



**DRIPPING SPRINGS**  
Texas

Benefits of a  
Lighting Ordinance

# Light Pollution

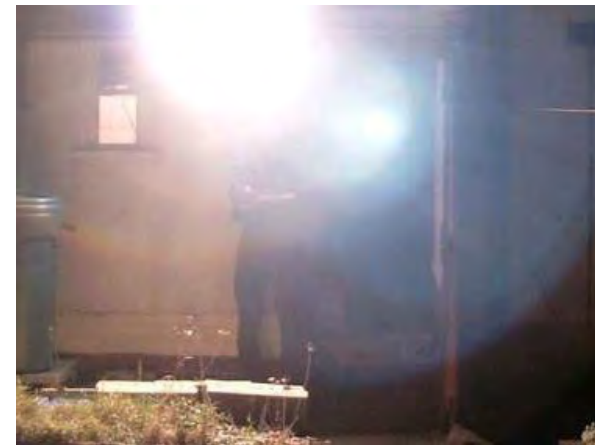
Wasted light that performs no function or task



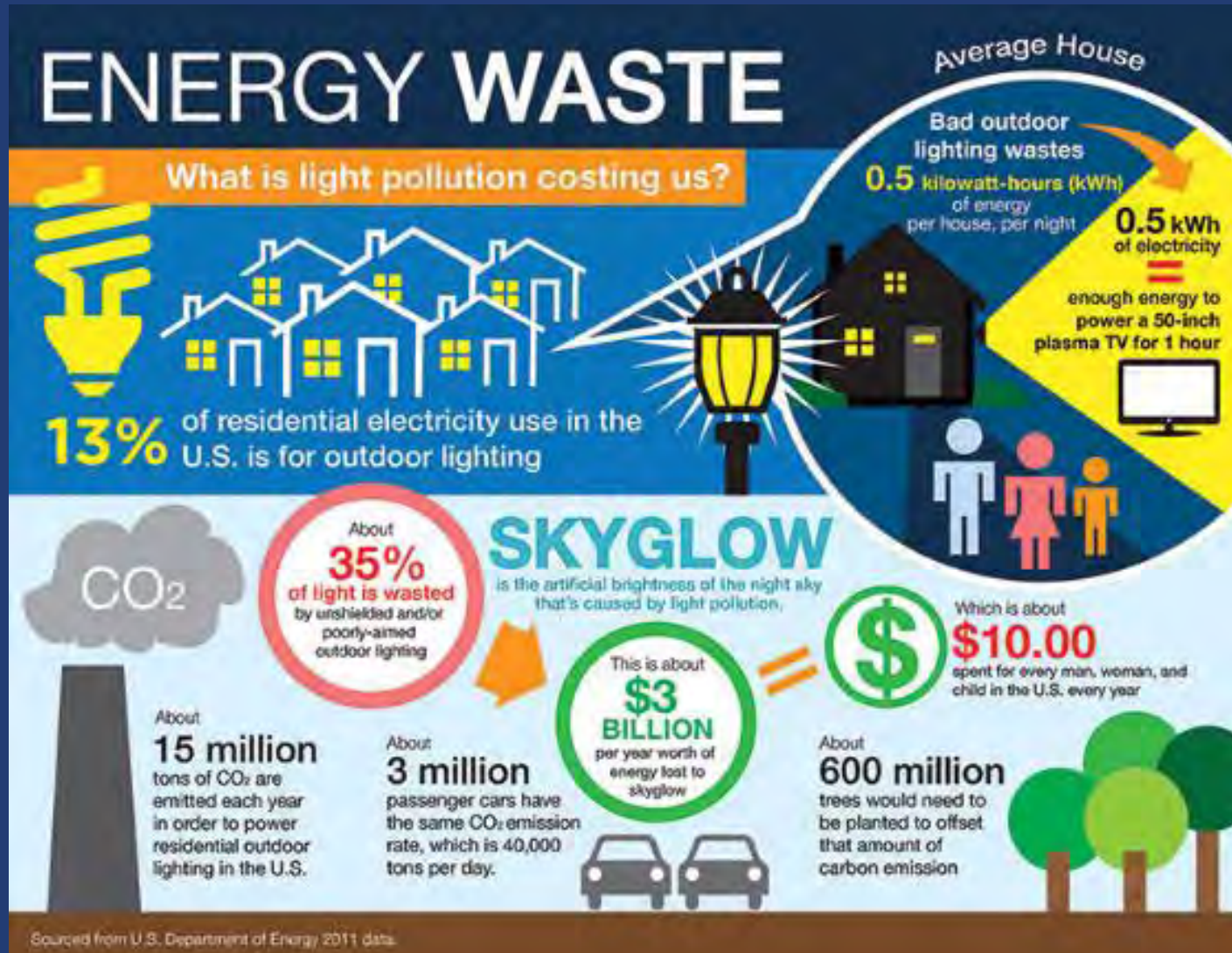
Artificial light that goes where it is not supposed to go

