

Below you will see the write-up for Sugar Land as it is being considered for the 2023 Council Visioning Workshop. This document focuses on Sugar Land but also lists community resources available in nearby Missouri City. Both cities are in Fort Bend County. Residents in both cities can share amenities established by the County. Let me know if there are any edits, anything else you would like me to include.

### **Council Visioning Workshop 2023:**

#### **City of Sugar Land:**

Population: 111,026

Land Area: 42.86 square miles or 27,428 acres

City Employees: 848

Sworn Police Officers: 173

Professional Firefighters: 126

#### **Community Center**

##### [Imperial Park Recreation Center](#) -- [Architects Website](#)

Grand opening in 2011. 17,000 square feet with a full-sized gymnasium. Features a multi-purpose room that can be separated into two rooms.

Annual membership of \$11 for residents, \$164.75 for non-residents.

Closed on Sundays

Amenities:

- Full-sized gymnasium
- Class-based exercise room
- 2 multi-purpose rooms
- Video game room
- Kitchen
- Patio/garden area
- 'Sugar Land Fun' Mural

##### [Four Corners Community Center](#)

New building opened in 2018. Mostly a park but does have a meeting space at the center. Features 3 pavilions, picnic tables, walking trail, splash pad, 2 playgrounds, multipurpose fields, basketball court, baseball field, cricket field, batting cage and restrooms.

#### **Outdoor Community Center, Plaza & City Hall**

### Sugarland Town Square:

Opened in 2003. Anchored around City Hall and an expansive central plaza where the city gathers by the thousands for concerts, festivals, performances and pop-ups. A tourist destination that is also functional. Office space available, condos, various dining options and shopping.

1.4m square feet total. Located just off of I-69 and Hwy. 6. The complex has 200,000 square feet of retail space, 750,000 square feet of office space, The Sugar Land City Hall, the Sugar Land Marriott and Conference Center, condominiums, and restaurants.

Pedestrian Plaza is 1.4 acres, has a fountain water feature and space for concerts, events. City Hall considered to be a center point.

It is also currently undergoing upgrades. The first wave includes revamping landscaping and improving walkability.

<https://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/about/>

### Senior Center:

#### T.E. Harman Center

Recently went through a renovation, completed December, 2021. Original building looks to have been in place for some time.

Currently going through a Senior Center Needs Study, held open house in Jan. 2022. Trying to figure out a long term plan for the future after seeing significant increases in attendance over the past several years at yoga, dance and language classes.

Annual membership of \$11 for residents, \$164.75 for non-residents. Children under 10 have free membership.

Closed on weekends

Amenities:

- Fitness Room (treadmills, weights)
- Outdoor patio
- Beverage bar
- Lobby area with pool tables, shuffle board
- Full-size kitchen
- Kindles, books and magazines
- Daily activities, monthly bingo

### Library:

Three in Sugar Land city limits all under the Fort Bend County Library system.

[Fort Bend County Libraries - Sugar Land Branch](#)  
[University Branch Library on University of Houston-Victoria campus.](#)  
[First Colony Branch Library](#)

Main one seems to be the Sugar Land Branch: It opened in August 1999. A 21,392 square foot building. Holds 85,000 items. Cost \$3 million dollars.

### **Mixed Use Developments:**

The Sugar Land Town Square features mixed-use development. Other than that, the seems to be at a bit of a standstill when it comes to what do to next to foster growth. Taking a look at development and mixed-use developments, in a recent blog post the City's Communications Director writes:

“Sugar Land is built out; opportunities for growth are limited. Our community and City Council leadership have identified redevelopment as a key priority to increase revenue streams that will preserve Sugar Land’s quality of life for current and future residents. Five ‘activity centers,’ one being the Imperial Sugar site, have been identified to expand our big city amenities while keeping our small-town hospitality. These activity centers are envisioned as mixed-use, dense, and walkable areas. The new tax base generated from growth in activity centers will help keep our tax rate among the state’s lowest while sustaining the high quality of life amenities and services that our residents, businesses and visitors expect.”

Back on May, City Council shot-down a mixed-use development that does not align with their 'recreation' focus. This unit would have had more apartments, etc.

The City Council does seem to be aggressive when it comes to retaining their big corporations. [According to this article, a](#) company that renews its lease within city limits for five to 10 years and retains at least 50 primary jobs on an annual average, can receive upwards of \$6,000 per job under an incentive agreement.

### **Corporations in Sugarland:**

- Texas Instruments
  - Designs and manufactures semiconductors. Best-known for calculators.
- Accredo Packaging, Inc.
  - Produces recyclable, traditional, and compostable sustainable flexible packaging. Primarily in consumer packaged goods.
- Applied Optoelectronics
  - Leading provider of fiber-optic networking products. Leading manufacturer of high-speed optical lasers.

- ChampionX
  - Oilfield technology solutions company. Drilling technology, automation technologies.
- Schlumberger
  - Oilfield services company
- Tramontina USA
  - Manufactures cookware, cutlery and home appliances
- Fluor Corporation
  - Engineering and construction firm that specializes in oil and gas.
- Noble Drilling
  - Offshore drilling
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### [Sugar Land Trails Website](#)

**Notable Nearby Attractions** - *Sugar Land is in Fort Bend County -- giving residents access to county amenities. Those are listed below and may be worth checking out considering they seem to be 'newer' than the Sugar Land centers*

[Landmark Community Center in Missouri City](#) - Opened in June 2021 after undergoing a \$4.6m restoration of a building that use to be 'Missouri City Middle School.' Features a lobby, basketball court, sound stage, fitness center, game center and a lounge with a coffee and juice bar. Many renovations centering around making the building accessible for those with disabilities. Free and open to all county residents.

[Pinnacle Senior Center in Missouri City](#) - Opened in Feb. 2014. Has an aquatic fitness center. Complete Body Workout Fitness Center. Fitness Classes. Outdoor Fitness Equipment & Walking Trail. Multipurpose Room. Dance Classes. City's first Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design building. Free to Fort Bend County residents 50+. Closed on Weekends.

[Missouri City Community Center](#) - City owned event space. Features an auditorium that is over 6,000 square feet with a maximum capacity of 300 guests. Allows for banquet or classroom-style accommodations. Able to host weddings, receptions, Quinceanera's, family reunions, birthday party, or large business meetings.

[The Grid/Mixed Use Development](#) - Currently under construction and located near Stafford, TX in Fort Bend County, which is just North of Sugar Land & Missouri Center. It is being built on 192 acres that will include 350,000 square feet of shops, restaurants and entertainment. 500,000 square feet of creative-focused office space, multiple hotels, pop-up shops, food hall, rooftop dining and 2,400 urban residences. The heart of the project, the Grid Center, incorporates existing components of the site's iconic industrial architecture to create an authentic and memorable urban environment, including a public green that hosts concerts, festivals and outdoor movies.