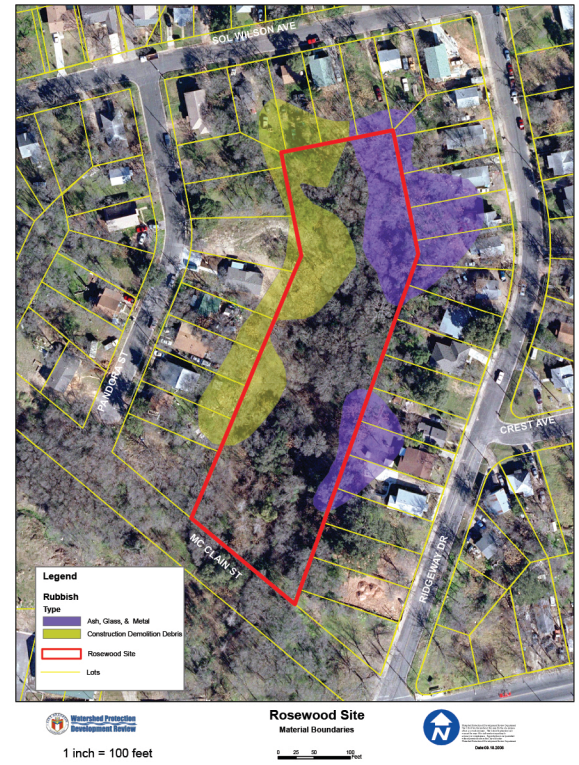


ROSEWOOD

Rosewood Site Improvement Project

In 2007, per citizen request, the city found and removed 25 dump truck loads of household trash and construction/demolition debris from a City of Austin Watershed Protection Department property in the Homewood Heights area. This 2.3 acre property, located behind 32 private residences and lots on Ridgeway Drive, Sol Wilson Avenue and Pandora Street, also contained burned material, ash, broken glass and pieces of metal indicating the existence of an old dump site. Completion of the environmental assessment and sampling results in 2008 verified the burned material had elevated levels of lead, arsenic and pesticides. This type of waste material was found not only on the City property but also on 13 of the surrounding private properties.



City of Austin, Watershed Protection Department



Before



Clean-up



After

The following year, a remediation plan was developed by a city-obtained engineering firm and, in September 2012, the City Council approved and awarded the Rosewood Site Improvement Project contract. Funding for this project came from the Abandoned Landfills Remediation Fund contributed to by the Austin Resource Recovery, Austin Water Utility and the Watershed Protection Department. This fund was created to investigate and remediate closed and abandoned landfills that the City owned, operated, or disposed of waste at the site or where waste is found on City-owned property.

Following the contract approval, environmental controls installation and tree removal began, as well as excavation of waste material. After excavation, the slopes behind the residences were reconstructed and a new storm drain was installed. Completion of the project brought the site, which is designated for stormwater drainage purposes and park use, back to its full intended use.

