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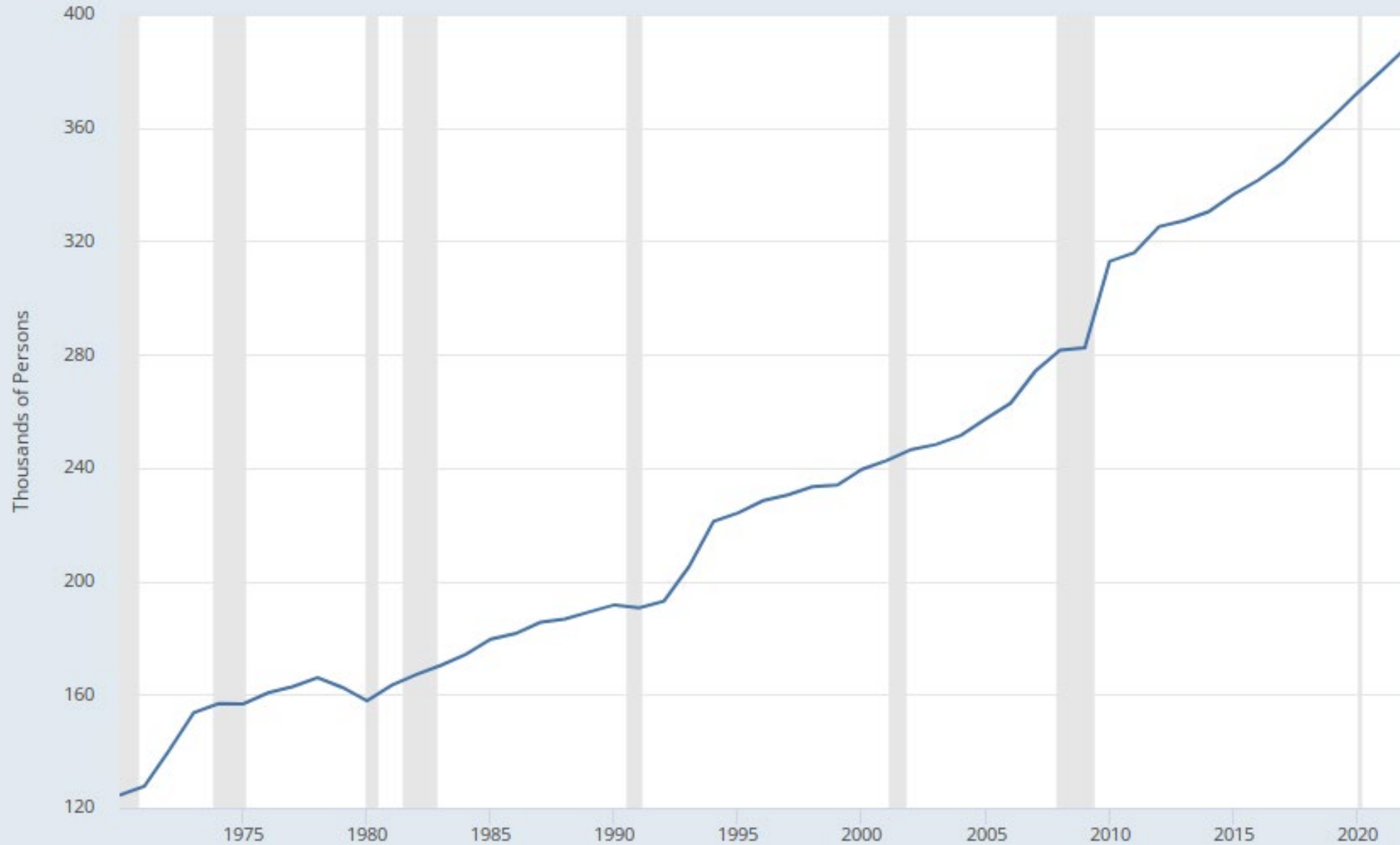
Twenty Second Annual Bell County Water Symposium

