



CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

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*City of Dripping Springs Honored as Finalist in State Competition
for Hardworking Rural Communities*

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DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS – The City of Dripping Springs has been selected for an honor by the Texas Department of Agriculture as a 2010 Hardworking Rural Community.

Corinne Cleverley, TDA marketing coordinator for Rural Communities, delivered the City of Dripping Springs its finalist trophy honoring the City's efforts this week.

Cleverley said the Hardworking Rural Community Awards are part of TDA's efforts to market and promote rural Texas while raising public awareness of efforts to boost tourism, job growth, leadership, mentoring, community development and other economic opportunities.

Nine finalists were honored as Hardworking Rural Communities: Burleson County, Center, Clifton, Crosbyton, Dripping Springs, Granbury, Honey Grove, Kemp and Winnsboro. These communities were recognized for dedication, leadership and ingenuity shown by community volunteers, business owners, and city and county officials all working together to preserve the past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future.

Mayor Todd Purcell said the City was thrilled to receive this special award which recognizes all of the volunteers, elected officials and businesses who have been working

together for years to benefit the City of Dripping Springs. "This just shows the good that can happen as a result of everyone working together," Purcell said.

Located 15 miles west of Austin, the City of Dripping Springs is a small rural community of only 2,100 citizens. The City of Dripping Springs City Council and its commissions are 100% volunteer and its staff is small.

Because of the on-going hard work, careful local planning, and effective partnerships between the City, County, School District, Chamber of Commerce and many other civic and volunteer organizations, Dripping Springs residents enjoy an outstanding quality of life, exemplary schools, stunning residential areas, a vibrant commercial center, beautiful parks and open spaces and a broad range of recreational opportunities. With so many assets, it makes for a friendly and caring community like no other.

The City's Hardworking Rural Community video application can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/user/GOTEXANTV#p/a/u/2/Z1w6C0Z-ibY>.