
MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR WILL WYNN AND ESTEEMED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: DAVE ANDERSON, CHAIR, CITY OF AUSTIN ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
SUBJECT: ITEM #45 - CITY OF AUSTIN AND AISD LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AGREEMENT
DATE: 2/16/2006
CC: KARIN ASCOT, VICE CHAIR, CITY OF AUSTIN ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

This correspondence is intended to clarify recent action the Environmental Board took on Item referenced above. At the February 1, 2006 Board meeting, the Environmental Board made the following recommendations regarding the impervious cover limits of school sites over the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer.

1. The Environmental Board recommended that the following sites (which are exceptions to the 25% impervious cover regulations in the Agreement) be removed from the list of exceptions in Exhibit B of the Agreement:

- Site #2. Travis Country Site: 50% Impervious Cover limit had been previously granted for this site, despite the fact that it lies in the Barton Creek Watershed.
- Site #3. Village at Western Oaks Site, Mills Elementary School: 50% impervious cover limit had been previously granted for this site, even though it is in the recharge zone of the Barton Springs/Edwards aquifer.

Rationale: The Environmental Board recommended that both sites 2 & 3 be removed from the list of exceptions to the Agreement under Exhibit B, thereby making them subject to the regulations in the Agreement and, thus, reducing the impervious cover limits to 25% on both sites. The Travis Country site is not built and may not be built because of access issues. The Village at Western Oaks site (Mills Elementary School) has been built out at 22% impervious cover and is not slated to be expanded beyond 25% impervious cover.

2. The Environmental Board recommended that additional impervious cover could be allowed on Site #4 (Kiker Elementary School), increasing the overall impervious cover of the site to 38% because AISD is offering to mitigate impervious cover limit on the entire site to SOS standards (15%) by paying a mitigation fee for the purchase of additional open space lands over the recharge zone of the Aquifer.

Rationale: The Environmental Board supported the additional impervious cover at Kiker elementary because of the offer by AISD to mitigate impervious cover to the 15% level. The original structure was built out at 24 classrooms, but the norm for elementary schools is 40 classrooms. The addition of 8 permanent classrooms is to accommodate current and projected enrollments at Kiker.

3. The Environmental Board recommended that bicycle parking shall be provided to the greatest extent feasible for all sites.