David Blackburn

Bell County Judge

November 14, 2023

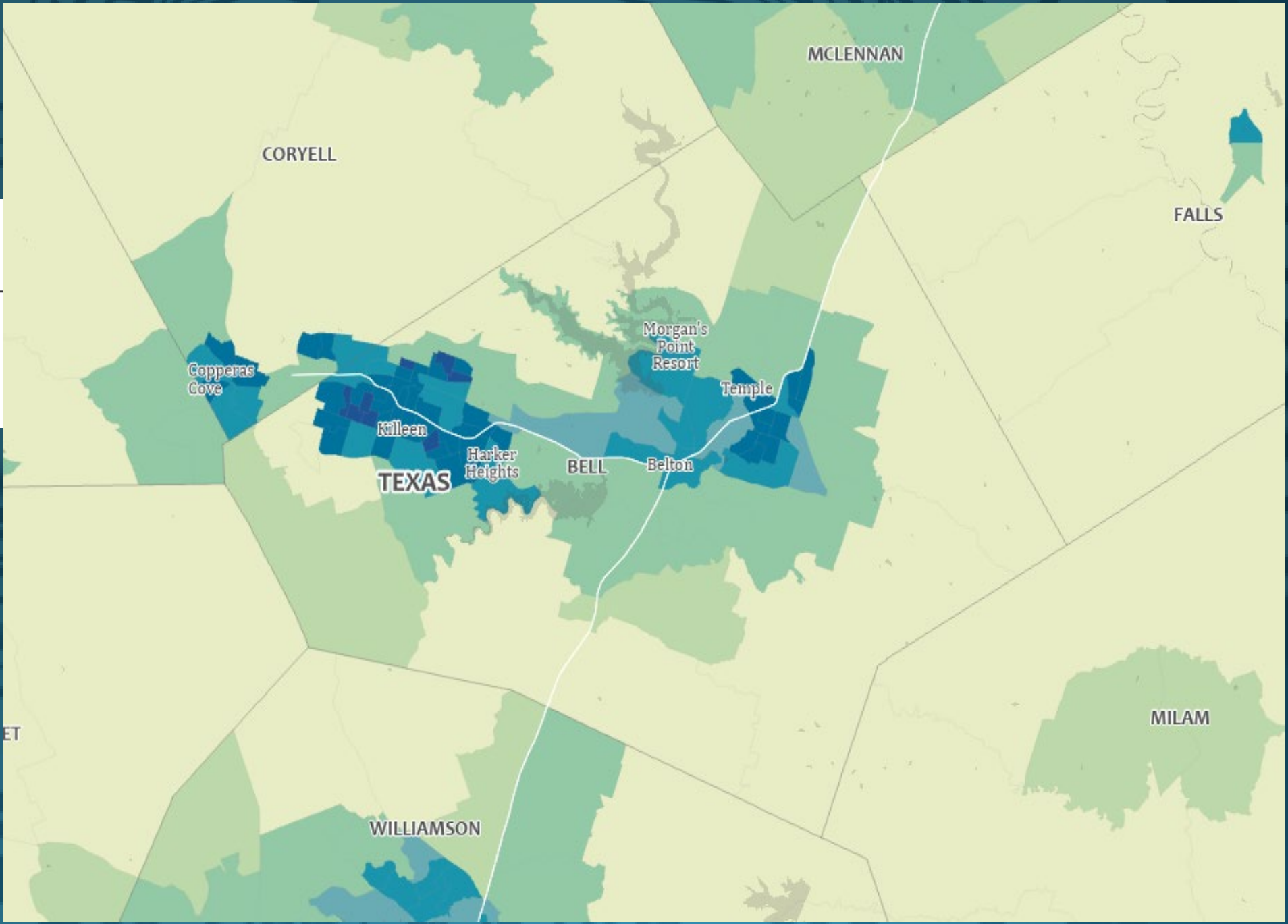
Growth & Development...Same Song, 53rd Verse



