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The attached Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Summary Report for NWACA was completed in February, 2014, after several months of work by the Wildfire Division of the Austin Fire Department and Texas A&M Forest Service. It covers an area that includes about 4100 single family homes and about 4800 apartments. All of the homes in this area are within the range of embers that might emerge from wildfires in the NWACA green spaces, thus a single assessment was provided to cover the whole area.

In the time since the assessment, small communities within NWACA have been working on wildfire prevention, and preparing to apply to be recognized as Firewise sites. Some of these are HOA's, but many of them are not; they are collections of neighbors who live along the same street or along the same greenbelt.

As an individual community works on their Firewise Plan, it will refer to this global neighborhood assessment as a basis for its work. In addition, each Plan will include specific information about risks in the individual community and how they will address those risks. Each plan will be formulated as a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), using guidance from the Austin Fire Department.

The assessment provides a web link for the NWACA web site information about being Firewise, but that has moved since the assessment was done. The current location for materials that support being Firewise is this one: <http://nwaca.org/category/library/wildfire-prevention/>

In addition, there are many articles about being Firewise in the newsletters and blogs at these links:

<http://nwaca.org/newsletter/>

[http://nwaca.org/news-and-announcements/#category\\_id\\_58](http://nwaca.org/news-and-announcements/#category_id_58)

The NWACA Wildfire Prevention Committee has been trained in doing Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) assessments, and it provides those assessments free of charge to homeowners and condo/apartment complexes in NWACA. As of December 2017, 225 assessments have been conducted. The Committee recommends that each homeowner in a neighborhood community have an HIZ assessment as a precursor to working on their Firewise Plan.