



# A Leader's Guide to Developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans

## For More Information:

<http://texaswildfirerisk.com>

<http://tfsweb.tamu.edu>

<http://texasfirewise.org>

<http://firewise.org>



A **Community Wildfire Protection Plan** is a written document, mutually agreed upon by local, state and federal representatives and stakeholders that identifies how a community will reduce its risks from wildland fire.



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*When a wildfire strikes, have you done everything possible to protect yourself and your community?*

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## PHASE 1 : PLAN

**Engage local Texas A&M Forest Service.** Contact local Wildland Urban Interface Specialist at [www.texasfirewise.org](http://www.texasfirewise.org)

**Contact fire association/local law enforcement and fire services.**

**Contact state and federal partners.**

*If the above are supportive, then continue with:*

**Adopt Community Wildfire Protection Plan.**  
Discuss adopting CWPP into Annex of county's emergency management plan and mitigation action plan.

**Declare proclamation.**  
Present proclamation to county judge and county commissioners during commissioners court for approval and signatures.

### NOTES

**Form core working group.**  
Possible partners:

▶ **County Officials**

- County Judge
- County Commissioners
- County Sheriff
- Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC)
- County Planner

▶ **Local Texas A&M Forest Service**

▶ **Fire services**

- Volunteer Fire Departments
- Municipal Fire Departments
- Fire Association
- Fire Marshal

▶ **Law Enforcement**

- Local and Municipal
- State Police

▶ **Federal partners**

- US Forest Service (USFS)
- National Park Service (NPS)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)

▶ **Identify other stakeholders to invite in the CWPP process.**

- Private stakeholders
- Industry stakeholders
- Municipal stakeholders

## PHASE 2 : ASSESS

**Identify priority areas with fire service and federal agencies.**

- This can be accomplished one-on-one meeting or with a group meeting.
- Develop a base map of Communities At Risk (CARs).

**Assemble** fire department response area maps.

**Assemble** checklist of topics to cover during assessments.

**Interview** fire department to identify needs, concerns and update contact information.

**Conduct** assessments in cooperation with fire department.

**Identify** safety issues.

**Identify** recommendations/projects.

**Compile** assessment results.

**Finalize** CAR map.

**Prioritize** recommendations/projects.

**Develop** local CWPP draft.

**Deliver** draft CWPP to fire department for edits.

## PHASE 3 : FINALIZE

**Assemble draft county CWPP** using information gathered from risk assessments and fire department CWPPs.

**Research and identify** potential funding sources.

▶ Reconvene core group for second meeting.

▶ Present findings from assessments.

**Prioritize projects** within county plan.

- Fuel reduction
- Education
- Structural ignitability

**Finalize** county CWPP with edits from core group.

**Present** for public opinion.

**Deliver** draft to core group participants.

**Present** final copy to commissioner's court.

**Plan** signing/recognition ceremony.