



# SAVE SANDY CREEK *No Sand Mine*

Sandy Creek and the surrounding area are being threatened by a proposed sand sifting/crushing operation that would allow removal of ONE MILLION TONS PER YEAR, near the Hwy 71 and FM2233 intersection. We're fighting the battle on several fronts, and the permit requested from the TCEQ is the first step in a long process.

The proposal requires approval from multiple entities:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas Parks & Wildlife
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Lower Colorado River Authority
- Llano County

Key things to know about the proposal:

## **Traffic would increase**

The applicant has said they will ship 40 truckloads of material a day from the site. That's a truck turning into or out of the site from Highway 71 every 6 minutes during the eight-hour day the company says they will work. And, the permit would allow more than that.

## **Noise and light would increase**

Equipment is generator-powered -- an endless noise maker with bright night lights.

## **Air quality would be affected**

The facility would create air emissions from ongoing operation of the facility, blowing sand, and the associated truck traffic. Also, the removal and treatment of sand from Sandy Creek would create excessive blowing of stockpiled sand. Winds can potentially push air particles into nearby communities.

## **The sifting process uses scarce water**

The already-strained aquifer that will be tapped is subject to pollution and depletion.

## **The proposal doesn't solve sedimentation issues in Lake LBJ**

There is a problem with erosion and sedimentation from Sandy Creek into Sandy Harbor and Sunrise Beach – but this proposal doesn't address that problem and some experts say could make the problem worse.



## **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

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This photograph is a combination of two photographs from Google Earth Pro. The two photos are of the exact same scale. The photo of the FM 1980 Collier Sand Works shows what is believed to be a similar operation to what is proposed in Sandy Creek, although the applications submitted for the work to date do not give precise information as to size of the operation. Later applications may specify with more accuracy but for now this is the best information available. IF later applications are filed with more equipment this composite will be changed to reflect that.

This photograph does not show the size of the sand mining that will occur in the creek itself or the large mining or truck equipment needed to remove the sand. Steve Nash does not have a lease with any of the land owners adjacent to the location of the mine. Trucks will have to traverse the length of the creek shown here to get to Mr. Nash's land near the Hwy 71 bridge where it can move from the creek to the sand processing equipment.

These photographs were prepared by Larry Black, a lawyer for many of the landowners most affected by the industrialization of Sandy Creek.

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4. Now you are on the form itself, fill in spaces and put your comments in the bottom section.
5. Submit
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