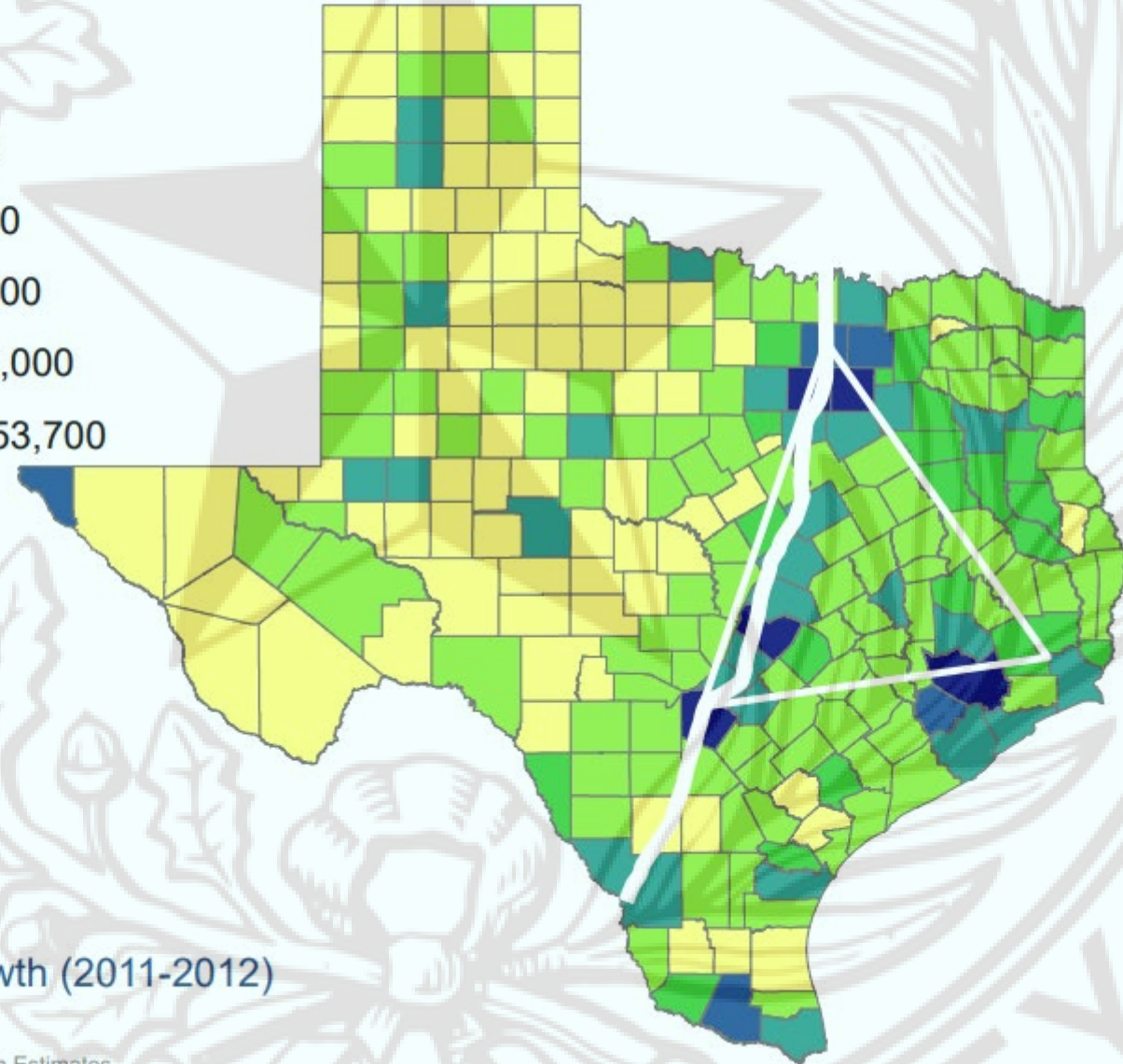
Bell County, Texas (48027)

Percent Change: 19.5
2020 Total Population: 370,647
2010 Total Population: 310,235

2023 Estimated
Bell County
Population =
393,046



Total Estimated Population by County, 2012



Along and east of I-35:
40% of land
85% of population
92% of population growth (2011-2012)

Bell County Housing Market Trends

- In October 2023, Bell County home prices were up 1.6% from to last year, selling for a median price of \$272K.
- On average, homes in Bell County sell after 59 days on the market, compared to 46 days last year.
- There were 392 homes sold in October, down from 555 last year.

