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ARGYLE, TEXAS, OVERVIEW

HISTORY OF ARGYLE

The first settlement, consisting of a few families, occurred in the Argyle area in the 1850s. The place was then known as Pilot Knob or Waintown. The settlement gradually acquired a few amenities in the late 1800s: a post office in 1878, a school in 1875 and a church in 1876.

In 1881, the community was formally founded and renamed Argyle after the Texas and Pacific railroad built a track through the area. A railroad surveyor named the town after a garden in France.

URBAN AREA / DEMOGRAPHICS

Size: 11.1 square miles
Population: 3,400
Elevation: 699 ft.

Racial/Ethnic Diversity: White (91.26%)
Hispanic (4.27%)
African American (0.17%)
Native American (0.63%)
Asian (.25%)
Other (3.42%)

Land Use: Residential 55%
Open Space Plan 10%
Transportation 3%
Institutional 5%
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed-Use 5%
Planned Development 22%

Educational Attainment: High school diploma (86%)
Some college (75%)
Bachelor's degree or higher (68%)

FINANCE

Municipal Credit Rating: "A+" rating from Standard and Poor's
Annual Budget: Approximately \$4.7 million
General Fund Reserves: 90 days

Current data for Residential Units, Net Taxable Value, Average Home Value, Median Family Income, Town Tax Rates and Combined Tax Rates can be found in the pocket at the back of this brochure or by contacting the Town of Argyle.

ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES

DFW REGION WORKFORCE

- Third largest concentration of technology professionals in the U.S.
- Workforce of 3 million
- Young population with median age of 32
- Largest concentration of university students in Texas
- Low cost of business
- No state income or state property tax
- Sixth lowest cost of living among major U.S. metropolitan areas
- State funds available to support new enterprises and technology ventures



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

- DFW International Airport is the third busiest airport in the world and the headquarters of American Airlines. DFW Airport has a substantial impact on the North Texas economy, generating more than \$16 billion in economic activity each year and employing more than 300,000 people.
- Alliance Airport is a world-renowned trimodal transportation hub comprised of 17,000 acres and 29 million sq. ft. of development on I-35. The economic impact of Alliance totals over \$2 billion per year. Alliance is home to over 200 companies and 31,000 jobs.

LOCAL EDUCATION

- Argyle Independent School District (AISD) provides an excellent academic program for all students in Grades PK-12. Special classes are provided for English Language Learners, those who can benefit from dyslexia services, and those who qualify for special education services. AP and dual credit classes are offered at the high school. AISD strives to balance an outstanding academic program with fine arts and athletics. In 2008-09 AHS won the Lone Star Cup in 3A which is earned by the highest number of UIL points in the state in academic, athletic and fine arts competitions.

- Liberty Christian School is a private EE-12 school that offers an outstanding private school alternative. Liberty offers a rigorous curriculum and an exemplary fine arts program as well as a full range of competitive sports programs, resulting in Liberty being named the TAAPS overall State Champion four of the last five years.

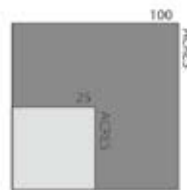
HIGHER EDUCATION

- The North Texas region is home to 20 colleges and universities, 17 graduate schools, three medical/dental schools, two law schools and 20 community college campuses.

