**SAN JACINTO RIVER SUPERFUND SITE**

**SJRC stops one permit, faces other threats**

By Alan Jamail

February 11, 2019 — Deer Park was the neutratsal for the Girls 6A Bi-District Basketball Playoffs where the Humble Lady Mustangs eliminated the Lady Longhorns 35-29. It was a defensive game and the lead changed and was tied several times until the final few minutes. The Lady Longhorns easily scored from the turn-around and pulled away with the win.

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Friday, February 8th saw a day full of dancing and socializing at the 13th Annual District 143 Senior Valentine’s Day Dance at the Leon Grayson Community Center in the North Channel area. As always, there was delicious food, dancing, and a good time was had by all thanks to the hard work of volunteers and sponsors.

*Photo by Alan Jamail*
Harris County Flood Control District receives federal grant award letter for stormwater tunnel feasibility study

Harris County Flood Control District has received an award letter from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in connection with a $405,000 feasibility investigation of infrastructure improvements, including a deep underground stormwater conveyance tunnel system. The EDA has accepted the $320,000 grant – to be matched by $80,000 in local funds provided through the 2018 Flood Program – the fourth investigation is expected to get underway in 2019. It will assess the potential for stormwater tunnels to help drain or increase the capacity of existing water conveyance channels in Harris County.

The feasibility investigation will include a review of soil and groundwater conditions, as well as other geotechnical, geological and environmental assessments. Developing better cost information for tunnel construction in our area, based on these preliminary investigations, is a key part of this study.

A feasibility study is an early step in the life cycle of a flood damage reduction project. In the case of the Stormwater Tunnel Feasibility Study, the study would examine whether this technology is even possible in our area, which is characterized by soft soils and a high groundwater table. We will be looking at our soil and water table conditions and compare those to the technology that exists in the tunnel construction industry, as a way to see if it is feasible in our geotechnical conditions.

If the use of tunnels is found to be feasible, future efforts could examine potential tunnel routes, complete hydraulic analyses to determine the required tunnel diameters, and determine proposed inlet and outlet shaft locations. In this concept, tunnels would collect stormwater at upstream locations along the bayou, carry the stormwater downstream via the stormwater tunnels, and then discharge the stormwater into the Houston Ship Channel at a safe location. The goal would be to significantly reduce flood risk in Harris County watersheds where tunnels could be constructed.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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