

# **2010**

# ***Environmental***

# ***Resource Guide***

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ENVIRONMENTAL  
COALITION



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## **About the Citizens' Environmental Coalition**

The Citizens' Environmental Coalition is an alliance of diverse nonprofit, governmental, and educational organizations whose activities impact our environment and quality of life in the Houston-Galveston area. Our over 100 member organizations cover a broad spectrum, including professional associations, conservation groups, and activists.

The Citizens' Environmental Coalition was founded in 1970 by an outstanding group of women who were proactive in the environmental causes of the day. They successfully lobbied for many quality of life issues. They saved Buffalo Bayou from being straightened and lined with concrete, they created a nature center at Armand Bayou, and they built safe places to ride bicycles – just to name a few. These visionary women saw that there was a real need for all the local environmental groups to communicate with each other, to coordinate their efforts, and to support each other. They created the CEC to serve that need.

Originally, the Coalition published a joint calendar listing the activities of member groups in order to avoid conflicting events and duplication of programs. Soon the annual Environmental Resource Guide was born, an answering service was established, and community forums were organized.

Thirty-eight years later, communication remains our mission. We work to foster dialogue and collaboration regarding environmental issues, and serve as an information clearinghouse for our member groups and the community at large through the following programs:

**Environmental News Update.** This free weekly newsletter is e-mailed to more than 5,000 subscribers. It covers environmental news from our 13-county region, and focuses on local environmental topics, legislative news, and updates on our member groups' activities. This e-news also lists Green Jobs and Green Grants, and provides a calendar of special events. In addition, it links readers to national and international news stories that have a bearing on our local community.

**CEC Website ([www.cechouston.org](http://www.cechouston.org))** This important tool offers a link to each of our member groups' Websites, a comprehensive calendar of all environmental events hosted by our member groups, Green Jobs listings, and archives of our past weekly newsletters. The 2010 Resource Guide is also available on the website.

**Information & Referral.** CEC serves as a call and email service center to help direct environmental inquiries to the appropriate organizations.

**Environmental Resource Guide.** This annual publication provides a hard-copy directory of our member organizations and other important contact information. It is widely distributed to our school districts and to the community at large.

**Annual Meeting.** CEC holds an annual meeting each spring to gather activists to exchange ideas and discuss a timely topic which affects our environmental community.

**Synergy Awards.** Since 1997, the Citizens' Environmental Coalition has hosted the annual Synergy Awards event to recognize local individuals and organizations for their notable environmental projects and achievements. The winners are chosen from nominations made by the environmental community at large.

**Outreach.** The CEC staff, board members, and volunteers are available for speaking engagements concerning the general state of the environment in our region and for hosting tables at environmental fairs. The CEC also co-sponsors outreach events with other groups.

*If you would like to join CEC as we foster dialogue and collaboration on environmental issues and provide an information clearinghouse for the benefit of our community, please call the CEC at 713-524-4232 for membership information.*

*CEC is also a member of EarthShare, Texas, which supports the work of participating environmental organizations through payroll deductions. To contribute, see [www.earthshare-texas.org](http://www.earthshare-texas.org)*

*Donations to CEC are accepted directly or via Network for Good on our website [www.cechouston.org](http://www.cechouston.org). CEC welcomes your support!*

# Citizens' Environmental Coalition

## Member Groups by Category

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### **Air Quality**

American Lung Association  
Center for Houston's Future  
Environment Texas  
Environmental Defense  
Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
Mothers for Clean Air  
Pleasantville Environmental Coalition  
Sierra Club—Houston Regional Group  
The Wind Alliance

### **Animals/Wildlife/Rehabilitation**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Big Thicket Association  
Environment Texas  
Friends of Texas Wildlife  
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory  
Help Endangered Animals—Ridley Turtles  
Houston Audubon Society  
Houston Zoo  
Katy Prairie Conservancy  
Ocean Conservancy  
Piney Woods Wildlife Society  
Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition  
Wildlife Rehab & Education

### **Architecture/Community Development/Urban Issues**

American Institute of Architects  
Blueprint Houston  
Buffalo Bayou Partnership  
Center for Houston's Future  
Citizens' Transportation Coalition  
Environment Texas  
Greater Houston Preservation Alliance  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition  
Houston Habitat for Humanity  
Houston Tomorrow  
Houston Parks Board  
Living Paradigm  
Rice Design Alliance  
Transition Houston  
U.S. Green Building Council

### **Bayous**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Artist Boat  
Bayou Preservation Association  
Brays Bayou Association  
Buffalo Bayou Partnership  
Center for Houston's Future  
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition  
Houston Parks Board  
Texas Coastal Partners  
Trust for Public Land  
White Oak Bayou Association

### **Beautification**

Center for Houston's Future  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition  
Keep Houston Beautiful  
Keep Kingwood Green  
Pleasantville Environmental Coalition  
SCENIC GALVESTON  
SCENIC HOUSTON  
Trust for Public Land  
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy  
The Wind Alliance

### **Children's Activities**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Artist Boat  
Big Thicket Association  
Children's Museum of Houston's Eco-Station  
Hermann Park Conservancy  
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center  
Houston Audubon Society  
Keep Houston Beautiful  
Legacy Land Trust  
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
Mothers for Clean Air  
Nature Discovery Center  
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group  
Urban Harvest  
Wildlife Rehab & Education

**Climate**

Environment Texas  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Houston Climate Protection Alliance  
Houston Renewable Energy Group  
Sierra Club- Houston Regional Group  
Transition Houston  
The Wind Alliance

**Conservation**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Bayou Preservation Association  
Center for Houston's Future  
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition  
Galveston Bay Foundation  
Environment Texas  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition  
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory  
Hermann Park Conservancy  
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center  
Houston Audubon Society  
Houston Habitat for Humanity  
Houston Parks Board  
Houston Wilderness  
Katy Prairie Conservancy  
Legacy Land Trust  
Living Paradigm  
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
Native Plant Society of Texas  
Nature Conservancy of Texas  
Ocean Conservancy  
Outdoor Nature Club  
Piney Woods Wildlife Society  
SCENIC GALVESTON  
SCENIC HOUSTON  
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group  
Student Conservation Association  
Surfrider Foundation, Texas Chapter  
Texas Coastal Partners  
Texas Master Naturalists- Heartwood Chapter  
Transition Houston  
Trust for Public Land  
White Oak Bayou Association

**Education**

Artist Boat  
Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Bayou Preservation Association  
Big Thicket Association

Brays Bayou Association  
Center for Houston's Future  
Citizens' League for Environmental Action Now  
Children at Risk  
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition  
Council for Environmental Education  
Environmental Educators' Exchange  
Environmental Institute of Houston  
Environment Texas  
Herman Park Conservancy  
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center  
Houston Audubon Society  
Houston Habitat for Humanity  
Houston Renewable Energy Group  
Houston Zoo  
Legacy Land Trust  
Living Paradigm  
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
Student Conservation Association  
Mothers for Clean Air  
Progressive Forum  
Pleasantville Environmental Coalition  
Rice University Environmental Club  
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers  
Techs & Trainers  
Texas Diaper Free  
Texas Master Naturalists- Heartwood Chapter  
Transition Houston  
Trees for Houston  
Urban Harvest  
Waterborne Education Center  
The Woods Project, Inc.

**Environmental Justice/ Policy**

American Lung Association  
Artist Boat  
Bayou Preservation Association  
Bridges to Sustainability  
Big Thicket Association  
Citizens' Environmental Coalition  
Citizens League for Environmental Action Now  
Citizens' Transportation Coalition  
Cypress Creek Flood Center Coalition  
Children at Risk  
Environment Texas  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Galveston Bay Foundation  
Galveston Baykeeper

Galveston-Houston Association  
for Smog Prevention  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Houston Climate Protection Alliance  
Mothers for Clean Air  
Sierra Club– Houston Regional Group  
Texas Campaign for the Environment  
Trees for Houston

### **Galveston Bay Issues**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Artist Boat  
Environment Texas  
Environmental Defense  
Galveston Bay Conservation and  
Preservation Association  
Galveston Bay Foundation  
Galveston Baykeeper  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Help Endangered Animals – Ridley  
Turtles  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
Ocean Conservancy  
SCENIC GALVESTON  
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group  
Texas Coastal Partners  
Trust for Public Land

### **Global Issues**

Artist Boat  
Bridges to Sustainability  
Environment Texas  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Houston Climate Protection Alliance  
Planned Parenthood  
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers  
The Wind Alliance

### **Health**

American Lung Association  
Children at Risk  
Environment Texas  
Mothers for Clean Air  
Planned Parenthood  
Urban Harvest  
The Wind Alliance

### **Historic Preservation**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
American Institute of Architects  
Greater Houston Preservation Alliance

Hermann Park Conservancy  
SCENIC GALVESTON

### **Organic Food/Plants/Gardening**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Artist Boat  
Central City Co-op  
Houston Urban Gardeners  
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
Native Plant Society of Texas  
Organic Horticulture Business-Education  
Alliance  
Outdoor Nature Club  
Piney Woods Wildlife Society  
Transition Houston  
Urban Harvest

### **Parks and Nature Centers**

Baytown Parks & Recreation  
Big Thicket Association  
Center for Houston’s Future  
Environment Texas  
Friends of Mandell Park  
Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park  
Friends of West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Park  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition  
Houston Parks Board  
Houston Parks & Recreation Department  
Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center  
Memorial Park Conservancy  
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
Sheldon Lake State Park and  
Environmental Learning Center  
Trust for Public Land

### **Professional Societies/ Industry Groups**

American Institute of Architects  
American Institute of Chemical Engineers  
Energy Corridor Management District  
Environmental Educators’ Exchange  
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers  
Texas Association of Environmental  
Professionals  
The Wind Alliance

### **Recycling/Trash**

Center for Houston’s Future  
Environment Texas  
Galveston Bay Foundation  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
Houston Habitat for Humanity

Keep Houston Beautiful  
Keep Kingwood Green  
Living Paradigm  
Pleasantville Environmental Coalition  
SCENIC GALVESTON  
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group  
Urban Harvest  
Techs & Trainers  
Texas Diaper Free  
We CAN Recycle  
Woodlands GREEN

**Sports/Recreation**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Artist Boat  
Big Thicket Association  
BikeHouston  
Center for Houston’s Future  
Galveston Bay Foundation  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition  
Hermann Park Conservancy  
Houston Audubon Society  
Houston Canoe Club  
Houston Parks Board  
Houston Parks & Recreation Department  
Outdoor Nature Club  
Piney Woods Wildlife Society  
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group

**Transportation**

American Institute of Architects  
Citizens’ Transportation Coalition  
Environment Texas  
Galveston-Houston Association  
for Smog Prevention  
Houston Canoe Club  
Houston Electric Auto Association  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
Houston Tomorrow  
Sierra Club

**Water Quality**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Artist Boat  
Bayou Preservation Association  
Big Thicket Association  
Center for Houston’s Future  
Citizens’ League for Environmental  
Action Now  
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition  
Environment Texas

Environmental Defense Fund  
Galveston Bay Foundation  
Galveston Baykeeper  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
Legacy Land Trust  
SCENIC GALVESTON  
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group  
Texas Coastal Partners  
Trust for Public Land  
White Oak Bayou Association

# CEC Member Groups

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## **American Institute of Architects: Houston**

315 Capitol Street, Suite 120  
Houston, TX 77002  
info@aiahouston.org  
www.aiahouston.org

Barrie Scardino, Executive Director  
(713) 520-0155 barrie@aiahouston.org

**Purpose:** To promote the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the architecture profession; to advance the science and art of planning and building; to coordinate the building industry and the profession of architecture; to ensure the advancement of the living standard of people and to make the profession one of ever-increasing service to society.

**Programs:** Continuing education and exhibitions (visit [www.aiahouston.org](http://www.aiahouston.org))

**Major Events:** Home Tour, Design Awards, January; Celebrate Architecture Gala, Gulf Coast Green, Sandcastle Competition.

**Publications:** Weekly e-newsletter, annual membership directory.

## **American Lung Association in Houston**

2030 North Loop West, Suite 250  
Houston, TX 77018  
(713) 629-5864  
[www.breathehealthy.org](http://www.breathehealthy.org)

Donna Rickard: Executive Assistant  
drickard@breathehealthy.org

**Purpose:** The prevention of lung disease and promotion of lung health.

**Publications:** State of the Air Report, smoking cessation resources, monthly volunteer newsletters, and information about clean air and healthy lungs

**Major Events:** Stair Climb (vertical race up stairs)

**Meeting Times:** Healthy Air Alliance meetings 3rd Tuesday of every month and Leadership Council meetings 1st Tuesday of every month

**Volunteer opportunities:** Prospects abound to put your unique skills and experience to work improving life, one breath at a time! Contact us for further information.

### **Armand Bayou Nature Center**

8500 Bay Area Blvd., Pasadena, Texas  
Mailing: P.O. Box 58828  
Houston, Texas 77258  
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abnc@abnc.org, www.abncvols.org

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tim@abnc.org  
Heather Millar, Education Director  
heather@abnc.org  
Mark Kramer, Stewardship Coordinator  
mark@abnc.org

**Purpose:** To preserve the 2500 acres of vanishing coastal prairie, hardwood forest and bayou wilderness habitat and wildlife refuge; to provide opportunities to experience and understand the remaining natural ecosystem; through preservation and education we reconnect people with nature.

**Programs:** Year-round adult, child, and family programs including Second Saturdays speakers; Eco-Exploration pontoon boat and canoe trips; guided day and night hikes; Eco-Camp summer and holiday camps; Great Texas Birding Trail Site 81; Over 5 miles of hiking trails; Restored 1890's farm site.

**Major Events:** Earth Day in Apr.; Bayou Boil fundraiser in May; Creepy Crawlers in Oct.; Martyn Farm Fall Festival in Nov. Audubon Bird Count in Dec.

**Children's Activities:** Critter Corner, Connections and Bayou Studies classes; naturalist lead and self-guided school field trips; scout programs; weekend farm history demonstrations and guided hikes.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are vital to all aspects of ABNC operations and programs, including the Prairie Friday Team, Stewardship Saturday Team, Trail Guides and History Interpreters, Environmental Education Docents, Nature Center Maintenance Crew, Teen Volunteer Corps, BSA Venturing Crew, seasonal prairie and bayou marsh restoration, company, community and youth workdays.

**Speaker's Bureau:** Habitat restoration, youth environmental education

**Publications:** Along the Bayou quarterly member magazine; Bayou Foliage monthly volunteer newsletter.

### **Artist Boat**

2415 Avenue K  
Galveston, TX 77550  
(409) 770-0722  
info@artistboat.org  
www.artistboat.org

Karla Klay, Executive Director  
kklay@artistboat.org

Rani Henderson, Director of Education  
rhenderson@artistboat.org

**Purpose:** Non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness and preservation of coastal margins and the marine environment through the disciplines of the sciences and the arts.

**Programs:** Eco-Art Adventures via kayak, vessel, or walking; Eco-Art Residencies in Schools integrating the arts and sciences to create public sculptures and habitats on campuses; Student Environmental Art Council, a teen stewardship program to create voices in communities through teaching teens to use the arts to educate the public about environmental issues.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Public relations, lawyers, accountants, and fundraising experts for board; volunteers needed for after school residency program, board members, publications and press, activities at festivals.

**Publications:** E-mail newsletter; Website; Quarterly calendar of eco-art and eco-tour kayak adventures.

**Bayou Preservation Association, Inc.**

3201 Allen Parkway, Suite 200  
Houston, TX 77019  
(713) 529-6443/Fax (713) 529-6481  
bpa@bayoupreservation.org  
www.bayoupreservation.org

Kathy Lord, Executive Director  
klord@bayoupreservation.org

**Purpose:** Founded in 1966 to protect and restore the richness and diversity of our waterways through activism, advocacy, collaboration and education. BPA monitors water quality, plans clean-ups for bayous, restores habitat, reviews permit applications and sponsors seminars on flood reduction.

**Programs:** Board Meetings have speakers. Committees include Project, Water Quality, Paddle Trails, and Development and Nominations.

**Major Events:** BPA Gala, Fall; Water Symposium, Fall; Trash Bash, Spring; Project a Month (year round bayou and park clean up starting in 2010)

**Speakers Bureau:** Call Kathy Lord

**Publications:** Newsletter; *Bayou Planting Guide*; *Quick Guide on Flood Management*. Call BPA office.

**Baytown Parks and Recreation**

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center  
724 Market Street  
Baytown, TX 77520  
(281) 420-7128  
www.baytown.org

Baytown Nature Center  
6213 Bayway  
Baytown, TX 77520  
(281) 424-9198

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Media/Press: Mary Alice Trumble

**Purpose:** To offer environmental education through classes, tours and outreach programs and to provide quality recreational facilities and nature-related activities

**Programs:** Environmental programs for school groups, elementary – high school; Pre-school programs; Scout badge workshops; Outreach

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Teaching programs at The Wetlands

**Major Events:** Nurture Nature

**Speaker's Bureau:** Tracey Prothro

**Big Thicket Association**

P.O. Box 198  
Saratoga, TX 77585  
www.bigthicket.org

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Linda Brindle, Executive Director  
director@bigthicket.org, (936) 274-5898

Dale Kruse, Thicket of Diversity Chair  
dakruse@ag.tamu.edu, (979) 458-4050

**Purpose:** To work for the preservation of the flora and fauna of the Big Thicket area; To promote the conservation of the natural resources and natural beauty of the Big Thicket; To promote and to fund research contributing to knowledge of the Big Thicket; To publish or support publication of cultural and scientific Big Thicket literature; To support the operation and expansion of the Big Thicket National Preserve; and To manage the Big Thicket National Preserve Field Research Station.

**Meetings:** Second Saturdays in January, April, July and October at the Field Research Station in Saratoga.

**Major Events:** Big Thicket Day (second Sat. in Oct), All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory by Thicket of Diversity, Field trips, hikes and seminars.

**Children's Activities:** Occasional BioBlitzs

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Citizen/Scientist work with the Thicket of Diversity, Assistance with BioBlitz and hikes, Participation in conservation support trail development and maintenance

**Publications:** *Big Thicket Reporter*, quarterly

**BikeHouston, Inc.**

1302 Waugh  
PMB #682  
Houston, TX 77019-3908  
(713) 222-BIKE  
www.bikehouston.org  
bikeinfo@bikehouston.org

Woody Speer, Chairman

**Purpose:** The mission of BikeHouston is to promote safe bicycling and to improve the quality of life in the Houston area. Our goals are to:

- secure equitable access to regional facilities, lands and roads
- educate the public about rights and responsibilities of bicyclists
- promote public awareness of the personal and community benefits of cycling

We will do this by forming broad coalitions with individuals and groups wherever a common purpose can be found.

