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About the cover: The cover photograph depicts the broad scope of our member organizations' initiatives, which play a critical role in preserving the vital ecology of the Gulf Coast region, from its verdant prairies to its life-sustaining waters. With the vast diversity of animal and plant life found there, the Gulf Coast is treasured by all residents of Texas and provides a rich laboratory for its teachers.

This vivid photograph was taken by one of CEC's member groups, Artist Boat, a unique organization that introduces Texans to the natural world via kayak. While giving tours of the region's waterways on this signature craft, Artist Boat educates people about coastal habitats and encourages them to paint the landscapes they see. By participating in these creative activities, residents gain a greatly enhanced appreciation of our local environment.

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Join us as we foster dialogue and collaboration on environmental issues for the benefit of our community! Call (713) 524-4232 for membership information. Donations to the CEC are accepted directly on our website, [www. cechouston.org](http://www.cechouston.org). We welcome your support!



Dear Educator:

On behalf of the Citizens' Environmental Coalition, I would like to thank you for having chosen a career in education. Each one of us can recall a favorite teacher, instructor, or professor who inspired us to pursue our dreams and achieve our goals. Whatever your role, you are a pivotal member of our society, providing the leaders of tomorrow with the knowledge and skills to flourish.

We hope this 2015 Environmental Resource Guide for Educators will prove valuable to you and your students. It contains a wealth of useful information on the environmental groups of the Gulf Coast, as well as a new section that focuses on their educational activities.

To help us enhance the Guide in the future, we invite you to offer your feedback on it by taking our online survey, which you can access at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/69BVDYX>.

We want to hear from you—please tell us what you like and do not like. To the degree possible, we will incorporate your recommendations into our next edition. The initiatives to better the environment that are reflected in the Guide are a collective responsibility that we take seriously.

You may be involved in one or more of the member groups belonging to the CEC. Be sure to let us know of any other organizations that you feel should join us as well.

I will close with an invitation to attend two upcoming events proudly hosted by the CEC: the annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival, on January 27 & 28, 2016, and the Greater Houston Environmental Summit, on March 24, 2016. Please save the dates!

Best regards,

Steve Stelzer
President
Board of Directors

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About the Citizens' Environmental Coalition (CEC)

Connecting our environmental community.

The Citizens Environmental Coalition is an alliance of more than 120 nonprofit, governmental, and educational organizations whose work impacts our environment and quality of life in the Houston-Galveston area. These distinguished member organizations of the CEC include professional associations, conservation groups, and activists.

The CEC was founded in 1971 by a dedicated group of women who were proactive in the environmental causes of the day. This group was instrumental in bringing about key changes to help preserve our natural world and improve our local community, such as saving Buffalo Bayou from being straightened and lined with concrete; creating the Armand Bayou Nature Center; and building some of the first safe places to ride bicycles—just to name a few of their notable achievements. These visionary women saw that there was a real need for all local environmental groups to communicate with each other, coordinate their efforts, and support each other. They created the CEC to serve that need.

The CEC's mission is to foster dialogue and collaboration on environmental issues in the Houston/Gulf Coast region. Our vision is for the environmental community to be recognized as a vital part of the fabric of our society.

We connect concerned citizens and community leaders with our member organizations. We share, support, and enhance their efforts as environmental advocates. To carry out these crucial activities, the CEC conducts the following programs:

Environmental Resource Guide. Published annually (and regularly updated online), the guide you are now holding is a directory of the CEC's member organizations and other important local environmental contacts. First published in 1987, the guide is widely distributed to school districts, elected officials, and the community at large. The Environmental Resource Guide is available online at www.cechouston.org.

Houston Environmental News Update. (Sign up at www.cechouston.org.)

The CEC's original program, this weekly electronic newsletter, available for free via e-mail, began as a printed publication. Today it provides the most listings of opportunities for engaging in environmental activities in the greater Houston region of any source. The Update covers timely local environmental topics, legislative news, and national news stories that affect our local community, in addition to CEC member group activities. It also contains a listing of available green jobs and grants, and is directly linked with the CEC's calendar of local environmental events.

Events. The CEC hosts a number of unique events throughout the year, including the CEC Greater Houston Environmental Summit, the largest annual conference of its kind in the region; the Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour; and periodic civic engagement forums on key environmental challenges affecting our community.

Information & Referral. The CEC serves as a call and e-mail service center, directing environmental inquiries to the appropriate member organizations.

Outreach. Each year, the CEC participates in a variety of outreach events, such as Earth Day and several environmental programs hosted by corporations and schools.

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Purpose: Houston's leading health and clean air advocacy non-profit specializing in both the treetops and grass roots of environmental advocacy and organizing.

Air Alliance Houston's mission remains to reduce air pollution in the Houston region and to protect public health and environmental integrity through research, education and advocacy.

