

Firewise Update—June 7, 2022 by Charlie Bennett

We have the draft site and the permits are going through the process. I believe we can install with a full lake. The hydrant and parts were about \$1,000 and the permits an additional \$1,000—both paid for by DNR.

We filled 4-40yrd dumpsters (2 green and 2 garbage) during the RLCA clean up weekend. Everyone was respectful and made it very easy to keep clean and tidy. The bill was just under \$3,000 paid fully by the DNR though Firewise. We now know that we can open up one end for much easier access.

Also, in Mid-May, we hired a 12" wood chipper with two men plus my wife and I helped, to chip all the downed trees in the greenbelt and the way to the hatchery and behind the homes on Sheets Rd. We also chipped a large pile at the Hickman's and more debris and Davis, Wilson's, and the Zollars property. The DNR paid \$1,100 for this. Also Rick Hayes' bill for the tree removal in the NW Corner of the lake was paid in full by the DNR—about \$500.

The total paid for by the DNR is around \$6,500. I wanted to get the draft site in by now so they would also pay for the equipment rental but the permit process goes very slowly.

We also received \$500 for the May, Wild Fire Preparedness day from State Farm.