

**Questions for Alex Southern (Environmental Specialist...“Water Conservationist”):**

**Question:** I heard that French Drains that drain into the street will be ticketed. Is this true? I bought my house from the builder that way.

**Response:** It is unlikely that the homeowner will be ticketed if they bought the house that way from the builder. Generally, plans for French drains are supposed to be approved by the Planning & Development Department before installation; so if one came installed with your home from the builder it has more than likely been approved by the City and installed properly.

However, if you installed it at your house without permit(s) and/or approval, the City could **possibly** make you remove it or alter it if it poses a public hazard and could then charge you for any necessary street repairs. The city tries to manage issues like this B/C although they may be a drainage aid for the homeowner; French drains can directly affect the life and stability of residential streets and, of course, the management of storm water runoff.

**Questions for Stephen Lindsey (Quicksilver...“Gas Well Representative”):**

**Question:** Is there going to be drilling under Clearfork?

**Response:** No. The lines do not run under any of the houses.

**Question:** When they re-drill will there be anything larger than a pickup on the public roads?

**Response:** It is anticipated that only company trucks such as Ford F-150's or Chevy's will be on the public roads on a routine basis.

**Question:** Do gas companies consider in any way, shape or form the attitudes of the neighborhoods they encroach upon before they start drilling?

**Response:** Yes. This is the reason that many steps (such as the noise barrier, alternative road and final landscape shielding) have been taken to try to reduce the effect upon those in close proximity.

**Question:** What happens to the area where the shale is powdered and removed? Is it refilled with something to take its place and not create an empty space that could create unsteady foundation, earth quakes, etc?

**Response:** Earthquakes are not a result of the drilling as earthquakes are a result of the shifting of large plates under the earth's surface. There is nothing that is pumped in to take the place of the gas that is removed.

**Question:** What are you doing for the negative impact of our property values?

**Response:** Little can be done from the gas company in this regard. We are doing everything we can to continue to make the area aesthetically pleasing. We will be putting in a nice wooden fence with many trees and shrubs, when the drilling is complete. The State of Texas states that the owner of the minerals has every right to allow drilling on their land.

**Question:** How long will the “towers” stay?

**Response:** Until the drilling is complete. We estimate that to be around 8 months.

**Question:** What activities/findings would trigger additional wells?

**Response:** We are permitted for 9 wells but would like to only have 4. If we achieve the gas production that we desire, we will not need all 9 wells and will stop with 4.

**Question:** How long will the site be active?

**Response:** Gas wells are given a life expectancy of 25-30 years.

**Question:** What effect does weather and temperature have on tests?

**Response:** It is thought that the measurements could be lower in cold weather. Previous testing was done in cold weather. Additional monitoring in Fort Worth is planned for the late spring or summer of 2010.

**Question:** What about the other 5 wells that the Heritage North Unit is permitted for? When will they be drilled?

**Response:** We are hoping that we do not need them. However, in the event that we do need to come back in, we estimate that it would be 2011.

**Question:** Who owns the land that the drill site is on?

**Response:** Hillwood.

**Question:** What stage are you at today?

**Response:** We are in the drilling stage and will soon enter the frac-ing stage.

**Question:** Which stages cause the most noise?

**Response:** Some people say that the drilling causes the most noise while others say it is the frac-ing stage.

**Question:** Which direction horizontally is the well/pipeline going to run?

**Response:** The lines will start at the site and run a northwestern route, under the field out towards I-35N.

**Question:** Will the TCEQ continue to run tests to ensure no high benzene?

**Response:** Tests will be run again in the late spring or summer of 2010. If you ever feel that you would like to make a complaint, all complaints are responded to with an onsite investigation within 12 hours.

**Question:** The field in which the drilling rig is located is subject to grass fires in the summer. What steps are being taken or exist to prevent or mitigate the effects of grassfires?

**Response:** The area has approximately a 150' area around the containment tanks that is gravel or concrete and the containment tanks have a valve in them which can be closed in case of emergency.

**Question:** Why were we not informed that there would be gas drilling close to our community?

**Response:** By law, we must notify any homeowner that is within 600 feet of the wells. The gas wells are further away than that. However, the North Fort Worth Alliance was contacted out of courtesy, but it appears that there may have been a breakdown in communication in which the information did not get relayed to all homeowners.

