McLennan County Water Supply Planning Information & Resources

This document summarizes key water supply planning information for McLennan County and highlights planning and drought resources available from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). This document was developed to support regional water planning group outreach efforts aimed at improving engagement with small and rural entities.

All water utilities in the state are strongly encouraged to participate in the regional water planning process and utilize TWDB resources to ensure sufficient water supplies are available for all Texans in times of drought.

Definitions of common regional water planning terms and acronyms are available at this link.

Future Water Supply Plans

Brazos G Regional Water Planning

McLennan County is located in the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Area, which encompasses all or parts of 37 central Texas counties (Figure 1). The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group is responsible for developing a regional water plan every five years based on conditions that the region would face under a recurrence of a historical drought of record. The results of the regional water plan are included in the state water plan and inform state financial assistance and surface water right permitting decisions. The 2026 plan is currently under development and due to the TWDB in October 2025.

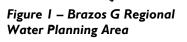
Public involvement is a key component to regional water planning. To ensure your water needs are accurately reflected in the 2026 plan, get involved in Region G water planning by visiting <u>https://brazosgwater.org/</u> or contact the Brazos River Authority at <u>pamela.hannemann@Brazos.org</u>, 254-761-3135.

2021 Brazos G Regional Water Plan

The 2021 Brazos G Regional Water Plan is available at http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2021/index.asp.

The following highlights from the plan are included in Attachment I

- Table A1 summarizes current water supply sources, 2020 and 2070 water supply needs, and recommended water management strategies for water user groups in McLennan County.
- Table A2 provides additional context on the severity of the identified water supply needs by expressing the needs as a percentage of each water user group's total demand. The larger the percent of an entity's total demand, the more severe a potential shortage may be.
- Table A3 presents unmet needs that remain even if all the recommended strategies in the plan were implemented.





Water Providers in McLennan County

Municipal Water User Groups

Public water systems provide potable water for public use and have at least 15 service connections or serve at least 25 individuals at least 60 days out of the year. Public water systems that provide more than 100 acre-feet of water per year for municipal use are considered municipal water user groups and are individually planned for in the regional water planning process. Note that some municipal water user groups include more than one public water system. Table I lists the McLennan County municipal water user groups for the 2026 regional water plan and associated public water systems that are located in the county.

Water User Group	Associated Public Water Systems(s)
Axtell WSC	AXTELL WSC (TX1550016) ^R
Bellmead	CITY OF BELLMEAD (TX1550001)
Birome WSC*	BIROME WSC (TX1090017) ^{R**}
Bold Springs WSC*	BOLD SPRINGS WSC (TX1550017) ^R
Bruceville Eddy*	CITY OF BRUCEVILLE EDDY (TX1550024) ^R
Central Bosque WSC	CENTRAL BOSQUE WSC (TX1550061)
Chalk Bluff WSC	CHALK BLUFF WSC (TX1550020)
Childress Creek WSC*	CHILDRESS CREEK WSC (TX0180026) ^R
Coryell City Water Supply District*	CORYELL CITY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT (TX0500013) ^R
Crawford	CITY OF CRAWFORD (TX1550011) ^R
Cross Country WSC*	CROSS COUNTRY WSC (TX1550059) ^R
East Crawford WSC	EAST CRAWFORD WSC (TX1550023) ^R
Elm Creek WSC*	ELM CREEK WSC (TX1550026)
EOLWSC	EOL WSC (TX1550025) ^R
Gholson WSC*	GHOLSON WSC (TX1550028) ^R
H & H WSC	H & H WSC (TX1550029) ^R
Hewitt	CITY OF HEWITT (TX1550031)
Highland Park WSC*	HIGHLAND PARK WSC (TX0180071) ^R
Hilltop WSC	HILLTOP WSC (TX1550032) ^R
Hog Creek WSC*	HOG CREEK WSC (TX1550132) ^R
Lacy Lakeview	CITY OF LACY LAKEVIEW (TX1550033) ^R
Leroy Tours Gerald WSC	LEROY TOURS GERALD WSC (TX1550027)
Levi WSC*	LEVI WSC (TX1550035) ^R
Lorena	CITY OF LORENA (TX1550036) ^R
Mart	CITY OF MART (TX1550005) ^R
McGregor	CITY OF MCGREGOR (TX1550004) ^{R**}
McLennan County WCID 2	MCLENNAN COUNTY WCID 2 (TX1550002)
Moody	CITY OF MOODY (TX1550006) ^R

