

## ★ Unbridled Growth in Blanco County

From 1990 to 2020, the population of Blanco County grew 104%. That's faster than Travis (98%), Bexar (81%), and Gillespie (50%). With no signs of slowing, that growth is putting a strain on vital needs. Most of this growth is in unincorporated areas. Currently, 68% of Blanco County citizens live outside of city limits where county government is very restricted in managing growth and protecting natural resources including water, air, wildlife, and dark skies.

## ★ Our Water Is at Risk

Our water supply depends on continuous stretches of undeveloped land where rainfall funnels into our aquifers and, ultimately, our rivers, springs, and wells. More impervious cover means less water will reach the aquifers which means less life-sustaining water for crops, animals, and humans. If unrestricted growth and droughts continue, our water supply won't support the population. Also, with increased development comes increased release of treated wastewater into our rivers, degrading the water quality for everyone downstream. These issues demand action and our current government is doing nothing.

## ★ Paving Paradise

We're also dealing with increased traffic and are now faced with a looming expansion of US 281 into central Blanco County. Texas Department of Transportation officials verbally stated their goal to make US 281 an "I-35 alternative" through the entire region. This could dramatically impact existing right-of-ways, buildings, safety, and further escalate unsustainable development increasing stress on our natural resources. Who is representing the people on these issues?

## ★ The Right Representatives

As individuals, we can work together for local action but big challenges require big solutions. Government should support the common good and protect our natural resources. We deserve office holders who will stand up for our best interests. Our Democratic candidates will work with the Texas Legislature to balance the needs of citizens, the natural environment, and Texas businesses. Now is the time to make the choice to defend the precious Hill Country before it is too late.

**A stronger and better Texas depends on  
a sound environment, protected resources,  
and healthy communities. Vote wisely.**

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