Programs: Research, Advocacy and Education, including Ozone Theater (three curricula for grades K-3, 4-5, and middle school). Annual Earth Day Art Contest for grades 3-12, earthdayartcontest.org.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer internships and various activities.

Speakers Bureau: Yes. We will visit classrooms for presentations. Call or visit website for booking.

Publications: Please visit our website, www.airalliancehouston.org, for a complete list of our reports.

Air Alliance Houston is the result of the 2008 merger between Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention and Mothers for Clean Air.

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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. AIA Houston is the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Programs: Continuing education and exhibitions

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

Publications: Weekly e-newsletter, annual membership directory.

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Purpose: To support the membership's technical objectives through education, service, and fellowship.

Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m., Sept. through June. Please check website for speaker, location, and topic.

Programs: Continuing education workshops at monthly meetings, which include environmental and process safety.

Major Events: Cosponsor Energy Conservation Forum with Texas Industries of the Future twice per year. See website for date and location.

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Purpose: To save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through education, advocacy and research.

Publications: State of the Air Report released each April (www.stateoftheair.org), State of Tobacco Report, health disparities reports, smoking cessation resources, monthly volunteer newsletters, and information about clean air and healthy lungs

Major Events: Fight For Air (Stair) Climb (vertical race up stairs); Lung Force Walk (late spring)

Meeting Times: Clean Air Network meetings 3rd Tuesday of every month, Leadership Council meetings last Thursday of every month, and the Health Disparities Committee meetings first Wednesday of every month.

Volunteer opportunities: Prospects abound to put your unique skills and experience to work helping us save lives! Join the Lung Action Network, our eAdvocacy network at www.lungusa.org/get-involved/advocate/lung-action-network/ and find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Program: Research Award

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Purpose: To preserve 2,500 acres of vanishing coastal prairie, hardwood forest and bayou wilderness habitat and wildlife refuge; to give opportunities to experience and understand the remaining natural ecosystem; to reconnect people with nature.

Programs: Year-round adult, child, and family programs including Third Sundays in Nature Series, FREE to the public; Eco-Exploration pontoon boat and canoe trips; guided day and night hikes; Eco-Camp summer and holiday camps; Great Texas Birding Trail Site 81; Teachers can receive SBEC credit for classes. Speakers are available to come speak to your classroom or group, contact website or call for booking.

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

Children's Activities: Critter Corner, Connections and Bayou Studies classes; naturalist lead and self-guided school field trips; scout programs;

Volunteer Opportunities: 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.

Publications: *Along the Bayou, Bayou Foliage*

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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, and summer camps
- Professional development & environmental stewardship programs, with special opportunities for oil and gas companies
- Eco-Art Residencies in Schools integrating the arts and sciences to create public sculptures and habitats on campuses
- Habitat Restoration Adventure Program, focused on stewardship-based learning through dune and coastal prairie preservation
- Boy and Girl Scout badge classes
- Classroom presentations and speakers that coincide with curriculum
- Gulf 'Coast Education Center: K-Grey can learn about the ecological, social, and economic value of coastal ecosystems.
- Coastal Heritage Preserve - acquiring and preserving 506 acres of barrier island habitat on Galveston Island's West Bay

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.

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Purpose: Avenue CDC's mission is to build affordable homes and strengthen communities. Avenue CDC seeks to improve communities to enhance the quality of life of working families, and to promote Houston's future as a world-class city of healthy, vibrant, and economically diverse neighborhoods. Avenue CDC serves the greater Houston metropolitan area, with a particular focus on the Near Northside and Washington Avenue communities.

Programs: Avenue CEC develops homes for purchase and rental; carries out building projects that focus on sustaining the environment; conducts historic preservation initiatives; provides homebuyer education and counseling; promotes local economic development; and offers supportive services, such as computer labs, after-school programs, nutrition and fitness to residents in their apartment complexes.

Avenue CDC's development program utilize "green building" techniques and materials to make our homes healthier for buyers as well as better for the environment. All new Avenue CDC homes are Energy Star certified, reducing utility usage.

Major Events: Art on the Avenue.

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Programs: "No Child Left Inside" Environmental Education Program – science-based program to get children outside to enjoy area wilderness-- in kayaks! Students from 5th grade through high school do hands-on learning about our local ecosystems at our nature preserves.

Volunteer Opportunities: Spring Creek Greenway Ambassador Training program on the longest, urban, forested, contiguous greenway in the country; taking out invasive plants on preserves, tree planting, trail maintenance

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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 started in 2010)

Speakers Bureau: Contact Amanda Brown.

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

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Purpose: Provide environmental education, quality recreational facilities, and a variety of nature-related activities.