Table 1. McLennan County municipal water user groups and associated public water systems

Water User Group	Associated Public Water Systems(s)
North Bosque WSC	NORTH BOSQUE WSC (TX1550088) ^R
Prairie Hill WSC*	PRAIRIE HILL WSC (TX1470011) ^R
Riesel	CITY OF RIESEL (TX1550040) ^R
Robinson	CITY OF ROBINSON (TX1550010)
Ross WSC	ROSS WSC (TX1550042)
Spring Valley WSC	SPRING VALLEY WSC (TX1550044) ^{R**}
Texas State Technical College	TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - WACO (TX1550138)
Valley Mills*	CITY OF VALLEY MILLS (TX0180003) ^R
Waco	CITY OF WACO (TX1550008)
West	CITY OF WEST (TX1550009) ^{R**}
West Brazos WSC*	WEST BRAZOS WSC (TX0730021)**
Windsor Water	WINDSOR WATER (TX1550112)
Woodway	CITY OF WOODWAY (TX1550048) ^R

^R Public water system meets the definition of a rural political subdivision as defined in <u>Texas Water Code 15.001(14)</u>.

* Water user group is split by more than one county. Public water systems associated with the water user group and located in McLennan County are shown.

** Current records show that the public water system did not submit a water use survey response in 2023.

County-Other Water Systems

County-other water systems are a subset of public water systems that provide on average less than 100 acrefeet of water per year for municipal use. For TWDB planning purposes, the following systems will be grouped together and planned for under the County-Other, McLennan water user group category in the 2026 regional water plan:

- BEHRINGER WATER SYSTEM (TX1550130)**
- BOSQUE BASIN WSC (TX1550074)^R
- C S COMMUNITY WSC (TX1550096)^R
- CEDAR RIDGE DEEP WELL WATER SYSTEM (TX1550078)
- CHINA SPRING WATER (TX1550021)**
- COTTONWOOD WSC (TX1550022)^R
- GOODALL WATER SYSTEM (TX1550126)**
- HERITAGE MINISTRIES (TX1550143)**
- M S WSC (TX1550037)^R
- MOORES WATER SYSTEM (TX1550127)**

- NORTH BOSQUE ESTATES WATER SUPPLY (TX1550129)**
- NORTH COUNTY WATER SUPPLY (TX1550049)**
- PATRICK WSC (TX1550134)^R
- PURE WSC (TX1550039)
- ROLLING HILLS WATER SUPPLY (TX1550139)**
- SMITH WATER (TX1550091)**
- SOUTH BOSQUE WSC (TX1550081)
- TUBBS WATER SYSTEM (TX1550125)**
- WESTERN HILLS WATER SYSTEM (TX1550072)**

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Status of Water Systems and Supply

This section highlights potentially vulnerable water systems in McLennan County that serve a population of 7,500 or less and rely on a single water source and systems that have recently reported having 180 days or less of available supply.

Entities that are identified as 7,500 / sole source

The following entities were identified in the 2021 Brazos G Regional Water Plan as having a 2010 population less than 7,500 and relying on a sole source for their water supply regardless of whether that water is provided by a wholesale water provider. These entities are highlighted since they may be more vulnerable in times of drought or in the event of a loss of water supply.

- Axtell WSC
- Chalk Bluff WSC
- Crawford
- East Crawford WSC
- Elm Creek WSC*
- EOL WSC
- Gholson WSC*
- H & H WSC
- Highland Park WSC*
- Lacy Lakeview
- Leroy Tours Gerald WSC

- Levi WSC
- Mart*
- McGregor
- McLennan County WCID 2
- North Bosque WSC
- Prairie Hill WSC*
- Riesel
- Texas State Technical College
- Valley Mills*
- Windsor Water

* Water user group is split by more than one county.

The 2021 Brazos G Regional Water Plan presents potential emergency response options for entities with populations less than 7,500 that rely on a sole source and county-other water user groups in the region. Emergency response options could potentially include addition of a local groundwater well, trucking in water, importing supply from a nearby entity, or utilizing existing emergency interconnects. For the temporary emergency response options identified for entities in McLennan County, see <u>Chapter 7</u> of the 2021 Brazos G Regional Water Plan.

