

Joint Projects with the City of Bryan

Ongoing and Past Collaborative Efforts having success

UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS

1. **Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency** - This is an interlocal agreement between the two cities to operate all solid waste disposal activities for Bryan and College Station. It was put in place in 1990.
2. **Household Hazardous Waste Collections** - The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection is sponsored by BVSWMA in partnership with the cities of Bryan and College Station. It is partially funded by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The collection is held twice a year at the Brazos Center, usually in the spring and fall. The collection is open to the public and is free to households. Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG) may dispose of their hazardous waste at a reduced cost by setting up an account with the HHW contractor prior to the event. Residents from Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington counties may dispose of their hazardous household wastes free of charge. The program offers residents a safe, economical way to dispose of hazardous wastes. These include items that are flammable, reactive, corrosive, or toxic. Solvents, pesticides, caustic cleaners, used oil, paint and batteries are examples of different types of household hazardous waste that will be accepted. Tires, medical waste, household garbage, ammunitions, and explosives are never accepted.

The City of Bryan provides employees for event activities, a representative for organizational and steering committee meetings, recycling containers, and coordinates the city CESQG accounts.

The City of College Station provides employees for event activities, a representative for organizational and steering committee meetings, removable magnetic signs for refuse vehicles advertising the collection, traffic control, cones, barricades, roll-off containers, transportation of non-hazardous waste, site safety procedures, site safety equipment, and coordinates the city CESQG accounts.

3. **Composting** - The City of College Station has been working with Bryan for a number of years on taking yard waste to Bryan's compost facility.
4. **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.

5. **Recycling Pilot Program** - Several years ago both cities participated in a joint recycling pilot program for curbside recycling with Texas Commercial Waste. College Station decided to continue the program. Bryan did not continue it.
6. **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 sites in both cities. 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.
7. **Purchase of Automated Sanitation Vehicles** - College Station and Bryan purchased their automated sanitation vehicles at the same time resulting in cost savings for both cities.
8. **Loaning Equipment** - College Station has loaned Bryan solid waste collection vehicles to cover their breakdowns; and have been told that if needed, College Station could borrow them from Bryan. The City of Bryan provided College Station a drag line and operator for two weeks to clean out Central Park ponds. College Station Parks Department loaned and set up temporary fencing for the Brazos Balloon Festival. Handheld radios and coordination for the boat races were also provided during the Balloon Festival. In addition the tree spade is occasionally used by the Bryan crews.
9. **Water Assistance** - Bryan and College Station have an Interlocal Agreement to provide assistance in meeting maximum demand and emergencies.
10. **Water and Wastewater Certification Training** - College Station and Bryan Water and Wastewater Divisions have Trainers approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality who cooperate in training for Licensing and Continuing Credit for employees from both cities. This saves on training budgets and duplication of efforts.
11. **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.
12. **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

PUBLIC SAFETY

13. **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.

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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.

14. **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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15. **Joint Officer Employment testing** –The two cities held a joint test for entry level Police officers in April 2005. This will be done on a regular basis and allowed us to increase our recruiting efforts and number of applications received.

16. **Automatic Aid** - The College Station Fire Department and the Bryan Fire Department have an automatic aid agreement that insures that the closest fire or EMS vehicle will respond to a call for help regardless of city boundaries.

17. **Paramedic Course** - The College Station Fire Department is putting on an in-house Paramedic Certification course with students from both BFD and CSFD in attendance. Instructors are being used from both fire departments.

18. **Aerial Ladder Training** - CSFD developed and is teaching aerial apparatus training for CSFD and BFD employees.

19. **Live Fire Training** - CSFD and BFD participate each year in joint live fire training drills conducted at Brayton Fire Training Field. The exercises insure joint operations will run smoothly on actual emergency scenes when automatic aid is used.

20. **Red Cross Golf Tournament** - Each year CSFD and BFD work together to host a local golf tournament to raise funds for the local Red Cross Office.

21. **Scotty's House** - CSFD, CSPD, BFD, BPD, Brazos County Sheriff's Office and Red Cross sponsor an annual baseball tournament to raise money for this charity for children.

22. **Brazos Valley Animal Shelter** - Both Cities provide funds for the operations of the animal shelter and have for a number of years.

23. **E-911** - Both cities participate in the E-911 program and have representatives on the Brazos 911 Board. The City of College Station has a separate public safety answering point (PSAP) which is the backup for the Brazos 911 PSAP and the Brazos 911 PSAP is the backup for City of College Station
24. **Emergency Management Planning and Coordination** – The Interjurisdictional Emergency Management Program was established in 2003 with both cities participating. Standardized emergency plans have been developed by and for all governmental entities in the county.
25. **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.
26. **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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

27. **Joint P&Z Commissions Meeting** – Joint P&Z meetings have occurred in the past. The College Station P&Z incorporated at least one such meeting into their recently adopted Plan of Work. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 22nd at the City of Bryan.
28. **Thoroughfare Planning** – The City of Bryan recently issued an RFP for a 5-year Comprehensive Plan Update. College Station and Bryan staff have established a dialogue concerning the pursuit of joint efforts for the development of a new thoroughfare plan that incorporates regional issues. Similar discussions have also been occurring at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) level regarding the possible development of a County-wide thoroughfare plan.
29. **Joint Design Guidelines** – The draft is complete after months of meeting among COCS and Bryan staff to develop reasonable street, drainage and other guidelines that could be uniform in both cities.
30. **Joint Subdivision Construction Standards** - The Cities of College Station and Bryan along with Brazos County have been working on joint subdivision construction standards. Water and sewer standards are complete with street standards soon to follow.
31. **Cooperation on Comprehensive Plan Consultant Services** - Staff from the Cities of College Station and Bryan have been discussing possible collaborative opportunities in acquiring these services as both cities are considering updating their comprehensive plans.
32. **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