Programs: "Nurture Nature Series" a family program on the first Saturday at 10 a.m., each month is a different topic; Preschool thru high school education programs; Scout badge workshops; outreach; Spring Break, Winter Break and Summer camps; birthday parties; self-guided tours; teacher workshops; birding and wilderness trails. Speakers available.

Volunteer Opportunities: Environmental education; marsh restoration; outreach; manning events; facility maintenance.

Major Events: Nurture Nature Festival; Christmas Bird Counts

Publications: *Marsh Matters* quarterly newsletter

BetterHouston

Now part of Houston Tomorrow. See listing for Houston Tomorrow in this Guide.

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Purpose: BetterHouston, a 501(c)(3), is dedicated to the betterment of the character and quality of our neighborhoods and of the urban environment. Our vision of a sustainable Houston is a city of safe, livable neighborhoods, walk-able mixed use urban districts, and transit-oriented higher density centers, with vibrant public places, supported by a world-class multi-modal transit system. Our vision will be achieved through proactive civic involvement and collaboration, by outcomes-driven planning, urban design, and the implementation of practical and innovative solutions. Our priorities are better neighborhoods, better transit and better urbanism.

Major Events: “Dine and Discuss” programs and community forums with City leaders; The Public Policy Forum in partnership with the Rice University Kinder Institute; Better Block; Pedestrian Pete walks.

Publications: BetterHouston monthly newsletter; *Pedestrian Pete* blog.

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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: 2nd Sat. in Jan., April, July, and Oct. at the Big Thicket National Preserve Field Research Station in Saratoga. Please check website for location changes.

Major Events: Neches River Rally (canoe & Kayak event 1st weekend after Labor Day), Big Thicket Day (2nd Sat. in Oct.), Eco Tours on the Neches River (every Sat. from March through Nov. plus private Charters), All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory by Thicket of Diversity, Science cafes, Field Trips, Hikes and Seminars. Environmental classes for area schools

Volunteer Opportunities: Citizen/Scientist work with the Thicket of Diversity, assistance with BioBlitz and hikes.

Publications: Big Thicket Bulletin, quarterly. Available on website

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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.

Programs: Offer a free bike safety class to students from their 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.

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Vision: Strive to increase respect for the natural world through the practice of understanding nature as a model, a measure, and a mentor for design and decision making; help inventors and entrepreneurs bring their technologies from concept to commercialization; facilitate development of educational programs for students, professionals and the general public; advocate and support public policies that promote biomimicry as a solution to sustainability challenges; and inspire the Texas community that profits from biomimicry to provide financial support for embracing the biodiversity within our state.

Major Events: Austin: (upcoming) 2015 SXSW Eco collaboration; 2015 Austin Mini Maker Fair.

Volunteer Opportunities: Austin: see above

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Purpose: Blackwood Educational Land Institute is an ecosystem and living classroom that inspires and teaches students of all ages to explore the natural web of life and to develop a healthy, respectful relationship with nature.

Major Events: Counselor Training Week, Blackwood Nature Camp Weeks, Edible Garden Tour, Sustainability Bike Ride

Children's Activities: Blackwood Educational Land Institute reconnects children to nature through hands-on experiences that teach them about food and where it comes from, the value of community and collaboration, and the pleasure of being outdoors. Call or contact through the website for camp location and for registration.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer your time at the Blackwood Land Institute by filling out an application on their website.

Blueprint Houston

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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: Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Program; Municipal Management District Study; Urban Geography curriculum.

Volunteer Opportunities: Civic Awareness Engagement Committee.

Brays Bayou Association

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Charles Goforth, Acting Treasurer

Purpose: To reduce the risk of flooding in the Brays Bayou watershed.

Meetings: Open meetings are held the third Monday of every month, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room., The Gathering Place, 5410 South Willow Drive, 77035

Major Events: Annual meeting in March.

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Bob Schwartz.

Speakers Bureau: Speakers available to give presentations in classrooms or to groups. Contact Bob Schwartz.

Publications: Articles in various media.

Buffalo Bayou Partnership

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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 kayak tours. Speakers are available to give presentations to your school classroom or group. Contact Trudi Smith for booking.

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

Center for Houston's Future

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Purpose: The Center for Houston's Future furthers the Houston region as a top global communities in which to work and live. The Center brings business and community together to innovate leadership, and inform the public about critical indicators and the groundwork to be carried out to create and maintain a competitive and sustainable future.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers, who are subject matter experts, participate in 'data groups' that oversee the development of the Center's Indicator Reports. The topic of the 2013 Report is Healthy Communities.

