



## INFRASTRUCTURE

Want to work from home, or have a home-based business and need internet access? Not a problem. Waller County has many areas with advanced telecommunications support through either DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) or wireless service. DSL service is available in the towns of Brookshire, Hempstead, Waller and Katy. Additionally, wireless access is available in the Waller and Hempstead areas and also extends to some parts of the northeast portion of the county.

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*Unique shape...*  
*Unique people...*  
*Unique opportunities...*

## Roads & Mobility

Waller County is well served with US 290 in the north, connecting Houston to Austin; and Interstate 10 in the south; connecting Houston to San Antonio. Heading to the north, there is SH 6 which goes to Bryan/College Station, home to Texas A&M University.

With the new Park & Ride facility at Spring Cypress on US Hwy 290, the expansion of Interstate 10 well under way, and with the completion of the Westpark Toll Road, commute times from Waller County in to Houston have greatly improved. In fact, new access ramps have just been added at Igloo Road and Interstate 10 and plans are under way for additional access ramps at Woods Road and Interstate 10 giving commuters better access to Interstate 10.

Also running throughout the county are several state-maintained roads connecting the main highways. Each has a capacity to accommodate tractor-trailer and large vehicle traffic. Our mobility planning efforts stay current with the City of Houston's thoroughfare and mobility planning efforts to ensure a smooth transition as Waller County grows.

## Rail

Running along US 290 is the Union Pacific Railroad. This rail service runs into Houston and on to many locations to the north of Waller County. In the south, Union Pacific rail service is available along Interstate 10.

There is a regional effort to construct commuter rail from Houston out to Waller County along the US Hwy 290 corridor. Although no completion dates have been set, Waller County is poised for commuter rail service in the future.

## Utilities

Electric supply is sufficient for business and residential growth. San Bernard Electric Cooperative and CenterPoint Energy, along with several competitive retail electric companies, provide electricity to all of Waller County

(with the exception of municipally-owned utilities). Statewide deregulation of the retail electric market has lead to numerous options for residential and commercial service alike. Current residential rates can be obtained at [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org). You can also download utility contact information at [www.wallercounty.org/infra.php](http://www.wallercounty.org/infra.php).

## Protecting Water

In 2007 voters approved having Waller County join the Bluebonnet Water Conservation District. This move places Waller County into a managed plan to help ensure that water is available for future generations. Funds generated for the district help pay for engineering and management services to monitor water usage and make plans for future growth.

## Airports

Waller County is home to the new Houston Executive Airport, the newest and only privately-funded general aviation airport being constructed in the county. Houston Executive Airport boasts a 6,610' X 100' runway with a full parallel taxiway.

Currently the airport provides hangar facilities for rent and ground lease opportunities. Henriksen Jet Center provides 24-hour full service Jet-A and LL100 fueling with many amenities such as plush pilot's lounge, Weather briefing room, rental cars and catering services. The 26,000 square foot Henriksen Jet Center corporate hangar is completed and the new terminal facilities slated to be completed in 2009. Visit them at [www.houstonexecutiveairport.com](http://www.houstonexecutiveairport.com).



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