\$273K +1.6%
Sale Price since last year

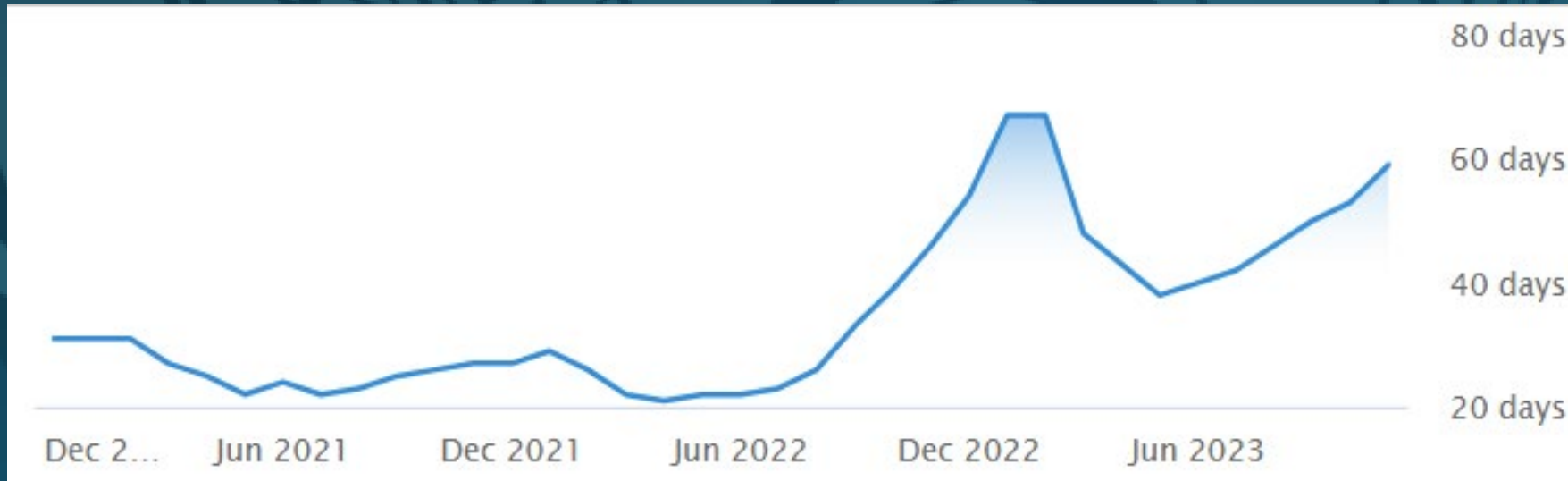
\$154 +4.1%
Sale \$/Sq. Ft. since last year

1.5%
Under List Price

69
Days on Market

0.05%
Down Payment

392
Total Homes Sold



Killeen Housing Market

- The Killeen housing market is somewhat competitive.
- The median sale price of a home in Killeen was \$239K last month, up 1.9% since last year.
- The median sale price per square foot in Killeen is \$134, up 1.5% since last year.

