



Which Regional Plans include **WATER?**



- Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
- The Regional Plans Moving Cameron, Hidalgo & Willacy County's Forward!



What is the LRGVDC?

Voluntary association since 1967

MISSION & VISION

The LRGVDC promotes cooperation among local units of government and provides forums and opportunities for them to work with economic interests and citizen groups in order to improve the region's health, safety, and general welfare and to plan for future development.

State law authorizes commissions like the LRGVDC to make studies and plans to guide unified, far-reaching development of a region, eliminate duplication, and promote economy and efficiency through coordinated development.



Serves Cameron, Hidalgo & Willacy Counties

Benefits of regional planning and program implementation include:

- Economies of scale
- Efficiencies of good government
- Local governmental control
- Cooperative public/private partnerships
- State support and confidence
- Comprehensive planning and program implementation

Why Regional Planning Matters

24 Texas COGs

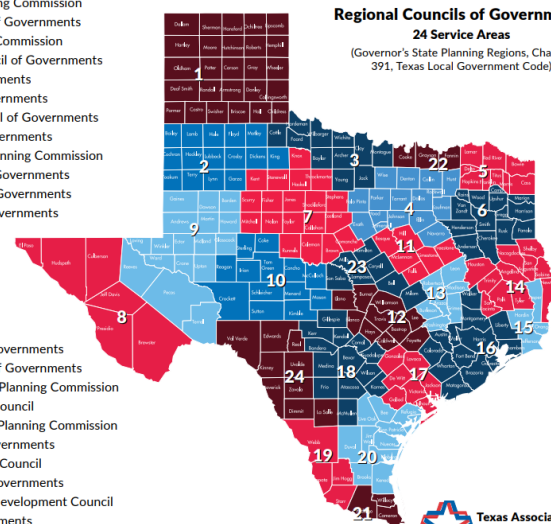
LRGVDC
5th in
population

22nd in
land size

Texas is divided into 24 regions, each served by a voluntary organization of local governmental entities that coordinate programs and services to address needs that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
2. South Plains Association of Governments
3. Nortex Regional Planning Commission
4. North Central Texas Council of Governments
5. Ark-Tex Council of Governments
6. East Texas Council of Governments
7. West Central Texas Council of Governments
8. Rio Grande Council of Governments
9. Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
10. Concho Valley Council of Governments
11. Heart of Texas Council of Governments
12. Capital Area Council of Governments

13. Brazos Valley Council of Governments
14. Deep East Texas Council of Governments
15. South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
16. Houston-Galveston Area Council
17. Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission
18. Alamo Area Council of Governments
19. South Texas Development Council
20. Coastal Bend Council of Governments
21. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
22. Texoma Council of Governments
23. Central Texas Council of Governments
24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council



**Regional Councils of Governments
24 Service Areas**
(Governor's State Planning Regions, Chapter
391, Texas Local Government Code)

FUN FACTS: LRGVDC ranks 5th in population and ranks 22nd in square miles!



What is the CEDS?



