

**NEWS & POLITICS** 

## Move Over, Austin: Fort Worth Is the New Texas Boomtown

The 2022 census update, released late last week, indicates that growth in Austin and Fort Worth—as well as the Texas suburbs—isn't slowing down.



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## WHY FORT WORTH?

- One of the fastest growing cities in the nation, with a population in Tarrant County of 2.11 million and part of Dallas-FW Metro area of 8 Million.
- No Tier I research university presence in the county.
- Strong City and County backing for project.
- Demographic and workforce needs coupled with broad private sector interest.
- Law School is growing and needs new facilities to continue to grow and rise in rankings.
- Extensive research and workforce training partnerships with industry.
- Opportunity to centralize System regional operations (TDEM, TEES, TTI, TEEX etc.).
- TAM-FW will be the catalyst for a larger Innovation District on the southeast side of downtown Fort Worth.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

## ORIGINAL VISION



• The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), in partnership with the City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, will transform a 3.7-acre site in Downtown Fort Worth into a mixeduse hub for education, innovation, and corporate collaboration.

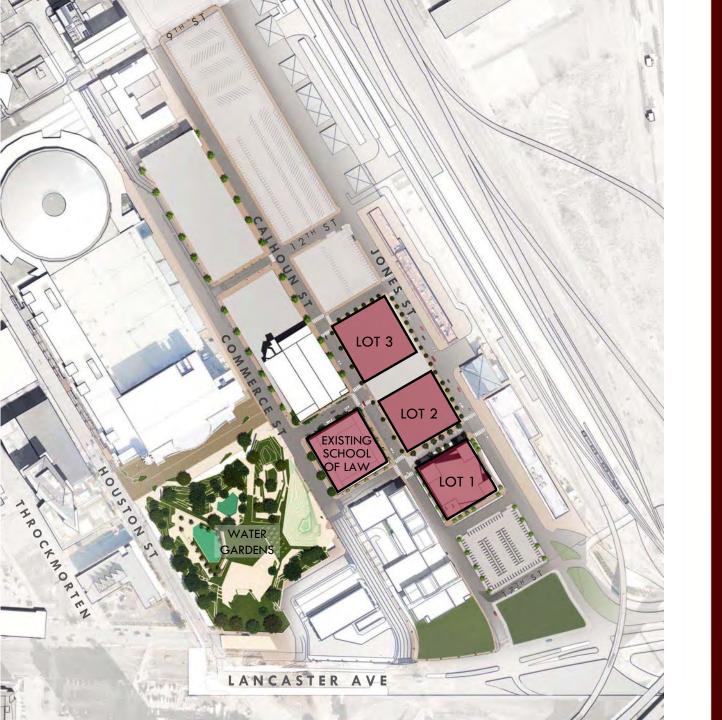


 TAMUS envisions a new complex across four parcels that will house the Texas A&M University School of Law and other TAMUS members alongside private firms in a manner that encourages innovation and entrepreneurship within an urban research campus environment.



 The vision for this campus is to build a world-class facility for TAMUS members to be co-located with other complementary commercial tenants - ranging from startups to law firms to corporate partners — who can both benefit from the research, workforce and services stemming from the TAMUS members.

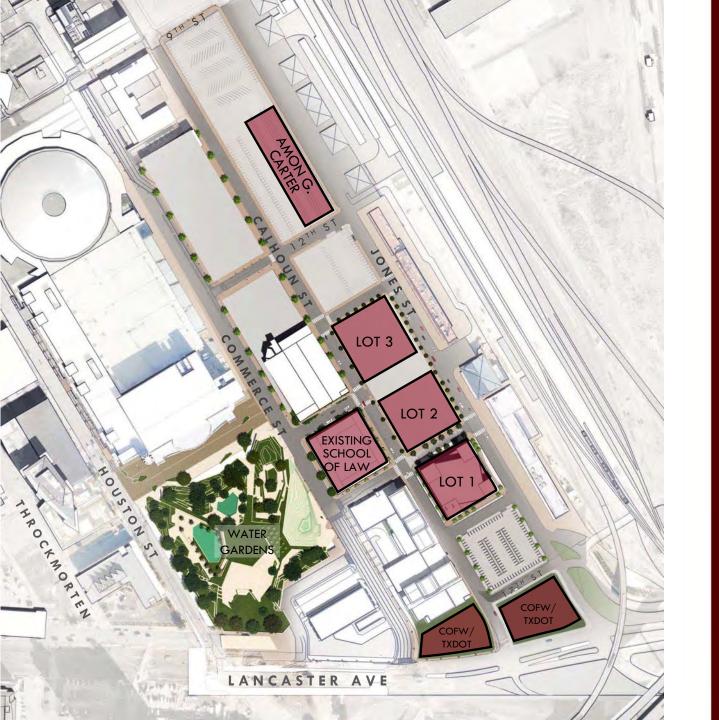




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  - Amon G. Carter Foundation gift, 0.89 acres north of main campus
  - The City and TxDOT will transfer 1.29 acres at the corner of Lancaster and Calvert and Lancaster and Commerce
- Additions bring total available space to 7 city blocks and 5.8 acres.
- Further acquisitions are possible as part of the Innovation District zones envisioned by City planners.

