A Community Wildfire Protection Plan is a written document, mutually agreed upon by local, state and federal representatives and stakeholders that identifies how a community will reduce its risks from wildland fire.
Phase 1: Plan

☐ Engage local Texas Forest Service. Contact local Wildland Urban Interface Specialist at www.texasfirewise.org

☐ Contact fire association/local law enforcement and fire services.

☐ Contact state and federal partners.

If the above are supportive, then continue with:

☐ Adopt Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Discuss adopting CWPP into Annex of county’s emergency management plan and mitigation action plan.

☐ Declare proclamation. Present proclamation to county judge and county commissioners during commissioners court for approval and signatures.

Phase 2: Assess

☐ Identify priority areas with fire service and federal agencies.
  ▪ This can be accomplished one-on-one meeting or with a group meeting.
  ▪ Develop a base map of Communities At Risk (CARs).

☐ Assemble fire department response area maps.

☐ Assemble checklist of topics to cover during assessments.

☐ Interview fire department to identify needs, concerns and update contact information.

☐ Conduct assessments in cooperation with fire department.

☐ Identify safety issues.

☐ Identify recommendations/projects.

☐ Compile assessment results.

☐ Finalize CAR map.

☐ Prioritize recommendations/projects.

☐ Develop local CWPP draft.

☐ Deliver draft CWPP to fire department for edits.

Phase 3: Finalize

☐ Assemble draft county CWPP using information gathered from risk assessments and fire department CWPPs.

☐ Research and identify potential funding sources.

☐ Reconvene core group for second meeting.

☐ Present findings from assessments.

☐ Prioritize projects within county plan.
  ▪ Fuel reduction
  ▪ Education
  ▪ Structural ignitability

☐ Finalize county CWPP with edits from core group.

☐ Present for public opinion.

☐ Deliver draft to core group participants.

☐ Present final copy to commissioner’s court.

☐ Plan signing/ recognition ceremony.