



**CITY OF  
SEGUIN**

# **GERONIMO CREEK SEWER PROJECT - PHASE V Oak Vilage North Subdivision**

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## **UPDATE ON 319-GRANT (decommission of septic tank)**

The City Application for 319(h) funding assistance was revised per TCEQ and EPA Region 6 comments and resubmitted to TCEQ on **February 15, 2013**. TCEQ will put together all of the 319(h) applications for submission to EPA. At this time it is unknown how TCEQ ranks the application or when they go to EPA.

The application prepared meets all the requirements for funding since Alligator and Geronimo Creeks are impacted streams on the State's 303(d) list and there is a watershed management plan approved for those creeks that includes reductions in fecal coliform and nitrates as an objective. Closing failing On Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) is a project meeting those objectives.

EPA will select projects for funding and then seek appropriations from Congress to address Clean Water Act issues for impacted streams. Congress must act to approve the funding (Sept/Oct. 2013). If selected and funded the City of Seguin would sign a contract with TCEQ and receive a notice to proceed for FY 2014 (October 2013). The City could possibly begin closing OSSF late 2013 early 2014. At this time, the City has **NOT** been awarded grant approval.

### **What does this mean for the OVN resident?**

- 1) If the owner has a septic tank more than 10-years old, tie-in must be made to the new sewer line as soon as practicable.
- 2) When the Owner ties on to the new sewer line, the owner may wait to have their septic tank decommissioned until the City receives notice of grant award or grant denial.
- 3) If the owner chooses to proceed with decommissioning their septic tank at the time of tie-in, all costs will be at the expense of the owner. There is **NO** reimbursement allowed from the Grant funds to owners who decommission their septic tank prior to grant approval.
- 4) There will be **NO** reimbursement to owners from the City who decommission at their expense if the grant is approved.
- 5) If the City is denied the grant, all owners who postponed their septic tank decommission pending the grant approval, would have to have their septic tank decommissioned as "soon as practicable".

*For information concerning the 319-Grant, please contact Bill Couch, Planning Director at 830.401-2306 or information concerning the permit process or decommissioning a septic tank, please contact the Inspections Department at 830.401.2435.*

## **YOU ASKED.....WE ANSWERED**

**Q. WILL STREET LIGHTS BE INSTALLED UNDER THIS CONTRACT OR PROVIDED IN THE SUBDIVISION?**

**A. No,** street lights will not be installed with this sanitary sewer project. The OVN steering committee stated that street lights were not desired in the subdivision; therefore, funds were not allocated for street lights with the sanitary sewer project. In addition, installing street lights would include trenching on private property and requires that the City to obtain electrical easements. The electrical distribution system is along the back property lines which would require the power to be extended to each individual street light.

# UPDATE ON SEWER LINE INSTALLATION & TIE IN

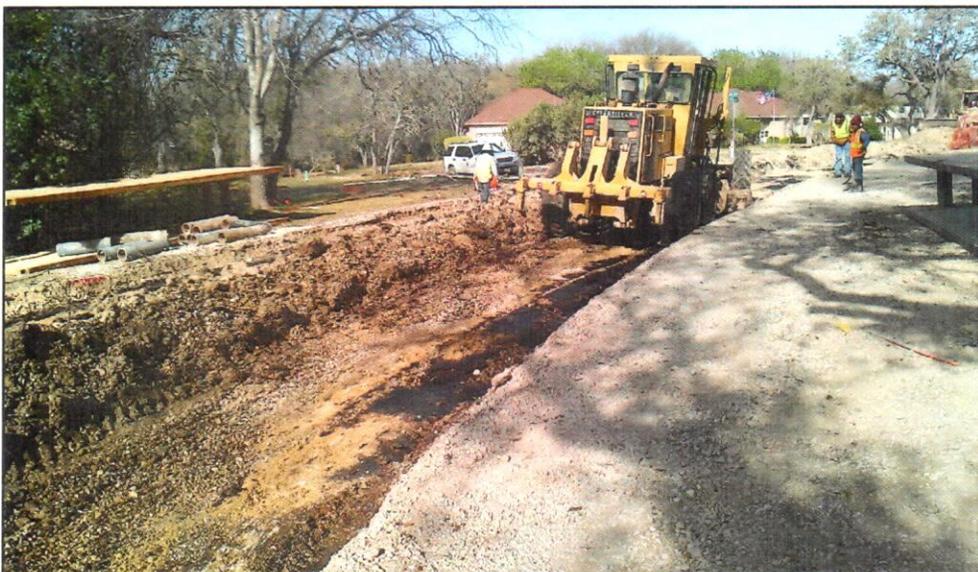
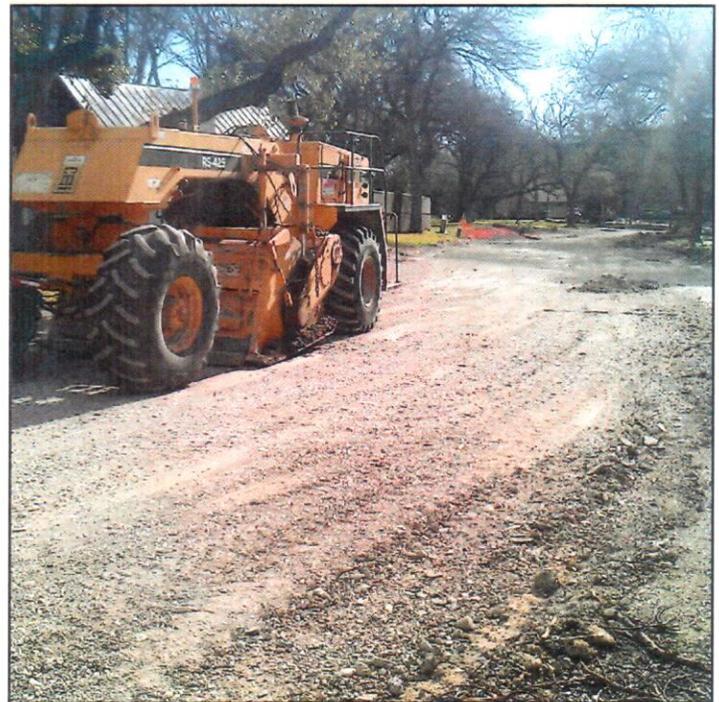
The contractor completed installation of the sanitary sewer collection system on March 1, 2013. They are currently installing the last few remaining sewer services to the individual lots. As required by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the line must remain idle, in the ground, for 30 days before a “mandrel” can be pulled through the line, to confirm the trueness of the line. Pending no unforeseen problems, homes will be able to tie-in to the sanitary sewer system on **April 2, 2013**.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

**Utility:** The sewer main installation has been completed and all sewer services have been installed, with the exception of a few that have been added to the project. All possible future services are being installed now, so the integrity of the street is not compromised at a later date. Pre-testing of the sewer line is in progress and over the next few weeks work on the water line and additional fire hydrants will be performed. *Please continue to use caution when driving around manholes.*

**Street/Dirt work:** Upon completion of the sewer main pre-testing and final testing, work will begin on building the road and curb installation. In the meantime, you will notice the contractor cutting the street "down" to subgrade in preparation of installing the road base material.

**Concrete:** Rebuilding of driveway approaches continues until throughout the neighborhood.



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