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PRE-DEVELOPMENT



**POST-DEVELOPMENT** 







## **BUILDING 1: Law & Education**

- Academic anchor
- Groundbreaking
  - Summer 2023
- Topping out
  - November 2024
- Substantial Completion
  - Summer 2026
- Current planned users:
  - TAMU Law School
  - TAMU College of Engineering
  - TAMU Recruiting
  - TAMU Health Science Center
  - Tarleton Nursing
  - Tarleton Biotech
  - Tarleton Medical Lab Science
  - TAM-FW Administration

#### Additional users:

- State Corporation Courts
- Mays School of Business
- College of Pharmacy
- Temporary: Burnet
  Plaza spillover









### **BUILDING 2: Research & Innovation**

- Research and service anchor
- Currently in schematic design phase
- Projected TAMU System users:
  - TAMU School of Law
  - TAMU College of Medicine
  - TAMU College of Performance, Visualization & Fine Arts
  - Tarleton State University Biotechnology Institute
  - Tarleton State University Medical Lab Sciences
  - Texas A&M AgriLife Research
  - Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station
  - Texas A&M Transportation Institute
  - Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Space set aside for 'hub' growth



#### OTHER NON-TAMFW FUTURE/POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:



## FUTURE BUILDINGS

- Performance, Visualization, and Fine Arts
  - PVFA has an existing state appropriation for equipping the facility.
  - Classes are already underway in downtown
- Research and Innovation Building B
  - Phase II of the Research and Innovation Building
  - Use will be primarily dictated by how demand develops as first buildings begin operations

#### Gateway

- Envisioned as the 'front door' and capstone of the Fort Worth campus, facing onto Commerce Street.
- Potentially will include meeting and conference space with academic and other System Members offices.

