



VISION NORTH TEXAS



*Keeping North Texas strong requires planning for and accommodating the huge population growth that will occur here over the next few years. The hard work done by Vision North Texas and its partners will make a real difference for this area, both now and in the years to come. I'm proud that UT Arlington was a founding partner of Vision North Texas and of the role that we play in these important conversations.*

University of Texas Arlington President James D. Spaniolo

The choices that we make today will determine our future – the quality of life we will enjoy, our ability to compete with other global regions, and the health of our natural environment. We must examine the way we do business today and plan for a successful tomorrow. We must effectively address the challenges that will face all of North Texas over the next 50 years and be ready to take advantage of new opportunities.

**Vision North Texas** is a private-public partnership led by the Urban Land Institute's North Texas District Council, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and the University of Texas at Arlington. It began by engaging civic leaders throughout North Texas in an examination of current regional development patterns. During workshop discussions, fifteen alternative scenarios were developed that offer North Texans better choices for quality of life, economic vitality, and public investment. **Vision North Texas** is now building on these scenarios, creating a shared vision for the region's

future and developing the action steps needed to achieve that vision. **North Texas 2050** will be the result of this innovative and inclusive effort.

**North Texas 2050** will provide a vision and preferred pattern of growth for the entire 16-county region. It will change the region's future, giving decision-makers new ways to contribute to the vitality of North Texas. For the first time, a regional infrastructure framework will provide a coordinated and comprehensive approach to investment in transportation, water and wastewater facilities, open space networks, and other systems that support the region. **North Texas 2050** will detail the tools and techniques that are needed to achieve the vision and support sustainable growth.

**Vision North Texas** will continue to provide assistance to local governments and regional stakeholders during the development of **North Texas 2050**. Case studies of "best practices"; efforts to promote green building and similar products will be available to regional decision-makers even before **North Texas 2050** is completed.

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*Understanding Our Options for Growth*



**Vision North Texas** is following this six-step process to create **North Texas 2050**.

1. **Mobilizing Resources.** Secure professional expertise, financial and other material resources, and support from stakeholders. Complete partnership agreements between VNT and other groups that will provide necessary resources.
2. **Examining Regional Choices.** Research issues facing North Texas through 2050 and the implications of regional, national and global trends for our region's future. Engage the region's people and organizations in this discussion of choices. Define and analyze alternative scenarios for future use of land and other limited resources.
3. **Creating A Regional Vision Statement.** Draft and discuss the statement of vision and goals, preferred development scenarios, regional infrastructure framework, and guiding principles for growth.
4. **Detailing an Action Package.** Produce the package of tools to allocate limited resources and incentives

so they support the preferred, sustainable regional future.

5. **Approving North Texas 2050.** Consider and debate the drafts of the Regional Vision Statement and the Action Package. Conclude with the adoption of **North Texas 2050** by the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the Urban Land Institute North Texas District Council.
6. **Implementing Results.** Solicit the adoption or endorsement of **North Texas 2050** by public agencies, private sector organizations, and entities such as the Regional Transportation Council and regional Water Planning Groups. Create a structure for continuing collaboration to shape North Texas' future.

Our goal is the adoption of **North Texas 2050** by the end of 2009. Working together, our region can achieve a successful, sustainable future. **Be a part of this Vision.**

*Strong regional growth patterns provide both downtown and suburb with more sustainable land use models that reduce auto dependency and enhance quality of life. They provide the entire region with a mix of uses so it functions more efficiently. ULI supports Vision North Texas as the way to achieve responsible land use in this region*

Urban Land Institute Chairman Todd Mansfield

*Vision North Texas is not only breaking new ground, but planning for necessity. As protection of the region's valuable natural assets and green spaces complements economic growth and development, a promise is being made to ensure exceptional quality of life for generations of North Texans.*

The Trust for  
Public Land President  
Will Rogers

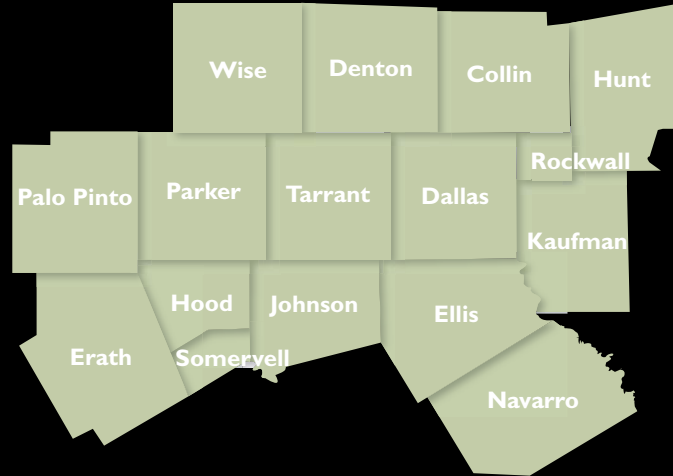
**mike moncrief**  
*The time has come to work together on regional land use issues.  
We need a 'regional gamebook' to grow successfully.*  
Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief

**Vision North Texas** is directed by a Management Committee, chaired by Fernando Costa AICP, and is guided by an Advisory Committee of community and business leaders reflecting the diverse interests of this 16-county region.

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More Information on **Vision North Texas** accomplishments and the opportunities for involvement can be found at [visionnorthtexas.org](http://visionnorthtexas.org).

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