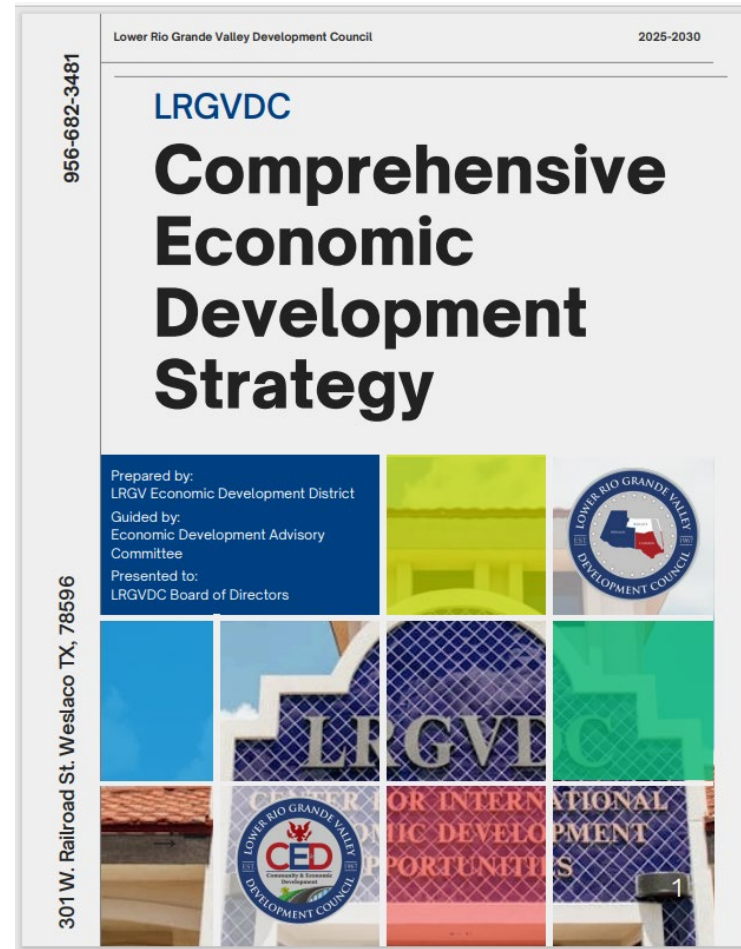
Regional strategy for growth



Required for EDA funding



Focuses on 2025–2030 priorities





Four Regional Focus Areas

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

IF YOUR PROJECT(S) HELPS CONNECT STUDENTS TO JOBS, IMPROVES TRAINING ACCESS, OR SUPPORTS EMPLOYER OUTREACH, IT LIKELY FITS THIS CATEGORY.

ECONOMIC RESILIENCE:

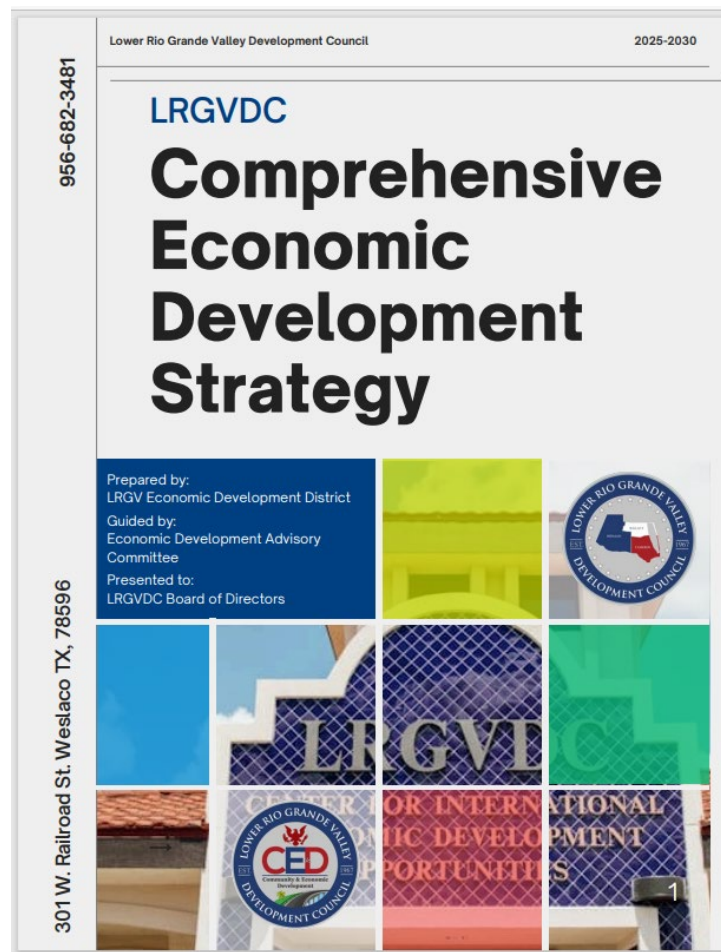
THIS CATEGORY ALSO INCLUDES PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE DIGITAL EQUITY, TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION, AND REGIONAL COORDINATION.

