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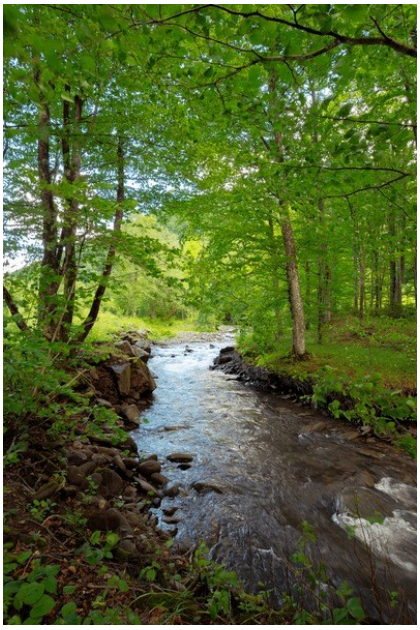
Keep the creeks and bar ditches clear and free-flowing



You may not realize that property lines in Lowry Crossing run to the middle of the streets and the middle of creeks. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep your ditch clean and cleared even with the bottom of the culvert so water can flow freely. If you back up to a creek, you are responsible to keep it debris free so it also flows freely down to the East Fork of the Trinity and into Lake Lavon. This is where our drinking water comes from and keeping that water as clean as possible is a plus for all of us.

How is this regulated? Ordinance 397 states:

Property maintenance. Accumulation of trash and debris. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city to permit or allow any trash, rubbish, carrion, filth, brush, tree limbs or trimmings, cut vegetation, stagnant water, the accumulation of building materials not intended for immediate use, or other impure or unwholesome matter to accumulate or remain thereon or therein. It shall be the duty and responsibility of that person to keep property and the sidewalks in front of this property free and clear of the same.

Accumulation of debris in drainage ditches. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city to permit debris from accumulating, or obstruct the natural flow of storm water run-off, in drainage areas, including but not limited to, open ditches, culverts, and other drainage improvements, which is likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or other disease carrying pests.

It shall be the duty of the person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city to maintain all drainage areas located on such property. Such drainage areas shall be kept free and clear of debris to the bottom of the drainage area. Where a culvert, pipe, or other drainage improvement is installed, such culvert, pipe, or drainage improvement shall likewise be maintained free and clear of debris to its bottom, so as to prevent the accumulation of debris, silt, organic matter, or other similar materials.

High grass and weeds. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city to permit grass, weeds or any other objectionable or unsightly vegetation to grow to a greater height than twelve (12) inches upon any real property within 150 feet of any property line. All vegetation, not regularly cultivated and which exceeds twelve (12) inches in height, shall constitute a nuisance.