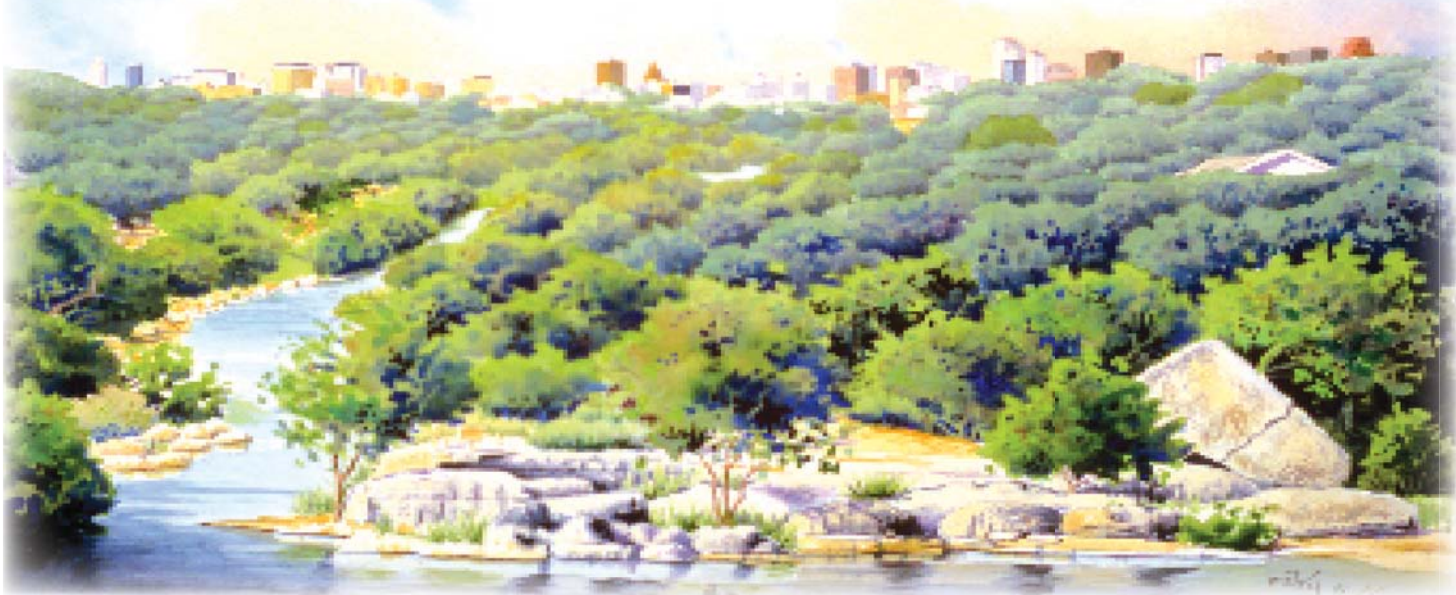


2007 Envision Central Texas Community Stewardship Awards Finalists and Recipients



Painting by Mary Doerr

Making the Vision Real

Central Texas is recognized as one of the most desirable places to live in the United States. Preserving our cherished quality of life in the face of rapid growth however, is a tremendous challenge. The five-county Central Texas Region will add another million people over the next 20 to 40 years. The demands that accompany this growth will require us to address such issues as how and where land is developed for housing and jobs, the types of homes we live in, how we travel around the region and how we preserve and protect our environment.

Envision Central Texas, a five-county non-profit organization, serves as a catalyst for change in our region's growth management strategies so that we can advance Central Texas' Vision for the future. In 2001, ECT was created to assist in the public development and implementation of a Vision to address the growth of Central Texas and help us preserve and enhance our natural resources, economic vitality, social equity, and overall quality of living. The Vision, which was derived from the input of thousands of Central Texas citizens, includes multiple choices of transportation and housing, compact walkable communities in key nodes, abundant open spaces and recreation opportunities and a strong emphasis on social equity and preservation of our region's unique character and history. Implementation of ECT's Vision can help to ensure our region continues to be one of the best places to live and work in the country for generations to come.

ECT created the Community Stewardship Awards in 2006 to recognize and honor the innovative people, projects and processes that are addressing the challenges facing our region in ways that will help make the Vision a reality.

