



“Exide wants to operate under zoning laws from 1964 when the plant opened.”

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# WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

FRISCO ★ TEXAS



2012 Frisco is no place for a lead smelter.

Did you know there's a lead smelter located right in the heart of Frisco?



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## PUBLIC MENACE

VS

## PUBLIC HEALTH

**Frisco is one of only 22 areas in America that does not meet new clean air standards for lead pollution.** The reason? Exide's lead smelter. During a single state inspection in 2011, Exide racked up 43 violations including: unauthorized hazardous waste discharges into Stewart Creek, unauthorized releases of hazardous wastes, operating an unauthorized hazardous waste pile, burying hazardous waste without a permit, and not having a waste analysis plan.

**There's no safe level of lead exposure.** Any amount of lead contamination can harm a person's physical or mental capabilities. Because children's bodies and brains are still developing, the younger the person, the more vulnerable he or she is to lead's harm. Lead's effects can be obvious like stunted growth and hearing loss, or subtle like learning disabilities. Lead is not the only pollutant Exide generates. It also releases cadmium, arsenic and dioxins. Exide is one of the largest dioxin polluters in Texas. Dioxins cause cancer, reproductive problems and immune system dysfunction.



## NATIONAL DUMPING GROUND

VS

## ECONOMIC GROWTH

**Frisco is a huge national dumping ground for the Exide corporation.** Hazardous wastes from other Exide plants all over the U.S. are shipped to Frisco to be buried in large on-site landfills in the middle of our town. Currently, these landfills contain at least 9 million pounds of lead, arsenic, and cadmium-contaminated wastes. Exide estimates these landfills will expand by hundreds of thousands of pounds every year it continues to operate.



**Exide is an economic liability.** The smelter currently doesn't pay its fair share of property taxes because it claims an agricultural exemption on a large portion of its industrial site. Further, the presence of Exide's smelter also depresses property values for everyone else in town. It's an economic drag on Frisco's growth. New, cleaner businesses that could bring better jobs and more tax revenues will always be reluctant to invest in our town as long as there is a huge hazardous waste facility in the middle of Frisco.

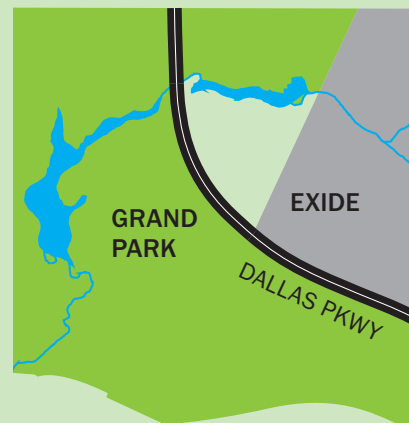
## STEWART CREEK CONTAMINATION

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## A NEW GRAND PARK

**Exide's lead smelter sits in the middle of a floodplain with Stewart Creek running through the middle of its property.** Records show Exide has been contaminating Stewart Creek with lead and other poisons for decades. The company even lined the creek's banks with hazardous lead waste. The EPA and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have issued violations for constant seepage of Exide's lead waste into the creek.

**The proposed Grand Park is supposed to be the "Crown Jewel" of Frisco parks.** However, the location will be directly adjacent to the Exide smelter. Not only is the location downwind of the smelter's smokestacks, it's also downstream of Exide's lead contamination in Stewart Creek. The park will feature new splash and wading pools that will be among its major attractions. **Do you want your child playing downstream of Exide pollution?**



## CONTINUING TOXIC THREAT

VS

## AMORTIZATION

**Exide refuses to install new pollution controls that could reduce its emissions from 2000 pounds to only 3 pounds of lead a year, even though other American smelters are using this technology.** Instead, Exide boasts that it's making "improvements" that will decrease pollution. But the plant manager explained that "essentially, we're building walls" to enclose the smelter. Those walls will not stop Exide from still spewing 600 pounds of lead a year that falls out in our yards. They will not stop the burying of tons of lead waste beside our Stewart Creek. And they won't stop our children from being at a higher risk for lead poisoning. There's just no place for a lead smelter in 2012 downtown Frisco.