\$239K

+1.9%
Sale Price since last year

\$134

+1.5%
Sale \$/Sq. Ft. since last year

0.9%
Under List Price

33
Days on Market

0.05%
Down Payment

165
Total Homes Sold



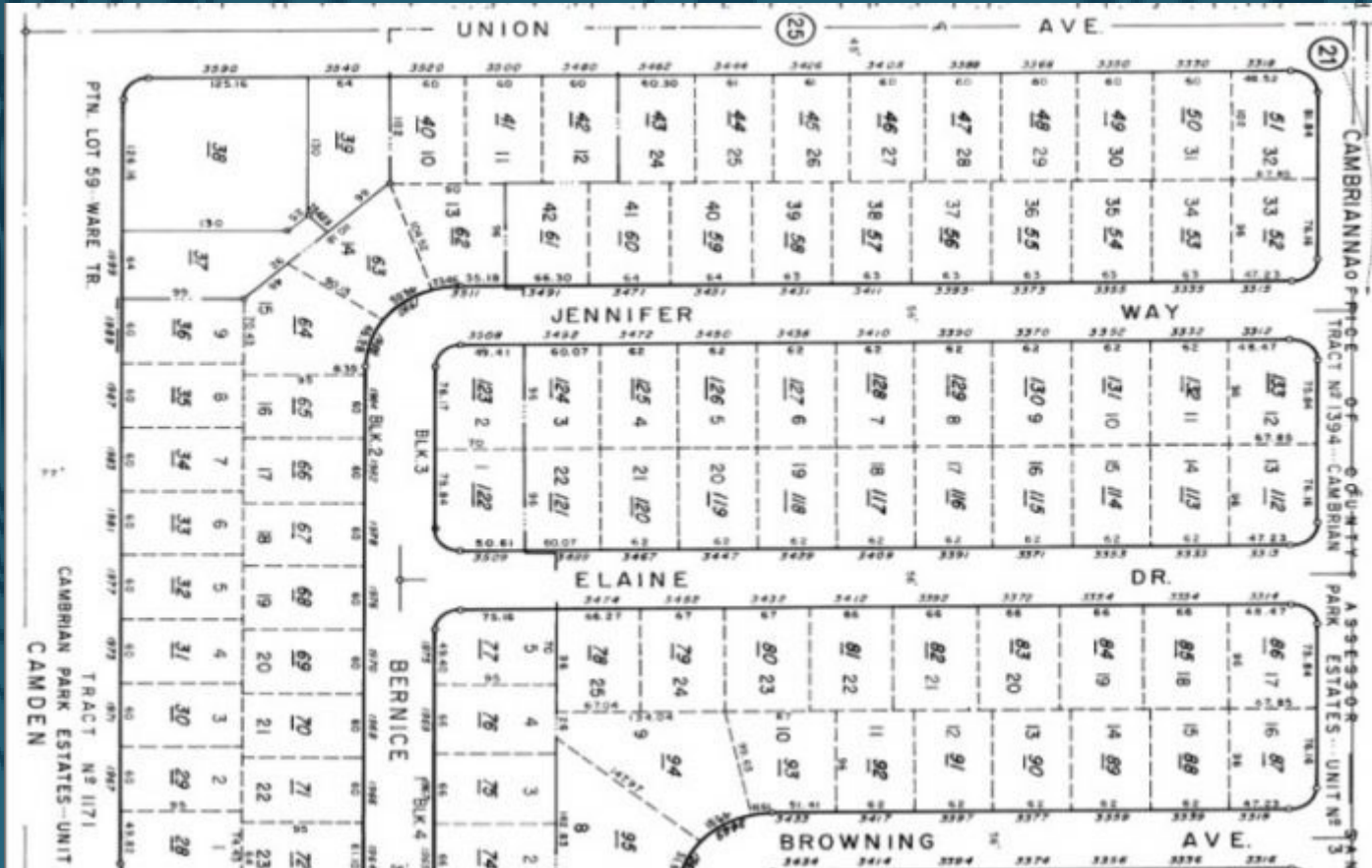
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Plats – 2022

