

**Review of Geographic Area and Responsible Organization - Dove Springs**

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**Community Development Commission Meeting**  
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**Historical Background**

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- ☞ CSBG Act Tripartite Board Requirements – 7 members represent poverty sector, 7 members represent public sector and 1 member represents the private sector
- ☞ The 7 geographic seats currently representing the poverty sector approved by the City Council in 2002
- ☞ In August, 2010, the responsibility of designating the geographic areas and organizations responsible for actively representing each geographic area moved from the City Manager to the City Council

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**HHSD Policy & Procedure on Periodic Review of Designated Geographic Areas and Responsible Organization**

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Geographic Area Review

- ☞ A review of the geographic areas will be conducted every five (5) years, utilizing the results of the Community Needs Assessment. HHSD will submit a recommendation to the CDC if the results of the analysis indicate a geographic area should be changed to more effectively further the purposes of the CSBG program.

Responsible Organization Review

- ☞ An annual review of the responsible organizations using established criteria will be conducted to determine whether the organization is actively representing the residents of the respective geographic area.
- ☞ HHSD will submit a recommendation to the CDC for removal or replacement of an organization if the results of the review indicates noncompliance with the established criteria OR if the organization wishes to discontinue the role of "responsible organization"

If recommended changes are approved, the CDC will forward a recommendation to the City Council for amendment of the ordinance.

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**Review of Geographic Area for Dove Springs – Current Area**

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**Current geographic area boundaries are:**

- ☒ North Boundary – East St. Elmo
- ☒ South Boundary – East William Cannon Dr.
- ☒ East Boundary – Nuckols Crossing Rd.
- ☒ West Boundary – South IH 35

**Current geographic area includes 4 census tracts**

- ☒ 24.11
- ☒ 24.12
- ☒ 24.13
- ☒ 24.19

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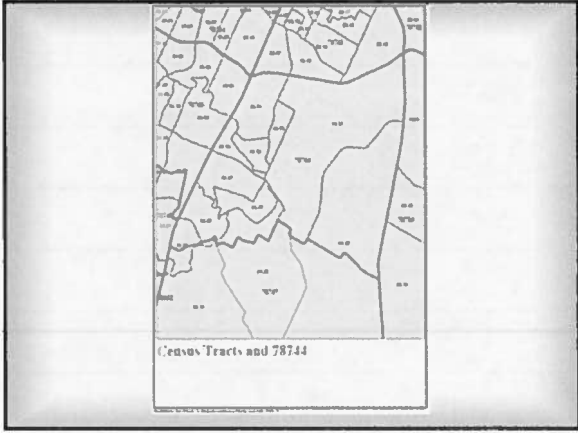
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**Review of Geographic Area for Dove Springs – Expanded to 78744 Area**

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**Proposed geographic area boundaries are:**

- ☒ North Boundary – Ben White
- ☒ South Boundary – Brandt Rd, Nuckols Crossing, Thaxton Rd, Salt Springs Rd, Colton Bluff Springs Rd.
- ☒ East Boundary – Hwy. 183
- ☒ West Boundary – South I-H35

**Proposed geographic area includes 9 census tracts:**

☒ 24.11	24.19	24.30
☒ 24.12	24.27	24.31
☒ 24.13	24.29	24.32

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**Comparison of Poverty Rates between Current and Proposed Geographic Areas**



- ☞ Census tract data drawn from American Community Survey estimates for 2006-2010
- ☞ Poverty rate for the City of Austin is 18.4% according to the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010
- ☞ Poverty rate in current geographic area estimated at 28.5%
- ☞ Poverty rate in proposed geographic area estimated at 22%

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**Considerations for Changing the Geographic Area**



- ☞ Representation expanded to a larger area
- ☞ Greater number of residents from whom a representative may be chosen
- ☞ Other designated geographic areas also represent a full zip code area (e.g. Colony Park for 78724; Montopolis for 78741)

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**Review of Responsible Organization for Dove Springs Area**



- ☞ River City Youth Foundation has served as the responsible organization for Dove Springs
- ☞ Established criteria provided framework for initial review
- ☞ Further development of review tools is needed, along with provision of written expectations to all responsible organizations so expectations are communicated clearly and consistently

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Recommendations



- ☞ Expand the boundaries to encompass entire 78744 zip code
- ☞ Retain the current responsible organization for the current term elections
- ☞ Further develop and communicate clear expectations to designated responsible organizations in conjunction with the Neighborhood Centers Working Group

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