

A Report to the Community...



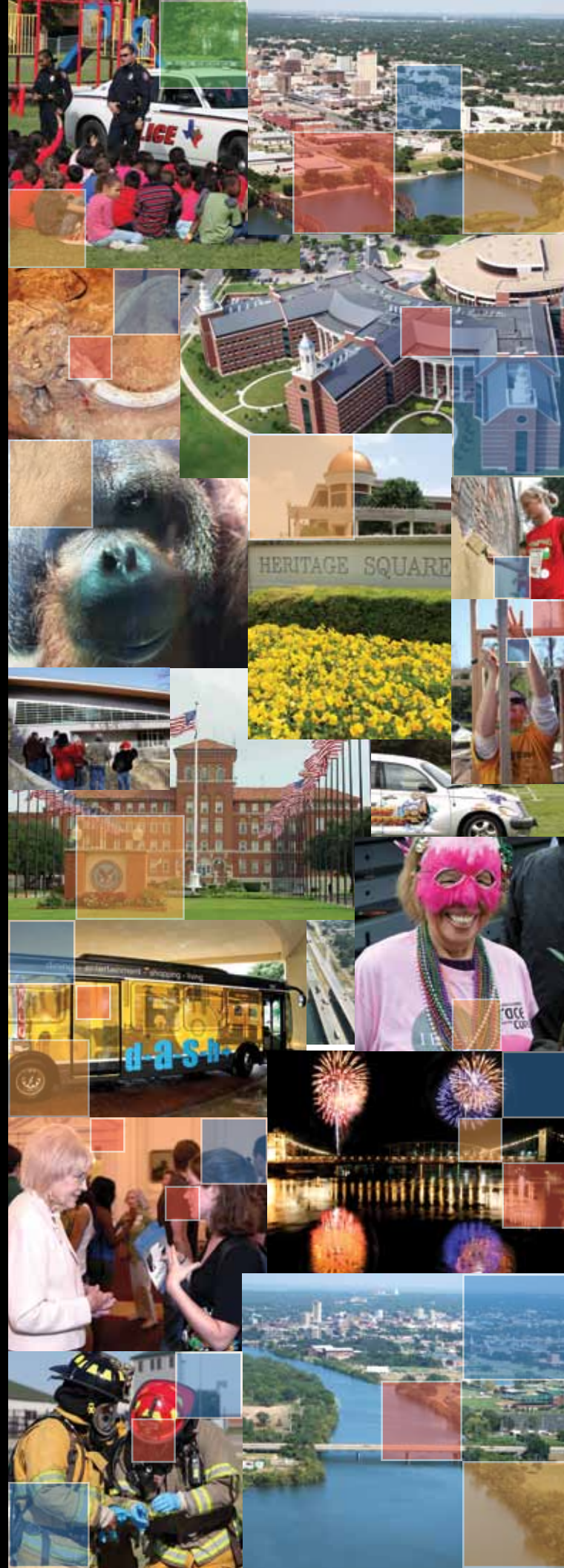
An air of excitement permeates the Greater Waco area these days. Steady economic and demographic growth are just part of the reason. The rest is the positive attitude of residents, who work hard to make good things happen. Their accomplishments are all around us, making our community even better.

On May 21, 2008, the first Community Visioning Celebration and Expo was held in the Convention Center to show the citizens of Greater Waco the impact the Community Visioning Project has had. With over 30 projects on display and more than 100 listed in a progress report, the event was a success.

Since that time, the Community Visioning Board has continued to champion the priorities established to enhance our region. The Board leads, encourages, and monitors efforts to: strengthen the heart of the community; enhance life outside the workplace; engage leaders; increase economic opportunities for all our residents; and develop our unique advantage. Most importantly, they recognize and appreciate the individuals, governments, businesses, and nonprofits that align precious resources to keep us on track.

With the progress that has been made since the first Celebration and Expo, it was clear that another should be held. The Convention Center Brazos Room became the host of a second such event on May 13, 2010, as a number of community organizations once again displayed their work. This Progress Report gives an update on those projects and many others that have been started and completed since the last Celebration.

Without the hard work and dedication of a number of community volunteers and organizations, including the Community Visioning Board and Coordinating Team members whose names you will find in this Progress Report, the Visioning Project could not be deemed a success. They have given their time, effort and resources to ensuring that our community is a place in which we can all be proud.



Celebrating life on the banks of the Brazos...

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Additional thoughts, comments and suggestions are welcome.



Strengthen the Heart of the Community

Project	Status
Community Urban Planning	In Process
New Large Fire Station on Elm	In Process
Heritage Square Development	In Process
Reconstruction of the Convention Center	In Process
Elm Street Redevelopment Vision	In Process
Quinn Campus Redevelopment	In Process
Baylor University Expanding Vision to Downtown	In Process
Downtown Parking Projects	In Process
New Police Station at Hillcrest Tower	In Process
DAF Water Treatment Plant	In Process
McLennan County Water District	In Process
Waco History Week Project	In Process
Cameron Park Centennial Celebration	In Process
St. Paul's Episcopal Expansion	In Process
TxDOT I-35 Mobility Planning	In Process

