

# Eagle Tree Homeowner's Association, Inc

950 Mulberry Trail  
Amarillo, Texas 79124

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August 31, 2011

North Dowell Road Neighbors,

Subject: North Dowell Road Area Fire Water Project

With all the recent fires in our area and across Texas several of us have been discussing availability of water for our firefighters with the Potter County Fire-Rescue. We considered drilling a water well and putting in a large storage tank on one of our common areas; however the costs would be considerable (estimate is \$28,000 for well and 12,600 gallon tank). We are now discussing putting an underground storage tank on our commons area at the mailbox area. The Potter County Road and Bridge may be able to dig the hole and the PCFR would fill this tank with water so we would not need a water well. We will need financial help from North Dowell Road Communities property owners (see table below) for the tank and some related installation costs, hopefully not any more than \$10,000.

It is my understanding that several years ago Potter County Fire-Rescue and Chaparral Hills Baptist Church buried a cleaned up gas tank retired from a service station on the Church property.

I have been told that Federal environmental regulations require service station tanks retired to be destroyed so this is probably not an option for us.

On Thursday, August 11, 2011 I met with Richard Lake (Fire Chief) and 3 representatives of the Potter County Fire-Rescue and 2 representatives the Potter County Road & Bridge.

Our discussions included ...

- There is plenty of space for a tank on our mailbox area commons area, the exact location on our commons area will depend on the size of the tank and where underground utilities are buried.
- Fire-Rescue would like the tank to be at least 10,000 gallons, larger if possible.
- Road & Bridge suggested the tank could be partially buried and the dirt from the hole be used to cover the top of the tank, this would reduce costs by not having to haul dirt away and we would have a large berm or small hill.
- We are hopeful that the Potter County Commissioners will authorize the Road & Bridge Department to dig the hole and install a tank for this project.
- Our first steps will be to 1) get info on tanks and 2) get a sense of our communities' willingness to help fund this project.

## Questions:

- Is this a project you would be willing to support financially?
- Are you aware of any grant funds that might be available for this project?
- Do you have any suggestions as to where we could get a tank?

Your input would be very helpful as we consider this project.

Send your comments to me via email, call me or mail to Eagle Tree Homeowner's Association, Inc, 950 Mulberry Trail, Amarillo, Texas 79124-3705

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**North Dowell Road Communities**

	Homes	Vacant	Total
Eagle Tree / Drippin' Springs	103	43	146
Two Deer / Vista Drive / North Dowell	46	64	110
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>256</b>
Drippin' Springs # 1	22	9	31
Eagle Tree # 2	81	34	115
Alta Vista Estates #1	2	25	27
Quail Canyon # 1	15	19	34
North Dowell Road	3	2	5
Two Deer Creek # 1	26	18	44
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	Estimated Project Costs		
If the project cost is ...	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
... then contribution per home would be	\$34	\$67	\$101

According to PRAD records there are 256 properties in the North Dowell Road Communities and 149 have homes on them.