

# Westworth Village

## The Hidden Jewel of the Metroplex

### Our Pathway to the Future

*Location, Location, Location*

## **Westworth Village benefits from its extremely convenient location**

Approx Distance (Miles)

### Immediate Vicinity

Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base  
Trinity Trail Hike and Bike Trail  
Hawks Creek Golf Course  
Shady Oaks Country Club  
Wal-Mart/Sam's Club

### Downtown Fort Worth

5.0

### Major Employer

Lockheed Martin Aerospace

5.0

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Schools

Texas Christian University	6.5
Tarrant County College – Northwest Campus	9.0
Tarrant County College – South Campus	14.0
Burton Hill Elementary School (Exemplary Award)	0.0

Recreation

Hawks Creek Golf Club	2.0
Fort Worth Cultural District	3.5
Fort Worth Stock Yards	6.0
Trinity Trails	0.0
Arlington Sports District	21.0

Retail

Ridgmar Mall	3.0
Hulen Mall	6.5

Other

Hospital District – Near Downtown Fort Worth	6.5
Hospital District – Southwest Fort Worth	7.5
DFW Airport	31.0

**We will provide the resources necessary to ensure**

**Our neighborhoods and commercial areas are safe.**

Crime in residential neighborhoods is almost non-existent.

Crime, in general, is contained within the commercial district, which is primarily related to thefts (shoplifting) and car burglaries.

Police officers are Certified Emergency Care Assistant (ECA) First Responders.

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## **The services provided by the City meet or exceed expectations**

Water and sewage contracted with Fort Worth – no known service issues

Garbage and re-cycle services are contracted with private provider

- Garbage pick-up 2 times per week (vs. once for most cities)

- Re-cycle pick-up 1 time per week

- No known service issues

Fire protection is provided under contract by the Fort Worth Fire Department

- Insurance industry rating of 4 out of 10 (1 Being Best)

- Response times very good – less than 5 minutes on average

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**The City's program of replacing its basic infrastructure is nearing completion and thereafter its infrastructure is maintained to a high standard**

Sewers, storm sewers, and streets south of White Settlement Road are being replaced with concrete streets and to streets north of White Settlement Road are being resurfaced.

Program to be completed by 2017.

To date about 95% of the project is completed.

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**The City sustains its success in attracting, motivating, and retaining a talented, capable, responsible, and responsive professional staff.**

Current Key Management positions in Westworth Village are filled with uniquely qualified and competent personnel:

City Administrator – 35+ years of municipal experience, including 20 years in City Administration/ Management. Relevant expertise in municipal budgeting, economic development, and investment funding. Respected leader within the City Management community.

City Secretary – 15 + years of municipal experience. Relevant expertise in permits and building codes, planning, economic development, open records, and municipal law and procedures.

Police Chief – 29+ years of professional police field work and leadership. The City Council is working with an executive search firm to seek out a leader with demonstrated management skills in police department operations and crisis situations.

**We will maintain the financial integrity of the City by ensuring that it sustains a sound revenue base and that expenditures remain balanced with City revenues.**

The City's revenue base is diversified:

	<u>% of 2016 Revenue</u>
Sales Taxes	44%
Ad Valorem Taxes – Residential	9.1%
– Commercial	<u>6.4%</u> 15.5%
Water Dept (Net Revenue - \$65,604)	1%
Franchise Fees	11.6%
Fines and Fees	11.6%
Hawks Creek Golf Course (Net revenue \$70,849)	-2.1%
Other	<u>18.3%</u>
Total	100%

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The City's Ad Valorem tax rate is low compared to its neighbors:

	<u>Tax Rate/\$100 Val (2016)</u>
Fort Worth	.835000
River Oaks	.794444
Sansom Park	.755693
White Settlement	.767304
Arlington	.644800
<b>Westworth Village</b>	<b>.500000</b>
Westover Hills	.355007

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The City's Homestead Exemption is also generous:

	<u>2016 Homestead Exemption</u>	<u>&gt;65</u>
Arlington	20%; Min \$5,000	\$60,000
<b>Westworth Village</b>	<b>20%; Min \$5,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
Fort Worth	20%; Min \$5,000	\$40,000
White Settlement	20%; Min \$5,000	\$37,000
Sansom Park	1%; Min \$5,000	\$20,000
River Oaks	\$0	\$15,000
Westover Hills	\$0	\$0

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Growth in tax revenue seems assured due to city policies & procedures, zoning ordinances, new development standards, and code enforcement.

Ad Valorem Taxes – Commercial

Increase in property values

Additional commercial development along Highway 183

Transfer of properties to taxable roles

Ad Valorem Taxes – Residential

Increase in property values

Additional development in Westworth Park and Westworth Falls subdivision.

Replacement of old, lower value houses with new, higher value ones in traditional City neighborhoods

Sales Taxes

Increase in sales volumes due to synergistic business growth

Additional commercial development along Highway 183

City's tax rate on Wal-Mart and Sam's sales will increase from 1.08% to 1.32% in 2020

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Substantial gas royalties for a number of years are probable but are not budgeted and are accumulated in a separate fund.

At the end of FY 2016, the City and WRA reserves were in excess of \$3.9M.

## **In addition, we will:**

Retain the geographic integrity of our residential neighborhoods while promoting and sustaining attractive and successful commercial development along Highway 183 west of Kings Branch Creek.

Encourage investment and owner occupancy in our single family neighborhoods.

Actively support the teachers, staff, and students at Burton Hill Elementary School and work constructively with the Fort Worth Independent School District to continually improve the performance of students at Stripling Middle School and Arlington Heights High School.

Cooperate with, and provide assistance and support to, the leaders of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base to assist them in successfully fulfilling their mission.

Encourage community involvement and provide City supported and encouraged community activities and facilities that adapt to changes in the City's demographic profile.

Take pride in and promote our City.

# Our Pathway to the Future – Westworth Village

## February 2013

We, the citizens of Westworth Village, Texas – The Hidden Jewel of the Metroplex – will:

Provide the resources necessary to ensure:

- Our neighborhoods and commercial areas are safe;
- The services provided by the City meet or exceed our expectations;
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