Key Elements of the Vision

- An effective transportation system that improves mobility throughout the region, increases transportation choices, including roads, rail, trails and bikeways, and is coordinated with land use planning.
- Protection of our environment and natural resources so we will have the open space, parks and trails that people cherish, preserve our ecologically sensitive land and ensure sustainable clean water and air for future generations.
- A diverse and thriving economy with a robust base of businesses and quality job opportunities for citizens.
- A variety of housing choices, affordable for everyone in the region and offering a mix of styles, such as neighborhoods with pedestrian-friendly streets or housing that is walkable to transit and stores.
- Preservation of our region's unique character by protecting and enhancing our neighborhoods, towns, rural areas, historic sites and special sense of place.
- An understanding that social equity and racial harmony are core values that strengthen us and actions that foster respect, civility, and opportunities for all.
- A region-wide understanding that our fortunes are tied together requiring planning, participation and collaboration by stakeholders throughout our region to ensure a successful and livable future for Central Texas.



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New Development

Recognizes developments that are constructed on previously undeveloped sites and successfully exemplify the ECT Vision.

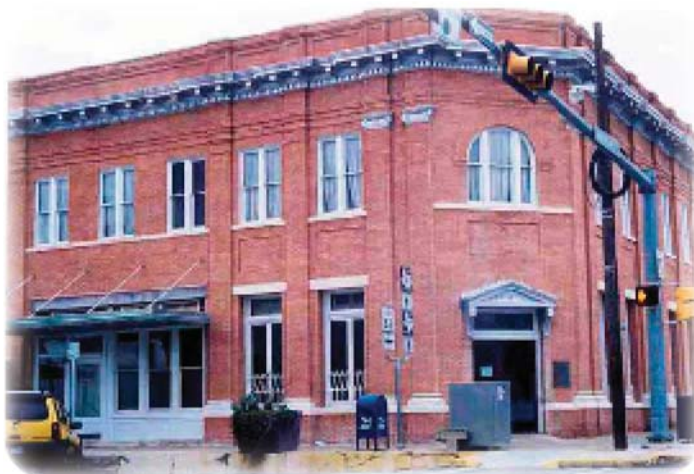


2007 Award Recipient: MacMora Cottages
TBG Partners, Momark Development LLC and Benchmark Development

MacMora Cottages provide high-density, single-family detached housing at a square-foot cost well below the average of other neighborhoods in Austin. Located in an urban infill, greenfield environment in North Austin, MacMora Cottages offer a new housing solution by bridging the gap between high density, multi-family, attached housing and suburban communities.

Redevelopment

Recognizes developments that re-use existing structures or sites and successfully exemplify the ECT Vision.



2007 Award Recipient: Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings in Downtown San Marcos, *Global Rock Investments, Ltd.*

The San Marcos Courthouse Square is a National Register historic district and most buildings were constructed between 1870 and 1900. Buildings on three of the four corners had been vacant for years and were deteriorating. Dennis and Dawna Figol of Global Rock Investments, Ltd. began the purchase and rehabilitation of the Old First State Bank Building, the A.B. Rogers Furniture Store and the Keeton-Griffin Building in 2003. Today, three significant buildings on the Downtown Square have new lives, but their historic character has been preserved. Twenty-two living units, three restaurants, and retail/office space now contribute to the vitality of Downtown San Marcos.

2007 Finalist: Mueller (Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Redevelopment), *City of Austin and Catellus Development Group*

The redevelopment of Mueller into a mixed-use urban village has helped Austin and Central Texas chart new directions for urban growth and city planning. The Mueller vision includes sustainable land use that combines civic goals and needs with economic development and value for the private sector. At completion, Mueller will contribute to the city's vitality and prosperity, becoming home to 10,000 residents and 10,000 jobs, providing approximately 1,150 units of affordable housing, 140 acres of public open space and other community amenities.

2007 Finalist: Rio Vista Transformation Project
City of San Marcos

The Rio Vista Transformation Project replaced a deteriorating 100-year old dam on the San Marcos River with more natural structures that better protect river species as well as converted the dam into a whitewater park. The three low drop structures now in place create a passage for aquatic species to move up and down the river system. The extraordinary care taken during the construction process provided a public educational lesson on the importance of the San Marcos River ecosystem. The spectacular results have also created the newly dubbed, "Rio Vista Falls," a new playground for swimmers, sun-bathers, inner-tubers and kayakers.



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2007 Finalist: Spring Terrace

Foundation Communities and Austin Housing Finance Corporation

In 2006, Foundation Communities opened Spring Terrace, Austin's second supportive housing community for extremely low-income and homeless single adults. The former Hearthside Extended Stay Hotel at I-35 North and St. Johns Avenue was acquired for the project and converted to 140 individual furnished units with kitchenettes, as well as common space for a laundry room, exercise room, meeting room, computer lab, three resident lounges and offices for supportive service staff. Spring Terrace reflects a strong public-private partnership between Foundation Communities and the City of Austin.