# Improves Safety & Security

- Shielded lights increase visibility and decrease distractions and glare
- Brighter does not mean safer
- Smart lighting directs the light where it will be most useful

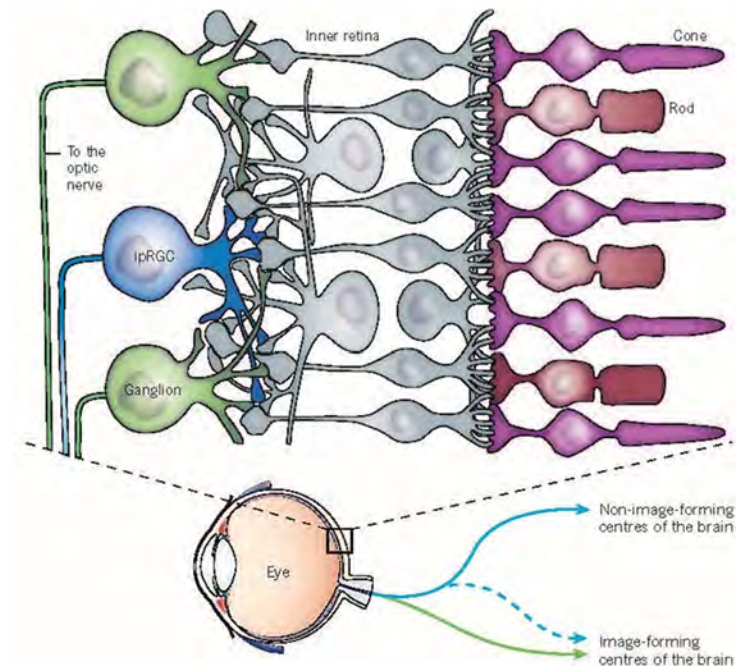


# Saves Money



# Reduces Harm to Humans

- Eyestrain and fatigue
- Circadian rhythms
- Production of melatonin
- Disruption of sleep patterns
- Light pollution is harder on several neurodivergent groups, their brains are more sensitive to the stimulus



# Enhances Property Rights



- Maintains the beauty of property
- Prevents unwanted lights from intruding onto their property
- Lighting from off-site can destroy an owner's ability to enjoy their property and is a nuisance

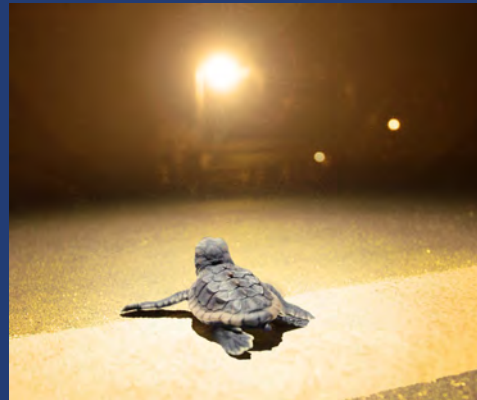
# Improves Aesthetics

- Glare is not attractive
- Glare keeps you from seeing well
- Architecture and grounds are enhanced by the lighting



# Reduces Harm to Wildlife & Plants

- Orientation
- Biological clock
- Circadian rhythm
- Mating
- Migration
- Sleep
- Finding food
- Pollination
- Night blooms
- Photosynthesis





# Improves Quality of Life

- Improving Safety, Security, Health, Property Rights, Aesthetics, and Wildlife, and Saving Money and Energy, all improve our Quality of Life
- Experiencing the night sky makes us relaxed and at peace with the world
- We create and keep cherished memories of our times under the night sky.
- It's part of our heritage.



Perseid meteor shower at Pedernales Falls State Park, photo by Jerry Moreno

# Promotes Tourism

- Lodging and businesses highlight local dark skies in their advertising and on websites.
- Set aside local public areas where visitors can get away from the city lights.
- Host star parties for visitors and residents.
- Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024.

DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK

# STAR PARTY

FEBRUARY 17 6:30 PM  
1042 EVENT CENTER DRIVE

The stars at night are big and bright, deep in the heart of Dripping Springs! This event is FREE to attend. Throughout the night you and your family can gaze at the constellations above, view galaxies far away through telescopes, and learn about the universe from our local astronomy enthusiasts. We recommend bringing camp chairs, blankets and to arrive early to park and set up.



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APRIL 8, 2024

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**Parks.**

**Homestead Park** features a croquet lawn, stargazing amphitheater, historic ranch house site, picnic area and an event lawn overlooking expansive Hill Country views.

**Headwaters Park** will be located in the northern portion of the community and will feature picnic and play areas, trailheads, greenbelts and access to Barton Creek via the trail system.

A photograph of a stone ruin with arches, likely a historic ranch house site. The structure is made of rough-hewn stone and has several arches. It is set in a natural, wooded area.



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