**Meeting Time:** Varies, see website.

**Major Events:** Houston Moonlight Bicycle Ramble, Bike Month and Bike to Work Day in May; Effective Cycling (adult safety/skills) classes.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are welcome to join any aspect of the organization, especially the Moonlight Bicycle Ramble and other rides.

**Blueprint Houston**

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Houston, TX 77098  
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www.blueprintheouston.org

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Martha Murphree, Hon. AIA  
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**Purpose:** Blueprint Houston was founded in 2003 to build community support for a coordinated planning process to make improvements to Houston's quality of life. Blueprint Houston seeks to initiate a coordinated planning process that leads to a general plan for the city's future, based on citizens' vision, values, and goals..

**Programs:** Tri-annual Citizens' Congress; periodic public meetings about planning in Houston.

**Major Events:** Citizens Congress, fall.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Civic Awareness and Engagement Committee.

**Publications:** On line newsletter, *Planning Matters*.

**Brays Bayou Association**

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Houston, TX 77035  
(713) 723-7230/Fax: (713) 723-0121  
bobx@hal-pc.org

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Bruce Krewinghaus, Treasurer  
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**Purpose:** To reduce the risk of flooding in the Brays Bayou watershed.

**Meetings:** Third Monday of every month, 7:30 pm, Conference Room., The Gathering Place  
5410 South Willow Drive 77035

**Major Events:** Annual meeting in March.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Contact Bob Schwartz.

**Speakers Bureau:** Contact Bob Schwartz

**Publications:** Articles in *Meyerlander*, *Marilyn Estates Messinger*, and in local newspapers and subdivision newsletters.

**BRIDGES to Sustainability Institute**

2812 Mid Lane  
Houston, TX 77027  
(713) 666-6870  
(713) 562-7968  
www.bridgestos.org  
beth@bethbeloff.com

**Purpose:** BRIDGES to Sustainability Institute's (BRIDGES Institute) mission is to foster the implementation of greater sustainability through development of innovative approaches, the identification and articulation of critical issues and education and training. To deliver results, BRIDGES Institute partners with universities, industry, government and other NGO's.

**Programs:** Adapt and apply BRIDGES sustainability decision-support approaches, including sustainability performance assessment, sustainability metrics, life-cycle assessment, and total cost assessment.

**Buffalo Bayou Partnership**

1113 Vine Street # 200  
Houston, TX 77002  
(713) 752-0314  
www.buffalobayou.org  
info@buffalobayou.org

Anne Olson, President  
aolson@buffalobayou.org

Trudi Smith, Director of Public Relations and Events; tsmith@buffalobayou.org

**Purpose:** Buffalo Bayou Partnership is the Houston non-profit organization revitalizing and transforming Buffalo Bayou, our city's most significant natural resource. Coordinating the integration of major improvements into the Bayou greenway, the Partnership seeks increased community involvement through pedestrian, boating and biking amenities, art installations, and other natural and built attractions.

**Major Events:** Buffalo Bayou Regatta, kayak tours, history hikes, bat tours, Second Saturday Boat cruises, Nights on Blue Bayou events along the Sabine Promenade.

**Children's Activities:** Kids' Day on Buffalo Bayou, Second Saturday Boat Cruises, bat tours and Stargazing Night

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Tree planting, cleanups, Adopt-A-Spot, help with events, office work

**Speakers Bureau:** Contact Trudi Smith, (713) 752-0314.

**Center for Houston's Future**

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Houston, TX 77002  
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drybiski@centerforhoustonfuture.org

www.centerforhoustonfuture.org

Catherine Mosbacher, Executive Director

**Purpose:** The Center for Houston's Future advances the Houston region as one of the top ten global communities in which to live and work. The Center's strategic goals include ongoing research, cultivating regional leadership, collaboration, and community engagement.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Participate in yearly 'data groups' that oversee the development of the Center's Indicator Study "Counting on Quality of Place." The indicators currently under study are updated every three years and include air quality, billboards, green buildings, litter and graffiti, parks & trails, abandoned lots, trees, water quality, and resource use.

**Publications:** *Counting on Quality of Place: Air Quality, Parks & Trails, and Trees* (2009), published yearly with updated indicators.

**Central City Co-Op**

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Houston, TX 77006  
(713) 807-0101  
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director@centralcityco-op.com

**Purpose:** We believe that everyone has a divine right to organic food and that organic food should be available at reasonable prices—that one day there will be co-ops throughout the city that provide locally grown, high quality organic produce to people on a weekly basis. We were founded in September 2001.

**Publications:** Weekly newsletter, sign-up through the website,  
www.centralcityco-op.org

**Programs:** Occasional health and nutrition related seminars during Wednesday co-op. Semi-annual "How to Start a Co-op" Class

**Hours:** Wednesday 9-6:30 open market & community making, market at Discovery Green Thursday 3 to 7 pm.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Plentiful! Mostly Wednesday & Saturday, some committee work and other hours available.

**Children At Risk**

2900 Wesleyan, Suite 400  
Houston, TX 77027  
(713) 869-7740  
www.childrenatrisk.org  
info@childrenatrisk.org

Robert Sanborn, Ed. D, President and CEO  
sanborn@childrenatrisk.org

**Purpose:** CHILDREN AT RISK improves the quality of life for greater Houston's children through strategic research, public policy analysis, education, collaboration and advocacy.

**Major Events:** Annual Accolades Luncheon, Annual Melissa Wilson Golf Classic, Annual Stand Up for Houston's Children, Annual Education Reform Conference, Annual Latino Children's Health Fair

**Volunteer Opportunities:**  
info@childrenatrisk.org

**Publications:** Quarterly newsletter and *Growing Up in Houston: Assessing the Quality of Life of Our Children*

**The Children's Museum of Houston's EcoStation**

1500 Binz  
Houston, TX 77004  
(713) 522-1138  
www.cmhouston.org

Lynnsey Dohmen, EcoStation Educator  
ldohmen@cmhouston.org

**Purpose:** Founded in 1981 to transform communities through innovative, child-centered learning and to develop good environmental stewards for Houston's future.

**Hours:** Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. –6 pm, Sundays Noon-6 pm, and open for free every Thursday from 5-8 pm.

**Major Events:** Environmentally themed weekends and free family nights throughout the year.

**Children's Activities:** More than fifty hands-on activities in the area of environmental science in addition to thirteen other galleries of interactive exhibits for children ages 0-12 years.

**School Programs:** Field trips for elementary school classes, curriculum.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Contact Jennifer Belt at 713-535-7209 for information.

**Publications:** *InTouch* (bimonthly newsletter sent to 9,500 museum members, elected and appointed officials, and media); annual report.

### **Citizens' Environmental Coalition**

6240 Richmond, Suite 658  
Houston, TX 77057  
(713) 524-4232

[www.cechouston.org](http://www.cechouston.org)

**Purpose:** Communication is our mission. CEC fosters dialogue and collaboration regarding environmental issues, and serves as an information clearinghouse for our member groups and the community at large through various programs.

**Programs:** CEC Website offers a link to each of our member groups' Websites, a comprehensive calendar of all environmental events hosted by our member groups, Green Jobs listings, and archives of our weekly newsletters.

**Information & Referral:** CEC serves as a call and email service center to help direct environmental inquiries to the appropriate organizations.

**Major Events:** Annual meeting in spring; Synergy Awards for Environmental Excellence in October; Leadership Luncheons throughout the year.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Writing, research, clerical, special events.

**Speakers Bureau:** Speakers available to discuss general environmental issues.

**Publications:** Annual *Environmental Resource Guide*; and *Environmental News Update*, a free weekly environmental e-mail news service. To sign up to receive this newsletter, please go to the CEC Website.

### **Citizens' League for Environmental Action Now (CLEAN)**

6733 Harrisburg Blvd  
Houston, TX 77011  
(713) 524-3000  
[info@cleanhouston.org](mailto:info@cleanhouston.org)

[www.cleanhouston.org](http://www.cleanhouston.org)

Jane Dale Owen, President  
Juan Parras, Outreach Director  
Charles Stillman, Project Director  
Vicki Wolf, Writer

**Purpose:** To promote awareness about environmental issues affecting the greater Houston area.

**Major Events:** Seminars throughout the year, Environmental Film Series, Buffalo Bayou Cleanups

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Environmental journalism, other

**Publications:** Website and *CLEAN Newsletter*

## **Citizens' Transportation Coalition (CTC)**

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Houston, TX 77266-6532  
(713) 301-5716  
chair@ctchouston.org  
www.ctchouston.org

Robin Holzer, Chair  
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Marci Perry, Vice Chair  
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**Purpose:** Founded in 2004, the Citizens' Transportation Coalition (CTC) is an all-volunteer grassroots transportation advocacy organization. CTC envisions transportation solutions that improve quality of life. CTC volunteers work across the 8-county Houston area to engage community leaders in the planning of transportation projects that affect neighborhoods.

**Meetings:** Board meets on fourth Thursdays from January to October at 6:45 pm at Central Market, 3815 Westheimer, in the community room. Member meeting in March. All meetings are open to any interested individuals.

**Publication:** Free periodic eNews with project updates and meeting notices. Email [subscribe@ctchouston.org](mailto:subscribe@ctchouston.org) to join the list.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Attend public meetings of area transportation agencies and share reports in CTC's online forum; author project fact sheets and web content; give talks to civic clubs; meet with elected leaders regarding timely transportation issues.

**Speaker's Bureau:** CTC delivers sharp PowerPoint talks on topics including urban transit and transportation alternatives for all. Please call or email to request a speaker.

## **Council for Environmental Education**

5555 Morningside Drive, Suite 212  
Houston, TX 77005  
(713) 520-1936  
info@councilforee.org

www.councilforee.org  
www.projectwild.org; www.wetcity.org  
www.flyingwild.org

Josetta Hawthorne, Executive Director

**Purpose:** CEE was founded in 1970 to partner education and natural resource professionals. It provides environmental education programs and services that promote stewardship and further the capacity of learners to make informed decisions.

**Programs:** CEE co-sponsors Project Learning Tree and Project WET, and sponsors and administers Project WILD and Project WILD Aquatic nationally. WET in the City, a national initiative, focuses on urban water issues. Team WET Schools empowers urban youth to become responsible stewards of our water resources. Flying WILD, bird education for middle schools, was launched in 2004.

CEE's Growing Up WILD, is an early childhood education program that builds on childrens' sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them.

### **Publications:**

For purchase: *Project WILD, WILD School Sites Guide, Taking Action Guide, Exploring School Nature Areas video, WET in the City Spanish Language Student Pages, and Water Watchers: Conserving Water at Your Home and School.* Available only through a training workshop: Curriculum and Activity Guides such as *Project Wild K-12 Activity Curriculum.*

### **Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition**

12526 Texas Army Trail  
Cypress, TX 77429  
(281) 469-5161  
www.ccfcc.org

floodalliance@ccfcc.org

Richard D. Smith, President  
(281) 469-5161

**Purpose:** A coalition of municipal utility districts, homeowner associations and other community organizations functioning as a steward between the residents, local/state government, land developers and nonprofits to work on planning and implementation of improved flood protection and environment preservation throughout the Cypress Creek watershed.

**Meetings:** Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 pm, at Lake Forest Utility District, 14223 Lakewood Forest Dr.

**Programs:** Flood Protection: Research, consultation, advocacy and education. Preservation: Greenway trails/ park development focused on preservation of floodplain lands. Reforestation projects.

**Major Events:** Annual meeting featuring guest speakers and forthcoming watershed plans. Sponsor scout reforestation and water quality projects.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Both outdoors and indoors. Retired folks in high demand. Grant applications.

**Speakers Bureau:** Provide speakers upon request

### **EarthShare of Texas**

707 West Avenue  
Suite 203  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 472-5518/Fax: (512) 472-4930  
1-(800) GREENTX  
www.earthshare-texas.org

estx@earthshare-texas.org

Edie Muehlberger, Director  
Max Woodfin, Director

**Purpose:** To support the work of its participating organizations through payroll contribution charitable campaigns at public and private work sites in Texas.

**Children's Activities:** Participating organizations provide a variety of children's programs. Call 1-(800) GREENTX with your requirements.

**Volunteer Activities:** Call for volunteer information.

**Speakers Bureau:** Speakers available for campaign activities and special events.

**Energy Corridor District**

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Houston, TX 77079  
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Katherine Wallace, Finance and Economic  
Development Manager  
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bmoorehead@energycorridor.org

Media Press Contact  
Jennifer Friedmann, Vice President and  
General Manager, the Point Group  
(713) 622-7174x212;  
jfriedmann@thepointgroup.com

**Purpose:** Represent property owners,  
businesses, and residents in the district,  
serving as a liaison with local, state, and  
federal governments and agencies to  
improve public safety, transportation,  
parks and trails, and business development  
to enhance the district.

**Meetings:** Second Friday of each month in  
ECD office, 14701 St. Mary's Lane, Suite  
290, 8:30 am

**Major Events:** Transportation Fairs, Bike  
to Work Day, Energy Capital Run,  
National Park Service West Houston Trails  
Master Plan, Spring and Fall Recycling  
Events

**Environment Texas**

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Austin, TX 78701  
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McCall Johnson, Clean Energy Adv.  
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**Mission:** Protection of Texas' air, water  
and open spaces. Improving the quality of  
our environment and our lives by using  
independent research and tough-minded  
advocacy to win concrete results for our  
environment.

**Program Priorities:** Clean Energy,  
Energy Efficiency, Green Building, Open  
Space Preservation, Clean Air and Water,  
Global Warming. Environmental Policy  
Development, Legislative Advocacy,  
Public Education, Media Outreach,  
Grassroots Organizing, Clean Air Act  
Enforcement.

**Publications:** Triannual Newsletter,  
Annual Report, Weekly Email Updates, Bi-  
-weekly audio Podcast on iTunes. Policy  
Reports at [https://  
www.environmenttexas.org/reports](https://www.environmenttexas.org/reports) ;  
Legislative Scorecard at  
[https://www.environmenttexas.org/  
legislature/legislative-scorecard](https://www.environmenttexas.org/legislature/legislative-scorecard) ;  
Blog at  
<https://www.environmenttexas.org/blog>

**Houston Events:** Environmental  
Leadership Conference and Activist  
Training, Student Internship Program.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Contact  
Alejandro (512) 610-0084.

## **Environmental Defense Fund**

44 East Avenue  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 691-3452  
www.edf.org

Elena Craft  
ecraft@edf.org

**Purpose:** Environmental Defense Fund is dedicated to protecting the environmental rights of all people, including the right to clean air, clean water, healthy food and flourishing ecosystems. Guided by science, we work to create practical solutions that win lasting economic and social support because they are nonpartisan, cost-effective and fair. We were founded in 1967.

**Programs:** Texas Regional Office

- Climate and Air
- Oceans
- Land, Water & Wildlife

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Case by case basis

**Speaker's Bureau:** Contact Elena Craft

## **Environmental Educators' Exchange**

2112 Crockett Street  
Houston, TX 77007  
www.eeehouston.org  
www.houstonsyh.org

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Darlene Conley, Treasurer  
(281) 446-8588  
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Edith Smith, Secretary  
smithedith@aol.com

**Purpose:** To provide a network and forum for anyone interested or with expertise in the environment's natural history, ecology, local environmental issues and especially environmental education in order to facilitate discussion, exchange of ideas, methods, information and events related to environmental education efforts in the Greater Houston Area.

**Meetings:** First Wed. of Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. at 5:30 pm. Locations vary. Call or check Website before attending.

**Major Events:** Annual Houston Environmental Education Summit, go to www.houstonsyh.org for details .

**Speakers Bureau:** EEE is a network of environmental educators; if you are in need of a speaker, we may be able to help you locate one. Contact us for assistance.

**Publications:** Member e-mail network pertaining to environmental education in the Greater Houston Area.  
To join network, send an email to Lawrence\_spence@yahoo.com

**Environmental Institute  
of Houston, EIH UHCL**

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Houston, TX 77058-1098  
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Dr. Brenda Weiser, Director of  
Environmental Education  
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**Purpose:** EIH is the environmental education, outreach, and research component of the University of Houston system. It serves as a contact point for the community to access the expertise and resources of the university. Additionally, EIH partners with agencies, community and environmental groups, and businesses to conduct research and outreach projects in the Houston region. EIH focuses on four areas: pollution prevention, environmental policy, natural resource conservation, and environmental education. Activities include teacher workshops, facilitation and public outreach, conferences, and service learning.

**Friends of Mandell Park**

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Houston, TX 77266-0551  
(713) 524-4285  
www.friendsofmandellpark.org

Fomandellpark@aol.com

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(713) 524-4285

Lynn Kelly, Vice President  
(713) 256-3244  
lynn\_kelly\_tx@yahoo.com

Judy Boyce, Secretary  
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jithershey@att.net

**Purpose** The Friends of Mandell Park, a nonprofit Texas Corporation, was formed in August 2004 to improve, protect and assist in the maintenance of the newly acquired City of Houston's Mandell Park.

**Publications:** Semi-annual Newsletter  
www.Friendsofmandellpark.org

**Programs:** Organic Gardening in the Park

**Regular Meetings:** Gardeners meet  
Wednesday & Saturday @ 9:00am

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Gardening/  
Maintenance/Communications

**Major Events:** Our Spring Plant sale will be March 27, 2010, and we are having "Around Hear" concert in April.

**Speakers Bureau:** History & Purpose of Friends of Mandell Park

**Children's Activities:** Visits to Meredith Gardens/Outdoor Play Area

### **Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park**

15315 Old Beaumont Highway  
Houston, TX 77049  
(281) 962-0772  
www.foslsp.org  
info@foslsp.org

Damien Carey, President and Director

**Purpose:** Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park supports the mission of TPWD staff at Sheldon Lake State Park. We help find funding and volunteers. FOSL members work with park staff on park improvement projects, bird surveys and leading nature walks. FOSL has been the TPWD chartered “Friends” organization of the park since 2003.

**Programs:** “Bird Walk & Talk,” every third Saturday September to May. Seasonal activities highlighting the SLSP’s flora and fauna including star parties and holiday events. Annual inland rookery census. Winter Bird Census. Sheldon Lake “Shutter Slingers Shootout” Nature Photography Contest.

**Children’s Activities:** Bird Walk & Talk, Nature Photography Contest

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Environmental learning, prairie restoration, park improvement, bird counts and leading interpretive/birding groups.

**Speakers Bureau:** Talks advocating and promoting SLSP such as “Houston’s Neighborhood State Park,” and “The Birds of Sheldon Lake State Park.”

### **Friends of Texas Wildlife**

PO Box 9648  
The Woodlands, Texas 77387  
(281) 259-0039  
www.friendsoftexaswildlife.org  
inquiries@friendsoftexaswildlife.org

President  
Janette Winkelmann

Vice President of Administration  
Cheryl Meyer

Vice President of Animal Welfare  
Evelyn Heyde

**Purpose:** A 501(c)(3) all volunteer organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and release of injured, orphaned and displaced native wildlife.

Our hope is to instill in each person we meet a sense of place, stewardship and a greater understanding of the need for the preservation and peaceful co-existence of animals and humans for future generations.

**Programs:** FOTW is committed to creating an awareness of and appreciation for our wildlife by offering informative and entertaining education opportunities. Call for more information.

**Major Events:** Annual fundraising event in October.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Always looking for dedicated people who are willing to train to be an animal rehabilitator. Volunteers also needed for fundraising and to present educational programs to area schools.

**Meetings:** Meetings are held in accordance with our bylaws and as needed for special circumstances. Committee meetings are held at the direction of the committee chairperson. Contact Janette Winkelmann if you are interested in attending a meeting.

**Publications:** Quarterly newsletter. Please go to website to sign up.

**Friends of West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Park**

6046 Woodbrook Lane  
Houston, TX 77008  
www.west11thstreetpark.org  
west\_11th\_st\_park@earthlink.net

Lorraine Cherry, President  
(713) 868-1549

**Purpose:** Formed in 1998 to assist in the acquisition and long-term management of the West 11th Street Park, at 2400 West 11th Street in Houston. Our vision is that this land shall be preserved forever as a natural habitat.

**Programs:** Trail Remediation Project. Development of butterfly/native bee gardens. Quarterly ecology newsletter available electronically. In development is a cell-phone nature tour of the park, similar to phone tours offered at museums.

**Major Events:** Annual *Green Day in the Park*. The theme of the next Green Day will be “Increasing Diversity,” with the goal of planting new trees and shrubs in an area that suffered damage during Hurricane Ike.

**Children’s Activities:** Cell phone nature tours (see Programs). Demonstration gardens designed to attract butterflies and native bees.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Invasive tree removal (periodic), wildflower planting (Oct/Nov), general park maintenance, work in butterfly/bee garden.

**Speakers Bureau:** Lorraine Cherry is available to speak about the history and acquisition of the park, as well as activities and species counts. Wally Ward, Vice President, is available to speak about park butterflies and bees.

**Galveston Bay Conservation & Preservation Association**

P.O. Box 323  
Seabrook, TX 77586  
(281) 291-8355  
www.gbcpa.net  
gbcpa@peoplepc.com

Founded 1975

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**Purpose :** The purpose of GBCPA, founded in 1975, is to monitor and act upon existing and proposed activities which impact upon the air, land and water of the Galveston Bay system and its watersheds as well as the Texas coast with the intent to modify or prevent activities which may have an adverse impact on the coastal ecosystem or bay shore environment.

**Publications:** Email updates for members

**Galveston Bay Foundation**

17330 Highway 3  
 Webster, TX 77598  
 Office: (281) 332-3381  
 Fax: (281) 332-3153  
 www.galvbay.org  
 gbf@galvbay.org

Bob Stokes, President

**Purpose:** To preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the Galveston Bay estuarine system and its tributaries for present users and for posterity. Galveston Bay Foundation's balanced programs in advocacy, conservation, education, and research strive to ensure that Galveston Bay remains a beautiful and productive place for generations to come.

**Programs:** Educational presentations; community events; habitat restoration and conservation; trash cleanups; wetland permit review, responding to proposed actions in the bay area; advocate for changes in government policies to protect and enhance the bay and adjacent habitat.

**Major Events:** Marsh Mania; Bay Day; Bike Around the Bay; GBF Luncheon; Trash Bash; Redfish Raft-Up

**Children's Programs:** Get Hip to Habitat; Bay Day; Bay Ambassadors; Children's Art Calendar

**Volunteer Opportunities:** The success of GBF can be directly attributed to the support we received from volunteers. Visit GBF's website to find out more about our ongoing volunteer opportunities.

**Publications:** GBF Gazette, GBF E-News, Galveston Bay, Drive & Discover Guide, Children's Art Calendar

The Galveston Bay Foundation has over 1,300 active members. The Foundation has been supported by over 3,000 volunteers since its inception.

**Galveston Baykeeper**

P. O. Box 71  
 Seabrook, Texas 77586  
 (281) 455-9595  
 www.galvestonbaykeeper.org  
 baytime@mac.com  
 info@galvestonbaykeeper.org  
 Can be found on Facebook and Twitter

**Description:** Galveston Baykeeper participates in advocacy efforts to influence public policies that affect the functions of ecosystems and serves as a watchdog for activities that could adversely affect the bay. We are members of Waterkeeper Alliance, a grassroots organization of over 190 Waterkeepers, that connect individual Waterkeeper organizations to each other and gives support by providing expertise in science, law, strategic planning and communications. We are acting locally and organizing globally.

**Purpose:** To protect and enhance the water quality of Galveston Bay for the benefit of its ecosystems and human communities.

**Programs:** Hotline to report pollution, Wetland Watch

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We need help in both our office and out in the community at events and fundraisers.

**Publications:** The Bay Times, an electronic newsletter

**Speakers Bureau:** Charlotte Wells presents: Pesticides 101, Why Wetlands are Important to You, and Healthy Bay - Healthy You

**GHASP-MfCA  
Galveston-Houston  
Association for Smog  
Prevention and Mothers for  
Clean Air**

2311 Canal, Suite 326  
Houston, TX 77003  
(713) 528-3779/Fax: (713) 526-0550

[www.ghasp.org](http://www.ghasp.org)  
[www.mothersforcleanair.org](http://www.mothersforcleanair.org)

Matthew Tejada, Ph.D.,  
Executive Director  
[tejada@ghasp.org](mailto:tejada@ghasp.org)

**Speaker's Bureau:** Yes.

**Publications:** Please visit our website, [www.ghasp.org](http://www.ghasp.org), for a complete list of our reports

**Purpose:** In June 1988, a few concerned citizens formed a group focused solely on preventing and eliminating smog, naming the group Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention, or GHASP. Today GHASP's mission is to reduce all forms of air pollution in the Houston region to protect public health and environmental integrity through research, education and advocacy.

**Programs:** Mothers for Clean Air, GHASP's educational outreach program, strives to educate the region's citizens about our air and how they can help to protect themselves and improve air quality.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteer internships and various activities.

**Greater Houston  
Preservation Alliance**

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Houston, TX 77002  
(713) 216-5000  
[www.ghpa.org](http://www.ghpa.org)  
[www.museumofhouston.org](http://www.museumofhouston.org)  
[www.houstondeco.org](http://www.houstondeco.org)  
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Jim Parsons; Dir., Museum of Houston  
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**Purpose:** To promote the preservation and appreciation of Houston's architectural and cultural historic resources through advocacy, education, and committed action; thereby creating economic value and developing a stronger sense of community.

**Regular Meetings:** Walking tours, second Sunday of each month.

**Programs:** Preservation advocacy, Historic Neighborhoods Council, Realtor programs, heritage education program, heritage tourism promotion, Museum of Houston digital archive and online museum.

**Major Events:** Good Brick Awards, Jan./Feb.; National Preservation Month Luncheon, May.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Tour docents and ticket sellers. Research and photography of buildings

**Speaker's Bureau:** Contact Ramona Davis.

**Green Team America (GTA)**

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Houston, TX 77057  
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Gary & Jan Dunham, co-founders

**Mission:** To organize, educate and motivate America's youth with regard to the continuing struggle to save our species and our planet from the effects of man-made climate alteration; to provide an infrastructure that will allow our students to combine their individual and local efforts with a nationwide movement that will eventually encompass the globe; to empower our most concerned citizens with the communication and implementation tools necessary to change the way we regard our natural resources and results in a healthier and safer global lifestyle; finally, to lead by example and demonstrate to the people of Planet Earth how to protect and nurture our precious birthright.

**Purpose:** To unite millions of American high school students in a Green Crusade to arrest the effects of man-made climate alteration and return our planet to environmental sanity.

**Programs:** Distribution of free CFLs to lower income areas across the country – planting trees in approved locations to collectively represent a major US forest area – distribution of free grocery tote bags to eliminate the flow of plastic into our landfills.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Fund raising; public relations, legal consulting, accounting consulting, project management, communications tech., web services, etc.

**Speaker's Bureau:** (713) 334-3000

**Greener Living in Houston**

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Houston, TX 77055-5675  
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**Mission:** To provide education and assistance to the citizens of Houston, including both individuals and neighborhood groups to enable them to reduce their consumption of energy (electricity, natural gas, and motor fuel, etc.) to reduce their carbon emissions and protect the climate.

**Activities:** Greener Living in Houston sponsors Energy Saving Workshops for Houstonians. We also cooperate with other energy saving programs.

**Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition**

16945 Northchase Drive, Suite 1900  
Houston, TX 77060  
(281) 874-2137/Fax (281) 874-2151  
www.greensbayou.org

Regina Lindsey, Executive Director  
rlindsey@greenspoint.org

**Purpose:** Founded in 2007 to address quality of life issues along the 45-mile watershed through flood mitigation, parks & trails development, preservation of green space, and economic development.

**Major Events:** Annual Meeting, Bayou Clean Up Days

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Committee service, clean up days, tree plantings, site preparation on park development, Adopt-A-Site

**Speakers Bureau:** Call Treena Dockery at 281-874-2146

**Publications:** Newsletter

**Gulf Coast Bird Observatory**

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Lake Jackson, TX 77566  
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John Arvin, Research Coordinator  
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Karen Barrett, Development Coordinator  
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**Purpose:** To protect birds and their habitats around the Gulf of Mexico.

**Programs:** Land protection, Site Partner Network, Research, Educational Outreach, Tropical Forest Forever Fund

**Major Events:** Great Texas Birding Classic, Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza, En-Raptor-Ed, Smith Point Hawk Watch, Monthly Bird Banding, Quintana Spring Fling

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Field research, trail maintenance, invasive species eradication, gardening, general workdays, administrative, advocacy, events, fundraising

**Speaker's Bureau:** Yes, call office

**Publications:** Gulf Coastal Prairie Bird Conservation Plan, Project Prairie Birds: A Citizen Science Project for Wintering Grassland Birds, bi-annual newsletter, monthly e-news

**Gulf Restoration Network**

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 New Orleans, LA 70776  
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 Aaron Viles - Campaign Director

Ellis Pickett - Texas Campaign Organizer  
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 cell (713) 906-3940

**Purpose:** The Gulf Restoration Network (GRN) is a network of environmental, social justice, and citizens' groups and individuals committed to restoring the Gulf of Mexico to an ecologically and biologically sustainable condition. Within this vision, we see the mission of GRN as one of uniting and empowering people to protect and restore the resources of the Gulf Region for future generations.

**Programs:** Resolve to Restore Louisiana Wetlands, The Gulf Coast is ground zero for the impacts of Global Warming, Save Our Cypress campaign, Save the Bait - Protect Menhaden in the Gulf of Mexico, Natural Defenses - protect our coastal wetlands and barrier islands, Defend our Nature Coast - Florida, Species at Risk

**Major Events:** Gulf Gathering annual retreat

**Publications:** Gulf Currents - quarterly newsletter blog:  
<http://www.healthygulf.org/blog/>

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Internships

**Speakers Bureau:** Contact Ellis Pickett

**Health Professionals for Clean Air (HPCA)**

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 Houston, TX 77030-2008  
 (713) 668-6737  
[www.hpcatx.com](http://www.hpcatx.com)

Bonnie A. New, MD MPH Director  
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**Purpose:** To bring the voice of the health science community to air quality policy-making to ensure that our patients, their families, and their communities have air that is healthy to breathe.

**Description:** Health Professionals for Clean Air is a coalition of doctors, nurses, researchers and other Texas health professionals concerned with the public health impact of poor air quality in our state and the slow pace of progress in making our air healthy to breathe.

Formed in Houston in 2003, HPCA works for air quality improvement by providing comments and testimony on legislation and rule-making, upholding health standards in public issues of air pollution, educating legislators, assisting affected communities, and informing the media.

## **Help Endangered Animals - Ridley Turtles (HEART)**

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Houston, TX 77268-1231  
www.ridleyturtles.org

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Al Barr, Committee Member  
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**Sea Turtle Hotline:** (1-866) TURTLE-5 (1-866-887-8535). Please call if you see a sea turtle, eggs, or hatchlings on the beach. The caller will be given the telephone number of a sea turtle biologist or agency representative. This trained individual will go to the beach where the turtle was found as soon as possible after asking the caller a few questions.

**Purpose:** To work for the preservation of endangered turtles and to be involved in the international project to save Kemp's Ridley Turtle. HEART is an affiliate of the Sea Turtle Restoration Project - TX.

**Meetings:** Third Tues. of each month, Mercer Arboretum, 7:30 pm. Report given during Piney Woods Wildlife Society meeting, Sept. through May.

**Children's Programs:** A free DVD entitled "*The Struggle to Survive: The Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle*" is available upon request with a teacher guide.

## **Hermann Park Conservancy**

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Houston, Texas 77030  
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info@hermannpark.org

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Coordinator  
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**Purpose:** A citizens' organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park—today and for generations to come.

**Programs:** corporate sponsorship programs, volunteer programs

**Major Events:** Park to Park Run, Evening in the Park Gala, Bob and Elyse Lanier Awards Luncheon (aka Ladies' Hat Day Luncheon), and Urban Green young professionals events

**Children's Activities:** Hermann Park train rides, pedal boat rides, family volunteer opportunities, Conservation Posse volunteer and educational program for teens

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Opportunities are available for individuals, corporations, school groups, and families. They range from administrative duties and event preparation to weeding and tree planting.

**Speakers Bureau:** Doreen Stoller

**Publications:** *Parkside* newsletter

## **Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)**

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The Woodlands, TX 77381  
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**Purpose:** HARC is based in The Woodlands and dedicated to improving human and ecosystem well-being through the application of sustainability science and principles of sustainable development. We use the tools of science, policy and technology to provide new knowledge about the complex balance between environmental, social and economic. HARC has significant role in facilitating integrated regional environmental assessments. It is in specific regions with distinct social and ecological attributes that the critical threats to sustainability emerge and where progress will need to be demonstrated. HARC's mission is "moving knowledge to action to improve human well-being and the environment".

**Programs:** HARC projects are organized into Air and Climate, Land, Water & People, and Energy programs.

## **Houston Arboretum & Nature Center**

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Houston, TX 77024  
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Pat Marks, Associate Director  
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**Purpose:** To provide nature education to people of all ages and to act as a haven and sanctuary for native plants and animals.

**Programs:** Monthly Canoe trips, Weekly Yoga classes; Many other programs and classes for adults and children. See web site for details.

**Major Events:** Arbor Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in Jan; ArBOOretum, Sat. before Halloween, Earth Day, Sat. before official Earth Day.

**Children's Activities:** Tadpole Trooper classes; summer, winter and spring break camps; birthday parties; Guided Field Experience & Discovery Room for schools.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Docents for schools, weekend tour guides, trail workers, Discovery Room volunteers, and volunteers for Information Desk, Gift Shop, and Library.

**Publications:** Website; quarterly program guide, annual report.

### **Houston Audubon Society**

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**Purpose:** To promote the conservation and appreciation of birds and wildlife habitat. Founded in 1969.

**Meetings:** Monthly second Weds, Sept through May, 7:30 pm, United Way Center at 50 Waugh Drive. Houston Audubon Nature Photography Meetings: Third Weds. Sept through May, 7 pm, Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary Library, 440 Wilchester Blvd.

**Programs:** Field trips; guided tours of the Edith L. Moore Bird Sanctuary; birding classes. Children's Activities: Community Outreach Programs, Bayou Buddies, Junior Gardener, Titmouse Club, birthday parties, Summer Camp.

**Major Events:** Spring Migration at High Island Sanctuaries; Birdathon (Mar-Apr.); Annual Gala; Christmas Bird Counts.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Teachers, guides, field research, trail crews, clerical, advocacy, events, fundraising.

**Speakers Bureau:** Contact Mary Anne Weber.

### **Houston Canoe Club**

P.O. Box 925516  
Houston, TX 77292-5516  
www.houstoncanoecub.org

Bill Grimes, Commodore  
donnapaddles@att.net

For a full list of officers:  
<http://www.houstoncanoecub.org/officers.htm>

**Purpose:** Established in 1964, the Houston Canoe Club's members are interested in all types of paddlesport from canoeing to kayaking, quietwater, whitewater, touring and racing. We do it all and have fun doing it.

**Meeting Time:** 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas 77074

**Major Events:** The Houston Canoe Club coordinates about 50 floats for a total of over 7000 miles a year. See website for details.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Waterway clean-ups, habitat restoration, boating race safety/judging, water quality issues.

**Publications:** Monthly newsletter, *The Waterline*

## **Houston Climate Protection Alliance**

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Houston, TX 77025-4311  
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**Purpose:** Houston Climate Protection Alliance connects folks in the greater Houston-Galveston region concerned about global warming so we can learn and act together.

**Meetings:** First Sundays of each month at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore. Time is usually 1:15pm, but please call to confirm and for topic information.

## **Houston Electric Auto Association**

Mailing Address:  
8541 Hatton  
Houston, TX 77025-3807  
www.heaa.org

Contact: HEAA Chapter Officers  
Dale Books, Club President,  
"That EV Guy", (713) 218-6785

Ben Chamberlain, VP, Photographer and  
Web-Master, (713) 975-7744

Steve Mathis, Treasurer and EV Mechanic,  
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Kevin Douglass, HEAA e-mail guy,  
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**Purpose:** A source for information, promotion and advancement of clean, noiseless and pollution-free electric vehicle technology. "Charging into the future!"

**Meetings:** Third Thursday of each month, 6:00p.m. - 7:45p.m., McGovern Stella Link Library, 7405 Stella Link, Houston, TX 77025.

**Major Events:** Exhibit electric cars at Houston Autorama, Texas Recycles Festival, and Houston and Bellaire Earth Days.