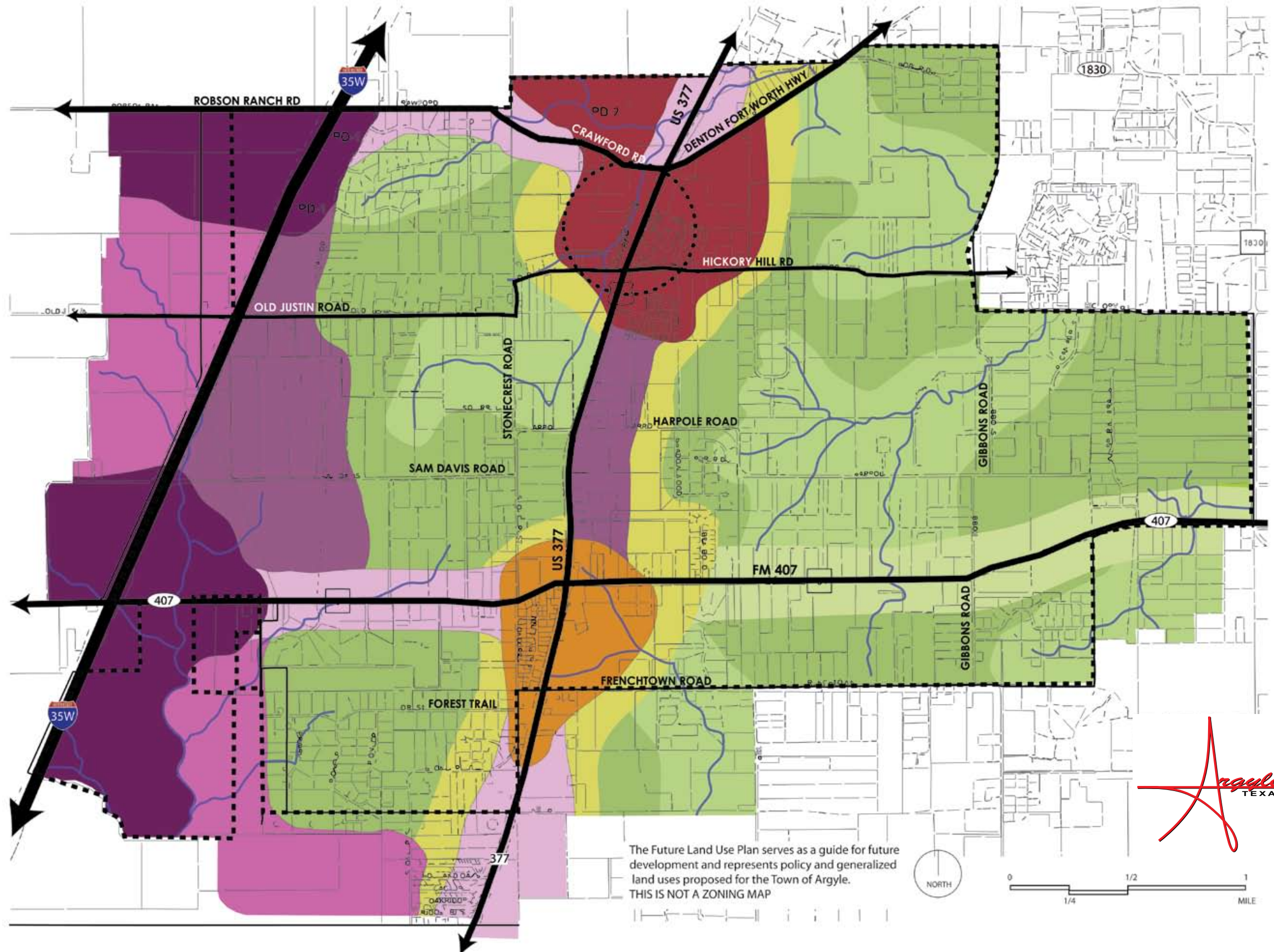
LAND USE

In 2009, Argyle adopted a major revision to the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This update was specifically designed in part to take advantage of new business development opportunities along Argyle's major thoroughfare and highway corridors, while still protecting the quality of life that makes Argyle special. The result is a cutting-edge vision for the community that protects Argyle's rural hometown environment while still emphasizing innovative new urban designs that provide multiple opportunities for new business development.

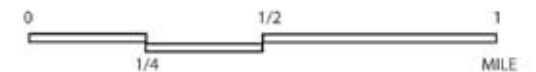
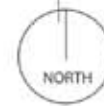
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- T5 - TOWN CENTER
- T4 - VILLAGE CENTER
- T3 - LOW DENSITY TRANSITION
- T2 - RURAL
- T1 - RURAL / CONSERVATION
- C4 - REGIONAL CORRIDOR
- C3 - CENTERS CORRIDOR
- C2 - APPROACH CORRIDOR
- C1 - RURAL CORRIDOR
- RIVER / STREAMS / CREEKS
- 1/4 MILE WALKING DISTANCE
- CITY BOUNDARY



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The Future Land Use Plan serves as a guide for future development and represents policy and generalized land uses proposed for the Town of Argyle. THIS IS NOT A ZONING MAP



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

PLANNING INCENTIVES

Using Argyle's Special Planning Area zoning and Planned Development zoning categories provides maximum flexibility in land use applications for the development of new commercial locations from a small business to a major corporate campus.