Engage Leaders

Project	Status
Campfire Leadership Program	Ongoing
GW Chamber Young Professionals Group	Ongoing
Greater Waco Chamber Higher Ed Annual Job Fair	Ongoing
City of Waco Employees Leadership Program	Ongoing
Teen Leadership Waco	Ongoing
Community Visioning Project	Ongoing
Boards and Commissions	Ongoing
United Way Committees	Ongoing
Today's Action-Tomorrow's Leaders Leadership Waco	Ongoing
CRRC Difference Maker Awards	Ongoing
Waco Tribune-Herald Awards	Ongoing
Philanthropist of the Year Awards	Ongoing
Hometown Hero Awards	Ongoing
WISD/GW Chamber Adopt a School Awards	Ongoing
Girl Scouts Women of Distinction Awards	Ongoing
Boy Scouts Awards	Ongoing
Local ISDs Distinguished Alumni Awards	Ongoing



Education Summit... Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce... Brazos River... Downtown Waco... MCC Emergency Services Education Center...

Increase Economic & Educational Opportunities

Project	Status
Caterpillar Expansions	Ongoing
Industrial Park Expansion	In Process
VA Center for Excellence	In Process
WISD Bond Improvements	In Process
MISD Bond Improvements	In Process
La Vega ISD Bond Improvements	In Process
Rapoport Academy Building Renovations	In Process
Library System Expansion	In Process
Baylor Research Park Development	In Process
MCC Steinway Campaign	In Process
Renovation of Waco Convention Center	In Process
Greater Waco Chamber Business Retention Program	Ongoing
Centex AA Chamber Business and Leadership Development	Ongoing
Centex Hispanic Chamber Scholarships and Business Support	Ongoing
Workforce Center Summer Jobs Fair	Ongoing
WMCED Wage/Benefits Incentives	Ongoing
TSTC Culinary Arts Business Development	Ongoing
Dual College Credit Enrollment	Ongoing
Greater Waco Community Education Alliance	Ongoing
Greater Waco Community Education Annual Summits	Ongoing
One Book, One Waco	Ongoing
Waco Prospector Website	Ongoing
Chamber Green Business Initiatives	Ongoing
Workforce Solutions Youth Employment Solutions Expo	Ongoing



Enhance Life Outside the Workplace

Project	Status
Family Health Center Facility and Services Development	In Process
Health Industry Alliance	In Process
Cameron Park Bond Enhancements	In Process
Metropolitan Planning Organization Outreach	In Process
Second TxDOT I-35/Hwy 6 Flyover	In Process
MHMR Funding Increases	Ongoing
WacoWeDoSports Website	Ongoing
Baylor Bear Force One Games Attendance Growth	Ongoing
Expansion of Live Music Venues Downtown	Ongoing
Brazos Nights Concerts	Ongoing
MCC River Sounds Concerts	Ongoing
WacoWeDoArts Website	Ongoing
Habitat for Humanity	Ongoing
Waco Cultural Arts Fest	Ongoing
Community Support for Baylor Athletic Programs	Ongoing
Waco Transit DASH Trolley	Ongoing

Develop Our Distinct Advantage

Project	Status
Brazos Park East Renovations	In Process
Texas Ranger Museum Expansion	In Process
Texas Ranger Headquarters	In Process
Waco Aviation Alliance	In Process
Waco Regional Airport Improvement Project	In Process
Waco Mammoth Site National Monument Designation	In Process
Greater Downtown/River Corridor Master Planning	In Process
Doris Miller Memorial	In Process
Branding the Brazos Public Art	In Process
Chamber's WacoWeDo Marketing Campaign	Ongoing



Completed

- Asian Exhibit at Cameron Park Zoo
- Austin Avenue Lofts
- Baylor Football Practice Facility
- Baylor Hurd Tennis Building
- Baylor/Waco Mammoth Site Development
- Bike Racks on Waco Transit Buses
- Brazos Belle Removal
- Brook Oaks Senior Residences
- Buzzard Billy's Move to the River
- Caterpillar Expansions
- Clearview Waco Data Center
- Expansion of Providence Hospital
- Family Health Center Dental Services
- First TxDOT I-35/Hwy 6 Flyover
- Formation of Regional Water District
- Four Year Degrees at MCC (Texas Tech)
- Historic Lofts of Old Waco High
- Low Water Weir Dam
- MCC Emergency Services Education Center
- MCC Facilities Development
- McLennan County History Book
- New Bellmead City Hall
- New Coca Cola Distribution Center
- New Downtown Merchants' Association
- New, Environmentally Friendly Buses
- New Greater Waco Chamber Building
- New Hillcrest Hospital
- New Waco Habitat for Humanity Headquarters
- New Wells Fargo Headquarters Downtown
- NPS Brazos River Master Plan
- Olive Branch Relocation
- Phoenix Ballroom
- PID Overlay District Urban Design Standards
- Rebuilding University Parks Drive Area
- Reconstruction of the Hilton Hotel
- Riverbend Ball Park Development
- Riverside Apartment Homes on MLK
- Riverwalk Expansion- Ft. Fisher to Ferrell Center
- Roosevelt Hotel Office Development
- Sanderson Farms
- Student Housing near Marriott
- Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness
- Texas Sports Hall of Fame SWC Addition
- The Livingston
- Tractor Supply Company Expansion