Pioneer

Recognizes an individual, company, organization or governmental entity that has left familiar territory and taken a different path that reflects the ECT Vision.



2007 Award Recipient: Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas, Seton Family of Hospitals

As the landmark project for the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport redevelopment, the 475,000 square foot Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas, is designed to be one of the most environmentally sound and energy-efficient hospitals in the United States. Located on 32 acres east of IH-35, the facility expands health care access for the children of Austin. Seton's new hospital will establish the architectural character of the overall "urban campus" portion of the 700-acre Mueller redevelopment. The

\$200M, 169-bed, state-of-the-art pediatric hospital has already spurred retail and office and soon residential units to the area. It will employ more than 1,000 people working around the clock, therefore reducing rush-hour traffic as compared to an 8-5 employer. Dell Children's will be the first hospital to achieve the highly prized Platinum Status designation, given by the U.S. Green Building Council.

2007 Finalist: PeopleFund

PeopleFund is a nonprofit community development loan fund that promotes lasting economic vitality for low-income people in Central Texas by implementing strategies that create jobs, provide safe and affordable homes, and promote good economic policy decisions. In 2007, PeopleFund plans to invest \$2.8 million in loans to community ventures. In 2006, the group offered over 1,500 hours of financial education to clients. PeopleFund partners with the Community Housing Development Organization in support of nonprofit housing developers working to increase the number of affordable housing units throughout Central Texas and is also launching the Austin Community Land Trust, a ground-breaking model for providing attainable housing, preserving diversity, and enhancing affordable living in Central Texas.

2007 Finalist: Austin Mayor Will Wynn

City of Austin Mayor Will Wynn has shown a continued commitment to clean energy and smart land use practices, emphasizing their vital importance to meeting the challenges associated with Austin's rapid growth. He championed the city's recent successful bond election so that the city is better prepared for the future. Recently, Mayor Wynn stepped into the forefront nationally to address one of the most critical environmental issues and public policy challenges of our time: climate change. As a national leader on energy and climate issues, Mayor Wynn chairs the U.S. Conference of Mayors Energy Committee; serves on the U.S. Mayors Council on Climate Protection; and, in January 2007, led a key group of leading mayors in a meeting hosted by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund to coordinate local strategies and develop an agenda for pressing congressional action on global warming.

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Public Planning and Policy

Recognizes an organization or governmental entity for implementing a program or policy that facilitates and promotes the ECT Vision.



2007 Award Recipient: 2006 City of Austin Bond Program
On November 7, 2006, City of Austin voters approved \$567,400,000 of bonds included in seven different propositions that were designed to move the ECT Vision forward. Voters overwhelmingly approved all seven propositions with nearly a 70 percent average approval rating. The bonds will fund programs from street reconstruction, to drainage improvements, to preservation of open space and upgrades at parks and recreation centers, to funding for community and cultural centers, to affordable housing programs, a new central library and public safety facilities.

2007 Finalist: City of Georgetown Williams Drive Gateway Redevelopment Master Plan

In 2005, the City of Georgetown began an in-depth redevelopment plan for a 70-acre area along the frontage road of IH-35 at its intersection with Williams Drive. The City's goals for the area are to redevelop the aging, highway-oriented uses with a livelier mix of uses arranged in a denser and more pedestrian friendly environment. The plan will boost property values as well as model a more sustainable, compact form of development.

2007 Finalist: Travis County Conservation Development Ordinance

In 2006, the Travis County Commissioners Court passed a Conservation Development Ordinance which was the first of its kind for a Texas County. Among the many purposes for this ordinance are to allow for greater flexibility and

creativity in the design of developments; to encourage the permanent preservation of open space, ranch and agricultural lands, woodlands and native prairie, wildlife habitat, natural resources and historical and archeological resources; to promote interconnected green space; to protect water supplies; to encourage development that consumes less open land and conforms to existing topography and natural features; and, to preserve the rural and natural character remaining in Travis County.

Raising Public Awareness

Recognizes an organization for educating the public or raising awareness of the ECT Vision or its principles.



2007 Award Recipient: Discovering the Colorado:
A Vision for the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor
Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership

In 2003, a group of concerned individuals began to develop an historic first "vision" for the 60 miles of Colorado River between Austin and Bastrop. Project supporters promote development that is sensitive to natural resources, river-based recreational opportunities and other economic sectors, river education programs, and a necklace of protected natural areas that can comfortably support all of the above uses.

2007 Finalist: Hill Country Alliance

The Hill Country Alliance (HCA) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Central Texas Hill Country. HCA promotes responsible, planned growth in a region under tremendous pressure to urbanize. HCA hosts community meetings about current issues and participate in many regional planning activities.