

## **Bexar County Flood Control Program**

The Vance Jackson Neighborhood Association is home to a section of Rock Creek, an area that winds through the west side of the neighborhood, from IH-10 through Callaghan Road. During dry spells and draughts, this creek bed is scenic and peaceful. But in times of heavy rain, it turns into a raging river, as many residents who live along the creek can attest. There is evidence of erosion and declining drainage conditions along this section of Rock Creek that threaten the safety of homes and businesses both in the area and further downstream.

Bexar County will address these conditions through its Regional Flood Control Program, a 10-year, \$500 million capital improvements program to address flooding throughout Bexar County. The program is the result of the Bexar Regional Watershed Management (BRWM) partnership between Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, San Antonio River Authority and 20 suburban cities within Bexar County, which formed in 2003 to address flooding from a regional perspective.

The first phase of flood projects was approved by the Bexar County Commissioners Court and is already underway. The Rock Creek NWWC/Outfall (Project Identifier SA-6) is in the preliminary engineering stage, which means the project team is on site, researching the area and developing solutions to the drainage conditions.

Bexar County Flood Control recognizes the importance of proactive and two-way communication with the residents who will be impacted by this Flood Control Improvement project. On October 14, 2008, Bexar County Flood Control Division Manager Art Villarreal and Capital Improvement Projects Program Manager Marty Cristofaro with AECOM attended the Vance Jackson Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting, at the home of Board President Ted Trakas, to brief residents on the project. On November 8, 2008, both Art and Marty, along with members of the Program and project team, held a community meeting and walkabout at the home of Brian St. John that was attended by more than 30 property owners along Rock Creek. As suggested by the County, residents along Rock Creek are forming a coalition to work closely with the Flood Control team during all phases of the Rock Creek project.

If you have questions or would like more information regarding the Flood Control Program, please contact Art Villarreal, or if about the Rock Creek project specifically, Marty Cristofaro, both at (210) 296-2002 or visit [www.bexarfloodcontrol.com](http://www.bexarfloodcontrol.com).