The Woodlands Township Timeline

1993
- Creation of Town Center Improvement District
- One percent retail sales tax

June 1994
- TCID hires first employee to set up District operations
- Early Focus – Security and Public Safety

1997
- Received authority to collect hotel occupancy tax

1999
- Expanded district from eight representatives to 11 representatives and ability to create Economic Development Zones

1999
- Annexation Moratorium with the City of Houston

December 7, 2006
- Houston Mayor Bill White and Senator Tommy Williams announce Regional Participation Agreement

May 2007
- Texas Legislature sets stage for self-governance with passage of House Bill 4109 and Senate Bill 1012

September / October 2007
- Regional Participation Agreements (RPAs) with the Cities of Houston and Conroe were executed
- Memorandum of Understanding with Community Associations executed

November 6, 2007
- Voters in The Woodlands enlarge TCID to all of The Woodlands, change composition of Board of Directors and authorize implementation of ad valorem tax

November 16, 2007
- TCID officially becomes The Woodlands Township
- Creation of The Woodlands Township Economic Development Zone
- Regional Participation Agreements become effective

April 1, 2008
- Sales and use tax in the expanded boundaries, as well as The Woodlands Township Economic Development Zone, became effective

June 2008
- First deposit from Texas State Comptroller from expanded boundaries is received

September 30, 2008
- First periodic payments are due for the prior quarter's activity for both the Cities of Houston and Conroe

November 16, 2008
- Initial deposits for RPAs due to Regional Participation Funds with Houston ($16 million) and Conroe ($320,000)

June 2009

- The Township will appoint four of seven members to The Woodlands Fire Department Board (WFD), three of five members to The Woodlands Recreation Center (WRC) and four of seven to The Woodlands Community Service Corporation Board (WCSC)

January 2010

- Full integration of transition

January 1, 2010

- The WCSC, WFD and WRC shall continue operations and services but with reporting by the President / General Manager director to The Woodlands Township Board of Directors

May 2010

- The election of four at large positions to The Woodlands Township Board of Directors with terms to May 2012

January 2014

- Comprehensive Community Services Agreement with The Woodlands Development Company approved for build out of The Woodlands.

May 2014

- Township voters were provided the first opportunity, but not the obligation, to decide if they want to change the governance structure, including consideration of incorporation, based on the legislation passed in 2007. The Woodlands has until 2057 to change the governance structure based on a Regional Participation Agreement with the City of Houston.