

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hunters Creek Prevails in Round One Against Piney Point.

---

In an attempt to close the Courthouse door and prevent a jury from hearing the merits of the lawsuit filed by Hunters Creek against Piney Point, Piney Point filed over an 80 page Plea to the Jurisdiction in Harris County Civil Court at Law No.1. This Court has exclusive jurisdiction to hear the portion of Hunters Creek's lawsuit that alleges Piney Point inversely condemned portions of Kemwood Drive by secretly installing a restrictor and causing repeated flooding.

In filing a Plea to the Jurisdiction, Piney Point essentially argued that because it is a government, it cannot be sued. Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 1, Judge Debra Ibarra Mayfield, denied Piney Point's Plea to the Jurisdiction allowing the lawsuit to proceed and allowing a jury to decide the merits of the case.

However, we anticipate that Piney Point will once again attempt to close the Courthouse door and once again prevent a jury from hearing the merits of the lawsuit by appealing Judge Mayfield's decision. The appeal will be heard either by the First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston.

Hunters Creek will continue to vigilantly protect the Citizens of Hunters Creek from Piney Point's blatant disregard for life and property by its malicious, intentional acts of causing repeated flooding in the City. We continue to hope and pray that while this lawsuit is pending, citizens of Hunters Creek, visitors, and the traveling public remain safe from such ultra-hazardous acts.

We will continue to keep you informed about this lawsuit as well as the lawsuit filed in District Court as developments occur.

Should you have any questions, please contact Deborah Loesch, City Administrator at 713-465-2150.

###