Past studies and reports include air quality, billboards, green buildings, litter and graffiti, parks & trails, abandoned lots, trees, water quality, water supply, human capital development and resource use. Volunteers are also used to help organize and run the Center's Annual Indicator Symposium. The 2013 Symposium will be held on February 22 at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Publications: *Counting on Quality of Life: An Environment Indicator Report (2007)*, *Counting on Quality of Place: Air Quality, Parks & Trails, and Trees (2009)*, *Counting on Quality of Place: Water Quality, Water Supply, and Green Buildings (2010)*, *Human Capital: Early Childhood Development, K-12 and Workforce Preparedness (2012)*, published yearly with updated indicators.

The Center for Recycled Art

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Ramona Brady, Founder

Purpose: Founded in 2009, our mission is to reduce the amount of waste going to Houston's landfills, to promote environmental awareness, to stimulate creativity, and to provide opportunities to create recycled art.

Programs: Divert reusable clean scrap from Houston's solid waste stream and make it available at low cost to educators and non-profits in the Greater Houston area. Promote awareness and stimulate creativity through workshops, creative reuse demonstrations and speakers

Major Events: Monthly Teacher Warehouse shopping event for educators and other non profits

Children's Activities: Speakers available for all ages, Contact Ramona Brady for booking. Hands on creative reuse workshops, volunteer opportunities. Classroom presentations available and can be catered to the class curriculum.

Volunteer Opportunities: Receiving and sorting Houston's cast-offs, de-constructing mechanical and electrical items; creating inspiration projects from cast off materials, demonstrating/leading creative reuse projects

Central City Co-Op

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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.

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

The Children's Museum of Houston's EcoStation

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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 p.m., Sundays Noon - 6 p.m., and open for free every Thursday from 5 - 8 p.m.

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. Teacher Workshops available and cooperate with TEKS requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact (713) 535-7209 or www.cmhouston.org/volunteers/ for volunteer opportunities.

Publications: Annual report.

Christmas Bay Foundation

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Purpose: To promote increased understanding and appreciation of the Christmas Bay Estuarine System and the Texas Gulf Coast; to promote conservation of the natural resources of the Christmas Bay Estuarine System and the Texas Gulf Coast; to contribute to the usefulness of the Bay and its tributaries for recreational and commercial purposes; and to sponsor such activities and events as may contribute to the general welfare of the Christmas Bay Estuarine System and its tributaries.

Programs: Ecotours of Christmas Bay system; coordinate on bay projects with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Major Events: See website

Children's Activities: Call for information or see website.

Volunteer Opportunities: Guides for ecotours, Red Cross-certified kayak instructors, wildlife biologists, and marine biologists.

Citizens' Climate Lobby 3rd Coast Region (CCL)www.citizensclimatelobby.orgwww.facebook.com/CCL3rdCoast<http://www.meetup.com/CCL-Houston/>houston@citizensclimatelobby.org

Peter Bryn, Chapter Co-Leader
Jacob Genaur, Chapter Co-Leader

Purpose: To build political will for Congress to act on climate change.

Program: CCL is a national, non-partisan, volunteer-driven organization building political will to address climate change. CCL empowers its volunteers to engage Congress to ensure our representatives hear from constituents about climate change regularly. Our approach is one of engagement and inclusion, and we do not demonize anyone. In addition, volunteers engage the community both directly and through the media.

Meetings: First Saturday of each month from noon to 2:00 pm. Typically at a volunteer's home, contact for details.

Resources:

- CCL Community: CCL's national social network of volunteers engaged on climate change
- CCL University: webinars about climate change, energy, lobbying, outreach, etc.
- Major Events:
- Annual International Conference in Washington DC (late June)
- Annual Regional Conference (in TX, LA, MS, or AL)
- Local talks given by volunteers, tabling events, etc.

Volunteer Opportunities: Develop a relationship with your members of Congress, engage the media through letters to the editor/opeds, outreach in the community

Speakers Bureau: Provide speakers upon request.

Citizens' Environmental Coalition

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Purpose: Communication is our mission. CEC fosters dialogue, education, and collaboration on environmental issues in the Houston/Gulf Coast region. We connect our environmental community.

Major Events: Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour (winter), Greater Houston Environmental Summit (early spring)

Volunteer Opportunities: Writing, research, clerical, special events, graphic design, website assistance, tabling, IT consulting. Public relations, attorneys, accountants, and fundraising experts for board and committees.

Publications:

- *Annual Environmental Resource Guide*
- *Environmental News Update*, a free weekly environmental e-mail newsletter. Please visit www.cechouston.org to sign up.
- Our website, www.cechouston.org, features a compilation of news headlines, green job postings, a comprehensive calendar of local environmental events of interest to our member groups, and archives of our weekly newsletters.

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

Citizens' League for Environmental Action Now (CLEAN)

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Purpose:

- To be a useful resource of news and information about the critical environmental issues we are facing today
- Increase awareness about the science that proves the connections between toxic exposure and health impacts
- Partner with other organizations and agencies to have a greater impact

Major Highlights: For more than a decade, CLEAN has been a leading resource in the Houston-Galveston area for news, information and education about the global and local environmental issues of our time. The CLEAN website is well known as a resource for information about air pollution, climate change, health impacts of toxic pollution, Gulf Coast environmental issues and many other important topics.