180-day Priority List occurrences

Retail public utilities are required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to report when the utility is reasonably certain that its water supply will be available for less than 180 days. Between January 2016 and November 2023, the following public water systems in McLennan County reported to TCEQ as having approximately 180 days or less of water supply remaining:

• City of Mart (TX1550005)

Key TWDB Resources for Water Planning & Drought

Interactive State Water Plan

The online <u>Interactive State Water Plan</u> provides access to detailed planning data presented at varying geographic levels, through maps, tables, and additional graphics. Users can customize what they see, for example, by selecting data associated with a specific water use category or from a specific planning decade. The displayed data is also downloadable in a spreadsheet format.

To explore detailed planning data for McLennan County in the Interactive State Water Plan, visit <u>https://texasstatewaterplan.org/</u>.

Texas Water Service Boundary Viewer

The Texas Water Service Boundary Viewer (TWSBV) is a public water system service area mapping application that strives to provide the most up-to-date and best data available on the service areas for all community public water systems within Texas. The TWSBV also provides links to supplemental public water system information, including system specific data from the Drinking Water Watch (maintained by the TCEQ) as well as water use survey information.

The application is used to collect accurate retail water service boundaries to better estimate and project utility population and rural population not served by a system for the regional and state water plans.

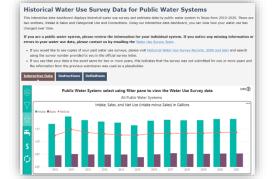
Water systems are encouraged to use the application to verify that their service area boundaries on file are accurate and update them if changes have occurred. Information for editors (utilities) is available at: http://bit.ly/ServiceBoundaryEditor.

The public can view water system areas on file at <u>https://www2.twdb.texas.gov/apps/WaterServiceBoundaries</u>.

Water Use Survey

The TWDB is legislatively directed to provide planning and financial assistance for the development and management of water resources in Texas. This activity is dependent upon the accuracy and completeness of the information that water users provide in the annual Water Use Survey.

The TWDB annually collects and maintains information concerning current state water use in various reports accessible here: https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/waterusesurvey/estimates



TWDB Water Loss Resources

Reducing water loss offers utilities the ability to increase their water use efficiency, improve their financial status, and assist with long-term water sustainability. Currently, all retail public water systems with more than 3,300 connections or a financial obligation to TWDB are required to annually complete and submit a <u>Water Loss</u> <u>Audit</u>. All other retail public water suppliers are required to submit a water loss audit to the TWDB every five years. Water loss audits are required to be submitted by an individual <u>trained</u> in water loss auditing.

Water loss audits help determine the appropriate actions for water loss control but, only if the water loss audit data is validated. Starting in 2025, a Water Loss Audit is required to be validated if the utility has an existing financial obligation to TWDB or is applying financial assistance from TWDB. Visit the TWDB <u>Water Loss Audit</u> <u>Validation</u> webpage for more information.

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TWDB staff are available to provide water loss audit assistance and work with utility staff to better understand how water loss audits can benefit their utility. For more information on leak detection, how to collect and report accurate data, and data validation, visit <u>https://www.twdb.texas.gov/conservation/municipal/waterloss/</u>.

TWDB Drought Resources

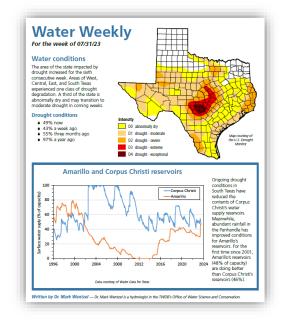
The TWDB offers a variety of resources to assist Texans with drought response and preparedness on the <u>TWDB Drought</u> <u>Resources webpage</u>, including

<u>Water Data for Texas</u>: Water Data for Texas provides information on reservoir storage levels, lake evaporation and precipitation, and water levels at the automated groundwater level wells among other types of information.

<u>Drought Dashboard</u>: The TWDB's drought dashboard provides information on conditions across the state, including rainfall, temperature, streamflow, and soil moisture as well as various drought indices and U.S. Drought Monitor status.

<u>Water Weekly</u>: Water weekly provides a weekly summary of drought conditions across the state.

<u>Texas Water Conditions Report</u>: Report provides a monthly summary of the state's drought and water conditions.



