



Town of Foster

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

NIKE Site and USACE Clearing- Summary

Town Council
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) wishes to hire a contractor to clear brush, dead trees, and live trees less than 3" in diameter along one of two proposed 8'-wide swaths at the Town-owned NIKE site on Theodore Foster Drive (please see attached email and map).

The USACE prefers the line to the north, which follows an existing path and thus requires less clearing but will necessitate some berm re-shaping. The radar line to the south of the shown foundations has slightly more to clear but no berm to contend with. Please note that the lines do not extend past the parcel boundaries- it is just the scale of the map skewing the visual.

The intent of the work is to apply ground-penetrating radar along the chosen line as part of a geophysics survey to determine where monitoring wells will be drilled. The chosen line will be flagged on August 30th and the clearing will commence in early September of this year, while the actual drilling is still in the pre-planning phase. So far it is known that the vertical hole for any well would be 120 feet deep, though the angle and length of the inclined borehole is not yet known; there will be public meetings before drilling in 2017 to provide more information and collect feedback.

A few items for the Council to consider include the contractor's insurance and language in any vote ensuring that access to North West Special Education won't be impeded and that North West is fully aware of the clearing start and stop dates.