

Bexar County Flood Control

Rock Creek Project Update

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 to Callaghan Road. During dry spells, this creek bed is scenic and peaceful. However, there is evidence of erosion and declining drainage conditions along this section of Rock Creek that threaten the safety of homes and businesses in the area and further downstream.

Bexar County intends to improve these conditions through a regional flood control project known as Rock Creek NWWC/Outfall (SA 6), which is one project in a 10-year, \$500 million Flood Control Program that addresses regional flooding problems across Bexar County. The Preliminary Engineering Phase of the Rock Creek project was completed and provides several recommended solutions. They include changes to the landscaping such as brush and plants, moving and reshaping the channel, and the addition of soil retention structures such as strategically placed rocks or small block walls that will help to stabilize the channel banks. The goal of any channel improvement will be to alleviate erosion while still maintaining the natural channel aesthetics that are important to residents.

Bexar County is now moving into the Detailed Design Phase, which will prepare the drawings necessary to construct the project. Construction is expected to begin in the Fall of 2011. Bexar County has held several meetings with the residents along Rock Creek and additional meetings will be scheduled later this year so that residents have the opportunity to review the proposed solutions and provide feedback. The County will also meet with the Vance Jackson Neighborhood Association board at their September meeting.

If you have questions or would like more information regarding the Flood Control Program, please contact Art Villarreal at (210) 296-2124 or visit www.bexarfloodcontrol.org.