

GOVERNANCE Timeline

Governance of The Woodlands has evolved over time as the area has grown from a small master-planned development to a thriving community with a population of 115,000.

1960s

George Mitchell purchases land to build The Woodlands, requests the City of Houston place these landholdings within the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) or annexation area

1974

Official opening of The Woodlands



1996

Kingwood annexed by City of Houston. Community leaders initiate governance discussions



1999

The Woodlands community enters annexation moratorium with City of Houston



2006

Community leaders negotiate deal with City of Houston and City of Conroe to avoid annexation but agreements require legislative changes



2007

Legislation passed. Voters approved three propositions:

- Prop I - 86% additional territory
- Prop II - 86% change in Board
- Prop III - 78% converting to Ad Valorem Tax

2010

The Woodlands Township as it currently exists is created with combination of Community Associations of The Woodlands and Town Center Improvement District

2012

Township Board studies Future Governance but defers action

2014

First year voters may consider future governance per RPAs; no election held

2015

Township voters reject Road Bond with Woodlands Parkway Extension

2016

Major thoroughfares added

2017

Hurricane Harvey arrives in Texas

2018

Following Legislation in 2017, Township Board initiates year-long Governance/Incorporation Planning Study

