

# BRAZOS G

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Coryell  
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Erath  
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Fisher  
Grimes  
Hamilton  
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Kent  
Knox  
Lampasas  
Lee  
Limestone  
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Milam  
Nolan  
Palo Pinto  
Robertson  
Shackelford  
Somervell  
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Taylor  
Throckmorton  
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Mr. Kenneth Simons, CPA  
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Dear Mr. Simons,

I am Chair of the Scope of Work Committee, and member of the Board of the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G). The Board of Brazos G has authorized me to provide this letter of support for the Heart of Texas Healthy Region Consortium's (Consortium) pursuit of a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Grant).

Brazos G is one of the regional planning groups established by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to develop a regional water plan. Brazos G has been working since 1998 to develop a comprehensive regional water plan for its 37-County planning area, which extends generally along the Brazos River from Kent, Stonewall and Knox Counties in the Northwest to Washington and Lee Counties in the Southeast. Initially appointed by the TWDB, the regional water planning group members represent 11 water user groups.

The Consortium's efforts to assist rural communities in water planning are certainly in accordance with the efforts of Brazos G to provide for the orderly development, management, and conservation of water resources, and include drought preparation and response.

We understand that, if awarded, the Grant will provide funding for the Consortium to prepare a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, and Limestone Counties. Consequently, at its meeting on September 29, 2011, Brazos G discussed the Consortium's pursuit of the Grant and decided to provide this letter of support.

While the breadth of our service area and the interests represented on our Board preclude our having a voting seat on the Consortium, or active participation in the Consortium, we are committed to making our planning information and data available to be used by the Consortium for the water portion of the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. The Brazos G planning area covers four of the five counties in the Consortium and includes data from the TWDB and local groundwater conservation districts located in the Heart of Texas Council of Governments region. We believe this information will be of great value to the Consortium in its work.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist in your effort and believe our extensive planning materials will strengthen the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. If you have any further questions, please contact Brazos G.

Sincerely,



Gail Peek

Member of the Board  
Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group