality of life and personal responsibility issues.

27. **Noise Abatement Program (Party Patrol)**- In addition to the educational campaign the two entities also join forces to take enforcement action on loud party complaints. Teams made up of officers from each entity work together on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights to work yell practice and then loud parties in College Station. Doing so enables us to increase our resources dedicated to this issue. In turn allowing us to improve our response time and handle these types of complaints in a timely manner. Prior to this program, these complaints would hold for several hours due to the existence of higher priority calls
28. **International Students** - International Students- CSPD works with University Police Department to develop strategies to reach out to international student population in order to alleviate misconceptions, address cultural differences, and open communication.
29. **Joint Crime Fighting Efforts** – The Cities of College Station and Bryan, Brazos County and TAMU participate in joint investigator and crime analyst meetings monthly. The same agencies participate in the local FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.
30. **County Wide Mutual Aid** - establishing shared (police, fire, EMS, and more) resources on a regular basis and in a time of crises. This agreement provides for equipment and personnel to work outside their employed jurisdiction. The agreement is between Brazos County, Texas; Brazos County Volunteer Fire Departments 1,2 &3; South Brazos County Volunteer Fire Department; the City of Bryan, Texas; the City of College Station, Texas; the City of Kurten, Texas; the City of Wixon Valley, Texas; and Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.
- Hazardous Material response - The City of College Station takes the lead with support from the City of Bryan.
- Technical Rescue - The City of Bryan takes the lead with support from the City of College Station.
- Marine Rescue - The City of Bryan takes the lead with support from the City of College Station.
- Mobile Command Post - This vehicle is provided by City of College Station.
31. **Regional Mutual Aid** - establishing shared resources on a regular basis and in a time of crises upon request from another jurisdiction. This agreement provides for equipment and personnel to work outside their employed jurisdiction within the boundaries of the Brazos Valley Council of Governments. The agreement is between Brazos County, Texas; Burleson County, Texas; Grimes County, Texas; Leon County, Texas; Madison County, Texas; Robertson County, Texas; Washington County, Texas and the entities within.
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32. **Emergency Management Planning and Coordination** – The Interjurisdictional Emergency Management Program was established in 2003 with both the City and TAMU participating. Standardized emergency plans have been developed by and for all governmental entities in the county.

33. **Reverse 911 Ringback Notification System** - This is a program that uses a combination of database and GIS (computer mapping) technologies. It is capable of quickly targeting a precise geographic area and saturating it with thousands of calls per hour. A database of groups of individuals with common characteristics such as a Neighborhood Crime Watch group or emergency personnel has been created for contacting a specific group rapidly whenever necessary. The Cities of Bryan and College Station, Brazos County, Brazos County 911 District and Texas A&M University participate in the cost of maintenance of this service.
34. **E911 over Voice over Internet Protocol** – The City has entered into an agreement with TAMU to have public safety dispatchers in the Police Department test prototype E911 over VoIP systems. This project involves several universities throughout the nation and is funded by federal grants. The City’s participation is in-kind only.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (P&DS)

35. **Campus Master Plan Advisory Committee** – During this intensive long range planning process, P&DS and other City staff contributed to this committee’s work program.
36. **Campus Facilities Planning Committee** – This committee generally meets on a quarterly basis with College Station having one or more representatives involved as ex-officio members to the committee.
37. **Guest Lecturing** – Routinely P&DS staff are called upon to bring knowledge and real world experience into the classroom serving the Urban Planning, Land Development, Civil Engineering and other programs.
38. **Transportation Studies** – P&DS and other City staff have collaborated with TAMU to analyze commuting patterns of students and faculty with bike/pedestrian studies.
39. **Master of Urban Planning Professional Advisory Council (MUPPAC)** – Three P&DS staff have been appointed to serve on the Council, this will help strengthen the relationship of the City with this great resource at TAMU. Future collaborative opportunities may arise through this.
40. **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan** – The City participated in the creation of an ITS Plan for the TxDOT region. The governmental entities in the region participating in this plan were Brazos County, TAMU, Sam Houston University, Blinn College, City of Bryan and many more. An ITS Plan is required prior to entities in the region being granted federal funding from certain types of federal programs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

41. **University Drive Pedestrian Improvements** - The Economic Development Department is currently working with officials from Texas A & M University and TXDOT in order to make University Drive a more pedestrian friendly roadway. This included jointly selecting an engineering firm and overseeing the master planning of the project.
42. **Northgate Implementation Redevelopment Plan** - The Economic Development Department collaborated with Texas A & M University (which jointly funded the plan) to

develop an updated redevelopment plan for the Northgate District. Other entities that were consulted during the planning initiative include: City of Bryan, The District, the Northgate District Assn., area churches, merchants, property owners, and TXDOT.

43. **Wolf Pen Creek Amenity Identification** - The City of College Station collaborated with the Texas A & M University Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism to identify potential venues for the Wolf Pen Creek District. Ideas generated from this collaboration include an ice rink (developed) and water feature(s) which is currently under concept development.
44. **Software Commercialization & Innovation Center** - This project was a joint collaboration with both cities, Texas A & M University and the business community and served as a community incubator.
45. **Joint Business Recruiting** - College Station, Texas A & M University, the City of Bryan and the Research Valley Partnership jointly attended a trade show in an effort to recruit businesses to the community.
46. **Wayfinding** - Economic Development Department initiated discussions on funding common wayfinding signage throughout the community. Community partners that were approached include Texas A & M University, Brazos County, and the City of Bryan. Brazos County elected not to participate in funding. The University, College Station and the City of Bryan are jointly funding a wayfinding study which is currently underway and it is anticipated that multiple entities will participate in funding the actual signage.