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS

Qualified projects that add taxable value to the community may request special taxing districts such as Public Improvement Districts, Tax Increment Finance Districts and others to support new infrastructure benefitting the community and the local school district.

SALES TAX REIMBURSEMENT

Commercial and retail sales tax producing projects may qualify for performance-based reimbursement of sales tax and/or fees to offset the cost of public infrastructure improvements.

4B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

The Town of Argyle 4B Economic Development Corporation provides an opportunity for direct financial assistance to qualified projects using 4B sales tax dollars. 4B proceeds may be used for land, buildings, equipment, facilities, targeted infrastructure and improvements. In addition, the 4B corporation serves as a key business partner assisting with all stages of the project development and remains a partner for future business retention.

STATE AND LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

The Economic Development Corporation champions qualified projects at the state, county and local levels by assisting in accessing County tax incentives, Texas State Enterprise Fund, The Texas Emerging Technology Fund, Enterprise Zone designation, Reinvestment Zone creation and Freeport exemptions.

SERVICES & PERMITTING

SERVICES

POLICE & FIRE	
EMERGENCY	911
Non-Emergency	(940) 464-7254
Emergency Service District	(940) 464-7102
PUBLIC WORKS	
Water Related	(940) 464-7713
Sewer Related	(940) 464-7273
Street Repair	(940) 464-7273
Drainage	(940) 464-7273
Utility Line Locates	(940) 464-7273
SANITATION & RECYCLING	
Allied Waste Services	(817) 332-7301
BUILDING INSPECTION	
Inspection Request Line	(940) 237-2820
Building Official	(940) 464-7273
MUNICIPAL COURT	(940) 464-7255
ANIMAL CONTROL	(940) 464-7254
TOWN SECRETARY	
Election Information	(940) 464-7273
Open Records	(940) 464-7273
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	(940) 464-7273
DENTON COUNTY	
Commissioner Pct. 4	(940) 349-2801
ARGYLE WATER SUPPLY CORP.....	(940) 464-7713

PERMITTING

CITY COUNCIL	
<i>(meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday)</i>	
Zoning	
Platting	
Concept Plan	
Site Plan	
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION	
<i>(meets 1st Tuesday)</i>	
Zoning	
Platting	
Concept Plan	
Site Plan	
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT	
Zoning Variances	
CITY STAFF	
Development Review Committee	
Subdivision Standards	
Traffic Impact Analysis	
Sign and Temporary Sign Permit	
Building Permit	
Building Inspection	
Peddler and Vendor Licensing	
Parade and Special Event Permit	
Codes Enforcement	
Septic Permit	
Online forms available at www.argyletx.com/devservices	
Submittals:Town of Argyle	
506 N. Hwy. 377	
Argyle, TX 76226	
(940) 464-7273	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

Town of Argyle	Small Business Administration
Town Administrator	Dallas / Fort Worth District Office
506 N. Hwy. 377	4300 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 114
Argyle, TX 76226	Fort Worth, TX 76155
(940) 464-7273 fax (940) 464-7274	(817) 684-5500 fax (817) 684-5516
www.argyletx.com	www.sba.gov
Denton County	North Texas Small Business Development Center,
County Commissioner Pct. 4	Dallas Community College
110 W. Hickory St., 3rd Floor	1402 Corinth Street
Denton, TX 76201-4168	Dallas, TX 75215
(940) 349-2801 fax (940) 349-2803	(800) 350-7232 (214) 860-5831
www.dentoncounty.com/court/Precinct4	fax (214) 860-5813
Texas Business Development and Enterprise Fund	www.ntsfdc.org
Governor of Texas	
PO Box 12428	
Austin, TX 78711	
(512) 463-2000	
www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/ecodev/ed_bank/tefund	