**Question:** I have heard and seen info regarding gas emissions that are toxic and some places have had toxic leaks. What about those?

**Response:** The TCEQ monitors all of those situations.

**Question:** Does the Emergency Response Plan include emergency notification and evacuation in the event a fire could not be suppressed quickly? Given the limitations of our roads and neighborhood/arterial intersections this is a concern.

**Response:** There is a hazardous response team of this nature that is located at the Alliance Airport which is able to respond quickly to these types of issues.

### **Questions for Sal Espino ( Fort Worth City Councilman):**

**Question:** How much revenue will Fort Worth receive from the Barnett Shale and what is that revenue going towards, can this go to infrastructure?

**Response:** The revenue is undetermined at this point because royalties fluctuate. There are restrictions on the uses of gas well revenues. Indeed, 95 percent of the revenue from publicly owned gas wells is restricted according to current federal, state, or local statutes.

For example, gas well revenues relating to airports must be placed in the aviation fund and utilized on airport related improvements. There are also restrictions relating to city parks. No gas drilling is allowed on city parks, but the gas underneath city parks can be extracted. Present policy dictates that the lease bonus stays with the park to improve said park, and the royalties are the split into a citywide parks improvement fund and endowment fund. Council did appropriate \$15M of unrestricted gas well revenues towards streets in 2008. Of that amount, Far NFW will receive improvements to Ray White from Shiver Rd. to North Tarrant Parkway and for Thompson Road from North Riverside to Flowertree.

**Question:** What are the plans for the hospital for North Fort Worth? Is there still one slated for development for the area around North Tarrant and 35W?

**Response:** Texas Health Resources will build a hospital near Golden Triangle and I-35W North. As of right now, there is an additional hospital that is planned to be built off North Tarrant Parkway between I-35W and North Tarrant Parkway. It appears that the Texas Health Resources Hospital is scheduled to be built before the one located near North Tarrant Parkway and I-35W.

**Question:** What about the new school going in on Old Denton? Will there be no improvements before the school opens?

**Response:** Keller ISD and the City of Fort Worth will enter into a community facilities agreement for some road improvements by the school. However, there are no City of Fort Worth bond dollars for widening the entire section of Old Denton/North Riverside from Heritage Trace Parkway to Golden Triangle Blvd. Under state law, the school district must open schools to serve students and under state law, a city cannot deny building permits because the road infrastructure is inadequate. The city has enacted transportation impact fees to charge developers their fair share of costs relating to arterial street improvements.

**Question:** What is being done about excess traffic from Crawford Farms driving through Clearfork?

**Response:** This is an issue that is continuing to be reviewed. Mr. Espino will be going out to the location in the next week to observe the traffic conditions and it will continue to be looked at. After the site visit, recommendations can possibly be made to the traffic department. Already under consideration is extending Ray White into the Crawford Farms subdivision as another ingress/egress point onto North Beach.

Overview of road improvements in Far North Fort Worth (Caveat: The timelines indicated below are the best estimates provided by Fort Worth city staff):

Golden Triangle Blvd - Awaiting final environmental clearance from the Federal Highways Administration since \$11M of federal funds are involved. Texas Department of Transportation indicates a June 2010 construction letting date.

North Beach - North Beach was included in the May 2008 \$150M bond program. The following sections of North Beach are slated for summer 2010:

1. North Beach from Keller Hicks Rd to Golden Triangle
2. North Beach from Timberland to Keller Hicks Rd

North Beach from Vista Meadows to Shiver Rd is also slated to be improved, but there is not yet a definite schedule.

Traffic signals - Traffic signals at Heritage Trace Parkway and North Beach as well as at Heritage Trace Parkway and Old Denton Road are slated for summer 2010.

Retail update re: Alliance Town Center

BJ's Brewhouse – Opening in February

Rooms To Go – Opening in June

Olive Garden – Opening late Summer

Cousin's BBQ – Opening Fall 2010

Kroger Marketplace (123,000 sf) – Opening in Dec 2010/Jan 2011