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## **New Boat Ramp Opens at Canyon Lake Replaces Existing Ramp**

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COMAL COUNTY - Officials with area water entities formed a beneficial partnership and took the opportunity of the low water conditions on Canyon Lake to make major improvements to one of the existing Comal County boat ramps. This improved facility, Ramp #2 located in the Village West Subdivision, opened at Canyon Lake Friday, Dec. 18, 2009.

Earlier this year, staff from the Water Oriented Recreation District (WORD), Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), Comal County, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) got together to discuss the condition of County boat ramps at Canyon Lake. Boat Ramp #2, also known as Village West and located off of Colleen Drive, was identified as steep and badly in need of repairs. It was deemed one of the few ramp areas capable of being run deeper into the lake; yet previously provided poor access during low reservoir conditions. The ramp now provides better access for the south side of the lake.

A partnership was formed, with WORD and GBRA each contributing \$30,000 towards the project with Comal County handling engineering, construction, and project oversight.

The Corps secured all necessary permissions for the work to be done. The old ramp was demolished, and a new one built just next to it. A circular drive was also added for ease of use getting on and off the ramp. By conducting the work while the reservoir was low, the construction staff was able to take advantage of the record low lake levels to extend the ramp almost 6 feet deeper into the water than the old one, making it much more versatile and keeping it open much longer during drought.

The GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.