**Speakers Bureau:** yes

**Children's Activities:** Sponsor high school projects involving conversion of gasoline cars to energy-efficient electric propulsion..

**Volunteer Opportunities:** School projects, car shows.

### **Houston-Galveston Area Council**

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Houston, TX 77027  
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**Purpose:** Founded in 1966, H-GAC is a voluntary association of 131 local governments and local elected officials in the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning Region of Texas. With a service area of 12,500 square miles and over 5.7 million people, its mission is to serve as the instrument of local government cooperation, promoting the region's orderly development and the safety and welfare of its citizens.

**Programs:** Designs plans for solid waste management, land use and sustainable development, community and economic development, flood management and water quality, disaster resiliency, and socioeconomic regional forecasting. Assists local governments in addressing community and environmental issues, providing technical assistance and GIS services, and implementing local and regional projects.

### **Houston Habitat for Humanity**

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Houston, TX 77029  
(713) 671-9993  
www.houstonhabitat.org

Algenita Scott Davis, Executive Director  
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ReStore (a building supply outlet)  
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Houston, TX 77087 (713) 643-4942  
Jim Culkin, Store Director  
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**Purpose:** Since 1987, Houston Habitat for Humanity has been the premier affordable local home builder. We work to build sustainable, energy-efficient homes that are financially accessible by hard-working, median income and below families. Through homeownership, families gain a stake in the community, become tax-paying citizens, offer better educational opportunities to their children, build equity and raise their net worth.

**Programs:** Home building, community development, sweat-equity program, educational classes and other homeowner opportunities. Provides sustainable communities and housing, Supports community organization of Home Owner Associations (HOAs). Works with corporate and other community sponsors to fund home sponsorships and provides team-building opportunities through employee volunteers. Trained construction leaders provide oversight of volunteers for five-day builds. Houston Habitat ReStore, a building supply outlet, offers new and recycled or deconstructed products for sale to the general public at great prices for a great cause. All proceeds support the Houston Habitat building program.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Contact  
iwyngarde@houstonhabitat.org

**Publication:** Quarterly email newsletter

## **Houston Parks and Recreation Department**

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Houston, TX 77023  
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**Purpose:** To enhance the quality of urban life by providing safe, well-maintained parks and offering affordable programs for the community.

### **Major Events:**

Jan - Arbor Day Celebration  
Feb - Salt Grass Trail Ride  
Mar- Tour de Houston, Bayou City Arts Festival  
Apr- Houston Children's Festival, Japan Festival, Memorial Park Conservancy Charity Golf Tournament, Houston International Festival;  
May- Challenge Day, Summer Pool Opening;  
Jun- Summer Food Program Father/Child Charity Golf Tournament;  
Jun-Aug- Summer Meals Program for youth, Bicycle Criterium Series;  
Jul- Chevy Freedom Over Texas;  
Oct- Asian-American Festival;  
Nov- Via Colori;  
Dec- Heritage Society Candlelight Tour, Holiday Tree Lighting;  
Year round ending Dec- Lake Houston Park photo contest.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Oneika McCarthy (832)-395-7030  
oneika.mccarthy@cityofhouston.net

**Publications:** Activities Catalog - Winter/Spring Issue Dec 1, Summer Issue Apr 1 and Fall Issue Aug 1

## **Houston Parks Board**

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Houston, TX 77024  
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**Mission:** The Houston Parks Board creates, improves, protects and advocates for parks in the Greater Houston region.

**Programs:** Parkland acquisition and park capital improvement projects; collaboration with other green groups; neighborhood partnership program; commemorative benches and reforestation fund for Houston-area parks.

**Speakers Bureau:** Contact Roksan Okan-Vick (PowerPoint presentation)

**Publications:** Annual Report

**Houston Renewable Energy Group (HREG)**

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**Purpose:** HREG is a local chapter of the Texas Solar Energy Society, with a mission to further the development of renewable energy and related arts, sciences, and technologies, with concern for the ecological, social, and economic fabric of our community and state. Members support local events, host the Houston Renewable Energy tour, and in general work to educate the community on the benefits of renewable energy. We were founded in 2000.

**Meetings:** Last Sunday of Jan., Apr., July, Oct. See website for details.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Call or e-mail Mike Ewert, President.

**Houston Tomorrow**

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**Purpose:** The mission of Houston Tomorrow is to improve the quality of life in the Houston region by fostering research, education, and discussion on urban planning, land use, and transportation. Founded in 1998, the Gulf Coast Institute became Houston Tomorrow on the occasion of its tenth birthday.

**Meetings:** Livable Houston/Smart Growth Initiative: noon on the fourth Wed. each month. Houston Food Policy Work Group: 11:30am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month. Distinguished Speaker Series, quarterly.

**Programs:** Research on growth, development and innovations in the US and the world. Outreach: Public events, discussions, and working with public and private partners. Communication: Produce accessible, useful information.

**Speaker's Bureau:** Contact office.

**Publications:** Free Biannual magazine, *Tomorrow*. Weekly Email newsletter.

## **Houston Urban Gardeners**

Houston Garden Center  
1500 Hermann Drive  
Houston, TX 77004  
www.HoustonUrbanGardeners.org

Laurel Smith (713) 528-1104  
laurel@hal-pc.org

**Purpose:** The mission of Houston Urban Gardeners is to create an informed active gardening community of people growing their own vegetables, fruits, and herbs year round in Metro Houston. We do this through programs on all aspects of growing food. Come to our meetings to learn more.

**Programs:** You'll want to join HUG at our monthly meetings if you want to:

- eat organic wholesome food with a known history
- feel good because you can share food with hungry people
- restore respect for the earth and the environment
- leave a legacy of better soil and better nutrition
- get a little sunshine and exercise
- share what you know with others
- form a gardening support network or community
- support our local economy by buying supplies from local vendors
- get more production with less time and money

**Events:** We meet on the second Monday of the month in the Houston Garden Center (1500 Hermann Drive, Houston, 77004) at 6:30 PM, and our FIRST MEETING will be Sept. 14, 2009. In 2010 we will meet on the second Wednesday of the Month at the same time and place. Visit our website for more information.

**Volunteer opportunities:** help with our website, audio recording help, program planning and PR.

## **Houston Wilderness**

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Houston, TX 77002  
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**Purpose:** Houston Wilderness is an alliance of business, environmental and government interests that act in concert to protect, preserve, and promote the unique biodiversity of the region's precious remaining ecological capital – bottomland hardwoods and prairie grasslands to pine forests and wetlands – while recognizing the importance of the region's natural assets to its cultural history, economic vitality and future well-being. It was founded in 2003.

**Programs:** The Wilderness Passport for Children; Sam Houston Trail & Wilderness Preserve; Young Professionals outings; *Summer Nature Challenge*; www.houstonwilderness.org – Nature 101 Education, Parks & Nature Center Guide; calendar of events.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Speaker's bureau; *Summer Nature Challenge*; Nature Education Outreach.

**Publications:** Houston Atlas of Biodiversity

**Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center**

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**Purpose:** A 300-acre, Harris County Precinct 4 nature park dedicated to environmental and natural history, education, wildlife conservation, and passive recreation. It opened in 1982.

**Programs:** Wide variety of weekday tours and free weekend educational programs ranging from the lifestyles and customs of local early settlers to the environmental benefits of nature.

**Major Events:** Homestead Heritage Day, Feb. 13, 2010; Naturefest March 6, 2010; Pioneer Day, Nov. 14, 2009

**Children's Activities:** Wide variety throughout the year, including Summer Nature Camp, Tadpoles Club, and scout programs.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Trail guides, invasive plant removal, trail maintenance, greenhouse help, office aide.

**Publications:** Quarterly *The Parkscape* – Harris County Precinct 4 parks.

**Speakers Bureau:** Web site features a yearly updated "Outreach Directory." Hard copies are also available.

**Katy Prairie Conservancy**

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**Purpose:** To preserve a sustainable portion of the Katy Prairie for the benefit of its wildlife and all Texans forever. More than 17,500 acres have been protected.

**Major Events:** Guided tours, weekly Open Trails (self-guided tours), Flat Out Fun Day on the Prairie; educational field trips; annual meeting; Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail Site 100 - wildlife-viewing platform on Nelson Farms open to the public 365 days a year; Annual Christmas Bird Count (Jan 1), Annual Butterfly Count (Sept1), Bio Blitz (May). Wildlife viewing platform at Warren Lake will open in 2010 and will be open to the public.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Leading tours, gardening at Texas Coastal Prairie Native Seed Nursery, invasive species control, fundraising, administrative, outdoor education, community outreach, workdays, preserve maintenance projects, monitoring wildlife and protected lands, constructing visitor amenities including benches, shade structures, and signage.

**Speakers Bureau:** Speakers available for community, birding, nature, wildlife, school, and outdoor groups.

**Keep Houston Beautiful**

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Ms. Reisha Beaty, Event and Volunteer  
Coordinator  
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Mike Aden, Toolbank Attendant

**Purpose:** To achieve sustainable community improvement by providing programs that educate the public, combat blight, prevent litter, minimize waste and beautify Houston's public spaces.

**Programs:** Adopt-A-Block and Adopt-A-Ditch Program; weekend cleanups and tool lending library; community beautification and edible community garden projects; civic leader and teacher training workshops.

**Major Events:** Mayor's Proud Partners Awards and Luncheon; Great American Cleanup; Keep Houston Beautiful Day; Annual Bar Association Cleanup; Texas Recycles Day; Home Run for Astros Tree Plantings.

**Children's Activities:** Keep Schools Beautiful Day; Lucky the Ladybug; Storm water Curriculum; Keep America Beautiful's Water in Place Curriculum.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Clean up and beautification weekend workdays, clerical, artists, special event information booths.

**Speakers Bureau:** Speakers available for neighborhood and school groups.  
Robin Blut, (713) 839-8855.

**Publications:** Clean Neighborhoods Manual; Guide to Earth Quilt Gardens; Recycling Activity Book for Kids; A Guide to Creating Environmental Outdoor Learning Centers; Enewsletter; Adopt-an-Esplenade Guide

**Keep Kingwood Green**

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**Purpose:** To increase awareness of recycling opportunities through education. We work with the City of Houston, Humble ISD, Harris County and other entities to increase recycling facilities in the area. KKG aims to increase green waste recycling, increase commercial recycling, and influence community associations to renegotiate trash pick up contracts to include curbside pick up of recyclable items.

**Major Events:** See website.

**Children's Activities:** Our speakers can provide recycling talks and activities at schools. (see Speakers Bureau below)  
**Volunteer Opportunities:** Six committees-writing, publicity, fundraising, education, curbside recycling, business recycling. We also sponsor a team for the yearly Kleenwood event in January.

**Speakers Bureau:** Speakers available on topics related to source reduction, re-use, and recycling.  
Contact Candy@keepkingwoodgreen.org

**Publications:** Join our mailing list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/keepkingwoodgreen> and pick up our brochure at participating merchants in the Lake Houston Area.

### **Legacy Land Trust**

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Biologist

**Purpose:** Legacy Land Trust is a community-sponsored land preservation organization working with willing landowners to permanently protect land in the greater Houston region. We preserve river and bayou corridors, other properties with significant wildlife habitat value and places where family recreation can occur in harmony with nature. Our "No Child Left Inside" education program connects tomorrow's conservation leaders with nature today.

Founded in 1997.

**Programs:** "No Child Left Inside" Environmental Education Program – science-based program to get children outside to enjoy area wilderness and learn about our local ecosystems

**Children's Activities:** Nature journaling, field trips to preserves with naturalists including official butterfly counts.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Taking out invasive plants on preserves, tree plantings, trail maintenance.

**Speakers Bureau:** Colorful, visual PowerPoint presentation

### **Living Paradigm CDC**

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Bellaire, TX 77401  
(832) 303-9208  
www.livingparadigm.org

**Purpose:** The mission of Living Paradigm is to empower people by creating home ownership of shelters erected from reclaimed materials. These dwellings will be environmentally responsible and healthy places for those that inhabit them and will contribute to the culture, vitality, and individuality of the community. Living Paradigm addresses the social, economic and environmental basis of sustainable living by building low-cost homes (under \$50k), with volunteer or apprenticeship labor, using materials that would otherwise go to the landfill.

**Programs:** Living Paradigm has begun a homesteading program for affordable, reclaimed materials housing. We also have a "Resource Rescue Co-op," which is a team of volunteers that help obtain the materials needed to build the homes.

**Major Events:** Major events include tours of reclaimed materials homes, construction volunteer educational workshops, and deconstruction events.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Construction, deconstruction, resource rescue co-op, grant writing, general administrative.

**Speakers Bureau:** Speakers available to discuss a variety of topics. Please call or visit our website for further details.

**Publications:** ReNews, a free e-mail newsletter service. To sign up to receive this newsletter, please go to the Living Paradigm Website.

**Living Planet Foundation**

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Houston, TX 77095  
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www.livingplanetfoundation.org

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**Purpose:** To aid in the protection of climate, forest, ocean and water ecosystems and to promote the age of ecological sustainability and restoration. Our focus is on key issues that threaten the earth's environment, population and habitat and to bring awareness to the devastating effects which humanity is inflicting on our beautiful planet.

**Programs:** Education, advocacy and conservation campaigns. We seek an active dialogue with government, business and the public. Where our forests, oceans, seas and lands remain natural, we will work to protect them. Where development exists, we will promote its enhancement and beautification to maximize public access and recreational enjoyment. Where there is a need to save precious resource from ill-conceived projects, we will voice our concerns and call for more responsible management of our natural treasures. We create awareness about rainforest destruction and species extinctions, and create campaigns to save what is left of our precious resources.

**Memorial Park Conservancy**

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**Purpose:** The Memorial Park Conservancy is dedicated to the preservation of the native habitat of Memorial Park for future generations; to public use, enjoyment, and education in accordance with the conditions of the conveyance to the city by the Hogg family; and to on-going support of the Houston Parks Department.

**Programs:** The Memorial Park Conservancy's staff, members and volunteers work to protect and enhance one of the City of Houston's largest urban parks. As the leading partner with the Houston Parks and Recreation Dept, the Conservancy ensures Memorial Park remains a place to escape our bustling city, enjoy nature and recreate.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Trail building and maintenance events, improving the park habitat, and events for children. Credit for interns and for community service available.

**Speakers Bureau:** Describing the history of Memorial Park, its native habitat, and plans for protecting and enhancing one of Houston's largest urban green spaces.

**Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens**

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Humble, TX 77338  
(281) 443-8731/Fax: (281) 443-6078  
mercerarboretum@hcp4.net

www.hcp4.net/merc

Greg Harmison, Education Director  
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**Purpose:** To establish and maintain a versatile botanical facility for Houston and the greater Gulf Coast region, serving the general public, the horticulture industry, and the scientific community.

**Programs:** Programs offered throughout the year focused on gardening and plant related topics.

**Major Events:** March Mart Plant Sale, Mar. 26 and 27, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering a unique selection of plants that thrive in the Houston/Harris County climate. The best and biggest plant sale in Texas. Sizzling Hot Summer Plant Sale Sat., Jun. 26, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This summer plant sale offers a wide variety of plants that perform in high heat and humidity and wet or dry conditions. Tropical Workshop, Sat., Aug. 28, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This workshop offers a full day of programs that focus on creating a tropical paradise. Guest speakers, a plant sale, and lunch are included in the registration fee. Please contact Mercer for more information.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are an essential part of Mercer and are involved in all aspects of the gardens including gardening, teaching, fundraising, and guiding tours.

**Native Plant Society of Texas: Houston Chapter**

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Houston, TX 77219-1254  
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**Purpose:** The mission of The Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) is to promote research, conservation and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example. NPSOT was founded in 1981.

**Meetings:** At 7 pm, program at 7:30 pm, the third Thursday of month, 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs-Oct., Dec. -Holiday dinner, Jan. - Propagation Workshop. Spring & Fall Field Trips

**Programs:** Speakers present topics such as landscaping with natives, trees, and butterfly & habitat gardening.

**Major Events:** WildScapes Workshop: topics: habitat gardening, wildlife, plants; includes a native plant sale and nature related book sale. Fall and Spring State Symposiums with programs discussing native plants and plant habitats across the state.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Native Plant rescues, Invasive plant removal, school habitat programs, cooperative efforts with other nonprofits and government entities. Display Booth.

**Speakers Bureau:** Contact Linda Knowles.

**Publications:** Bimonthly State newsletter; local quarterly newsletter.

**The Nature Conservancy**

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Houston, TX 77057-3278  
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524-6459, [sroark@tnc.org](mailto:sroark@tnc.org).

**Purpose:** To preserve plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

**Publications:** Quarterly national magazine

**Major Events:** Annual luncheon

**Speakers Bureau:** Call for speakers.

**Children's Activities:** Educational programs at preserves around the state. Call the Houston office.

**Young Professionals Group:** Gen C is a group of young professionals interested in learning more about the mission and work of The Nature Conservancy through evening receptions, family-friendly parties, and outings around Texas. Call the Houston office for more information.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Events and office support. Call the office.

**Nature Discovery Center**

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**Purpose:** To ignite life-long curiosity, understanding, and respect for nature through education.

**Programs:** Year-round classes and camps for 3 – 10 year olds; on and off-site programs for schools: field trips, science exhibit loans, teacher professional development; in-class live animal presentations; scout advancement programs and birthday party live animal programs. For adults: migration season guided birding walks and spring coastal birding bus trip; monthly lecture series; first Wednesday of each month beginning at 7pm.

**Major Events:** Bellaire Home Tour (Apr.); Spring Fling / Earth Day (Apr), Pumpkin Patch (Oct); Twilight in the Park (Nov.); Holiday Market (Dec); Children's Activities: Discovery Rooms, Nature Story Time, pre-school and elementary classes & camps, Scout programs, birthday party programs.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Special events; field trip docents; animal care; gardening; help with art and craft projects, camp counselors, Discovery Room docents.

**Speakers Bureau:** Yes

### **Ocean Conservancy**

106 E. 6th St., Suite 310  
Austin, TX 78701  
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**Purpose:** The Ocean Conservancy promotes healthy and diverse ocean ecosystems and opposes practices that threaten ocean life and human life. Founded in 1972 as The Center for Environmental Education, and later become Ocean Conservancy.

**Programs:** The Ocean Conservancy's four strategic priorities reflect the critical ocean conservation issues that will be the main focus of our efforts:

1. Restore Sustainable American Fisheries
2. Protect Wildlife From Human Impacts
3. Conserve Special Ocean Places
4. Reform Government for Better Ocean Stewardship

**Major Events:** International Coastal Cleanup, generally the 2nd weekend in September in conjunction with Adopt-A-Beach program.

