

# GOVERNANCE UPDATE: **Town Center Improvement District Officially Becomes The Woodlands Township**

**I**t's official. The name of Town Center Improvement District of Montgomery County, Texas, has officially changed, and now The Woodlands Township has expanded to serve 88,000 residents.

Voters in The Woodlands overwhelmingly approved three propositions leading to the establishment of The Woodlands Township in a special election held on November 6, 2007. In the election:

- Proposition I (Confirmation of the Addition of Territory) passed by a margin of 13,292 votes for to 2,206 votes against, or by 86 percent.
- Proposition II (Confirmation of Changes in the Composition of the Board of Directors) passed by 13,295 votes for to 2,172 votes against, or by 86 percent.
- Proposition III (The Levy of an Ad Valorem Tax) passed by a margin of 12,049 votes for to 3,419 votes against, or by 78 percent.

In addition:

- The Regional Participation Agreements with the City of Houston and the City of Conroe have become fully effective. The Woodlands Township has partnered with the Cities of Houston and Conroe for regional projects, and the Township will contribute a portion of the sales and use tax (a sixteenth of one percent in their respective extraterritorial jurisdictions) to regional participation funds established with both cities. All provisions of House Bill 4109 become fully effective as a result of the passage of Propositions I and II including the provision of reorganizing to a fully-elected Board of Directors.
- The Woodlands Township created The Woodlands Township Economic Development Zone to encompass all of The Woodlands. This mechanism will provide funding for essential

public services that directly allows for a reduction in property assessments by The Woodlands Community Association, The Woodlands Association and The Woodlands Commercial Owners Association.

- The Woodlands Township authorized an interim funding agreement with The Woodlands Fire Department for \$6.1 million in funding for fire and emergency medical services for calendar year 2008, which led to a reduction of property assessments by our community associations of at least 15 percent.

The Woodlands Township election will be held in May 2008. This is separate from the Community Association elections, which are in February. For more information on The Woodlands Township, please visit [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov).