# Incorporating Government Information into Community Profiles/Site Selection Workshops

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# **WORKSHOP HISTORY**

- 1. Based on this Lubbock Bibliography.
- 2. Have done this workshop on and off for past 15 years.
- 3. Previously done by myself, the Business Librarian, and a Southwest Collection (archive) archivist.
- 4. This 2022 revised workshop was jumpstarted by the Architecture Library "Researching Lubbock" project.
- 5. We added our Architecture Librarian and STEM Librarian as co-presenters as these were additional academic areas that used community profiles/site selection information for this workshop.

### **SELECTED GOVERNMENT/NON-GOVERNMENT INFORMATION** USED

Census (Housing) City of Lubbock (planning data) Climatological Data – USGS Data USA webpage (general HUD (Housing) **Proquest Statistical Insight** (general) Statista (general) TX Demographic Center (census) TX Health/Human Services (health) USGS (climate/environment data) Note: Also mentioned fee-based services for additional research



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## **GOALS OF NEW** WORKSHOP

- 1. Increase Attendance in-person and online
- 2. Increase publicity/outreach. Target specific academic areas/classes.
- 3. Make use of expertise from additional Perso (subject) librarians.
- 4. Record/close caption workshop.
- 5. Plan for future workshops.

# WERE THESE GOALS **ACHIEVED?**

- 1. Attendance again was light.
- 2. Most registered attendees were for online although it was offered as a hybrid workshop. One person attended in person and two persons attended online.,
- 3. Attendee departments were Education and Landscape Architecture.
- 4. Bringing additional librarians into the project enhanced the quality of the workshop.
- 5. The Southwest Collection addition covered many primary sources such as photographs, oral histories, manuscripts, newspapers, city/county histories, city directories, This addition added depth/new directions to traditional community profiles/site selection resources.
- 6. Although attendance did not increase, we enhanced the value of the workshop with additional info and recording/cc it.



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## **LESSONS LEARNED**

- 1. Although community profiles/site selections projects were identified in various classes, there was still low attendance indicating need for more target publicity.
- 2. Even when graduate students were given attendance credit in the forms of Graduate School fellowships or travel funding, attendance has been low.
- 3. Analysis of previous attendees for this workshop seem to bear out that receiving credit for attendance--rather than using the information may have been a major reason for attendance.
- 4. Advertising the recorded workshop after the fact seems to be a more valuable long-term approach for getting the information to the patrons who will use these resources as well as follow-up with professors requiring this type of assignment.
- 5. Draw upon the Researching Lubbock project to enhance this workshop. Architecture has developed a spreadsheet of local, regional, state, national, and international to research Lubbock.
- 6. Write articles on developing this workshop and on comprehensive work on identifying resources for studying Lubbock.