TWDB Financial Assistance Programs

The TWDB offers a variety of cost-effective loan and grant programs that provide for the planning, acquisition, design, and construction of water related infrastructure and other water quality improvements. <u>Urgent need</u> <u>funding is available through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</u> to assists communities with addressing unforeseen situations that require immediate attention to protect public health and safety.

For more information about TWDB financial assistance programs, visit <u>http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/</u>, or contact TWDB at 512-463-0991, <u>Financial_Assistance@twdb.texas.gov</u>.

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)

The TDEM coordinates the state emergency management program, which is intended to ensure the state and its local governments respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters and implement plans and programs to help prevent or lessen the impact of emergencies and disasters. The chief of TDEM is the state drought manager and is responsible for managing and coordinating the drought response component of the state water plan. For more information, visit <u>https://www.tdem.texas.gov/</u> or contact 512-424-2208.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

The TCEQ provides hands-on assistance to communities responding to drought, consults with public water systems about implementing drought contingency plans, tracks public drinking water systems under water-use restrictions, actively manages water in Watermaster Programs, answers the public drought-information hot line: 800-447-2827, and offers drought information on its website: <u>https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought</u>.

In the event of a drinking water emergency, contact your <u>TCEQ regional office</u>. For after-hours emergencies, call 1-888-777-3186.

Attachment I – 2021 Brazos G Regional Water Plan Summary Tables

Table AT. McLennan C	County planning summary	2020	2070	
		Water Need	Water Need	
	Current Water Supply	(acre-	(acre-	Recommended Water
Water User Group	Sources	feet/year)	feet/year)	Management Strategies
Axtell WSC	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	Other surface water
Axtell WJC	Trinity Aquifer; Waco	0	0	Other surface water
Bellmead	Lake/Reservoir	0	0	Other direct reuse
Delimead	Navarro Mills	0	0	
	Lake/Reservoir;			
	Richland Chambers			
	Lake/Reservoir Non-			
	System Portion; Trinity			
Birome WSC*	Aquifer	0	0	None
	Trinity Aquifer; Waco		-	
Bold Springs WSC*	Lake/Reservoir	0	0	None
	Brazos River Authority			
	Little River			
	Lake/Reservoir System;			
Bruceville Eddy*	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	Municipal conservation
,	Brazos River Authority			
	Little River			
	Lake/Reservoir System;			
Central Bosque WSC	Waco Lake/Reservoir	0	0	None
Chalk Bluff WSC	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	None
	Brazos River Authority			
	Little River			
Coryell City Water	Lake/Reservoir System;			Conjunctive use;
Supply District*	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	Municipal conservation
County-Other,				Groundwater wells and
McLennan	Trinity Aquifer	222	0	other
Crawford	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	Municipal conservation
Cross Country WSC*	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	Municipal conservation
				Municipal conservation;
East Crawford WSC	Trinity Aquifer	113	219	Other surface water
	Brazos River Authority			Groundwater wells and
	Little River			other; Other surface
Elm Creek WSC*	Lake/Reservoir System	0	196	water
EOL WSC	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	Other surface water
Gholson WSC*	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	None
H & H WSC	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	None
				Municipal conservation;
	Trinity Aquifer; Waco			Other direct reuse;
Hewitt	Lake/Reservoir	480	2,262	Other surface water
				Groundwater wells and
				other; Municipal
Highland Park WSC*	Trinity Aquifer	82	116	conservation
	Trinity Aquifer; Waco			
Hilltop WSC	Lake/Reservoir	0	0	None

