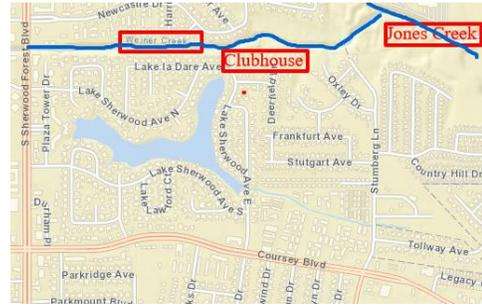


# The Flood of August 2016- Weiner Creek Damage

We all are aware of the damage to some of our properties from the catastrophic flood. Many of you are probably not up to date on the damage to the area behind the Lake Sherwood Clubhouse/Pool. As you probably know, Weiner Creek flows around the north side of Lake Sherwood Acres and behind the Clubhouse and Baton Rouge Sewage Disposal Plant and eventually empties into Jones Creek.



Weiner Creek is usually a slow meandering flow (sometimes a trickle) about 15-20 ft. below the bank. During the flood, the water overflowed the area on both sides of the creek.



Lake Sherwood Dam



Weiner Creek Flooding



After the water subsided, the banks of the creek started to slough off and erode. The erosion came dangerously close to the pool area, the electrical boxes and the BR Sewage Disposal Plant



Looking toward the Pool Area



Looking away from the Pool Area



The SLA contacted Councilman Buddy Amoroso and he immediately came and reviewed the damage. He contacted city/parish officials and later informed the SLA that because the damage was due to flooding, that FEMA/Federal Government had to be involved with the city/parish. The area was then cordoned off for safety reasons by the city/parish

It was a while before the Federal Government and the city/parish reached agreement and after a year or so, the repairs started. It was a long arduous process with the use of heavy equipment.

Trees had to be cut down and removed on both sides of the Creek.



Problems occurred as a broken sewer line was discovered and warranted repairs before any further remediation could be done.



Sewer repair



Once the repair was completed, the work began. A small



Small Dam across the Creek

dam was constructed to stop the heavy water from flowing in the creek. Many tons of rip-rap (rocks used to armor streambeds) had to be placed to shore up both sides of the Creek and the creek bed.



As the work progressed over the many months, the stone and rip-rap was covered with heavy duty geo fabric and dirt was later added to form the foundation for the sides of the creek.



Gradually, the shoreline on both sides began to take shape. As the fill was completed, a hay blanket containing grass seed was laid on top of the completed surfaces.



The projected cost was estimated to be \$433,000 with the city paying 10% of the cost. The cost to the city is projected to be approximately \$43,000 to \$45,000. It should not cost much more than that since they believe they stayed in the parameters of the estimated cost. Everything has been finalized as the final inspection was completed, and accepted by the C/P. They are waiting for the final cost to start the paperwork to pay the city's part of the project.

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