PARKS AND RECREATION

47. **Games of Texas** - This was a joint effort with TAMU, Bryan, and the CVB to host the annual state athletic games. The games are governed by the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation and included approximately 7,500 athletes of all ages competing in 14 separate events. The community hosted the event in 1988, 1994 and 2000. TAMU Athletic Department plays a critical role in the provision of facilities and support services. Without them, we could not host the event.
48. **Hensel Park** - The City has provided some funds for development of facilities in the park. The city also provides maintenance for the facilities that were purchased by the city.
49. **Research/Class Projects** - We cooperate with many TAMU classes and faculty by speaking to classes and providing facilities for on-going and one time studies. The use of Lick Creek Park for research has been particularly beneficial for both parties. Most recently, the park has been used as a location for a regional air quality monitoring station to determine the effects of Houston/Galveston generated pollution on the local area.
50. **International Student/Faculty Picnic** - This is an annual event co-sponsored with TAMU International Programs and the Bush Library. The event is organized each year for international faculty and graduate students that are new to the community. It provides an opportunity to welcome these guests to our community and introduce them to local dignitaries and customs.
51. **NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament** - TAMU will host the 2005 NCAA Womens Championship the first weekend of December. As part of this event, TAMU will also host a very large youth soccer tournament in the BCS community at the same time. College Station

will provide use of fields in Southwood, Central, Anderson and Veterans Park at no charge in support of this event which may attract up to 200 teams from throughout the nation.

CITY ADMINISTRATION

52. **Fraternal Relationship** - The City of College Station formed a committee in 2004 to pursue a fraternal relationship with the Spanish university city of Ciudad Real. Members of this committee include City officials, Research Valley partnership staff, Convention & Visitor Bureau staff, as well as senior Texas A&M officials. This committee was formed with the mission to create an exchange relationship with Ciudad Real that benefits the citizens of College Station and Ciudad Real in a number of areas including city government, business development, transportation, and higher education.

53. **Information Sharing** - Public Communication representatives meet as needed to discuss potential combined marketing opportunities. This has resulted in marketing efforts for Ciudad Real partnership, International Scholars picnic, International Student presentation in Council meetings, Thunderbirds performance, Cotton Bowl, exchange of photographs.

All City press releases are sent to University Relations' Aggie Hotline for inclusion in the daily hotline report. The City's Public Communications & Marketing Dept. is a recipient of the Aggie Hotline.

Invitations to all city special events are sent to University Relations and other designated departments. The College Station Mayor, City Manager and/or Public Communications & Marketing Manager are on designated guest lists for TAMU Special Events.

When appropriate the City has information posted in TAMU's Human Resources Newsletter, which is distributed, to over 7,500 TAMU employees.

54. **Joint Purchasing Activities** - The City of College Station has interlocal agreements for joint purchasing activities with the following agencies; TAMU, City of Bryan, Brazos County, Burleson County, BVCOG, College Station ISD, Brazos 911 and Texas Forest Service. Successful joint purchases with TAMU have included fuel and office supplies.

55. **Joint HR Committees** - Human Resources Department staff members meet with, and serve on, established Texas A&M University Committees as requested. Staff has been provided for committees focused on Diversity Initiatives and Collaborative Training Grants.

56. **Brazos Valley Reads** - The Human Resources Department partnered with Texas A&M University's English Department in the "Brazos Valley Reads" project. As a result, the City established its own monthly book club, "First Friday Book Club."

57. **Internships** - The Human Resources Department works with Texas A&M University departments to establish various internship programs throughout the City. In 2005, the City of College Station and Texas A&M University's Political Science Department established the "*Gary Halter Internship in Public Service*" Program.

58. **Brazos Valley Community Network (BVCNet)** - BVCNet is a joint project involving CSISD, BISD, COCS, COB, Blinn College, Brazos County, BVCOG, RVP, St. Joseph Medical Center and TAMU which connects all these entities to a central point at TAMU via fiber optic lines. This project allows the Internet traffic between these entities to flow

through the interconnections without going out to the general Internet world. It also provides access to the Internet to citizens throughout the community by placing computer systems with Internet access in strategic areas accessible by the underserved. There are several projects being worked on by the two cities which are dependant on the connectivity provided by this project.

59. **Sharing of Fiber Optic Cable Infrastructure** - TAMU and the city have a joint fiber optic agreement which allows each to use dark fiber (no interconnection of networks) in the others Fiber Optic Infrastructure
60. **Reciprocal Agreements for 800 MHz Radio Systems** - TAMU and the city have reciprocal agreements to use their radio systems as back up.
61. **Use of TAMU Lab for Training GIS Users** - The City uses a TAMU lab to train City GIS users, the City pays for the classes based on the number of attendees.
62. **TAMU College of Architecture Created Easement Coverage in GIS** – TAMU College of Architecture was hired to do a GIS easement layer.
63. **Sharing of GIS Aerials** – The City of College Station shares its aerial flyover photos and data with City of Bryan, Brazos County and TAMU. The City of Bryan shares the same type of data with the City of College Station.
64. **IT Project Management Class** – The City brought in a trainer in 2005 and invited other entities to attend and share the cost on a prorated base. The following sent staff to this training; City of College Station (9), Bryan ISD (3), College Station ISD (1) and TAMU (3)