Table A1. McLennan County planning summary

		2020	2070	
		Water Need	Water Need	
	Current Water Supply	(acre-	(acre-	Recommended Water
Water User Group	Sources	feet/year)	feet/year)	Management Strategies
	Brazos River Alluvium			
	Aquifer; Brazos Run-of-			
Irrigation, McLennan	River; Trinity Aquifer	0	0	None
Lacy Lakeview	Waco Lake/Reservoir	0	0	Other direct reuse
Leroy Tours Gerald		Ŭ	.	
WSC	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	Other surface water
Levi WSC	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	None
	Brazos Livestock Local			
Livestock, McLennan	Supply	0	0	None
	Trinity Aquifer; Waco	•		Municipal conservation;
Lorena	Lake/Reservoir	0	0	Other direct reuse
	Brazos River Alluvium	•		
	Aquifer; Brazos River			
	Authority Little River			
	Lake/Reservoir System;			
Manufacturing,	Trinity Aquifer; Waco			Industrial conservation;
McLennan	Lake/Reservoir	543	1,309	Other direct reuse
			.,	Aquifer storage and
				recovery; Other surface
Mart*	Trinity Aquifer	149	244	water
	Brazos River Authority			
	Little River			
McGregor	Lake/Reservoir System	0	0	Conjunctive use
McLennan County	/			•
WCID 2	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	None
	Brazos River Alluvium			Industrial conservation;
Mining, McLennan	Aquifer; Trinity Aquifer	1,800	3,478	Other direct reuse
~	Brazos River Authority			
	Little River			
	Lake/Reservoir System;			
Moody	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	None
				Aquifer storage and
				recovery; Municipal
North Bosque WSC	Trinity Aquifer	0	522	conservation
				Groundwater wells and
				other; Municipal
Prairie Hill WSC*	Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer	0	0	conservation
Riesel	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	None
	Brazos Run-of-River;			Municipal conservation;
Robinson	Trinity Aquifer	245	2,255	Other surface water
	Trinity Aquifer; Waco			
Ross WSC	Lake/Reservoir	0	0	None
	Brazos River Authority			
	Little River			
	Lake/Reservoir System;			
Spring Valley WSC	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	None

		2020	2070	
		Water Need	Water Need	
	Current Water Supply	(acre-		Recommended Water
		•	(acre-	
Water User Group	Sources	feet/year)	feet/year)	Management Strategies
	Direct Reuse; Lake			
	Creek Lake/Reservoir;			
	Tradinghouse Creek			
Steam-Electric Power,	Lake/Reservoir; Trinity			
McLennan	Aquifer	0	0	None
Texas State Technical				
College	Waco Lake/Reservoir	0	0	Municipal conservation
				Municipal conservation;
Valley Mills*	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	Other surface water
				Aquifer storage and
	Brazos Run-of-River;			recovery; Municipal
	Trinity Aquifer; Waco			conservation; Other
Waco	Lake/Reservoir	0	2,908	direct reuse
	Trinity Aquifer; Waco			
West	Lake/Reservoir	0	0	Municipal conservation
West Brazos WSC*	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	None
Windsor Water	Trinity Aquifer	0	0	Municipal conservation
	Brazos River Authority			
	Little River			
	Lake/Reservoir System;			
	Trinity Aquifer; Waco			
Woodway	Lake/Reservoir	0	0	Municipal conservation

* Water user group is split by more than one county. Table presents the water user group's total summary data for all related counties.

Table A2. McLennan County projected needs of every water user group, as a share of total demand	ſ
(percent)	

Water User Group	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Axtell WSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bellmead	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birome WSC*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bold Springs WSC*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bruceville Eddy*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Bosque WSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chalk Bluff WSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coryell City Water Supply District*	-	-	-	-	-	-
County-Other, McLennan	18	-	-	-	-	-
Crawford	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cross Country WSC*	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Crawford WSC	34	39	42	45	48	50
Elm Creek WSC*	-	-	-	7	16	24
EOL WSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gholson WSC*	-	-	-	-	-	-
H & H WSC	-	-	-	-	-	-

Water User Group	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Hewitt	16	25	32	37	43	47
Highland Park WSC*	49	53	55	56	57	58
Hilltop WSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Irrigation, McLennan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lacy Lakeview	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leroy Tours Gerald WSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Levi WSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Livestock, McLennan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lorena	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing, McLennan	11	38	33	28	24	18
Mart*	42	45	47	50	52	55
McGregor	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLennan County WCID 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mining, McLennan	71	75	76	79	81	83
Moody	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Bosque WSC	-	12	24	33	41	46
Prairie Hill WSC*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riesel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robinson	10	23	32	39	45	50
Ross WSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spring Valley WSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Steam-Electric Power, McLennan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas State Technical College	-	-	-	-	-	-
Valley Mills*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waco	-	-	-	-	-	7
West	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Brazos WSC*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Windsor Water	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodway	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Water user group is split by more than one county. Table presents the water user group's total data for all related counties.

Color graded scale of needs as a share of demand from 0 (green) to 100 percent (red). **Bold** indicates needs are 100 percent met by implementation of the plan.

Table A3. McLennan County unmet needs (acre-feet per year)

Water User Group	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
County-Other, McLennan	222	0	0	0	0	0
Hewitt	480	0	0	0	0	0



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