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THE WOODLANDS and Its Governance

The Woodlands

Opened in 1974, The Woodlands is a 28,000-acre, forested community where people live, work, play and learn as families and companies. Located 27 miles north of downtown Houston on I-45, The Woodlands encompasses nine residential villages, three distinct corporate and commercial centers, a resort and conference center, a luxury hotel and convention center, hospitals and health care facilities, and more than five million square feet of exceptional shopping, dining, upscale hotels and entertainment and recreational amenities.

The Woodlands Waterway®, a 1.4 mile-long water amenity, transportation corridor, and linear park, is a major destination for tourism, conventions, corporate meetings, weddings and reunions and which links the shopping, dining, residential, office, and entertainment venues in The Woodlands Town Center, the 'downtown' of The Woodlands.

Throughout its 35-year history, The Woodlands has led the way among master-planned communities that practice environmental preservation. Of the 28,000 acres in The Woodlands, nearly 6,000 acres are now devoted to green space in parks,

golf courses and greenbelts. Nearly 8,000 acres (28 percent) will remain undeveloped green space at build-out.

The Woodlands has led the Houston area in new home sales every year since 1990 and ranks No.1 in Texas and fourth in the nation in new home sales. There are more than 28,590 single-family homes and more than 9,365 apartments and townhomes in The Woodlands. The community has more than 90,000 residents and reported home sales of 750 in 2008, 767 in 2007 and 1,409 in 2006. More than 50 homebuilders are building new homes in The Woodlands. The community features one of the largest selections of new homes in the Houston area.

A total of 1,587 businesses and corporations have found a home in The Woodlands, among them Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, Hewitt Associates, Fox Networks Group, Huntsman Corporation, and the newest corporation, U.S. Oncology. There are 14 companies with 100,000 square feet or more located in The Woodlands. A total of 25.7 million square feet of commercial, industrial, and institutional development are here, providing jobs for more than 44,200 people.

Originally a project of Houston-based Mitchell Energy & Development Corp., The Woodlands was acquired by Crescent Real Estate Equities and Morgan Stanley Real Estate Fund II in 1997.

In 2003, The Rouse Company acquired Crescent's interest in The Woodlands, and in 2004, Rouse's interest was acquired by General Growth Properties, Inc. The Woodlands is now a project of The Woodlands Development Company, a limited partnership of Morgan Stanley and General Growth Properties, Inc.

The Community Associations of The Woodlands, Texas

The Woodlands Community Service Corporation, doing business as Community Associations of The Woodlands, Texas, is a private, not-for-profit corporation, created in 1992. The company delivers municipal-type services to this growing community, located in an unincorporated area in Montgomery County, Texas, on behalf of The Woodlands Community Association, Inc., The Woodlands Association, Inc. and The Woodlands Commercial Owners Association, Inc. The Associations are known collectively as the Community Associations of The Woodlands.