**Speaker's Bureau:** Bill Blome gives presentations on current issues in offshore fishery management.

**Publications:** *Ocean Conservancy* quarterly magazine

### **Organic Horticulture Business-Education Alliance**

2221 West 34th Street  
Houston, TX 77018  
(713) 957-0909  
www.ohbaonline.org

Mike Serant, Chair  
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**Purpose:** We assist metro Houston area horticultural businesses who embrace organic principles and standards. We serve as a forum for education, certification and promotion of environmentally conscience horticultural practices. We seek to be a unifying force to improve the environmental well being of our region. We provide sound education programs: seminars, classes and workshops throughout the year.

**Meetings:** 7 -10 per year, check website

**Volunteer Opportunities:** publicity and website management. Contact Mike Serant.

**Speaker's Bureau:** Organic Horticulture Education

**Outdoor Nature Club**

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Houston, Texas 77277-0894  
www.OutdoorNatureClub.org

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**Purpose:** To cooperate in the enjoyment and study of nature; to further conservation of natural resources and foster interest in them, and to work toward the establishment and maintenance of natural sanctuaries and preserves.

**Meetings:** Second Thur., 7:30 pm,  
Sep.-May at Bayland Community Center,  
6400 Bissonnet.

**Major Events:** Monthly field trip;  
monthly subgroup meetings and field trips.  
Monthly open house with camping at the  
650-acre Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary  
near Evergreen, Texas.

**Children's Activities:** Birding field trips.

**Publications:** Newsletter, *Nature Notes*;  
ornithology group newsletter, *The  
Spoonbill*; yearbook with activity calendar.

**Piney Woods Wildlife Society, Inc.**

P.O. Box 189  
Spring, TX 77383-0189

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/  
Pineywoodswildlifesociety.org](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Pineywoodswildlifesociety.org)

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**Purpose:** A nonprofit organization for people interested in nature and dedicated to the study and protection of the environment.

**Meetings:** Third Tue. of month,  
Sept.-May, 7:30 pm, Mercer Arboretum,  
22306 Aldine Westfield Rd. Free and open  
to the public.

**Major Events:** Monthly field trips; Spring  
Creek Christmas bird count; Jesse H. Jones  
Park winter bird count.

**Speakers Bureau:** Carlos Hernandez  
(281) 878-5558.

**Publications:** Monthly newsletter, *The  
Pine Warbler*.

**Planned Parenthood of  
Houston and Southeast  
Texas, Inc.**

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**Purpose:** To ensure the right and ability of all individuals to manage their sexual and reproductive health by providing health services, education, and advocacy. Founded in 1936.

**Programs:** Teen and Family/Community Education on sexuality and relationships. Contact Meryl Cohen, VP Education at 713-831-6521 or Meryl.cohen@pphset.org.

**Major Events:** Luncheon to commemorate the Roe vs. Wade decision, January

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Assistance is needed in health centers, administration, school programs, and public affairs. Contact Anitra Daniel, Director of Volunteers at 713-831-6522 or Anitra.daniel@pphset.org.

**Speakers Bureau:** 713-522-6240 or www.pphouston.org.

**Publications:** E-newsletter

**Plastic Pollution Texas**

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Houston, Texas 77098  
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**Purpose:** Lead a successful campaign to get a Bottle Bill passed in the 2011 Texas Legislature for the purpose of maximizing recovery of recyclables, reduce reliance on raw materials for manufacturing new containers, and maximize waste diversion

**Events:** Presentations on the how, why, and when a Texas Bottle Bill will work for our state. Please contact us!

**Goal:** To be the first state on the Gulf of Mexico to adopt a Bottle Bill incorporating the principals of product stewardship at no cost to taxpayer or government.

**Volunteers Opportunities:** We need someone to help manage the webpage.

### **Pleasantville Environmental Coalition**

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 Siobhann Carr, Treasurer/Secretary

**Purpose:** The group was formed in 2005 to aggressively monitor environmental and air quality violations which directly and or indirectly affect the residents of Pleasantville; hold community meetings to educate the residents on the importance of keeping the community clean and how to identify a potential hazard and/or violation; and collaborate with community organizations, media, industry, academia, environmental groups and government.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Yes

**Major Events:** Tree plantings, community clean-up.

### **The Progressive Forum**

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**Purpose:** A civic speaker organization dedicated to enriching our democracy and culture by presenting the great minds it believes are advancing the success of the individual, our species, and life on the planet. The Forum produces seven events a year at the Wortham Center.

**Programs** Past environmental speakers have included Lester Brown, Jared Diamond, Tim Flannery, Al Gore, James Hansen, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Bill McKibben, T. Boone Pickens, Robert Redford, and Edward O. Wilson.

**Returned Peace Corps  
Volunteers - Gulf Coast  
Council**

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**Purpose:** To bring together all former RPCVs within the Gulf Coast area in order to promulgate the ideals of the Peace Corps; to disseminate pertinent Peace Corps-related information on a local, national, and international level, and target community activities that we can support as a local chapter of the Nation Peace Corps Association.

**Major Events:** Fundraising for Peace Corps Partnership Projects around the world.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Guadalupe River clean up. Call for other volunteer opportunities.

**Publications:** *Peace Prints*, newsletter (6 times each year).

**Rice Design Alliance**

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**Purpose:** Dedicated to the advancement of architecture, urban design, and the built environment in the Houston region through educational programs, the publication of *Cite*, and active programs to initiate physical improvements. By sponsoring lectures, seminars, symposia, exhibits, and tours, RDA seeks to involve the public.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Docents needed for house tour, gala, and other events.

**Publications:** *Cite: The Architecture + Design Review of Houston*, published quarterly, *Ephemeral City: Cite Looks at Houston* (2003, UT Press).

**SCENIC GALVESTON, Inc.**

an Affiliate of Scenic Texas, Inc. & Scenic America Networking Guild: "Friends of the Preserve," Site partner –GCBO  
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Galveston, TX 77551  
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**Purpose:** A volunteer membership organization dedicated to the service mission of creating land trusts of scenic habitat conservation preserves of almost 3,000 acres with permanent protection and restoration of the 900-acre John M. O'Quinn I-45 Estuarial Corridor, the contiguous 1,840 acres of never developed native coastal prairies and wetlands habitat on the Virginia Point Peninsula Preserve including other land trust parcels on West Galveston Bay and on Galveston Island, and archeological stewardship on VPPP of National Register Pending 1860 Fort Hebert Military Installation--"Battle of Galveston" origination site.

**Major Events/Volunteer Opportunity:** Partnership cleaning events, April and September with GLO in ADOPT-A-BEACH-ESTUARY and annual March cleaning with River, Lakes, Bays N' Bayous TRASH BASH, along with volunteer day maintenance, soil erosion projects, and participation in Birding surveys, Christmas Bird Count, Oyster and marine work, marsh/prairie plantings, control herbicide, burning forays and other outings, including the Texas Great Birding Classic. Master Naturalists' "Prairie Pioneers" work continues monthly at Reitan Point. Birders, paddlers, fishers, other visitors are welcome for non-intrusive public uses.

**SCENIC HOUSTON**

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Holly Eaton, Program Director and Events Coordinator

**Purpose:** Scenic Houston works to eliminate visual blight because all Houstonians are entitled to a green, uncluttered, visually appealing city. Scenic Houston promotes sign control, billboard reduction, freeway landscaping, scenic byway development, and enhanced design standards for public projects. Our success improves the quality of life for all Houstonians.

**Major Events:** Scenic Visionary Awards Dinner, October.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Young Friends Initiatives, Scenic Action network, assisting with special events, outreach. Contact the office for more information.

**Publications:** *Scenic Views* e-newsletter, legislative alerts as needed, brochures, articles, blog.

**Sheldon Lake State Park  
and Environmental Learning  
Center**

15315 Beaumont Highway at  
Park Road 138  
Houston, TX 77049  
(281) 456-2800/Fax: (281) 456-8456

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Robert Comstock, Superintendent

**Purpose:** To conserve a 2,800 acre state park site in an urban setting. To provide fishing and wildlife observation opportunities on Sheldon Lake and both formal and informal nature observation and learning activities at the learning center.

**Programs:** A 2,800-acre state park divided into two units. The 800-acre lake provides fishing and wildlife observation opportunities. The environmental learning center provides formal and informal environmental learning opportunities and programs for schools, scouts, other groups and aquatic studies, catch and release fishing, renewable energy technology, native plant gardening, recycling and composting. Call for schedule of operations.

**Children's Activities:** Programs for school field trips, scouts and other youth groups as listed above.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Assist with fishing and nature programs for children, prairie restoration, native plant gardening, trail maintenance, habitat restoration, and special projects.

**Sierra Club Houston  
Regional Group**

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**Purpose:** To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

**Meetings:** Second Thurs., 7:30 pm, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 West Alabama at Woodhead

**Major Events:** Trips, workshops, outings, and classes; Yard Sale, spring; Annual Auction, at December meeting;

**Children's Activities:** Inner City Outings program. Contact Angie Langolf at [on.the.go@sbcglobal.net](mailto:on.the.go@sbcglobal.net) or Lorraine Gibson at [raineygib@aol.com](mailto:raineygib@aol.com)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Issues include water & air quality, watershed, sustainability, energy, forestry, and parks & wildlife; Political Committee endorsements; legislative issues and letter writing; trail maintenance on Lone Star Hiking Trail; training for leading outings. Call (713) 895-9309.

**Publications:** *Bayou Banner*, monthly (call for free copy)

### **Student Conservation Association**

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Houston, TX 77098  
(713)520-1835

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**Purpose:** To build the next generation of conservation leaders and inspire stewardship of our environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land.

**Programs:** Year-round and summer outdoor service-learning programs for high school youth and adults.

**Major Events:** Martin Luther King Day, Earth Day, and National Public Lands Day

**Volunteer Opportunities:** SCA offers local and national volunteer opportunities for ages 15 and up, and in over 50 disciplines: Conservation Crews, Conservation Leadership Corps, and Conservation Internships. See our website for more details or email Jamie Ford.

### **Surfrider Foundation, Texas Upper Coast Chapter**

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**Purpose Statement:** To preserve and protect the Texas coast and its recreational resources. Our issues are water quality, beach access, erosion, and coastal development. Our goal is to stand on the beach 30 years from now and be able to say, "We made the right decisions." We were founded in 1999.

**Regular Meetings:** Monthly in Houston.

**Programs:** Respect the Beach - education program for schools; Blue Water Task Force - beach water testing

**Children's Activities:** Science and education projects, beach activities

**Volunteer Opportunities:** beach cleanups, public education programs, water testing, fundraising, government relations, public relations, and advertising.

**Speaker's Bureau:** Ellis Pickett

**Publications:** "Making Waves" - national publication (monthly publication also available on the web)

### **Techs & Trainers**

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**Purpose:** To provide technological skills and computers to people with disabilities, barriers to employment, and/or low income while protecting the environment from e-waste. Founded in 2000.

**Programs:** Maintaining Computer Recycling Center for businesses and individuals (donation letters provided) Computer Hardware Training Program for people with disabilities, and/or low income. Providing computers to people with disabilities, and/or low income for a nominal fee.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Individuals and groups are welcomed to participate in the refurbishment and disassembly processes of computers either at our site or that of the group. Individuals and groups participate in the planning, publicity, and conduct of community recycling events.

**Major Events:** Computer Recycling Drives for churches and other community groups scheduled periodically.

**Children's Activities:** Deconstructing computers while learning about their components, and the environmental impact of e-waste.

### **Texas Association of Environmental Professionals**

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**Purpose:** The Texas Association of Environmental Professionals (TAEP), incorporated in 1988, is the premier organization for environmental professionals in the State of Texas. With 300+ local members and a subchapter in Austin, TAEP focuses on the advancement of the environmental profession and providing a forum to discuss environmental issues.

**Meetings:** Monthly luncheons on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Brady's Landing.

**Programs:** Chuck Glore Memorial Scholarship program. In 2009, TAEP has awarded a total of \$11,500 to students at 5 different schools. Annually support Texas Envirothon and the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. Young Environmental Professionals (YEP) is a networking opportunity for young people new to the profession.

**Major Events:** Annual Environmental Challenges and Innovations Conference (ECIC): Gulf Coast (Feb); Winter Holiday Social; Annual Regulatory Update.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Conference and other event planning committees; TAEP Board of Directors.

**Publications:** ECIC conference proceedings with abstracts.

## **Texas Campaign for the Environment**

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**Purpose:** Non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization dedicated to informing and mobilizing Texans to protect the quality of their lives, their health, their communities and the environment.

**Programs:** Advocates for local, state and national policies that hold manufacturers responsible for recycling the toxic products they create (such as electronic waste or "e-waste"); works to strengthen environmental and health standards for Texas landfills; educates residents and builds grassroots support through a year-round neighborhood canvassing program.

**Job Opportunities:** Full and part-time paid Community Organizer positions available year round

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Call Zac Trahan.

**Publications:** Annual report and regular email action alerts to TCE members. Visit the website [www.texasenvironment.org](http://www.texasenvironment.org) to view past reports and join as a member.

## **Texas Coastal Partners**

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**Purpose:** To promote, preserve, and enhance the natural resources of the Texas coast, for their intrinsic value and benefit to humankind, through a public education and community-based consensus approach.

**Programs:** (a) Serve as a voice on coastal policy development processes; (b) participate in coastal watershed protection efforts; and (c) facilitate land conservation and land acquisition efforts.

**Publications:** website

**Texas Diaper-Free**

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Houston, TX 77025  
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coryvaldes@gmail.com

**Purpose:** The mission of Texas Diaper Free is to be a resource of information about the environmental impact of prolonged diaper use, and the benefits (both parental and environmental) to infant potty training. We were founded in 2008.

**Program:** Yahoo discussion group available at groups.yahoo.com/  
TexasDiaperFree/

Website also allows posting.

**Publications:** www.texasdiaperfree.org

**Volunteer Opportunities:**  
Contact Cory Valdes at (713) 249-2881

**Texas Master Naturalists  
Heartwood Chapter**

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(832) 381-6921 (Messages only)  
info@heartwoodtmn.org

www.heartwoodtmn.org

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president@heartwoodtmn.org

**Purpose:** To create a proactive resource of diverse individuals promoting environmental stewardship through outreach, education and volunteer service benefiting the residents in and around Montgomery and Walker Counties. Founded December 2004

**Meetings:** First Wed. of month except Dec. in Classroom Building at WG Jones State Forest, 1328 FM 1488, Conroe, TX.

**Programs:** Incorporate the theme of sustainable practices into the educational process, with emphasis on the beneficial management of resources and natural ecological processes.

**Major Events:** Annual Primary Training Classes for those who wish to become Master Naturalists

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Waterway and nature trail cleanups, removing invasive species, variety of monitoring activities for waterways, plants, insects and invasive species, workshops and public speaking engagements. Continuous Educational Trainings for adults and youth, primarily forest-based.

**Speaker's Bureau:** Yes.  
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## **Transition Houston**

<http://transitionhouston.wordpress.com>

[transitionhouston@gmail.com](mailto:transitionhouston@gmail.com)

**Purpose:** The Transition Movement supports the transition from oil dependency to local resilience by equipping communities with creative adaptations in areas such as food, energy, health, education, spirit and economy to generate a road map towards sustainable living. Transition Houston serves to build on the wisdom of the existing resources in Houston's diverse community to inspire, network and train localized communities to consider and adapt Rob Hopkins' transition model. Together we can unite pools of ingenuity and skills to unleash the collective genius of our own people in finding self-determined solutions. Transition Houston takes action by raising awareness of peak oil and climate change and related issues; building resilience across a wide range of areas and scales; and doing all we can to ensure general environmental resilience. Providing access to good information in ways which are playful, articulate, accessible and engaging, and which will enable people to feel enthused and empowered rather than powerless.

Empowering communities with tools to relocalize its resources and reskill its members.

**Meetings:** Transition Houston meets on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Urban Harvest, 2311 Canal St., Houston 77003 (<http://www.urbanharvest.org/about/directions.html>).

For more information, please contact us at [transitionhouston@gmail.com](mailto:transitionhouston@gmail.com); or join us at <http://transitionhouston.wordpress.com>.

## **Trees For Houston**

4550 Post Oak Place, Suite 310  
Houston, TX 77027

(713) 840-8733/Fax: (713) 840-8734

[Info@treesforhouston.org](mailto:Info@treesforhouston.org)

[www.treesforhouston.org](http://www.treesforhouston.org)

Barry Ward, Executive Director  
[barry@treesforhouston.org](mailto:barry@treesforhouston.org)

**Purpose:** To plant, protect and promote trees in the greater Houston region.

**Programs:** Tree Planting; Trees for Schools; Urban Forest Tree Keeper classes in September (adult).

**Major Events:** Arbor Day Awards, Jan.; Root Ball, April; Annual Meeting, May, Sporting Clays Tournament, October.

**Children's Activities:** School presentations for third and fourth grades. Volunteer Opportunities: Tree planting; taking educational programs into Houston schools; special projects.

**Publications:** Monthly *TreE-mail* (online newsletter); quarterly newsletter, *Annual Report*; and the Website, [www.treesforhouston.org](http://www.treesforhouston.org).

### **The Trust for Public Land**

Houston Galveston Field Office  
1113 Vine Street, Suite 117  
Houston, TX 77002  
(713) 226-7200 ext. 101  
www.tpl.org

Meg Naumann, Associate Regional  
Development Director—Texas  
1113 Vine Street, Suite 115  
Houston, Texas 77002  
(713) 226-7200 ext. 101 Direct  
(512) 699-6534 Cell  
meg.naumann@tpl.org

Laura Brown Sykes, Project Manager  
laura.sykes@tpl.org

**Purpose:** The Trust for Public Land conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.

**Programs:** Galveston Bay Land Conservation Initiative; Greenprint reports for saving our Coastal Heritage.

**Major Events:** Project celebrations.

**Speakers Bureau:** Call the office.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Call the office.

**Publications:** *Land & People*, a semi-annual national magazine; *The Trust for Public Land - Texas*, a state newsletter; *TPL Near You*, an electronic newsletter.