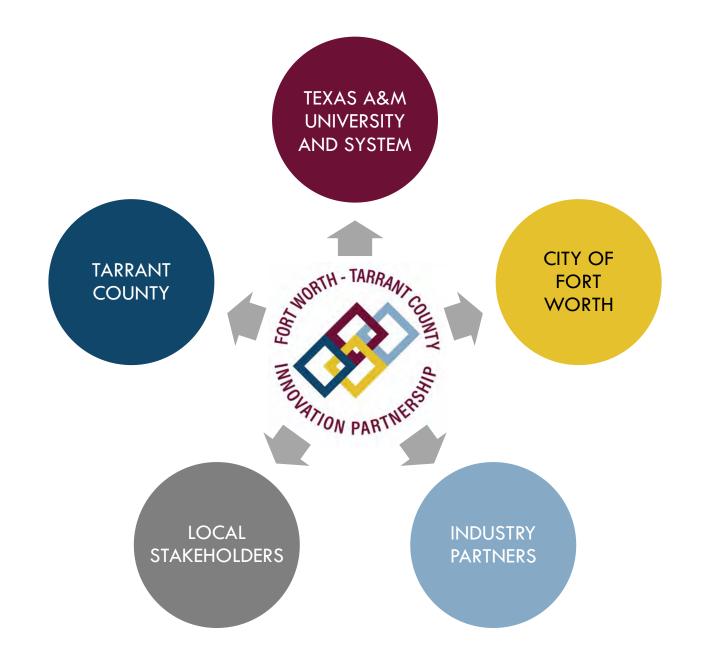


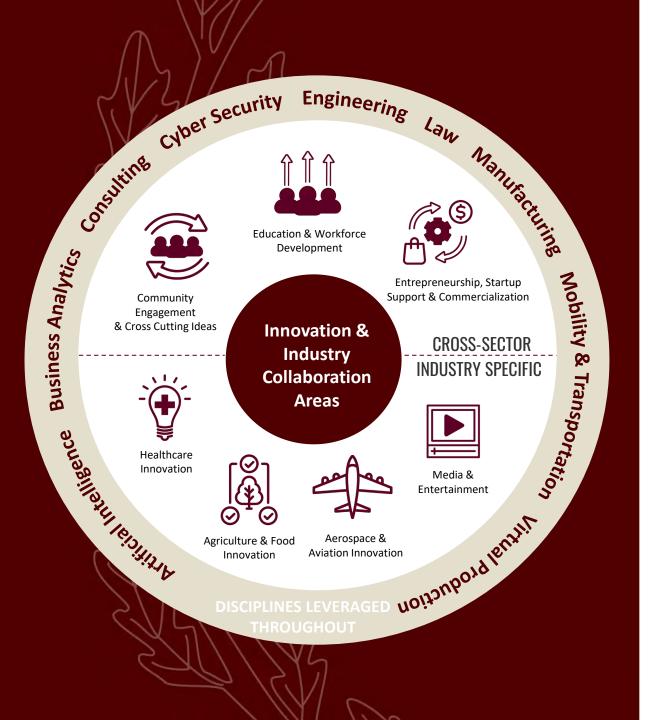


# FWTC INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP

The Fort Worth-Tarrant County Innovation Partnership (FWTCIP) was launched in February 2023.

- Created as a nonprofit partnership between the City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County to support the development and future success of Texas A&M Fort Worth
- Focused on driving innovative research, transformative education, and strategic alignment with industry partners.





## INDUSTRY HUBS

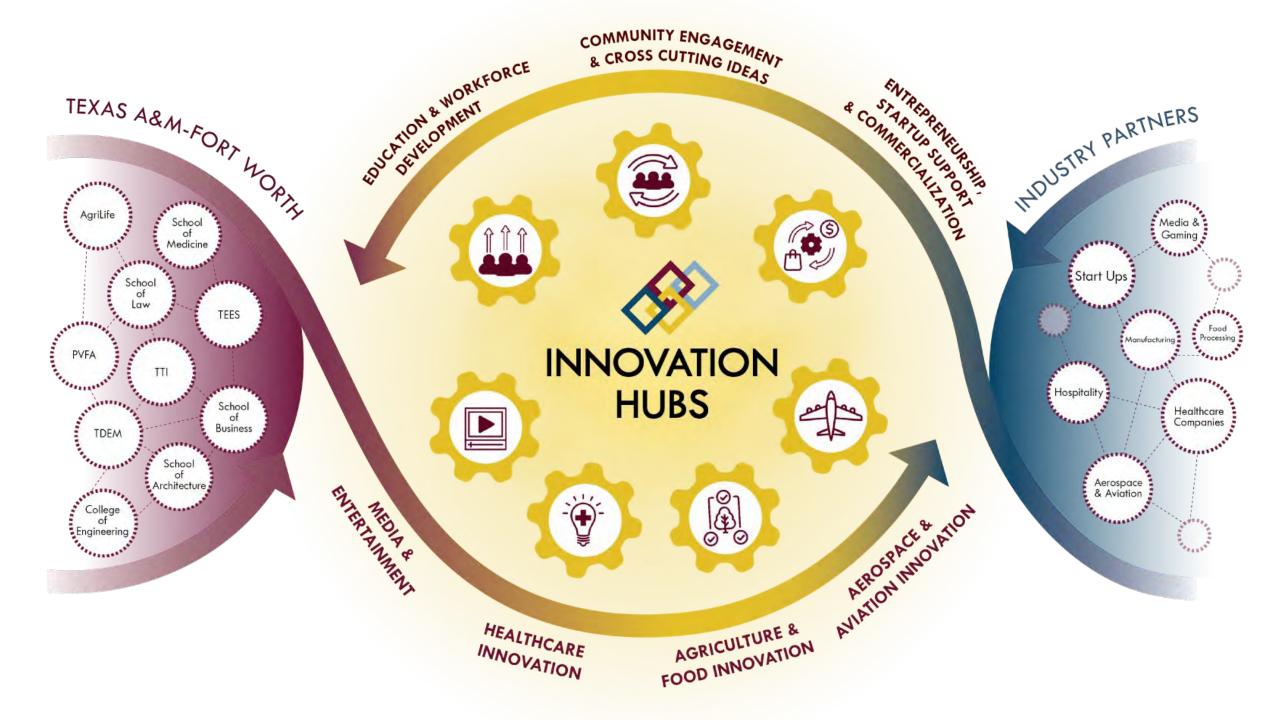
#### The Purpose:

 Dive deeper into opportunities that align needs of key industry partners in North Texas with the supply of research and talent from System Members

#### The Goal:

- Identify and build out several multidisciplinary hubs that bring together industry and academic partners to solve complex problems
- And in the process, foster economic development and growth





Texas A&M—Fort Worth will be a multidisciplinary focal point for the DFW Metroplex combining academics and research with leading-edge industry partners and public agencies.

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