

Forest North Drainage Improvement Project



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) **What is the Forest North Drainage Improvement Project?**

The Forest North Drainage Improvement Project has been identified as a critical need by Williamson County residents in the area and includes limited rehabilitation and reconstruction of drainage infrastructure within the Forest North subdivision.

Examples of typical drainage improvement work include replacing broken and deficient culverts and performing maintenance of existing channels by grading the channels to restore and improve storm-water-conveyance capacity. In some cases, segments of the storm sewer have been added to capture storm water and carry it to large creeks.

2) **Why is this project needed?**

The purpose of the Forest North Drainage Improvement Project is to respond to drainage infrastructure issues resulting from frequently re-occurring local flooding and in response to issues raised by the neighborhood.

3) **What is the County's role in this project?**

In response to issues brought forward by the neighborhood, the County included this project in its 2013 Road Bond Program. The Williamson County Bond Program and Williamson County Road and Bridge Department have assumed responsibility for the design and construction of the project, including any necessary utility relocations or easement acquisition.

4) **What areas of Forest North will be affected?**

Construction of drainage improvements will be completed within identified zones, which cluster around frequently re-occurring structural flooding in the area, beginning with those adjacent to Lake Creek Tributary 2. For additional information regarding the proposed improvement zones, please refer to the Project Zones Map.

5) **What is the construction schedule for this project?**

Phase I construction will begin early to mid-2016 and includes projects that can be accomplished as a part of routine roadway maintenance. Phase II construction projects will focus on the areas adjacent to Lake Creek Tributary 2 and are scheduled to begin in 2016. Construction of Phase II is anticipated to last approximately 18 months. Phase III projects have been designed, but construction is currently unfunded and will not be scheduled until funding is secured. For additional information regarding the phasing of improvements, please refer to the Project Zones Map.

6) **Will work be done at night and on weekends for this project?**

Construction activities will be limited to Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. However, under special circumstances, the Contractor may request permission from the County to perform work outside of the normal work hours in order to complete time-sensitive activities. Information regarding such occurrences will be posted on the project website, www.roadbond.org/forestnorth. Residents directly adjacent to the work will be notified in advance.

7) **Will my trash pickup and mail delivery be affected?**

No. There should not be disruption of mail or trash services as a result of the drainage improvements.

8) **Will there be any road closures associated with this project during construction?**

Road closures within the subdivision will be minimal and limited to short-term daytime closures. Roadway closures are restricted to the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Residents will be notified of any closures in advance. Additionally, information regarding such occurrences will be posted on the project website, www.roadbond.org/forestnorth.

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9) Will residents and business owners be displaced?

No displacements of residences or businesses will occur as a result of the drainage improvements.

10) Will items located in the right-of-way and/or easement be impacted?

Residents within the directly impacted area will be required to remove personal items, such as masonry structures, fixtures and landscaping, the right-of-way and/or easement before the start of construction.

Representatives of the Williamson County Public Involvement Team will be in contact with these property owners with more information at the appropriate time to provide ample notice of the construction timeline within their immediate vicinity.

11) Will the County acquire any of my property as a part of this project?

Temporary construction easements and permanent drainage easements are required in some locations. Representatives of the Williamson County Public Involvement Team will be in contact with these property owners with more information at the appropriate time.

12) How were properties selected to receive drainage improvements by the County?

Projects were selected based on a drainage study of the Forest North subdivision performed by K Friese and Associates, Inc. and input the project team solicited from residents to determine the areas that experience frequently re-occurring structural flooding that could be reduced by implementing local drainage improvements.

13) What criteria were used to determine phasing of improvements?

Projects closest to the downstream end of the subdivision drainage were prioritized first. These are the projects closest to the Lake Creek Tributary 2 channel, which is the main conveyance through the subdivision. In general, drainage improvements are best implemented from downstream to upstream in order to avoid impacts to downstream properties. Additional phases of work may be completed if funds become available in the future.

14) How is the project being funded?

Phase I construction includes projects that can be completed as part of routine roadway maintenance and are funded through the Road and Bridge Department. Phase II construction projects are funded by Williamson County road bond money. Voters approved funds for the project design and some construction funds in the 2013 bond election. Phase III projects have been designed, but construction is currently unfunded and will not be scheduled until funding is secured.

15) I live in a zone identified as Phase III. When should I expect drainage improvements?

A limited amount of funding is currently available for the Forest North Drainage Improvement Project. Additional zones within the subdivision may be completed if funds become available in the future. The County will continue to keep residents informed of the status of Phase III projects.

16) Where may I go to ask questions or receive more information about the Forest North Drainage Improvement project?

For more information about this project, please visit www.roadbond.org/forestnorth. You may also sign up for email updates on the web site. Questions and comments may be directed by email or phone to roads@wilco.org or (512) 943-1195.