The CLEAN series, People Who Make a Difference, offers profiles of a long list of local and national heroes for the environment.

The organization has helped lead citizens' air monitoring, hosted an environmental film series, and produced Earth Care Radio which has aired on KPFT, the Pacifica affiliate in Houston.

Citizens' Transportation Coalition

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Tom Dornbusch, Media Chair

Purpose: Founded in 2004, the CTC is an all-volunteer grassroots transportation advocacy organization. The Citizens' Transportation Coalition advocates for a broad-based public educational and planning process to identify neighborhood aspirations, influences projects to achieve the best transportation options, and engages our communities in designing a complete multimodal transportation system that serves us all.

Meetings: Board meets on 4th Thursdays from Jan. through Oct. at 6:45 p.m. at Central Market, 3815 Westheimer, in the upstairs community room. Member meeting in March, holiday gathering in December. All meetings open to interested individuals.

Publication: Free periodic eNews with project updates and meeting notices. Email subscribe@ctchouston.org to join the list.

Volunteer Opportunities: Attend public meetings of transportation agencies and then share reports in CTC's online forum; project proposals; 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 Power-Point talks on topics including urban transit and transportation alternatives for all.

City of Houston Environmental Health Division

Health and Human Services Department
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Purpose: HDHHS' Environmental Health Services division provides a variety of programs and services relating to air and water pollution, occupational health and food establishments.

Programs: The Environmental Health Division provides three main programs, which provide support and education to the community, and responds to complaints:

Bureau of Community and Children's Environmental Health-childhood lead poisoning, indoor air quality, occupational health, medical waste, radiation compliance and smoking.
(832) 393-5141

Bureau of Pollution Control and Prevention-air and water quality, landfills, industrial and municipal wastewater treatment plants, illegal dumping, illicit discharges and storage of solid/hazardous waste.
(832) 393-5730

Bureau of Consumer Health Services-food safety, swimming pool safety, charitable food services, and special waste and complaints.
(832) 393-5100

City of Houston Green Building Resource Center

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Houston, TX 77002
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Purpose: To enable the public to experience and learn more about healthy and energy, water, and material conserving design and construction; also known as Green Building.

Programs: The public can have their interim building plans reviewed for opportunities to add green strategies to save energy and water, and make their building healthier. Customers can peruse the shelves and over 50 displays, touch and feel samples, and learn about green building options in a relaxed setting. Free educational seminars (generally) scheduled on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month; check the GBRC calendar on the website.

Tours for groups: Available by appointment for your school field trip or group outings. Student activity package (with answer key for teachers) is available.

Speakers Bureau: Steve is available for speaking engagements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Yes, contact the Program Director to discuss.

Coastal Prairie Partnership

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Jaime González, President

Flo Hannah, Secretary

Purpose: The mission of the Coastal Prairie Partnership is to promote the conservation and restoration of Coastal Prairie ecosystems. Coastal Prairie Partnership (CPP) is a private, nonprofit collaboration of governmental agencies, non-governmental institutions, private individuals, and landowners working to achieve common conservation and education goals. Our ultimate goal is to help foster a more connected and empowered prairie community in coastal Texas and southwest Louisiana.

Programs: Southern Plains and Prairies Conference, Attwater Prairie Chicken Week, PrairiePartner.org- a clearinghouse for prairie information, plant propagation workshops, teacher education, prairie restoration projects, and facilitation of prairie action meetings.

Major Event: Southern Plains and Prairies Conference

Volunteer Opportunities (on website): Tabling events, electronic newsletter assistance, Facebook assistance, assistance with annual conference.

Speaker's Bureau: Yes. Please contact Jaime Gonzalez at 281-660-6683.

Publications (on website): *Coastal Prairie Plant Growers' Handbook* and others.

Video Content (on website): YouTube channel and prairiepartner.org/video.

Council for Environmental Education

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www.flyingwild.org
www.pwGrowingUpWILD.org

Josetta Hawthorne, Executive Director

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

Programs: CEE administers Project WILD and Project WILD Aquatic nationally, and co-sponsors Project Learning Tree and Project WET. WET in the City 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. 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. All WILD programs train educators as well to teach content in the classroom.

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, Flying WILD, and Science and Civics*.

Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition

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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 non-profits to work on planning and implementation of improved flood protection and environment preservation throughout the Cypress Creek watershed.

Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., 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. Speakers are available to give presentations to your class or student group upon request. Contact website for booking information.

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.

Cypresswood Water Conservation Garden

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Spring, TX 77388
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www.sustainablesites.org/cert_projects/show.php?id=46

Bil Papp, President
Jim Dow, Vice President
Cindy Lane, Secretary
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Mary Bonetati, Asst. Secretary

Purpose: Harris County Water Conservation and Improvement District (WCID) 132's Water Conservation and Demonstration Center showcases efficient, sustainable water techniques and practices, which are aimed at providing solutions applicable to suburban landscapes whose owners desire to conserve water while sustaining beautiful plant materials.

The Center's focus - water conservation in the landscape - is shared through presentations, site features, and plants. Presentations on water saving and sustainable practices include watering established plants with captured rainwater and air conditioner condensate, mulching to conserve moisture, working with the soil's capacity to hold water, eliminating invasive species, and composting. Site features and materials, approximately 20 found in each of the 16 demonstration areas, include rain barrels, rain gardens, rain chains, and reused and recycled materials.

The Center is one of eight pilot projects that have achieved certification under the nation's most comprehensive rating system for the sustainable design, construction and maintenance of built landscapes. These projects, as part of a group of 150 projects participating in an extensive, two-year pilot program, have applied the 2009 SITES guidelines and met the requirements for pilot certification.

EarthShare of Texas

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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 (800) GREENTX with your requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Call for volunteer information.

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

Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church

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Purpose: Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church was chartered in 1960 to serve the growing western suburbs of Houston. Proudly recognized as a Welcoming Congregation (LGBTQ friendly), Emerson Church invites people of all races, ethnicity, ages, gender identities, and sexual orientations to join us. The congregation has the diversity of spiritual beliefs, cultural backgrounds and sexual orientations that make Unitarian Universalism such a dynamic faith.

Programs: The *Ministry for Earth* group is large and active. This group promotes the seventh principle of the Unitarian Universalist Association: "...to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." They learn about environmental issues; advocate public policies to protect the global environment; act locally in our homes, church and city; and connect spiritually with the web-of-all-existence. Specific programs include the Renewable Congregations Campaign, the Ethical Eating and Environmental Justice series, and Consumption and Sustainability Initiatives. Learn more at www.emersonhouston.org/ministry-for-earth.html.

Volunteer Opportunities: Learn more at www.Emersonhouston.org/volunteer

Publications: Sign up for weekly email: www.emersonhouston.org/eblast-sign-up.html.

Endangered Species Media Project

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Stephanie Day, Secretary

Richard Salzhandler, Treasurer

Founders:

Jan Campbell, CPA
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Frank Salzhandler (Dec'd.)

Purpose: The Endangered Species Media Project is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization chartered in Texas in 1989 to promote greater understanding of how the quality of human life is enhanced by preservation of our natural heritage of wilderness and wildlife. The organization was founded to establish a partnership with schools, corporations and private individuals.

Mission: To create conservation programs and productions for literary, artistic, inspirational and educational purposes; encouraging and promoting works that foster a thoughtful perspective toward stewardship of Earth's ecological treasures.

Programs: Public education and hands-on challenges, conservation activities, Buffalo Bayou canoe expeditions and clean-ups, dolphin expeditions, young artist exhibitions, film projects. Speakers and presentations are available to be booked and held in the classroom or for your student group. Contact website for booking.

Publication: *Vanishing Wildlife of Texas*

Energy Corridor District

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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 a.m.

Major Events: Transportation Fairs, 75 Eldridge bus route, Bike to Work Day, ECD Livable Centers Plan, ECD Bicycle Master Plan, Grisby Square Preservation, National Park Service West Houston Trails Master Plan, Spring and Fall Recycling Events.

Environment Texas

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Purpose: 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: Newsletter, Annual Report, Weekly Email Updates, Bi-weekly audio Podcast on iTunes, Policy Reports: www.environmenttexas.org/reports, Legislative Scorecard: www.environmenttexas.org/legislature/legislative-scorecard, Blog: www.environmenttexas.org/blog

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

Volunteer and Internship Opportunities: Contact (512) 610-0084.

Environmental Defense Fund

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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

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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 4:30 p.m. Locations vary. Call or check Website before attending.

Programs: Can help locate a speaker for your classroom or student group. Train teachers in curriculum planning for environmental issues, grades K-12.

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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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.

Programs: Activities include teacher workshops, facilitation and public outreach, conferences, and service learning. The Texas Envirothon program is an environmental education competition open to all students in grades 9-12. Students study forestry, wildlife, aquatics, soils, and a current issue that changes annually. The Envirothon program is administered by the Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH) at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL). The mission of the Texas Envirothon is to develop knowledgeable, skilled, and dedicated citizens who are willing and prepared to work towards achieving a balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment. Please contact Wendy Reistle at reistle@uhcl.edu for questions about participation in the program.

Executive Service Corps of Houston

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Sally Tyler, Executive Director

Purpose: The Executive Service Corps of Houston was created in 1984 to enable the local nonprofit community to tap into the abundant talent and experience of our area's retired corporate executives.

Programs: Consultants coach, help, and guide non-profits in fundraising, board governance, marketing, IT help, risk management, and executive coaching.

Volunteer Opportunities: You may apply to be a volunteer-consultant through the website or make a donation to help the ESCH.

Publications: Multiple brochures regarding Financial Fitness, General Information, and Leadership Development.

Exploration Green Conservancy

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Purpose: The Exploration Green Conservancy, in partnership with the Clear Lake City Water Authority, is creating and maintaining the 200 acre Exploration Green flood control, conservation and recreation area in the heart of the Clear Lake area. The conservancy develops plans, raises funds, creates and operates the area to protect and share the land.

Programs: Reintroducing native trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers; creating park amenities including hike and bike trails, athletic fields and park space for children, and supporting flood control and wetlands. Speakers are available to give presentations in the classroom or to student group meetings. Contact website for booking.

Major Events: Town hall meetings, on-site ground-breaking, and festivals.

Volunteer Opportunities: There are numerous volunteer opportunities helping environmental, park, recreation and athletics activities. Examples include tree, shrub and grass planting; event and publicity activities; public and education outreach.

Publications: Website at www.explorationgreen.org website and printed information materials.

Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

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Purpose Identify, protect, conserve, and enhance the natural and cultural resources, values, and qualities of Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and its regional environment for this and future generations.

Programs: Down Under, Out Yonder (DUOY) Educator Workshop and Scuba Field Experience - annually in July. Workshop information is available at <http://flowergarden.noaa.gov/education/workshops.html>. Presentations for civic associations, camp programs, and other interested groups - as available

Events: Ocean Discovery Day - annually on a Saturday in March (next one is March 12, 2016). This FREE event is designed to introduce residents and visitors to NOAA programs in their community.

Volunteer Opportunities: we do occasionally need volunteers to help with program preparation and Ocean Discovery Day. Interested people can subscribe to the list via our website

Publications: Links to all publications found on website.

Friends of Mandell Park

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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 City of Houston's Mandell Park.

Publications: Newsletter, Informational Brochure

Programs: Organic Gardening in Meredith Gardens, Outdoor Movies, Exhibition Prairie. Speakers are also available. Field trips of the park for your school group.

Regular Meetings: Gardeners meet Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. Swap-A-Toy and stories for children on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Regular opportunities for Gardening; Maintenance; Communications; Fund Raising. Contact Fomandellpark@aol.com for details.

Major Events: Annual Spring Event

Children's Activities: Visits to Meredith Gardens, Outdoor Play Area.

Friends of Woodland Park

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Purpose: The Friends of Woodland Park, Inc. (FWP) is dedicated to preserving the park's natural habitat along with its unique historical significance to the City of Houston, and to providing for the enjoyment and education of all who visit.

Publications: Subscribe to email newsletter.

Programs: Trails at Twilight Gala, Bird watching monthly.

Volunteer and Donor Opportunities: The Friends of Woodland Park is made up of neighbors like you. Your valuable donation keeps trails clear and goes towards exciting capital improvements.

Galveston Bay Foundation

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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. Speakers are available for presentations to your classroom, contact for booking.

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*.

Galveston Baykeeper

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

About Us: 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.

Programs: Pollution Hotline, Wetland Watch, Save Our Gulf.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need citizens to report pollution and possible Clean Water Act violations. We also need administrative, fundraising and community event volunteers.

Publications: The Bay Times, an electronic newsletter.

Speakers Bureau: *Pesticides 101, Where Have All the Wetlands Gone?* and wetland education to municipalities. Contact website for booking a speaker for your classroom or student group.

Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council

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Jeffrey P. Rabek, President

Julie Ann Brown, Executive Director

Purpose: Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council is a non-profit, community-based volunteer organization that supports and develops nature-based educational and recreational activities, and promotes the value of area natural habitats and resources.

Interest in nature tourism is on the rise. The Council invites you to explore its website, www.GalvestonNatureTourism.org, to learn about programs and projects for the environmentally rich Galveston Island and its surrounding areas. The Council has enjoyed great success with its unique nature events, community education and outreach programs, and anticipated growth in these and other endeavors.

Programs: Galveston Sea Turtle Saturday, Featherfest Birding & Nature Photography Festival, and Holiday with the Cranes.

Volunteer Opportunities: To volunteer, please contact Julie Ann Brown at (409) 789-8125 or email info@gintc.org. The Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council could not succeed in its mission without its dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. The Council relies on volunteers to help with its events, assist in the office, help conduct research, and much more. Whether you are an individual, an organization, or a corporate or school group, we have the perfect volunteer opportunity for you!