Killeen

- 77 plats
- 3167 lots



Bell County

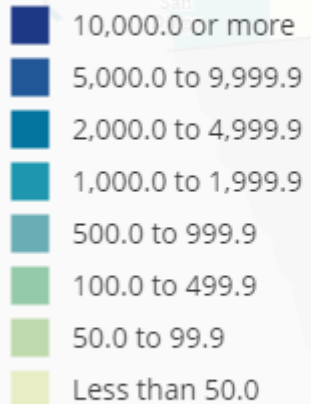
- X plats
- X lots

Sources: City of Killeen, Planning Dept & Bell County Engineers Office

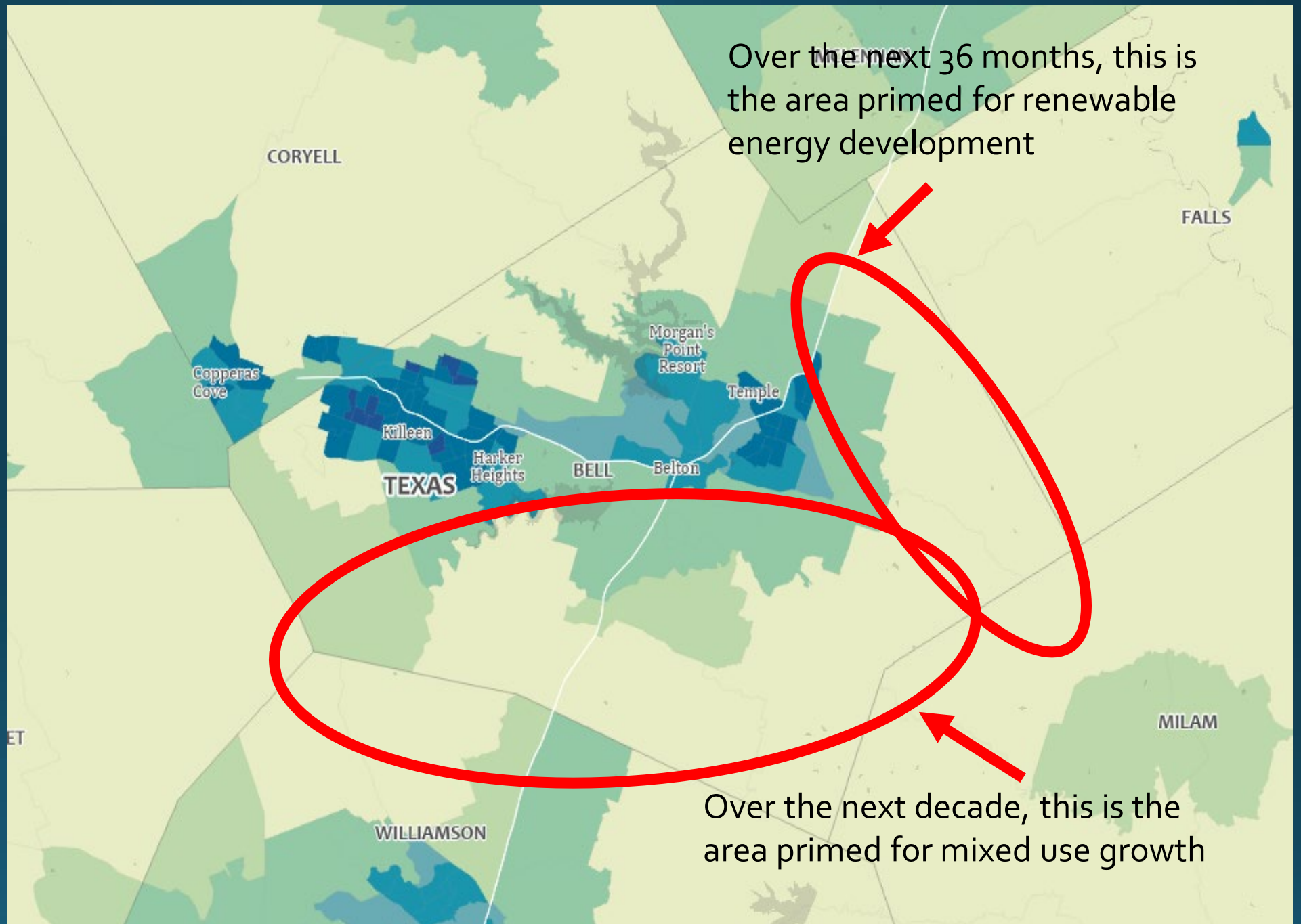


Where is County growth going to occur?

Persons per square mile by county (or county equivalent)



U.S. density = 93.7



Rapid Population Growth



BELL COUNTY GROWTH

- Bell County grew 19.5% over the last decade including:
 - Biggest population growth in Nolanville at 30%
 - 19.3% growth for Harker Heights
 - 16.4% growth for Killeen
- Copperas Cove is expected to grow by more than 7,000 people (18%) between 2020-2030.

STUDENT GROWTH

The Killeen Independent School District is expected to grow by more than 4,600 students between 2018-2028.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Approved/under construction residential and apartment development in the region:

- Round Rock - 7,500+
- Georgetown - 6,500+

Brazos G Water Planning Group

- State water plan (which guides state funding assistance for water infrastructure projects) is updated every 5 years
- In the middle of the current 5 year update
- A new Legislative requirement in the plan is to identify feasible and infeasible projects
- A project is deemed 'infeasible' if the proposed sponsor of the water management strategy or project has not taken an *affirmative* vote or other action to make expenditures necessary to construct or file applications for permits (TWC, Section 16.053(h)(1))

- Terrific line up that we have for you today on topics and speakers
- You will hear more about the State Water Planning efforts and identifying our water needs for today and beyond
- To get both a surface water and groundwater perspective, you will hear from the Brazos River Authority and from Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
- We will hear about how the Legislature solved all our water issues in the 88th Session
- A panel discussion on aquifer storage and recovery ... a key strategy for our region going forward ...and one that is actively being pursued
- We close out the day with a presentation that I am really looking forward to... Mr. Allan Standen is here today to present on 'Designing your Home with Rainwater Catchment...
- And , of course, our keynote for the day...Dr. Hall Needham talking to us about extreme weather ... I thought I used to know what extreme weather was ... I'm not so sure I know anymore ... I'm sure Dr. Needham will be able to educate me