ECONOMIC MOBILITY:

IF A PROJECT HELPS PEOPLE MOVE MORE EASILY INTO OPPORTUNITY, IT BELONGS HERE.

WATER:

BECAUSE WATER AFFECTS GROWTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT, IT IS ONE OF THE REGION'S MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITIES.



Workforce Checklist



SUPPORTS
TRAINING



ENHANCES YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT



WORK BASED
LEARNING



Economic Resilience Checklist



Continuity Planning:

Formalize an Economic Resiliency Ecosystem, Identify Sustainable Funding.



Broadband Expansion:

Create a Crisis Communication Playbook, Organize Small Business Technical Assistance Support System



Stormwater Improvements:

Support Industry Technology, Expand Broadband, Convene Partners to Support a Modern Talent Ecosystem.



Economic Mobility Checklist



Transportation access



Entrepreneurship



Access to capital

WATER Focus Area

Objectives



1) Identify and prioritize regional water projects that will enhance water quality and quantity



2) Enhance the quality and reliability of water infrastructure and maintenance systems



3) Support bi-national water conservation measures and improve awareness and understanding of water quality and water quantity issues

Strategies

1. Support efforts of the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority in areas of seawater and brackish groundwater desalination
2. Support water innovation projects that would improve water quantity and quality in the region
3. Educate local state and federal representatives of regional water priorities

1. Support community projects that improve the water infrastructure
2. Support community projects that improve water infrastructure maintenance
3. Support and or establish training opportunities for water and wastewater management

1. Support cooperation between local, state, federal and international entities to address water supply issues
2. Support the Rio Grande Valley Regional Water Plan
3. Encourage outreach and education

Water Infrastructure Checklist



Improves supply or quality



Supports desalination



Strengthens infrastructure

ADOPTED in March 2023, after COVID, to guide this region to be ready to deal with any kind of future economic disruption.



FOCUS AREA 3: RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY

- Strategy 1:**
Invest in Stormwater Management Infrastructure
- Strategy 2:**
Support Industry Technology Adoption
- Strategy 3:**
Expand Broadband Access Across the Region
- Strategy 4:**
Convene Partners to Support a Modern Talent Ecosystem

**FOCUS
AREA
3**

FOCUS AREA 1: PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS

- Strategy 1:**
Formalize an Economic Resiliency Ecosystem
- Strategy 2:**
Develop an Organizational Continuity Plan
- Strategy 3:**
Identify Sustainable Funding to Support Regional Business Retention and Expansion Outreach

**FOCUS
AREA
1**

FOCUS AREA 2: MITIGATE AND RESPOND

- Strategy 1:**
Create a Crisis Communication Playbook
- Strategy 2:**
Organize Small Business Technical Assistance Support Networks

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AREA
2**



Community Education & Responsibilities



Solid Waste: Diversion

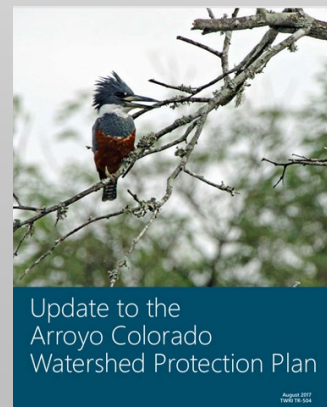
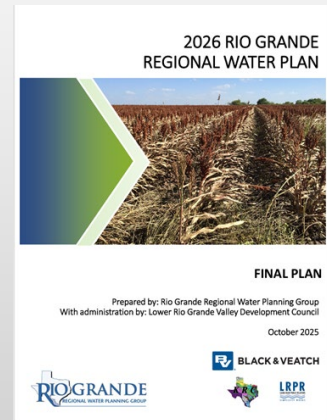


Water: Conservation, Drought



Arroyo Colorado: Stormwater Mgmt.

Is our City doing its responsibility?





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Thank You / Questions



QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU!