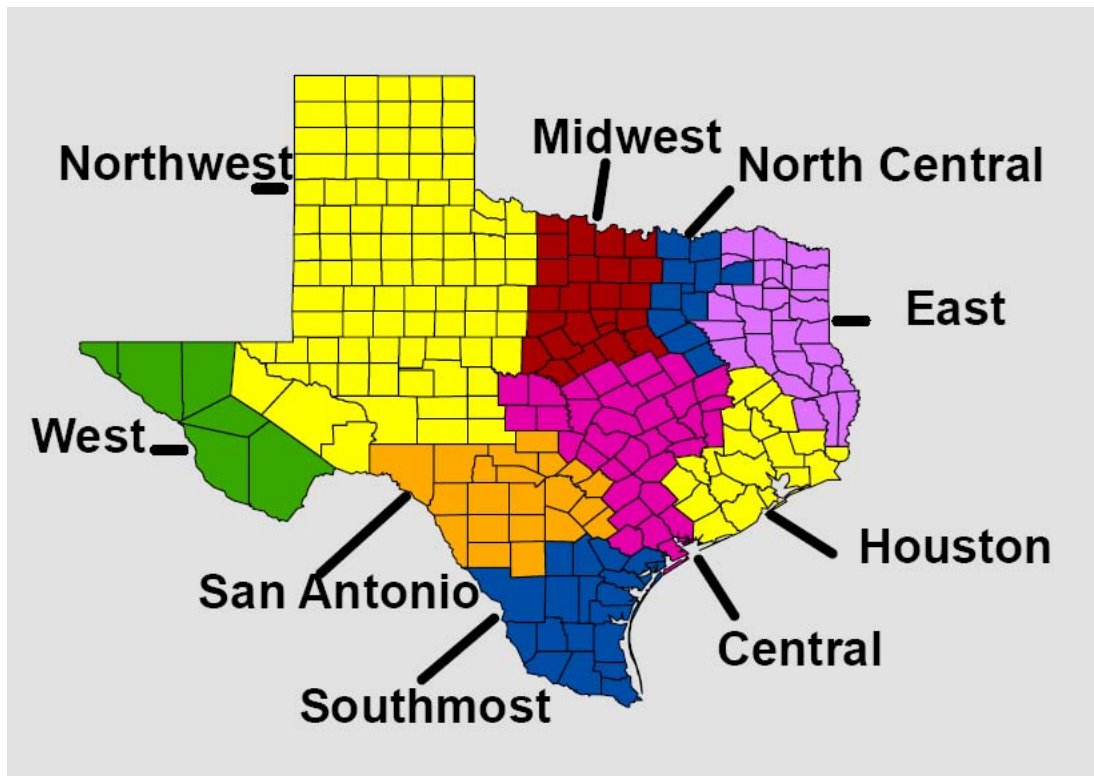


Howdy East Texas Planners!

As you may have heard, the City of Tyler Planning staff petitioned the state for a section devoted to our area, and our request was approved at the state conference. The East Texas Section includes the following counties:

Anderson	Delta	Lamar	Rains	Smith
Angelina	Franklin	Marion	Red River	Titus
Bowie	Gregg	Morris	Rusk	Tyler
Camp	Harrison	Nacogdoches	Sabine	Upshur
Cass	Henderson	Newton	San Augustine	Van Zandt
Cherokee	Jasper	Panola	Shelby	Wood



We did this to expand the training and networking opportunities for the East Texas planning community. We will have quarterly training that is either free or low cost---most should be available for Certification Maintenance credits.

We'd also like to host these opportunities around the entire section area, so if you're interested in being a host city, let us know and we'll coordinate the event.

We intend to launch a newsletter to keep us all better informed of what we're doing and experiencing. If you would like to submit any articles, please get in touch with Heather Nick at the contact information provided below.

We're really grateful for this opportunity and hope that we can use it to advance the planning profession in East Texas.

The group working on your behalf until formal elections are held next August are:



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Until I get to meet you each in person, have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Barbara Holly