



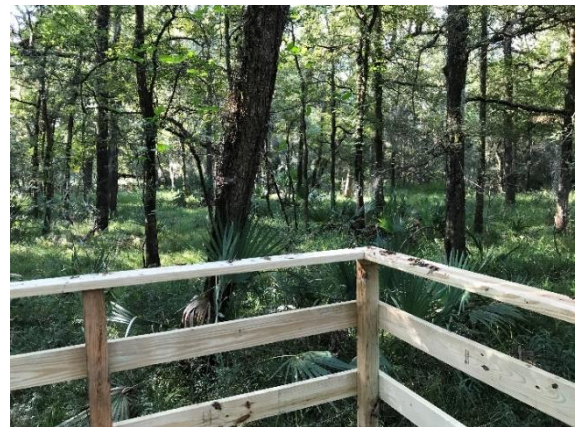
# LAKE CREEK PRESERVE NEWS

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**Lake Creek Flooding** – All of the structures in the preserve were submerged under 10-20' of water with significant current in places. All but 16' of the new section of boardwalk on the blue trail survived intact. The failure appears to be related to a construction problem rather than design failure. Repairs will be integrated into a pending Eagle project. An additional Eagle project will involve clearing logs, debris and trash from the trail and boardwalks as well as mowing and trimming encroaching vegetation along the entire trail. Both projects are planned to be completed prior to our wildlife open house with Woodforest on November 18. Anyone able to support one of these Eagle projects should contact Bob Wise ([bob@hawkpros.com](mailto:bob@hawkpros.com)) or Glenn Buckley ([glenn@lakecreektx.org](mailto:glenn@lakecreektx.org)).

**Preserve Infrastructure Nearing Completion** – Prior to the flood, Eagle Candidate Maxwell Shorr completed a wildlife viewing deck along the southern portion of the blue trail for the 31<sup>st</sup> Eagle project on the preserve. The structure was well anchored and showed no signs of effects of the flood. Planned Eagle projects will add a second viewing platform at the pond along the orange trail and add benches at the trail head and along the blue trail. Two remaining projects will add 48 feet of boardwalk to the blue trail to complete the boardwalk system and construct benches for the observation platforms as we have commitments from Scouts.



**Grants Received from Rotary Foundation and Magnolia Rotary Club** – The Rotary Foundation and Magnolia Rotary Club donated \$750 to cover materials for the first observation platform project

and a snake safety sign for the trailhead. We also received an unrestricted additional \$750 from the Magnolia Rotary Club to help with organization operations.

Part of an earlier grant from the Hauber Foundation has also allowed us to add a sign to the observation deck with pictures and information on some of the birds identified in the preserve. Parts of the Hauber and a Union Pacific grant will also help support materials for the new structure along with a complementary sign on area wildlife.

**Trail Maintenance** – Although the flooding has left considerable debris on the trail pre-flood mowing and trimming by Scouts and leaders from Troop 889 has helped limit work needed to prepare for fall and winter visitors.



**Woodforest Beautification Project Improves Preserve Access** – The Woodforest Development Company had restored the access road to the preserve significantly improving the appearance and ease of access prior to the flood. The improvement survived intact, but was badly undercut and will require reinforcement.



**Paddletrail Committee Seeking Use of John Boat**

There are a number of obstacles that need to be removed from Lake Creek to help develop and maintain it before we can promote it as an accessible paddletrail. Before we seek monies to purchase a boat for maintenance the committee would like to evaluate the John Boat for this purpose. Anyone willing with a boat and willing to help should contact Allen Livingston at [allen@lakecreektx.org](mailto:allen@lakecreektx.org).

**Supporting Woodforest Fall Activities**

LCGP will be supporting fall activities in Woodforest Development on November 18 and we are looking for youth and adults willing to help staff our booth and games and activities. These will include water testing, watershed displays, tours of the preserve and Project Wild Games and activities. We will train leaders ahead of the event. Anyone interested in helping staff an event please contact: Glenn Buckley at [glenn@lakecreektx.org](mailto:glenn@lakecreektx.org).