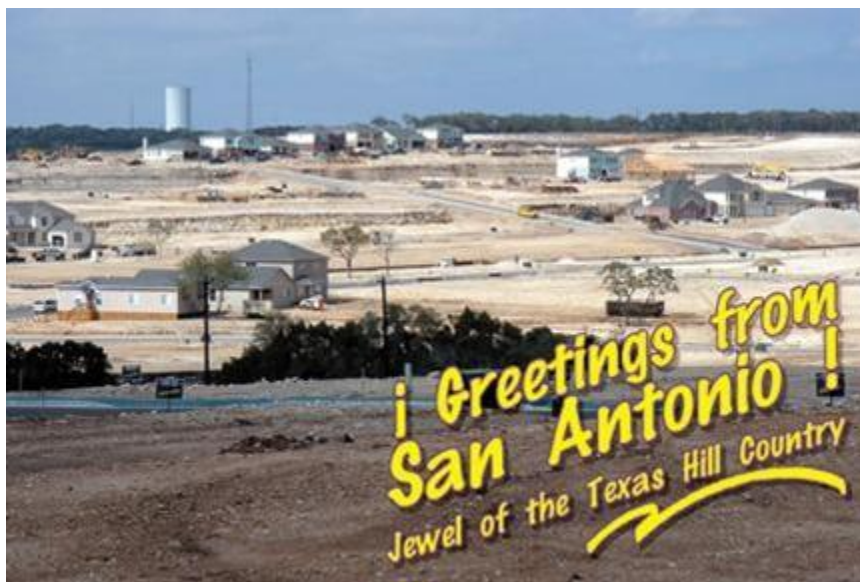




Dear GEAA members and friends,

You may recall that I sent a [message](#) last month reporting that we thought our trees were safe for this session. Well, I spoke too soon. [Representative Lois Kolkhorst](#) has filed [HB 1377](#) which would prevent municipalities from enforcing their tree ordinances in their Extra Territorial Jurisdictions (ETJ's), resulting in more clearcut developments similar to the picture below.



This bill is similar to the bill filed during the last legislative session. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

If you consider yourself a tree-hugger, we definitely need you to speak up on behalf of the trees right now. We expect that the bill will be heard by the [Urban Affairs Committee](#) on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Committee Members: [Rep. Harold V. Dutton, Jr. \(Chair\)](#); [Rep. Carol Alvarado](#); [Rep. Rafael Anchia](#); [Rep. Gary Elkins](#); [Rep. Jeff Leach](#); [Rep. Justin Rodriguez](#); and [Rep. Scott Sanford](#) to let them know that you oppose passage of HB. 1377.

You might also contact [Speaker of the House, Joe Straus](#) and your local representative.

We really appreciate your help in getting HB 1377 stopped in the Urban Affairs Committee so all of us Texans will have one less bad bill to worry about this session. And, we can concentrate on getting the good bills passed! Stay tuned for more.

Thank you!

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