

# 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 118,000.

## 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 is passed, and voters approve three propositions that enable the community to enter into Regional Participation Agreements (RPAs) with Houston and Conroe to allow The Woodlands to determine its own governance

## 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 throughout The Woodlands

## 2017

Hurricane Harvey arrives in Texas

## 2018

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

## 2020

Study continues, but COVID-19 Pandemic hits and Township Board puts study on hold

- No public health authority
- No local control
- Subject to different orders from Harris and Montgomery Counties

## 2021

Township reopens Study

- Township could miss out on an estimated \$30 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds allocated to cities
- Township calls for Incorporation election for November 2, 2021

