TRAVIS COUNTRY AND OAK HILL

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE

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Built close to Austin against the backdrop of the natural beauty of Central Texas, the southwest Austin communities of Travis Country and Oak Hill offer homebuyers both desirable and affordable housing options. For those who love nature and want to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city, but work in Austin and need to live close by, these communities offer great options. It's also still very affordable here, too. Buyers can get an older home that was built in the 1980s starting around $180,000, with more luxurious homes that start around $600,000.

Oak Hill has never incorporated, and is a series of related neighborhoods with active homeowner's associations – the Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods (OHAN) was instrumental in convincing the city of Austin to build the Will Hampton Branch Library. Capital Metro provides shuttle bus service to the area for those who make the commute to downtown Austin. Oak Hill is located in the Austin Independent School District, and esidents in Austin's city limits use City of Austin services and utilities, while those in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) use Pedernales Electric Cooperative and other sources of water, such as Hill Country Water Supply.

Travis Country started as a sleepy neighborhood in the 1970s that was revitalized when it was rediscovered in the late 1990s. Buyers can find both new and older homes in the area, as well as condos and garden homes. Located north of the Southwest Parkway and west of MoPac, Travis Country is close in, with protected natural greenbelt areas all around it – because it was built over the Edwards Aquifer and the designers planned to leave large green space throughout the area to meet environmental concerns. The result is lots of dedicated parkland, with plenty of room for kids play. There are also facilities such as a large community center, swimming pools, tennis courts in different locations throughout the neighborhood, and nature trails.

Travis Country is located within the Austin Independent School District, and is serviced by all City of Austin utilities. Travis Country's location is ideal for those who work south, and is easily accessible to downtown Austin or The University of Texas at Austin. Average home prices are about $250,000, with condos and garden homes in Travis Country typically selling for less than the cost of a typical single family home.