### **TWRC Wildlife Center**

10801 Hammerly Blvd, Suite 200  
Houston, TX 77043  
(713) 468-TWRC (8972)

www.twrc-houston.org

Roslyn Even, Operations Director,  
director@twrc-houston.org

Terry Garner, Volunteer Coordinator,  
membership@twrc-houston.org

Heather Morris, Education Coordinator  
education@twrc-houston.org

**Purpose:** TWRC Wildlife Center is a wildlife emergency and rehabilitative care facility operated by volunteers and part-time staff. A drop off facility open 7 days a week allows the public to bring in injured, orphaned, or ill wildlife for care.

**Programs:** New Volunteer Orientation, 101 Basic Rehabilitation Classes, Baby Bird Program, and training to become a permitted Wildlife Rehabilitator.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers 16 or older are needed to assist with the daily operations of the Center. Duties include: answering the hotline, caring for the animals, helping with admissions (for 18 and older), office chores, data entry, and general Center Maintenance. Baby Bird Program operates from May through August. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old; 12 and 13 years old can participate with a parent or guardian. See website for details.

**Speaker's Bureau:** PowerPoint presentations on variety of topics, live animals available

**Urban Harvest**

2311 Canal, Suite 122  
Houston, TX 77003  
(713) 880-5540

info@urbanharvest.org  
www.urbanharvest.org

Mark Bowen, Executive Director  
(713) 880-5540, mark@urbanharvest.org

**Purpose:** Urban Harvest is a nonprofit organization that uses fruit, vegetable and habitat gardens to improve quality of life in the greater Houston area.

**Programs:** Organic Gardening Classes; Bayou City Farmers' Market; School and Youth Gardening Program; Community Gardens Program

Urban Harvest Farmers Market is open each Saturday. Check our website for more information.

**Major Events:** Harvest Celebration, Fruit Tree Sale and the Gala.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Opportunities include assisting with the farmers' market, classes, outreach, garden construction, membership mailings, and community garden events.

**Publications:** quarterly newsletter *Urban Harvest Guide*; Book: *Year Round Vegetables, Fruits and Flowers for Metro Houston* by Bob Randall, Ph.D.

**U.S. Green Building Council  
Texas Gulf Coast Chapter**

P.O. Box 6720  
Houston, Texas 77265-6720  
www.usgbchouston.org

Jim Brunson, Chair –  
jbrunson@satpon.com

Gordon Sheppard, Vice Chair –  
gshepperd@apollobbc.com

Lora-Marie Bernard, Executive Dir. –  
loramarie@usgbchouston.org

**Purpose:** Founded in 2003, the U.S. Green Building Council - Texas Gulf Coast Chapter (USGBC-TGGC) works with regional government agencies, businesses and institutions to stimulate and support green building practices. We offer educational programs to the building industry and public at large, in order to grow both local expertise and the green building market.

**Programs:** Monthly membership meetings, LEED workshops and study groups, green building tours.

**Major Events:** Casino Night Celebration, Awards Gala, Green Brewe

**Volunteer Opportunities:** The USGBC Houston chapter has many committees that members may participate in. See website for details.

## **Waterborne Education Center (WEC)**

Mailing: P.O. Box 9  
Physical: 810 Miller St.  
Anahuac, TX 77514  
(409) 267-3547  
Fax: (409) 267-3758

[www.txwaterborne.org](http://www.txwaterborne.org)

Wes Kruger, Field Lab Coordinator  
[weskruger@ih2000.net](mailto:weskruger@ih2000.net)

**Purpose:** To foster appreciation and stewardship of coastal resources, heritage and culture by providing hands-on waterborne education services

**Programs:** *WEC Custom Field Labs* design on-the-water experiences to fit a group's unique needs, and activity requests for school groups- 5<sup>th</sup> grade through college, clubs and specialty groups.

*The Public Wetlands Education Program* free field experiences to members of the general public.

*Teacher Workshops* customized on-the-water experience and onshore session. CPE credits available.

In-class presentations are available, as well as participation in local festivals and conferences.

**Major Events:** Trinity River tours at the Texas Gator Fest in September.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Aboard WEC vessels as facilitators, assistants and crew. (Training is required but provided at no cost.) We also accept assistance at WEC outreach booths and in the office.

**Publication:** *WEC Newsletter*, bi-monthly.

## **We CAN Recycle**

Processing Facility  
723 N Drennan St.  
Houston, TX 77003-1320  
(832) 659-0168  
[www.wecanrecycle.org](http://www.wecanrecycle.org)

Mark Austin, Founder  
[info@wecanrecycle.org](mailto:info@wecanrecycle.org)

**Purpose:** We CAN Recycle, a 501(c)(3) non profit, was founded as a way to make a positive impact on several serious issues facing Houston, America and our planet. Our mission is to promote and raise awareness of recycling as a way to reduce the strain on landfills, reduce pollution and reduce greenhouse gasses. Funds raised from our recycling efforts go to other area non-profits including those that help needy and abused animals and those that support city beautification projects.

**Programs:** Glass recycling for Greater Houston area businesses and multi-unit dwellings. We specialize in recycling glass but "*We CAN Recycle*" almost anything!

**Recycling drop off center:** 723 N Drennan Street, open to the public from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday through Saturday. We accept number 1 & 2 plastics, aluminum /tin cans, glass, paper and cardboard. *We DO NOT accept hazardous materials.* (TVs, paint etc.)

**Awards:** Winner 2009 State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) Leadership Award: "*Outstanding Integrated Solid Waste Management Program*" and "*Honorable Mention*" at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Proud Partner Awards, 2008.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Collection and recycling, processing, and clean-up projects. Contact us at:  
[info@wecanrecycle.org](mailto:info@wecanrecycle.org)

**Publications:** We CAN Recycle blog, at <http://www.facebook.com/wecanrecycle>

## **White Oak Bayou Association**

P.O. Box 920510  
Houston, TX 77292-0510  
WhiteOakBayouAssociation@comcast.net

Evelyn Born Shanley, President  
(713) 864-1548  
ebshanley@comcast.net

Kyle Blank, PE, Vice President  
kblank@pateeng.com

Jim Mackey, Vice President  
bikin7@aol.com

Tom Dornbusch, Vice President  
RTdetour@aol.com

Teresa Matlock, Treasurer  
Tree@hal-pc.org

Margaret Dower, Secretary  
margarethd@sbcglobal.net

**Purpose:** To promote greater public awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment of White Oak Bayou, its tributaries and environs by advocating the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of the natural wildlife habitats thereof, while promoting compatible educational and recreational opportunities within the area. We were founded May 20, 1988.

**Meetings:** 1st Tuesday, 7:30 pm except November at Central Bank - Community Room, 1550 West 18th Street, 77008

**Programs:** Field trips, tree planting, bikeway design & advocacy, environmental advocacy, participation in Harris County Flood Control District stakeholder committees, coordination with City of Houston Floodplain Management office, Stormwater quality advocacy and education. Coordination with Bayou Preservation Association – [www.bayoupreservation.org](http://www.bayoupreservation.org). November – Annual Meeting

**Publications:** E-mail announcements

## **Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education (WR&E) Center**

7007 Katy Road  
Houston, TX 77024  
(713) 861-WILD (9453) (9-6 M – F; 9–4 S & S Mar-Aug; 9-4 daily Sept-Feb)  
<http://wrande.org>

Sharon Schmalz, Executive Director  
SharonSchmalz@wrande.org

**Purpose:** WR&E was formed to meet the increasing need for wildlife assistance in the Greater Houston / Upper Gulf Coast region. Each year the WR&E Center cares for over 7000 thousand injured or orphaned wild animals including over 300 different species. The WR&E Center is Houston's first trauma hospital that accepts all native injured, ill and orphaned wildlife. The Center receives no government funding. Funding is provided by the generous donations of the general public and corporations.

**Meetings:** Monthly volunteer orientation meetings (excl. Dec. & Jan.) on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.- 12 noon. For information and to RSVP contact Margaret at [mpickell@wrande.org](mailto:mpickell@wrande.org).

**Programs:** Wildlife rehabilitation, environmental education, oiled wildlife training and response for the Gulf coast states and wildlife disaster response.

**Major events:** Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament in March. Annual Open House in October.

**Publications:** on-line newsletter.

**Speakers Bureau:** Trained speakers are available on the following topics: peaceful co-existence; responsible environmental stewardship; how to tell if an animal requires intervention; reuniting moms and babies; dealing with "nuisance" animals, and oiled wildlife response training workshops.

**Willow Waterhole  
Greenspace Conservancy,  
Inc.**

P. O. Box 35676  
Houston, TX 77235-5676

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and Director of Volunteers  
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Chris Zider, Park Guardian  
xzider@earthlink.net  
Alice Scanlan, Director of  
Communications  
AMScanlan@tmhs.org  
Jay Broadfoot, Director of Strategic  
Planning  
Jbroadfoot@wwgc.org

**Purpose Statement:** To assist the partnership of the Harris County Flood Control District and the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department, and others, in developing a major park in southwest Houston. The park, with permanent lakes, will be co-located with a large storm water detention site adjoining Willow Waterhole Bayou, part of a major flood control project on Brays Bayou.

**Meetings:** General meetings are held in the Spring and Fall. Other meetings are scheduled as needed. Please check the website for details or to send a contact message.

**Major Events:** Annual Fun Run & Walk at the park

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Contact Becky Edmondson

**Speakers:** Contact Bob Schwartz

**The Wind Alliance**

1100 Louisiana Street, Suite 5005  
Houston, TX 77002  
info@TheWindAlliance.org  
www.TheWindAlliance.org

Business Development Manager  
Katharine.Kollins@TheWindAlliance.org  
(919) 286-1989

Claire E. Henkhaus, Associate Director  
(713) 600-9994

**Purpose:** The Wind Alliance develops infrastructure, technology and workforce through pre-competitive business integration and collaborative projects between industry, academia and government within the U.S. The Wind Alliance's primary functions are to coordinate, support and identify funding for members' collaborative projects and to manage the dynamic member-driven think-thank committees. The Wind Alliance focuses on solutions to barriers in achieving the federal wind initiatives set for 2030 that are above the competitive threshold within infrastructure, technology and workforce. The Wind Alliance is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

**Publications:** Newsletter (as important updates occur)

**Major Events:** The Wind Alliance holds two all-member meetings each year, one in the fall and one in spring. Committees are led by an industry chair and an academic co-chair and meet as needed.

**The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N.**

P.O. Box 9934  
 The Woodlands, TX 77387  
 (281) 210-3900  
 www.thewoodlandsgreen.org  
 info@thewoodlandsgreen.org

Carolyn LaFleur, President  
 (281) 703-8170

**Purpose:** The Woodlands Grass Roots Environmental Education Network is a non-profit organization, located in the Woodlands, committed to educating the community about natural resource conservation, recycling, reduction of solid waste, and responsible actions that protect the environment and its inhabitants.

**Meetings:** Board & Members Meeting, 5:30-7pm, second Tuesday of each month, 8203 Millennium Forest Dr.

**Programs:** lecture series on sustainability; Woodlands Landscaping Solutions programs; Adopt-a-Path; GREEN Student Ambassador

**Major events:** Annual Earth Day Festival; Texas Recycles Day; Feeding the Dragon Village Challenge

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are needed for events, recycling, and conservation activities. See website for details.

**Publications:** *The Dragon Circle*, published three times per year.

**The Woods Project, Inc.**

6 Sleepy Oaks  
 Houston, TX 77024  
 www.thewoodsproject.org

Steve Rosencranz, President  
 srosencranz@sbcglobal.net  
 (713) 248-7602

**Purpose:** The Woods Project seeks to develop leadership capacity and life skills in low income youth through a series of outdoor education/environmental awareness programs at wilderness sites in the United States

Our program goals:

- Preparing students to leave home for college
- Providing hands-on science lessons in a natural environment
- Making opportunities available for student leadership
- Teaching students how to adapt to/accept and engage foreign environments
- Giving students the opportunity to succeed in new endeavors

Our Mantra: Low Cost, High Impact, Volunteer Driven

**Major Events:** Fall and spring weekend environmental service projects in the Houston area for low income high school youth. Summer programming in Yosemite, Marin headlands, and Donner Pass

**Volunteer Opportunities** The Woods Project is a 100% volunteer run organization. We have opportunities for leaders to spend two weeks in Yosemite, Donner Pass/Desolation Wilderness, and Marin Headlands working with our kids and hiking or backpacking in outstanding country. Volunteer opportunities are also available for weekend outings in the Houston area in the spring and fall.

# Government Agencies

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## **Federal**

### **US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District**

[www.swg.usace.army.mil](http://www.swg.usace.army.mil)

Oversight of land use and development in the Gulf Coast region. Handles permits for development in wetlands; regulates work such as dredging and structures including piers, boathouses, etc.

2000 Fort Point Road  
Post Office Box 1229  
Galveston, TX 77553-1229

Public Affairs: (409) 766-3004  
[PASWG@swg02.usace.army.mil](mailto:PASWG@swg02.usace.army.mil)  
Permits: (409) 766-3943  
Regulatory: (409) 766-3930

### **US Coast Guard Marine Safety Office**

[www.uscg.mil/d8/msuGalveston/](http://www.uscg.mil/d8/msuGalveston/)

Addresses oil spills, spill prevention, hazardous material releases into navigable waters, shipping regulations, and environmental protection in coastal waters. Also inspects merchant vessels for compliance with US and international regulations.

Provides custom programs with speakers for groups of all ages. For more information, contact Ed Mosley. Please allow at least four weeks to request a presentation.

3101 FM 2004  
Texas City, Texas 77591  
(713) 671-5100

### **US Environmental Protection Agency**

[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

Dedicated to the improvement and preservation of the quality of the environment; the protection of human health and the productivity of natural resources on which all human activity depends; and the implementation and enforcement of federal environmental laws.

Region 6  
Serving Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma,  
New Mexico, Texas and 65 Tribes  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, TX 75202  
(888) 884-2478  
(214) 665-6444  
[www.epa.gov/region6/index](http://www.epa.gov/region6/index)

### **Houston Laboratory**

10625 Fallstone Road  
Houston, TX 77099  
(281) 983-2100

### **Emergency and Hot Line Phone Numbers**

National Response Center - To report an  
environmental emergency  
1-800-424-8802

### **Superfund Hot Line**

1-800-533-3508

### **Environmental Emergencies**

1-866-EPASPILL (1-866-372-7745)

**US Fish & Wildlife Service**

[www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)

Dedicated to the conservation, protection, and enhancement of fish, wildlife and plants, and their habitats. It is the only agency in the federal government whose primary responsibility is management of these important natural resources for the American public. The Service also helps ensure a healthy environment for people through its work benefiting wildlife, and by providing opportunities for Americans to enjoy the outdoors and our shared natural heritage.

Southwest Region (2)

**Houston Ecological Services Field Office**

17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211  
Houston, TX 77058-3051  
(281) 286-8282

**USDA Wildlife Damage Management Services**

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife\\_damage/texas\\_info.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/texas_info.shtml)

The mission of Wildlife Services (WS) is to provide Federal leadership in managing problems caused by wildlife. WS recognizes that wildlife is an important public resource greatly valued by the American people. By its very nature, however, wildlife is a highly dynamic and mobile resource that can damage agricultural and industrial resources, pose risks to human health and safety, and affect other natural resources. The WS program carries out the Federal responsibility for helping to solve problems that occur when human activity and wildlife are in conflict with one another.

**Texas Wildlife Services State Director  
P.O. Box 100410**

**San Antonio, TX 78201  
(210) 472-5451**

## **State**

[www.state.tx.us/portal/tol](http://www.state.tx.us/portal/tol)

### **Railroad Commission of Texas**

[www.rrc.state.tx.us](http://www.rrc.state.tx.us)

Regulates gas utilities, pipeline safety, surface mining. Has an alternative fuels division. Railroads are now regulated by Texas Department of Transportation.

1701 N. Congress  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
(877) 228-5740

**Houston District Office**  
1706 Seamist Dr. Suite 501  
Houston, TX 77008-3135  
(713) 869-5001

### **Soil and Water Conservation Board**

[www.tsswcb.state.tx.us](http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us)

Works with soil and water conservation districts to encourage the wise and productive use of the state's resources.

4311 South 31st Street, Suite 125  
Temple TX 76502  
(800) 792-3485

## **Texas Department of Agriculture**

[www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us)

Regulates agricultural, horticultural, and related industries, promotes the sale of Texas agricultural products.

1700 N. Congress Ave.  
Stephen F. Austin Building, 11th Floor  
Austin, TX 78701  
(800) TELL-TDA (835-5832)

**Gulf Coast Regional Office**  
5425 Polk Street, Suite G-20  
Houston, TX 77023  
(713) 921-8200

## **Texas Department of Transportation**

[www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us)

Builds and maintains state highways.

125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 305-9500

**Houston District Office:**  
7600 Washington Avenue  
Houston, TX 77077  
(713) 802-5000

**Texas Forest Service**

[www.txforestservation.tamu.edu](http://www.txforestservation.tamu.edu)

Provides statewide leadership to assure that the state's trees, and related natural resources are protected, and sustained for the benefit of all.

Programs: Experts speak to elementary school age children on urban forestry and related topics. Boy Scouts of forestry projects; nature walks, insect diseases, and fire prevention, America forestry pins and badge assistance.

2020 North Loop West, Suite 106  
Houston, TX 77018  
(713) 688-8931

Forest Resource Development &  
Sustainable Forestry  
Mickey Merritt, Regional Urban Forestry  
Coordinator  
[mmerritt@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:mmerritt@tfs.tamu.edu)

**W.G. Jones State Forest**

1328 FM 1488  
Conroe, TX 77384  
(936) 273-2261/fax: (936) 273-2282  
John Warner  
[jwarner@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:jwarner@tfs.tamu.edu)

**Texas General Land Office**

[www.glo.state.tx.us](http://www.glo.state.tx.us)

The Texas General Land Office serves the schoolchildren, veterans, and all people of Texas by preserving their history, protecting their environment, expanding economic opportunity, and maximizing state revenue through innovative administration and prudent stewardship of state lands and resources.

Stephen F. Austin Building  
1700 North Congress Ave.  
Austin, TX 78701-1496  
(512) 463-5001  
(800) 998-4GLO (4456)

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)**

[www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us)

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality strives to protect our state's human and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development. Our goal is clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste.

P. O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087  
(512) 239-1000

**Houston Office, Region 12**

5425 Polk, Suite H  
Houston, TX 77023  
(713) 767-3500

**Texas Parks and Wildlife  
Department**

www.tpwd.state.tx.us

To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, TX 78744  
(800) 792-1112

**Education and Outdoor Urban  
Programs**

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning>  
(800) 792-1112

Hunter Safety, Boater Safety, Angler,  
Outdoor Woman, Project Wild, Aquatic  
Wild, and Electronic Field Trips.