33. **Economic Development Incentive Packages** - College Station has participated with Bryan in creating several joint economic incentive packages to recruit industry to the community. Sample examples include: Joint funding for the B/CS Development Fund, Rechargeable Battery Corporation, Universal Computer Systems, and Sanderson Farms.
34. **Research Valley Partnership** - The City of College Station, in partnership with the City of Bryan and Brazos County provide funds for the RVP, a regional economic development agency which provides marketing and recruitment services to the community as well as coordinates incentive packages to prospects to prevent unnecessary competition between the two cities for new businesses.
35. **Convention and Visitor's Bureau** - The City of College Station and the City of Bryan jointly fund the CVB through hotel motel funds collected by both cities.
36. **Fast Track Policy** - The City of College Station and the City of Bryan in conjunction with the RVP, jointly developed a fast track policy to speed economic development prospects through the development process.
37. **Joint Economic Development Incentive Guidelines (non-industrial)** - The City of College Station collaborated with the City of Bryan and the Bryan Business Council to develop incentive guidelines in an effort to address potential competitive issues.
38. **Database of available real estate** - The Economic Development Department presented the possibility of developing a joint database with the Bryan Business Council (BBC). The BBC declined to participate in the project.
39. **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.
40. **Explored revenue sharing and a joint industrial park** - City of College Station initiated the concept of having a jointly developed business park with the City of Bryan. The project did not move forward due to lack of legislative authority that would allow revenue sharing.
41. **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

42. **TMPA Regional Park** - Bryan and College Station, through the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency, are working with Grimes County to establish a major, nature-based regional park on land owned by TMPA. This site will ultimately include over 10,000 acres of land for hiking, camping, cycling, fishing and other uses.
43. **State and National Softball Tournaments** - The Bryan and College Station Parks and Recreation Departments have cooperated in putting on a number of state and national softball tournaments in the community as well as the Games of Texas 1988, 1994 and 2000. Facilities throughout the community including Bee Creek Park, Central Park, Veterans Park & Athletic Complex and the Bryan Regional Athletic Complex have been utilized for these events.
44. **Library Services** - The City of College Station has contracted with the City of Bryan since 1987 for library services at the branch library, and now the new library on Harvey Mitchell Parkway. This cooperation has resulted in a successful library system for all Brazos County library patrons.

CITY ADMINISTRATION

45. **College Station/Bryan Sign on Texas Avenue** - The utilities and maintenance for these signs are provided by the City of Bryan. College Station maintains the landscaping and irrigation.
46. **Brazos Beautiful** - Both Bryan, College Station, and Brazos County are contributors to this organization whose goal is to beautify the entire area.
47. **FM 2818 Crepe Myrtle Project** - This landscaping project among the City of Bryan, City of College Station, Texas A&M University and the Texas Department of Transportation provided 800 crepe myrtles along Harvey Mitchell Parkway. The trees were planted in the spring of 2000, with College Station overseeing the project.
48. **Joint Health and Safety Expo** – The City of College Station and Bryan along with Brazos County participate in a joint Health and Safety Expo that is designed to focus on wellness. The event is held on an annual basis.
49. **Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team** – CISM team members from both Cities work together to provide crisis intervention for any event in which there is a stressful impact sufficient enough to overwhelm the coping skills of an individual or group.
50. **Health Coverage Collaboration** - In 2003, the City entered into an interlocal purchasing agreement with the City of Bryan and Brazos County to develop a collective purchasing group health insurance program.
51. **Life Insurance Collaboration** – In 2004, the two Cities entered into an interlocal purchasing agreement to collaboratively purchase employee life, accidental death & dismemberment (AD&D) voluntary life and AD&D, and dependent life insurance.
52. **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 the City of Bryan have included stop loss insurance, fuel, hot mix asphalt, defibrillators, and more. Not all joint bidding processes have resulted in joint purchases, such as tires, concrete flat work, infrared cameras and fire hoses.

53. **Surplus Property Disposal** - Interlocal Agreements for miscellaneous purchasing activities also allow us to dispose of surplus property through joint auctions. In the past, we have conducted joint 'live' auctions together. However, with the electronic capabilities to hold on-line auctions, each agency is disposing of surplus property more efficiently and effectively through their individual agreements for on-line auction services.
54. **Joint Vendor Fair** - The City of College Station coordinates quarterly vendor training through the Small Business Development Center. Participating agencies include City of Bryan, Brazos County, Bryan ISD and College Station ISD. We call it "Local Government and Local Business Working Together". This training is intended to show local businesses how to do business with local governments.
55. **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.
56. **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.
57. **Cox Communications Franchise Negotiations** - Staff members from both Bryan and College Station worked together over a two year period on the cable franchise renewal. This resulted in an increase in services and revenues provided by Cox Communications as well as a common franchise ordinance for both cities.
58. **Various Public Relations and Marketing Efforts** - Collaborative efforts have included joint release of press releases, regular meetings between PIO's, creation of Mayors Brazos Boot Award and exchange of information on pertinent topics.