



## LONE STAR LUXURY

### Regional Information

Located on US 79 between Round Rock and Taylor, Hutto is only twenty-five miles from the State Capitol.

### Education

Within 100 miles of Hutto, TX there are over 25 higher education institutions, some with multiple locations and branches. When you come to Hutto, you have your pick of some of the nations top schools at your doorstep. From workforce development to research institutions, all your needs can be met within minutes of Hutto.

Hutto Independent School District is a AAAA school district of TEA Region 13. Hutto ISD currently boasts 8 schools. The average faculty member has 8.1 years experience in education. The 6th elementary is slated to open 2010-2011, and the 2nd high school is scheduled to open 2012-2013.

### Recreation

Hutto is the only community in the United States to use the hippo as its mascot. There are several stories that explain how the hippopotamus became Hutto's official mascot. The most popular tells of a circus train that stopped at the depot in 1915 most likely to take on passengers, pick up mail and water and feed the animals. During this historic stop, it is said that a hippo escaped and made its way to nearby Cottonwood Creek. Farmers and merchants watched in amusement as unsuccessful efforts were made to extricate the troublesome hippo from the muddy waters. Soon after the incident, the Hutto School adopted the hippo as its mascot. In 2003, the Texas Legislature recognized Hutto as the "Official Hippo Capital of Texas." The Hutto Chamber of Commerce arranged for a seven-ton concrete hippo named "Henrietta" to be placed along East Street in 1986. The fast-growing city of Hutto is also home to a herd of smaller concrete hippos which stand outside homes, businesses and public buildings as a symbol of community pride. Many are painted to reflect the unique character of the owner or business it represents.

### Quality of Life

Hutto is located in Williamson County, Texas on the eastern edge of the famous Hill Country Region. Hutto has exploded from a small town of 630 residents in 1990 to an economically vibrant community that expects to grow to 30,000 citizens within the next decade. Hutto is a burgeoning Central Texas community offering a world of opportunity for both residents and businesses. Hutto is one of the fastest-growing cities in the state and is now home to more than 17,000 people. Well-known for its small-town charm and quality schools, the city is bracing itself for an exciting future with major projects, such as State Highway 130 construction, park and trail development and a variety of economic development endeavors, currently under way.

The impetus for Hutto's exponential growth has been quality, affordable housing and quality public schools coupled with the opening of SH-130 on the new Central Texas turnpike System. Low crime, quality schools, moderate taxes, and convenient access to the Austin region and state have resulted in honors such as Hutto being named one of the "Top 100 Places in Major Markets to Locate Your Business" by Southern Business & Development as well as a host of other accolades.

### Business Overview

Less than 30 miles from downtown Austin and only 10 miles from Round Rock's high tech manufacturing and assembly center, Hutto is the ideal lower cost alternative for many small and mid-size companies. Hutto is where site selection consultants and their clients have already discovered affordable real estate, a dynamic workforce at the ready, safe neighborhoods, quality schools, abundant recreational opportunities and an overall family and business friendly environment.

Ask CEOs, entrepreneurs, educators and researchers why Central Texas has stayed hot through more than two decades of business trends and you'll hear one common theme—workforce. It's all about people, and the unmatched supply of employee talent is certainly no accident. Our labor pool is among the most energetic, innovative, and educated in the world. Here, the best and the brightest lead many diverse business sectors.

Texas consistently ranks as one of the nation's most favorable business climates based on its low tax burden and competitive regulatory environment. In Texas, aggregate costs for real estate, energy, wages and taxes are below most states in the country. Texas features no personal or corporate income tax, and overall the state has one of the lowest state and local tax burdens in the nation, ranking 47th among the 50 states in taxes paid per \$1000 of personal income.

Hutto, Texas is Conveniently Connected to the entire Central Texas region, and even the entire nation, because of the well-integrated highway system which comprises the local transportation makeup. Hutto sits on SH-130, which consists of 90 miles of four-to-six-lane roadways, creating an easy and hassle free alternative route around Austin. Interstate 35, which runs from Mexico to Canada, is located only 8 minutes to the West of Hutto, and US Highway 79, which stretches from Round Rock, Texas to Shreveport, Louisiana, runs straight through the heart of Hutto.

Hutto is proud to offer its residents an exceptional quality of life and a low cost of living. Although our community has grown rapidly, we still retain the familiarity and comfort of small-town life, while offering easy access to the amenities of major markets such as Austin and San Antonio.