**Houston Urban Outdoor Program**

Dawn Bello  
HUOP Specialist  
(713) 203-2915  
[dawn.bello@tpwd.state.tx](mailto:dawn.bello@tpwd.state.tx)

**Texas Water  
Development Board**

www.twdb.state.tx.us

Financial assistance for water supply,  
wastewater treatment, flood control,  
municipal solid waste and agricultural  
projects.

P. O. Box 13231, Capitol Station  
1700 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, TX 78711-3231

(512) 463-7847

Houston Office  
3920 FM1960 West, Suite 330  
Houston, TX 77068-3547  
(281) 895-0722

## **Harris County**

[www.co.harris.tx.us](http://www.co.harris.tx.us)

### **Harris County Cooperative Extension—Cylinder Gardens Outreach & Ecology Education**

<http://harris-tx.tamu.edu>

Cylinder Gardens class, offered by volunteer groups, targets third-graders, providing individual gardens for each student, and teaches leadership through observing and investigating. Ecology education is included.

3033 Bear Creek Drive  
Houston, TX 77084  
(281) 855-5600, Fax: (281) 855-5638

### **Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County**

[www.ridemetro.org](http://www.ridemetro.org)

Corporate Office and Ridestore  
1900 Main Street  
Houston, TX 77002  
(713) 739-6968

METRO offers a variety of alternative commuter services, including the METRO Bus, METRORail, METROVan, and Ride Share programs.

METROLine  
Route & Schedule Information  
713-635-4000  
[triplanner.ridemetro.org](http://triplanner.ridemetro.org)

Community Outreach, 713-739-4018  
[ec05@ridemetro.org](mailto:ec05@ridemetro.org)

# Area Counties

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All elected officials are effective January 2010.

## **Austin County**

One East Main  
Bellville, TX 77418  
(979) 865-5911  
[www.austincounty.com](http://www.austincounty.com)

Recycling Info  
<http://www.austincounty.com/ips/cms/Recycling.html>

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(979) 865-5911

### **County Judge:**

Carolyn Bilski  
(979) 865-5911

### **Commissioners:**

Pct 1: David Ottmer, (979) 865-2126  
Pct 2: Robert "Bobby" Rinn,  
(979) 357-4785  
Pct 3: Randy Reichardt, (979) 865-5441  
Pct 4: David Hubenak, (979) 478-7121

## **Brazoria County**

111 Locust  
Angleton, TX 77515  
(979) 849-5711  
[www.brazoria-county.com](http://www.brazoria-county.com)

Environmental Health  
(979) 864-1600

Parks Department  
(979) 864-1541  
<http://www.brazoria-county.com/parks>

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(979) 864-1558  
[Brazoria-tx.tamu.edu](http://Brazoria-tx.tamu.edu)

**County Judge:** Joe King  
[joek@brazoria-county.com](mailto:joek@brazoria-county.com)  
(979) 864-1200

### **Commissioners**

Pct 1: Donald "Dude" Payne  
(979) 848-5711  
[dudep@brazoria-county.com](mailto:dudep@brazoria-county.com)  
Pct 2: Matt Sebesta  
(979) 864-1548  
[matts@brazoria-county.com](mailto:matts@brazoria-county.com)  
Pct 3: Stacy Adams  
(979) 848-5711  
Pct 4: Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh  
(979) 798-2158  
[maryr@brazoria-county.com](mailto:maryr@brazoria-county.com)

## **Chambers County**

404 Washington Avenue  
Anahuac, TX 77514  
[www.co.chambers.tx.us](http://www.co.chambers.tx.us)

Environmental Protection  
(409) 267-8392

Parks  
(409) 267-8201

Resource Recovery & Recycling Center  
(888) 877-8103

Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
(409) 374-2123

### **County Judge:**

Jimmy Sylvia, (409) 267-8295  
[jsylvia@co.chambers.tx.us](mailto:jsylvia@co.chambers.tx.us)

### **Commissioners**

Pct 1: Mark Huddleston  
(409) 296-8250  
Pct 2: David "Bubba" Abernathy  
(409) 267-8345

**Chambers County, (continued)**

Pct 3: Gary Nelson  
(281) 576-2243  
Pct 4: Bill Wallace  
(281) 383-2011

**Colorado County**

400 Spring Street  
Columbus, TX 78934  
www.co.colorado.tx.us

Floodplain Coordinator  
Ron Chastain, (979) 732-2435

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(979) 732-2082

**County Judge:**

A.G. "Al" Jamison, (979) 732-2604

**Commissioners:**

Pct 1: Doug Wessels (979) 234-2071  
Pct 2: Herbie Helmcamp (979) 725-8416  
Pct 3: Tommy Hahn (979) 732-3270  
Pct 4: Darrell Gertson (979) 234-2633

**Fort Bend County**

301 Jackson  
Richmond, TX 77469  
www.co.fort-bend.tx.us

Environmental Health  
(281) 342-7469

Parks and Recreation  
(281) 835-9419

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(281) 342-3034

**County Judge:**

Robert E. Hebert (281) 341-8608

**Commissioners:**

Pct 1: Richard Morrison (281) 344-9400  
Pct 2: Grady Prestage (281) 403-8000

Pct 3: W.A. "Andy" Meyers  
(281) 494-1199  
Pct 4: James Patterson (281) 980-2235

**Galveston County**

722 Moody  
Galveston, TX 77550  
www.co.galveston.tx.us

Parks and Senior Services  
(409) 934-8100

Environmental Health  
(409) 938-2411

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(281) 534-3413

**County Judge:**

James D. Yarbrough (409) 766-2244  
james.yarbrough@co.galveston.tx.us

**Commissioners:**

Pct 1: Patrick Doyle (409) 770-5333  
Pct 2: Brian Lamb (409) 925-8151  
Pct 3: Stephen Holmes (409) 770-5806  
Pct 4: Ken Clark (281) 316-8745

**Harris County**

www.co.harris.tx.us  
(713) 755-5000

For more information about Harris County departments, see Government Agencies.

Flood Control  
(713) 684-4000

Parks and Recreation  
(713) 845-1000

Public Health and Environmental Services  
(713) 439-6000

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(281) 855-5600

**County Judge:**

Ed Emmott  
1001 Preston  
Houston, TX 77002  
(713) 755-4000

**Commissioners**

Pct 1: El Franco Lee (713) 755-6111  
Pct 2: Sylvia Garcia (713) 755-6220  
Pct 3: Steve Radack (713) 755-6306  
Pct 4: Jerry Eversole (713) 755-6444

**Liberty County**

1923 Sam Houston  
Liberty, TX 7757  
www.co.liberty.tx.us

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(936) 336-4558

**County Judge:**

Phil Fitzgerald (936) 336-4665

**Commissioners:**

Pct 1: Todd Fontenot (936) 336-4591  
Pct 2: Lee Groce (936) 298-2790  
Pct 3: Melvin Hunt (281) 592-1653  
Pct 4: Norman Brown (936) 258-5202

**Matagorda County**

1700 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bay City, TX 77414  
www.co.matagorda.tx.us

Environmental Health  
(979) 244-2717

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(936) 336-4558

**County Judge:**

Nate McDonald (979) 244-7605

**Commissioners**

Pct 1: Daniel Pustka (979) 245-3914  
Pct 2: George Deshotels (979) 863-7861  
Pct 3: James A. Gibson (361) 972-2719  
Pct 4: David "Woody" Woodson  
(361) 588-6866

**Montgomery County**

301 North Thompson  
Conroe, TX 77301  
www.co.montgomery.tx.us  
(936) 756-0571

Environmental Health  
(936) 539-7839

Parks Department  
(936) 788-8325

Recycling Center  
(281) 367-7283

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(936) 539-7822

**County Judge:**  
Alan B. Sadler (936) 539-7812

**Commissioners:**  
Pct 1: Mike Meador (936) 539-7815  
Pct 2: Craig Doyal (936) 539-7816  
Pct 3: Ed Chance (936) 539-7817  
Pct 4: Ed Rinehart (936) 521-8919

**Walker County**

1100 University Ave.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
www.co.walker.tx.us

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(936) 435-2426

**County Judge:** Danny Pierce  
(936) 436-4910

**Commissioners:**  
Pct 1: B.J. Gaines (936) 295-3641  
Pct 2: Robert Earl Autery (936) 295-6963  
Pct 3: Bobby Warren (936) 295-7984  
Pct 4: Tim Paulsel (936) 344-6558

**Waller County**

836 Austin St.  
Hempstead, TX 77445  
www.co.waller.tx.us

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(979) 826-76511

**County Judge:** Owen Ralston  
(979) 826-7700

**Commissioners**

Pct 1: Otis Styers III (979) 826-7700  
Pct 2: Terry Harrison (979) 826-7700  
Pct 3: Sylvia Cedillo (979) 826-7700  
Pct 4: Glenn Beckendorff (281) 375-5231

**Wharton County**

309 East. Milam  
Wharton, TX 77488  
www.co.wharton.tx.us

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(979) 532-3310

**County Judge:**  
John Murrile (979) 532-4612  
judge.murrile@co.wharton.tx.us

**Commissioners:**

Pct 1: Leroy E. Dettling (979) 532-1991  
Pct 2: D.C. "Chris" King (979) 335-7541  
Pct 3: Philip Miller (979) 543-0091  
Pct 4: Jimmy Kainer (979) 543-3561

# Area Cities

With populations over 25,000 at 2000 Census. All elected officials as of January 2010.

## **City of Houston**

901 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002  
P O Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251  
www.houstontx.gov  
(713) 837-0311

Council Meets: Business Session-  
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. & Public Session-  
Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

**Mayor:** Annise Parker

### **Council Members:**

Council Member, District A:  
Brenda Stardig  
Council Member, District B:  
Jarvis Johnson  
Council Member, District C:  
Anne Clutterbuck  
Council Member, District D:  
Wanda Adams  
Council Member, District E:  
Michael Sullivan  
Council Member, District F:  
Al Hoang  
Council Member, District G:  
Oliver Pennington  
Council Member, District H:  
Adrian Garcia  
Council Member, District I:  
James Rodriguez  
Council Member-At-Large, Position 1:  
Stephen Costello  
Council Member-At-Large, Position 2:  
Sue Lovell  
Council Member-At-Large, Position 3:  
Melissa Noriega  
Council Member-At-Large, Position 4:  
C.O. "Brad" Bradford  
Council Member-At-Large, Position 5:  
Jolanda Jones

## **City of Pasadena**

1211 East Southmore  
Pasadena, TX 77502  
P O Box 672  
Pasadena, TX 77501  
www.ci.pasadena.tx.us  
(713) 477-1511

Council Meets: 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.;  
10:00 a.m. alternate Tuesdays

**Mayor:** Johnny Isbell

### **Council Members:**

Councilman, District A: Ralph Riggs  
Councilwoman, District B: Jackie Welch  
Councilman, District C: Don Harrison  
Councilman, District D: Jack Douglass  
Councilman, District E: Erv Brannon  
Councilman, District F: Phil Cayten  
Councilwoman, District G: Dana Philibert  
Councilman, District H: J. J. Isbell

## **City of Baytown**

P O Box 424  
Baytown, TX 77522  
www.baytown.org  
(281) 422-8281

Council Meets: 2nd & 4th Thursday,  
6:30 p.m.

**Mayor:** Stephen H. DonCarlos

### **Council Members:**

Councilwoman, District 1:  
Lena Yepez  
Councilman, District 2:  
Scott Sheley  
Councilman, District 3:  
Brandon Capetillo  
Councilman, District 4:  
Terry Sain  
Councilman, District 5:  
Lynn A. Caskey  
Councilman, District 6:  
David McCartney

**City of Sugar Land**

PO Box 110, Sugar Land, TX 77487-0110  
[www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov)  
 (281) 275-2730

Council Meets: 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday,  
 5:00 p.m.

**Mayor:** James Thompson

**Council Members:**

Councilman, District 1:  
 Donald L. Smithers  
 Councilman, District 2:  
 Donald G. Olson  
 Councilman, District 3:  
 Russell C. Jones  
 Councilman, District 4:  
 Michael S. Schiff  
 Councilman-at-Large, Position 1:  
 Thomas Abraham  
 Councilwoman-At-Large, Position 2: Jac-  
 queline "Jacquie" Baly Chaumette

**City of Galveston**

P O Box 779  
 Galveston, TX 77553  
[www.cityofgalveston.org](http://www.cityofgalveston.org)  
 (409) 797-3500

Council Meets: 2nd & 4th Thursday,  
 5:30 p.m.

**Mayor:** Lyda Ann Thomas

**Council Members:**

Councilmember, District 1:  
 Tarris L Woods  
 Councilmember, District 2:  
 Linda K. Colbert  
 Councilmember, District 3:  
 Elizabeth Beeton  
 Councilmember, District 4:  
 Susan Fennewald  
 Councilmember, District 5:  
 Danny Weber  
 Councilmember, District 6:  
 Karen Mahoney

**City of Missouri City**

1522 Texas Parkway  
 Missouri City, TX 77489  
[www.missouricitytx.gov/](http://www.missouricitytx.gov/)  
 (281) 403-8500

Council Meets: 1st & 3rd Monday,  
 7:00 p.m.

**Mayor:** Allen Owen

**Council Members:**

Councilman, District A:  
 Bobby Marshall  
 Councilwoman, District B:  
 Cynthia Gary  
 Councilman, District C:  
 Robin Eleckatt  
 Councilman, District D:  
 Brett Kolaja  
 Councilman-At-Large, Position 1:  
 Jerry Wyatt  
 Councilman-At-Large, Position 2:  
 Buddy Jimerson

**City of League City**

300 West Walker, League City, TX 77573  
[www.ci.league-city.tx.us](http://www.ci.league-city.tx.us)  
 (281) 554-1000

Council Meets: 2nd & 4th Tuesday,  
 7:00 p.m.

**Mayor:** Toni Randall

**Council Members:**

Councilman, Position 1: Neil Baron  
 Councilman, Position 2: Mike Barber  
 Councilman, Position 3: Mick Phalen  
 Councilman, Position 4: Mike Lee  
 Councilwoman, Position 5:  
 Phyllis Sanborn  
 Councilman, Position 6: Tim Paulissen  
 Councilman, Position 7: Jim Nelson

**Texas City**

PO Box 2608, Texas City, TX 77592  
www.texas-city-tx.org  
(409) 948-3111

Council Meets: 1st & 3rd Wednesday,  
5:00 p.m.

**Mayor:** Matthew Doyle

**City Commissioners:**

Commissioner, District 1:  
Donald B. Singleton  
Commissioner, District 2:  
J.W. "Scooter" Wilson  
Commissioner, District 3: Dedrick Johnson  
Commissioner, District 4: Rick Wilkenfeld  
Commissioner-At-Large: Dee Ann Haney  
Mayor Pro-Tem: Mike Land

**City of Pearland**

3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, TX 77581  
www.ci.pearland.tx.us  
(281) 652-1600

Council Meets: 2nd & 4th Monday,  
7:30 p.m.

**Mayor:** Tom Reid

**Council Members:**

Councilman, Position 1: Woody Owens  
Councilwoman, Position 2: Scott Sherman  
Councilman, Position 3: Steve Saboe  
Councilwoman, Position 4 & Mayor  
Pro-tem: Felicia Kyle  
Councilman, Position 5: Kevin Cole

**City of Conroe**

300 West Davis  
P O Box 3066, Conroe, TX 77301  
www.cityofconroe.org/  
(936) 522-3000

Council Meets: 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m. &  
4th Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

**Mayor:** Webb Melder

**Council Members:**

Councilwoman, Place 1: Marsha Porter  
Councilman, Place 2: Toby Powell  
Councilman, Place 3: Jim Gentry  
Councilman, Place 4 & Mayor Pro-tem:  
Jerry Streater  
Councilman, Place 5: Jay Ross Martin

**City of Huntsville**

1212 Avenue M, Huntsville, TX 77340  
www.huntsvilletx.gov  
(936) 291-5400

Council Meets: 1st & 3rd Tuesday,  
6:00 p.m.

**Mayor:** James Turner

**Council Members:**

Councilmember, Ward 1: Tom Cole  
Councilmember, Ward 2: Mac Woodward  
Councilmember, Ward 3: Jack Wagamon  
Councilmember, Ward 4: Wayne Barrett  
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 1:  
Dalene Zender  
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 2:  
Melissa Templeton-Mahaffy  
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 3:  
Charles Forbus  
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 4:  
Lanny D Ray

**City of La Porte**

604 West Fairmont Parkway  
 La Porte, TX 77571  
[www.ci.la-porte.tx.us](http://www.ci.la-porte.tx.us)  
 (281) 471-5020

Council Meets: 2nd & 4th Monday  
 6:00 p.m.

**Mayor:** Barry Beasley

**Council Members:**

Councilperson, District 1:  
 Michael Mosteit  
 Councilperson, District 2:  
 Chuck Engelken  
 Councilperson, District 3:  
 Daryl Leonard  
 Councilperson, District 4:  
 Tommy Moser  
 Councilperson, District 5:  
 Louis Rigby  
 Councilperson, District 6:  
 Mike Clausen  
 Councilperson-At-Large, Position A:  
*Vacant*  
 Councilperson-At-Large, Position B:  
 John Black

**City of Friendswood**

910 South Friendswood Drive, Friends-  
 wood, TX 77546-4856  
[www.ci.friendswood.tx.us](http://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us)  
 (281) 996-3200

Council Meets: 1st & 3rd Monday  
 7:00 p.m.

**Mayor:** David J. H. Smith

**Council Members:**

Councilmember, Position 1: Mike Barker  
 Councilmember, Position 2: Jim Barr  
 Councilmember, Position 3: Jim Hill  
 Councilmember, Position 4: Leslie Reid  
 Councilmember, Position 5: Bill Holbert  
 Councilmember, Position 6: Andy Rivera

**City of Deer Park**

710 E. San Augustine  
 Deer Park, TX 77536  
[www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov)  
 (281) 478-7201

Council Meets: 1st & 3rd Tuesday,  
 7:30 p.m.

**Mayor:** Wayne Riddle

**Council Members:**

Councilman, Position 1: Charles Garrison  
 Councilman, Position 2: Thane Harrison  
 Councilman, Position 3: Chris Richey  
 Councilman, Position 4: Bill Patterson  
 Councilwoman, Position 5:  
     Beckie Stockstill-Cobb  
 Councilman, Position 6: Jeff Pound

**City of Lake Jackson**

25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, TX 77566  
[www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us](http://www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us)  
 (979) 415-2400

Council Meets: 1st & 3rd Monday,  
 6:30 p.m.

