

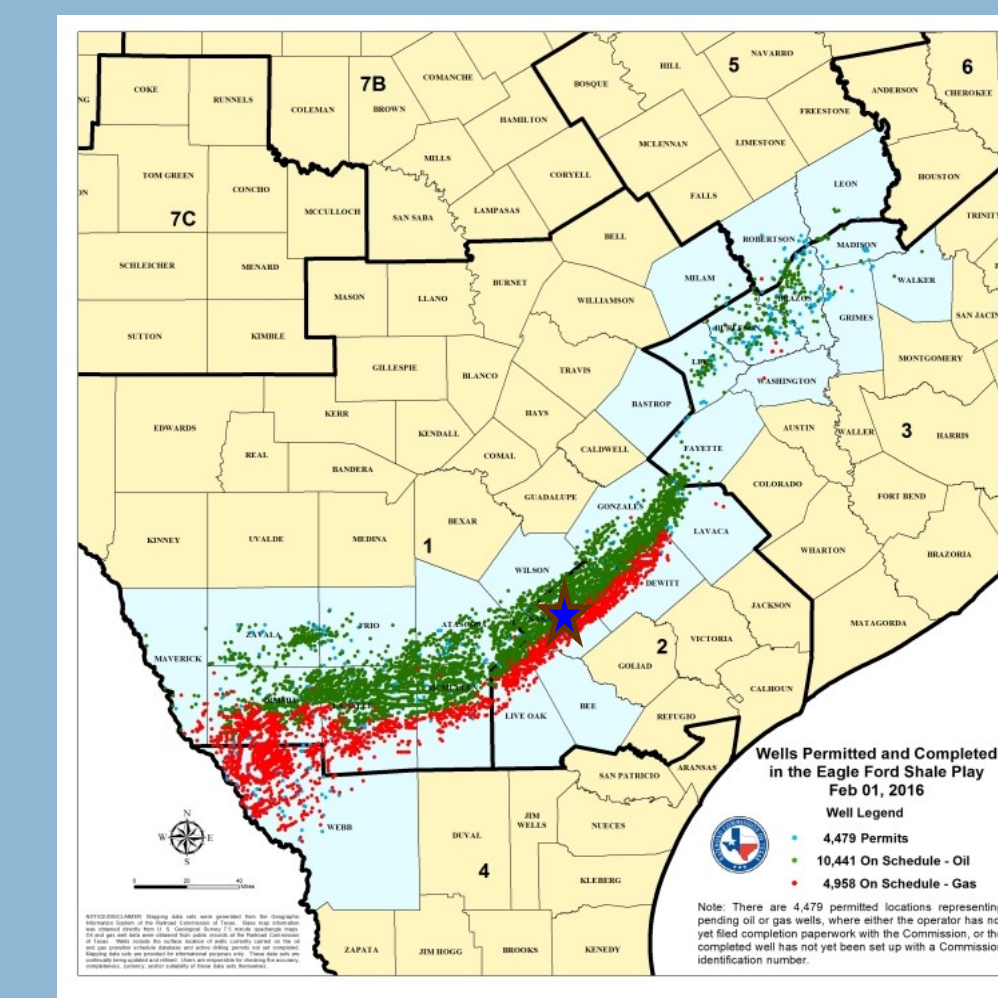
Using Anthropology to Understand Health Risks in a **FRACKED** Community

How I Used Anthropology



- To understand community needs through meaningful conversations with community members and leaders.
- Provide useful information about the impacts of fracking and its correlation to health risks to the community.
- To identify how the political, economical, and social structures in Karnes County influence community perspectives on their environment and their health.

About My Research



- Research was conducted in Karnes County, Texas. Since 2012, Karnes has been the top oil producing county in the state of Texas.
- The research client, Earthworks, was interested in conducting research to help determine the impacts of fracking on community health.
- Earthworks produced an air quality report that coupled with my qualitative research, is to be presented to the community at several town hall meetings.

Why Anthropology?

I decided to pursue anthropology to gain a better understanding of the world around me.

Prior to coming to UNT, I worked for the oil and gas industry. I realized the problems with regulations and the negative effects it has on the environment and wanted to work towards building better policies to improve environmental quality.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has”
- Margaret Mead