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## **Library Site Trees to be Repurposed in Building** ***Many Trees will be Saved and Protected***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – City of Seguin staff and members of City Council are proactively leading the effort to repurpose wood from trees that must be removed from the site of the new library.

“There are some pecan trees that are in the footprint of the new library building and parking area,” Seguin Public Library Director Jacki Gross said. “Since they will have to be removed, we came up with the idea of repurposing as much of the wood as possible for use at the new library.”

Mesquite Furniture of Texas, a local business, specializes in salvaging wood from trees and is the subcontractor hired by Byrne Construction Services. The furniture company expects to be able to use wood salvaged from the trees to create conference tables, flooring and other possible items.

A large Walnut tree and other trees will not need to be removed. The remaining trees will be protected before, during and after the construction process. Trees were taken into consideration during the building design phase and are considered very important components to the completed project.

The work is set to begin this week and the City of Seguin Tree Ordinance is being followed. The ordinance sets guidelines for the removal and replacement of trees

“We want to make sure people know that trees are an important part of this beautiful library site,” Gross continued. “We are very happy that wood from the trees that have to be removed will be used in creative ways in the new building.”

In addition, the library contractor is working toward a LEED certification. LEED certification is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability. Achieving LEED certification demonstrates new building projects are truly "green." The LEED green building rating system is administered by the U.S. Green Building Council. Building projects that meet the rigorous requirements are recognized as reducing the negative environmental impacts of buildings and improving occupant health and well-being.

The library, approved by voters in a \$14.8 million bond package, will be built on a site across Walnut Springs Park, along West Nolte Street.

**About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located off Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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