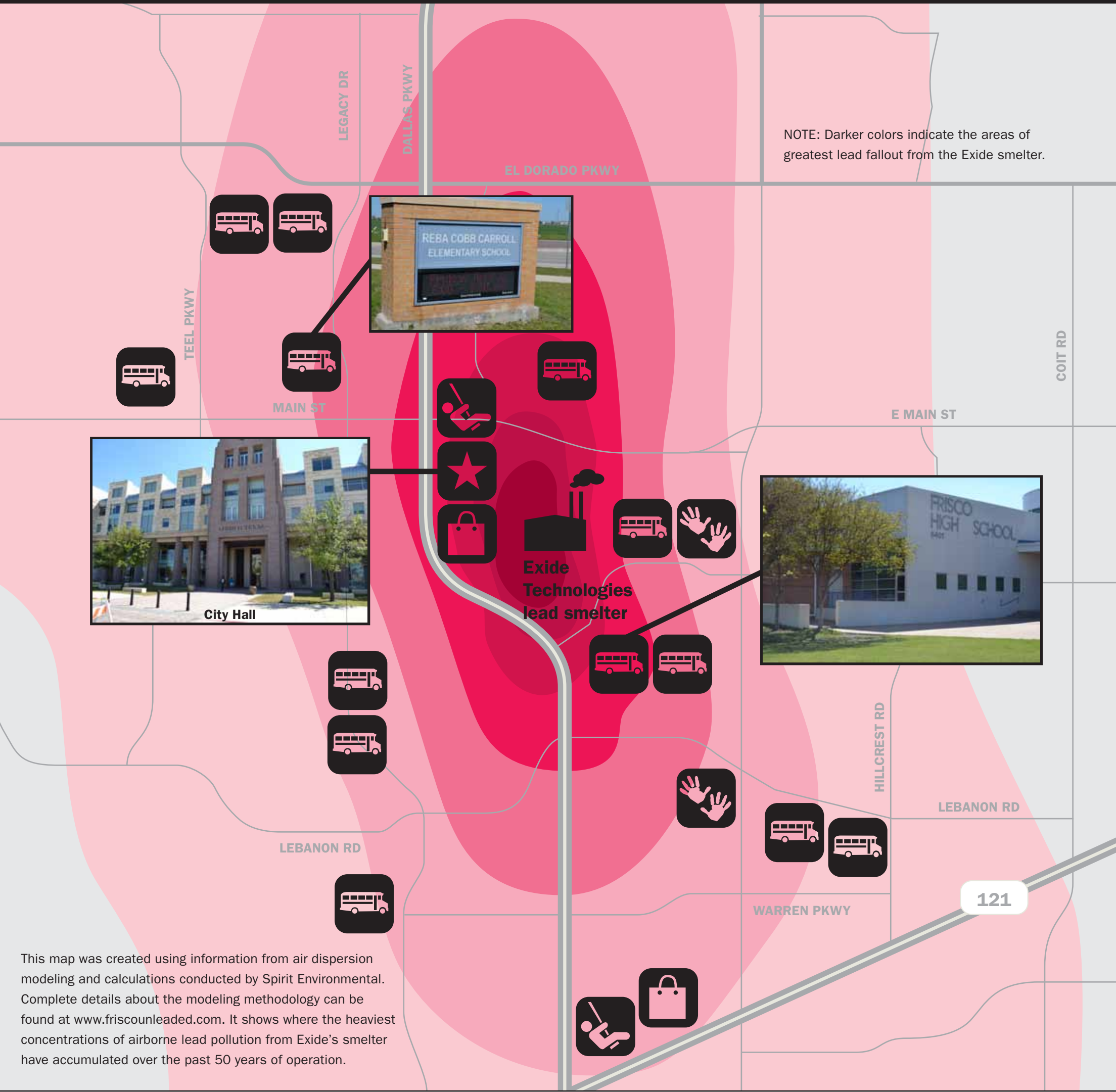
**There is a better way, a process known as amortization.** Dallas used it to close its inner city lead smelters over 20 years ago. Amortization allows Exide to recoup its investment in its Frisco property, schedule a closing of the smelter, and provide for employee transition. When Exide's investment is paid off, it must move and clean up the mess it created. After years of frustration, we need the City of Frisco to follow this path with Exide now. Please contact your City Council members and tell them to proceed with the amortization of Exide immediately, and only vote for council candidates who are actively pursuing amortization.



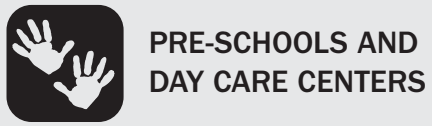
# LAYERS OF LEAD IN FRISCO



Since 1964, more than 300,000 pounds — 150 standard tons — of lead air emissions have been deposited over a 114 square-mile area that covers much of Frisco and reaches into communities to the north and south. To see the complete coverage area and a listing of key locations within that area, go to [www.frisco-unleaded.com](http://www.frisco-unleaded.com)



This map was created using information from air dispersion modeling and calculations conducted by Spirit Environmental. Complete details about the modeling methodology can be found at [www.frisco-unleaded.com](http://www.frisco-unleaded.com). It shows where the heaviest concentrations of airborne lead pollution from Exide's smelter have accumulated over the past 50 years of operation.



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## PROTECT FRISCO'S FUTURE



**1 Sign the petition at [www.frisco-unleaded.com](http://www.frisco-unleaded.com)**

Support the closure of the Exide lead smelter.

**2 Learn about Exide's impact on Frisco at [www.frisco-unleaded.com](http://www.frisco-unleaded.com)**

There's a lot more to know about Exide's operations, its so-called "improvements" and what the company doesn't want you to know.

**3 Tell the Frisco City Council you want Exide amortized and closed ASAP**

E-mail your message to the entire Council that we need to act now: [mayorandcouncil@friscotexas.gov](mailto:mayorandcouncil@friscotexas.gov)

