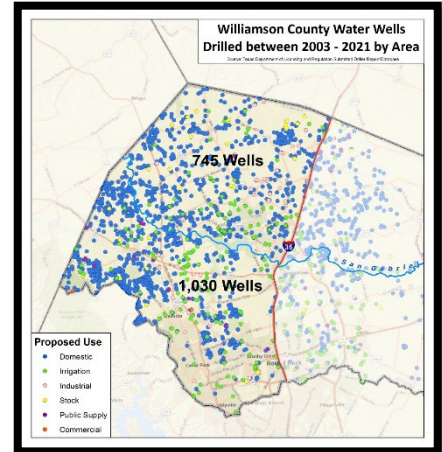
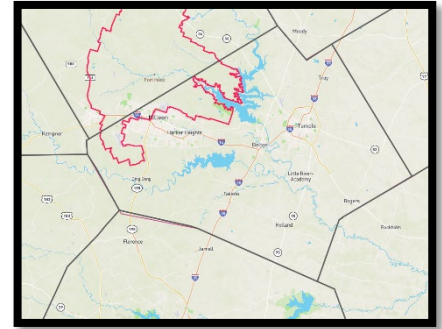


# Proposed Annexation of Western Williamson County GCD FAQs and Property Tax Implications



- **Clearwater UWCD** Received Petition from Aquifer Conservation Alliance for annexation of Western Williamson on January 10, 2023 and again on September 6, 2013.
- **Clearwater UWCD** must conduct Public Hearings per Texas Water Code Chapter 36 in both counties.
- **Clearwater UWCD** must determine if the proposed annexation is in the best interest of both Bell and Williamson Counties.
- **Clearwater** was **affirmed** by Bell County voters in **1999**.
- **Bill to create** the District was co- authored by Representative Hugh Shine and Representative Stan Schlueter in the **71<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session**.
- **Clearwater** is governed by a **five-member board of directors**.
- **Directors** are **elected to four-year terms** at the November General Election on even numbered years.
- **Directors** represent the **4-precincts** of Bell County as does County Commissioners and the **fifth director** is an **at-large position** for the entire county but is not part of County Government.
- **Clearwater's** jurisdiction boundaries are solely the geographical region of Bell County and does not include the federal lands of Fort Hood's Military Reservation.
- **Clearwater's** enabling legislation established the district's funding mechanism as a property taxing entity limited to no more than **5-cents** per \$100 valuation of property.
- **Clearwater's** current tax rate is approximately **¼ of a cent per \$100** valuation of property.
- **Clearwater** embraced the recent property tax reforms that prevent any taxing entity from increasing property taxes more than 3.5% of the **"No-New-Revenue Rate"** each year.



## Onboarding Rules

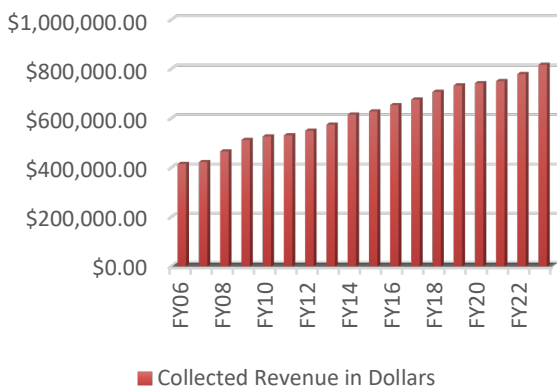
Clearwater UWCD by rule must require all groundwater wells to be registered with the district.

Clearwater UWCD by rule must provide grandfather provisions for existing exempt wells for domestic use or livestock & poultry.

Clearwater UWCD by rule must provide Historic Use Protections to existing Non-Exempt wells such as Public Water Supply Wells.

Clearwater UWCD maintains staff to manage the district and to conduct research development for scientific discernment.

## District Budget



## Tax Implications

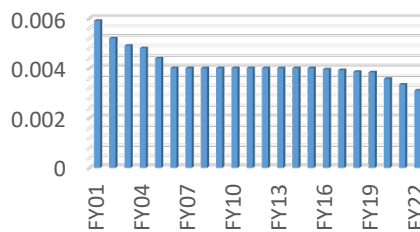
**FY24 = .002372/ \$100**

\$100,000 is \$ 2.37/year

\$250,000 is \$ 5.93/year

\$1,000,000 is \$23.70/year

## CUWCD Tax Rate



*Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and underground water conservation district created and operating under and by virtue of Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution; Texas Water Code Chapter 36; the District's enabling act, Act of May 27, 1989, 71<sup>st</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 524 (House Bill 3172), as amended by Act of April 25, 2001, 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 22 (Senate Bill 404), Act of May 7, 2009, 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 64 (Senate Bill 1755), and Act of May 27, 2015, 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 1196, Section 2 (Senate Bill 1336)(omnibus districts bill); and the applicable general laws of the State of Texas; and confirmed by voters of Bell County on August 21, 1999.*