**Mayor:** Bob Sipple

**Council Members:**

Councilman, Position 1: Charlie Golden  
 Councilman, Position 2: Bob Geter  
 Councilman, Position 3:  
     Gerald Roznovsky  
 Councilman, Position 4: Will J Brooks  
 Councilperson, Position 5:  
     Vinghay Singhania

# State Elected Officials

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All elected officials listed, as of January 2010.

## **Executive Branch**

### **Governor of Texas**

Rick Perry  
Office of the Governor  
Box 12428 Austin, Texas 78711-2428  
(512) 463-2000  
(800) 252-9600  
[www.governor.state.tx.us](http://www.governor.state.tx.us)

### **Lieutenant Governor**

David Dewhurst  
Capitol Station  
P.O. Box 12068  
Austin, Texas, 78711-2068  
(512) 463-0001  
[www.ltgov.state.tx.us](http://www.ltgov.state.tx.us)

### **Texas Land Commissioner**

Jerry Patterson  
General Land Office  
1700 N. Congress Ave. Suite 935  
Austin, Texas 78701-1495  
(512) 463-5001  
1-800-998-4GLO (4456)  
[www.glo.state.tx.us](http://www.glo.state.tx.us)

### **Comptroller of Public Accounts**

Susan Combs  
Lyndon B. Johnson State Office Bldg.  
111 East 17th Street  
Austin, Texas 78774  
1-800-531-5441  
[www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)

### **Secretary of State**

The Honorable Roger Williams  
P.O. Box 13697  
Austin, Texas 78711-3697  
(512) 463-5555  
[www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us)

### **Attorney General**

The Honorable Greg Abbot  
P.O. Box 12548  
Austin, TX 78711-2548  
(512) 463-2100  
[www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us)

### **Texas Senate**

[www.senate.state.tx.us](http://www.senate.state.tx.us)

#### **Austin contact info for all state senators:**

P. O. Box 12068  
Austin, Texas 78711-2068  
(512) 463-01+senator's district number  
**e-mail format:**  
firstname.lastname@senate.state.tx.us

The lieutenant governor serves as president of the state senate. See listing above for David Dewhurst.

### **Area Senators**

#### **Senate District 3**

Robert Nichols (R)  
329 Neches Street  
Jacksonville, Texas 75766  
(903) 589-3003

#### **Senate District 4**

Tommy Williams (R)  
2441 High Timbers - Suite 400  
The Woodlands, TX 77380  
(281) 364-9426

#### **Senate District 5**

Steve Ogden (R)  
309 W. Main St., Suite 115  
Round Rock, TX 78664  
(512) 828-5224

#### **Senate District 6**

Mario Gallegos, Jr. (D)  
5206 Irvington Blvd., Unit D  
Houston, Texas 77009  
(713) 742-5000

**Senate District 7**

Dan Patrick (R)  
225 CR 90, #107  
Pearland, TX 77584  
(281) 485-3117

**Senate District 11**

Mike Jackson (R)  
201 Enterprise, Suite 600-A  
League City, Texas 77573  
(281) 334-0011

**Senate District 13**

Rodney Ellis (D)  
2440 Texas Parkway, Suite 110  
Missouri City, Texas 77489  
(281) 261-2360

**Senate District 15**

John Whitmire (D)  
803 Yale Street  
Houston, Texas 77007  
(713) 864-8701

**Senate District 17**

Joan Huffman  
6217 Edloe  
Houston, Texas 77005  
(713) 662-3821

**Senate District 18**

Glen Hegar (R)  
P.O. Box 1008  
Katy, Texas 77492  
(281) 391-8883

**House of Representatives**

[www.house.state.tx.us](http://www.house.state.tx.us)

**Austin contact information for all representatives:**

P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, TX 78768  
Phone: (512) 463-0600

**e-mail format:**

[firstname.lastname@house.state.tx.us](mailto:firstname.lastname@house.state.tx.us)

**Area Representatives****House District 13**

Lois W. Kolkhorst (R)  
PO Box 1867  
Brenham, TX 77834  
(979) 251-7888

**House District 15**

Rob Eissler (R)  
P.O. Box 9494  
The Woodlands, TX 77387  
(281) 681-9655

**House District 16**

Brendan Creighton (R)  
326 1/2 N. Main Street  
Suite 110  
Conroe, Texas 77301  
(936) 539-0028

**House District 17**

Tim Kleinschmidt (R)  
Room Ext E2. 702  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, TX 78768  
(512) 463-0682

**House District 18**

John Otto (R)  
P.O. Box 965  
Dayton, TX 77535  
(936) 258-8135

**House District 23**

Craig Eiland (D)  
9702 EF Lowery Expressway  
Texas City, Texas 77591  
(800) 345-2630

**House District 24**

Larry Taylor (R)  
174 Calder Road, Ste 116  
League City, TX 77573  
(281) 338-0924

**House District 25**

Dennis Bonnen (R)  
122 E. Myrtle  
Angleton, TX 77515  
(979) 848-1770

**House District 26**

Charlie Howard (R)  
1 Fluor Daniel Building  
Sugar Land, TX 77478  
(281) 565-9500

**House District 27**

Dora F. Olivo (D)  
P.O. Box 2130  
Missouri City, TX 77459  
(281) 208-8806

**House District 28**

John Zerwas (R)  
P.O Box 434  
Simonton, TX 77476  
(281) 533-9042

**House District 29**

Randy Weber (R)  
2225 County Road 93, Suite 107  
Pearland, TX 77584  
(281) 485-0616

**House District 126**

Patricia Harless (R)  
6605 Cypresswood Drive, #240  
Spring, Texas 77379  
(281) 376-4114

**House District 127**

Joe Crabb (R)  
1110 Kingwood Dr. #200  
Kingwood, TX 77339  
(281) 359-1270

**House District 128**

Wayne Smith (R)  
909 Decker Drive  
Suite 104  
Baytown, TX 77520  
(832) 556-2002

**House District 129**

John E. Davis (R)  
1350 NASA Parkway, #212  
Houston, TX 77058  
(281) 333-1350

**House District 130**

Allen Fletcher (R)  
21901 SH 249, Ste 350  
Houston, TX 77070  
(281) 374-0894

**House District 131**

Alma Allen (D)  
10101 Fondren Road  
Houston, TX 77096  
(713) 776-0505

**House District 132**

William A. "Bill" Callegari (R)  
1550 Foxlake Dr, Ste 120  
Houston, TX 77084  
(281) 578-8484

**House District 133**

Kristi Thibaut (D)  
10613 Bellaire Blvd., Suite A-126  
Houston, TX 77072

**House District 134**

Ellen Cohen (D)  
1535 W Loop South, Suite 320  
Houston, TX 77027  
(713) 627-0134

**House District 135**

Gary Elkins (R)  
9601 Jones Road, Suite 215  
Houston, TX 77065  
(832) 912-8380

**House District 136**

Beverly Woolley (R)  
2400 Augusta Drive., Suite 266  
Houston, TX 77057  
(713) 629-6313

**House District 137**

Scott Hochberg (D)  
7011 Harwin, Suite 230  
Houston, TX 77036  
(832) 252-7336

**House District 138**

Dwayne Bohac (R)  
2600 Gessner Rd, Ste 212  
Houston, TX 77080  
(713) 460-2800

**House District 139**

Sylvester Turner (D)  
6915 Antoine Street, Ste E  
Houston, TX 77091  
(713) 683-6363

**House District 140**

Armando Walle (D)  
150 West Parker Road, Suite 700  
Houston, TX 77076  
(713) 694-8620

**House District 141**

Senfronia Thompson (D)  
10527 Homestead Road  
Houston, TX 77016  
(713) 633-3390

**House District 142**

Harold V. Dutton (D)  
8799 N. Loop East  
Suite 305  
Houston, TX 77029  
(713) 692-9192

**House District 143**

Ana Hernandez (D)  
1233 Mercury Drive  
Houston, TX 77029  
(713) 675-8596

**House District 144**

Ken Legler (R)  
1109 Fairmont Parkway  
Pasadena, TX 77504  
(281) 487-8818

**House District 145**

Carol Alvarado (D)  
8145 Park Place, Suite 100  
Houston, TX 77017  
(713) 649-6563

**House District 146**

Al Edwards (D)  
P.O. Box 321473  
Houston, Texas 77021  
(713) 741-8800

**House District 147**

Garnet F. Coleman (D)  
5445 Alameda, Suite 501  
Houston, TX 77004  
(713) 520-5355

**House District 148**

Jessica Cristina Farrar (D)  
P.O. Box 30099  
Houston, TX 77249  
(713) 691-6912

**House District 149**

Hubert Vo (D)  
7474 South Kirkwood St.  
Suite 106  
Houston, TX 77072  
(281) 988-0212

**House District 150**

Debbie Riddle (R)  
3648 F.M. 1960 West  
Suite 106  
Houston, TX 77068  
(281) 537-5252

# Elected Official Resources

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**Please see the following websites** for detailed information on our elected officials in the 13 county area:

## **Houston Galveston Area Council**

[www.h-gac.com/rds/directory/](http://www.h-gac.com/rds/directory/)

The HGAC website lists information for elected officials in the 13 county area (including Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Wharton, and Waller counties) at the following levels:

- federal (names only)
- state (names only)
- county (names only)
- city (includes mayors and council members for all cities in the 13 county area),
- local school districts (includes all trustees for all school districts)
  
- Councils of Governments (for all of Texas, includes Executive Directors and contact information)

## **Texas State Directory**

[www.txdirectory.com./online/](http://www.txdirectory.com./online/)

This directory lists state officials and employees, state information, elected officials in federal offices, county and city elected officials and boards, and commissions that regulate state policy. It is a comprehensive "almanac" of Texas government.

## **Texas Legislature Online**

[www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us)

This website contains detailed information on the content and status of bills (including members voting for and against),

legislators, committee meetings, hearings, and more.

## **Who Represents Me?**

[www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us](http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us)

This website allows any Texas resident to identify their state and federal elected officials.

# Area Universities

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## **Rice University**

6100 Main Street  
Houston, TX 77005-1892  
Main Line: (713) 348-0000  
[www.rice.edu](http://www.rice.edu)  
<http://sustainability.rice.edu/>

Richard Johnson, Director of  
Sustainability, (713) 348-5003  
[sustainability@rice.edu](mailto:sustainability@rice.edu)

Center for the Study of Environment and  
Society (CSES)  
[www.ruf.rice.edu/~cses/](http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~cses/)

Department of Civil and Environmental  
Engineering  
[ceve.rice.edu](http://ceve.rice.edu)

Department of Earth Science  
[earthscience.rice.edu](http://earthscience.rice.edu)

Department of Ecology and Evolutionary  
Biology  
[eeb.rice.edu](http://eeb.rice.edu)

Professional Master of Environmental  
Analysis and Decision Making  
[www.proffms.rice.edu](http://www.proffms.rice.edu)

Shell Center for Sustainability  
[shellcenter.rice.edu](http://shellcenter.rice.edu)

## **South Texas College of Law**

1303 San Jacinto  
Houston, TX 77002  
Main Line: (713) 659-8040  
[www.stcl.edu](http://www.stcl.edu)

Environmental Law Society  
[www.stcl.edu](http://www.stcl.edu)

## **Texas Southern University**

3100 Cleburne  
Houston, TX 77004  
Main Line: (713) 313-7011  
[www.tsu.edu](http://www.tsu.edu)

College of Science and Technology  
[science.tsu.edu](http://science.tsu.edu)

Professional Program in Environmental  
Health  
[www.tsu.edu/pages/1224.asp](http://www.tsu.edu/pages/1224.asp)

Thurgood Marshall School of Law,  
Environmental Justice Clinic  
[www.tsulaw.edu/clinics/clinics/  
environment.asp](http://www.tsulaw.edu/clinics/clinics/environment.asp)  
(713) 313-4455

## **University of Houston**

4800 Calhoun  
Houston, TX 77204  
Main Line: (713) 743-2255  
[www.uh.edu](http://www.uh.edu)

Department of Civil and Environmental  
Engineering  
Dr. Abdeldjelil "DJ" Belarbi, Director  
(713) 743-4250  
[www.egr.uh.edu/cive/](http://www.egr.uh.edu/cive/)

Environment, Energy and Natural  
Resources Center at the University of  
Houston Law Center  
[www.law.uh.edu/EENRCenter/](http://www.law.uh.edu/EENRCenter/)

Environmental and Energy Law and Policy  
Journal  
[www.law.uh.edu/eelpj](http://www.law.uh.edu/eelpj)

**University of Houston-  
Clear Lake**

2700 Bay Area Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77058  
Main Line: (281) 283-7600  
[www.cl.uh.edu](http://www.cl.uh.edu)

Department of Environmental Science &  
Chemistry, School of Science and  
Computer Engineering  
Carl C. Zhang, Chair  
(281) 283-3746

Environmental Management Program,  
School of Business  
Lou White, Chair  
(281) 283-3110

**University of Houston-  
Downtown**

One Main Street  
Houston, TX 77002  
Main Line: (713) 221-8000  
[www.uhd.edu](http://www.uhd.edu)  
[sustainability@uhd.edu](mailto:sustainability@uhd.edu)

Department of Natural Sciences,  
Environmental Science  
[www.uhd.edu/academic/colleges/sciences/  
naturalscience/](http://www.uhd.edu/academic/colleges/sciences/naturalscience/)

**University of St. Thomas**

3800 Montrose  
Houston, TX 77006  
Main Line: (713) 522-7911  
[www.stthom.edu](http://www.stthom.edu)

Environmental Science and Studies  
Sr. Damien Marie Savino, Chair  
(713) 525-3894

**University of Texas School  
of Public Health**

1200 Herman Pressler Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77030  
Main Line: (713) 500-9000  
[www.sph.uth.tmc.edu](http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu)

Southwest Center For Occupational and  
Environmental Health  
Sarah A. Felknor, Director  
(713) 500-9440  
[www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/swcoeh](http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/swcoeh)

Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics  
Center  
Craig S. Beskid, President  
[www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/mleland/](http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/mleland/)

# Environmental Hotlines

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## ***Diseases and Health***

### **Cancer Information Service**

National Institutes of Health  
(800) 422-6237

Provides information about cancer, and referrals to proper sources for answers to questions.

### **Centers for Disease Control**

(800) 356-4674

Provides information about topics such as diseases and health, vaccines, traveler's health, toxic and chemical health hazards.

### **National Poison Center**

(800) 222-1222

Gives advice for emergency treatment of poisoning, accidental ingestion, and intentional drug overdoses. Open 24 hours, seven days a week.

## ***Environmental Toxins and Pollution***

### **Chemtrec Emergency Hotline**

Chemical Transportation Emergency Center  
(800) 424-9300

Identifies unknown chemicals, advises concerning response methods and procedures for handling chemicals and situations, provides help in contacting shippers, carriers, manufacturers, and product response teams.

### **Clean Up Hotline**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(800) CLEAN UP (253-2687)

[www.cleanup.org](http://www.cleanup.org)

Provides community-specific environmental information on many topics, including recycling, composting, waste disposal, and air and water quality.

### **Environmental Violations Hotlines**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(888) 777-3186

(800) 832-8224

Texas residents can use these line to report environmental violations, such as unauthorized discharges and spills. They will be routed automatically to the closest TCEQ regional office. Callers after business hours may leave a message.

### **Harris County Pollution Control Hotline**

(713) 920-2831

This number can be used to report pollution incidents in Harris County.

### **National Response Center Hotline**

United States Coast Guard

(800) 424-8802

Call this line to report chemical spills and accidental releases of oil and other hazardous substances.

### **Smoking Vehicle Program**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(800) 453-SMOG (7664)

[www.smokingvehicle.org](http://www.smokingvehicle.org)

Use this line to report polluting vehicles by giving the license number of the offending vehicle. Information about how to curb excess pollution is then sent to the vehicle's owner.

**RCRA/Superfund Hotline**

(800) 424-9346

Provides assistance to the public and regulated community in understanding EPA's regulations and policy regarding brown-fields, including RCRA, CERCLA, and underground storage tanks programs.

**Building and Household Hazardous Materials**

**Household Hazardous Waste Information**

City of Houston

(713) 551-7355

Call this number for information about safe disposal and storage of household hazardous waste, as well as suggestions for less toxic products for home and garden.

**National Pesticide Information Center**

(800) 858-7378

Provides information about pesticide products, basic safety practices, health and environmental effects, as well as clean-up and disposal procedures.

**Toxic Substance Control Act Hotline**

US EPA

(202) 554-1404

Provides information and materials about asbestos and asbestos removal.

**Indoor Air Quality Hotline**

US EPA

(800) 438-4318

Provides information and materials about indoor air quality. variety of general, non-technical information materials.

**Wildlife and Natural Resources**

**Sea Turtle Hotline**

(866) TURTLE-5 (887-8535)

Call if you see a sea turtle, eggs, or hatchlings on the beach of the Texas Gulf Coast.

**Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network**

(800) 9-MAMMAL (962-6625)

This number can be used to report stranded marine mammals along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Texas Smoking

Vehicle Program

(Polluting Car) Hotline

**US Geological Survey Clearinghouse**

(888) ASK-USGS (275-8747)

[www.ask.usgs.gov](http://www.ask.usgs.gov)

Answers questions and sends materials to interested persons about water resources (including public drinking water), natural hazards, biological resources, and other subjects.

**Safe Drinking Water Hotline**

(800) 426-4791

[www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater)

This hotline provides the public with information about the policies and regulations regarding drinking water and drinking water safety.

**Wetlands Helpline**

US EPA

(800) 832-7828

Provides information regarding wetlands protection, and offers instructions for reporting violators. Provides updates on legislation regarding wetlands protection, and distributes educational material upon request.

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**Other****Consumer Product Safety Commission**

(800) 638-2772

Provides information about consumer safety and guidelines for asbestos, formaldehyde, lime, and air pollutants, as well as product recall information.

**Lone Star Notification Center**

(800) 669-8344 or (713) 223-4567

An underground-line locating service operated by the Utility Coordinating Committee.

**Public Laws Update Service**

Office of the Federal Register

(202) 741-6043

Lists pending national public laws signed or vetoed by the President. Updated as information becomes available.

**Disaster Assistance**

FEMA Office

Federal Emergency Management Agency

(800) 621-FEMA (3362)

or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

Use this number to apply for aid for disaster assistance.