Galveston Ornithological Society

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Purpose: This Ornithological Society is a group of friends of all ages in Galveston County, Texas, who share a love for learning about birds.

Programs: We have meetings and classes and birding trips like the Water Bird Workshop or Shorebird Seminar. Members have day and overnight field trips to observe birds in their natural setting. The Society offers several trips away from Galveston during each year. Participants have gone to far away bird hot spots such as Venezuela, Arizona, South Texas, Florida, Alaska, the Yucatan, the Galapagos and many other locations. Additional trips planned for the future include Africa, Tierra del Fuego and Cape May.

Membership: It's easy to join the Galveston Ornithological Society and it's free. Just email Jim and you can also receive his bird pictures and commentary.

Publications: Galveston Bay's first nature newspaper, "GULLS n HERONS", is the inspiration of The Galveston Ornithological Society. Informative and instructive articles on nature, such as bird watching, reptiles, fishing, etc., are included in all issues, and it includes color pictures of Gulf Coast birds and other creatures.

Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition

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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, Tree Plantings.

Volunteer Opportunities: Committee service, Clean-up days, tree plantings, site preparation on park development, Adopt-A-Site, Volunteer Water Quality Testers.

Speakers Bureau: Call Candice Pauley at (281) 874-2139.

Publications: Newsletter.

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

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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. Field Trips are available for your school group. Call office for booking information. Coastal Wildbird Trunk – educational resources for primary and secondary age students

Major Events: Birdies for the Birds, Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza, 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 newsletter, monthly e-news, online blog.

Gulf Restoration Network

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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, BP Drilling Disaster.

Major Events: Gulf Gathering annual retreat.

Volunteer Opportunities: Internships.

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

HARC

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Purpose: HARC (the Houston Advanced Research Center) is an independent research hub helping people thrive and nature flourish.

Programs: HARC's research focuses on air, water, and energy. Current research programs include Air Quality Science, Clean Engines and Emissions, Hydrology and Watersheds, Energy Efficient Buildings, and the Environmentally Friendly Drilling Systems (EFD) Program.

Publications:

- HARC Blog (<http://www.harcresearch.org/features>)
- HARC Monthly e-Newsletter (<http://www.harcresearch.org/news>)
- Environmentally Friendly Drilling Systems Program Monthly Newsletter (<http://efdsystems.org/index.php/efd-monthly-newsletter/>)
- Project related publications
- HARC is also active on social media, including Facebook and Twitter

Speaker's Bureau: Contact Lisa Gonzalez

Help Endangered Animals - Ridley Turtles(HEART)

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Purpose: To work for the preservation of endangered turtles and to be involved in the international project to save Kemp's Ridley Turtles HEART is an affiliate of the Turtle Island Restoration Network with an office in Galveston at 2228 Broadway..

Sea Turtle Hotline: (866) TURTLE-5 (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.

Meetings: A HEART report is given during the Piney Woods Wildlife Society meetings. Meetings are held monthly on every third Wednesday (except June, July and August) at the Big Stone Lodge at Dennis Johnston Park (<http://www.hcp4.net/ccenters/info.htm>) located at 709 Riley Fuzzel Road in Spring just 0.2 miles east of the Hardy Toll Road, before you get to the Spring Creek Bridge.

Educational programs: A DVD entitled "*The Heartbreak Turtle Today*" is available upon request and a small donation to cover postage and handling.

Hermann Park Conservancy

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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: Run in the Park, Evening in the Park Gala, Hats in the Park, and Urban Green young professionals events.

Children's Activities: Hermann Park train rides, pedal boat rides, family volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunities: Opportunities are available for individuals, corporations, civic associations, school groups, and families. They range from administrative duties and event preparation to weeding and tree planting. Contact Diane Kerr, for more information.

Speakers Bureau: Contact Doreen Stoller.

Publications: *Parkside* newsletter, Hermann Park Conservancy e-news, Bloom News (centennial gardens blog).

Houston Access to Urban Sustainability (HAUS)

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Purpose: The HAUS Project was formed in late 2010 to provide affordable, sustainable, cooperative housing in the accessible, urban core of the Houston region within close proximity of Houston's growing light rail transit system. Our goal is to open 5 green coops in 5 years.

The mission of HAUS Project is to

- Provide affordable housing operated cooperatively by residents.
- Provide greener, more sustainable lifestyle options.
- Educate the general public about cooperative organizational principles and greener, more sustainable lifestyle options.
- Assist other cooperative and sustainability efforts in the Houston region and elsewhere.

Programs: The first house, Rosalie, opened on January 1, 2011 in Midtown and now houses ten people in its ten rooms. We've since expanded to include a second 15-bedroom house on Ruth St. We intend to develop houses of various sizes and appropriate for various lifestyle options, including at least one student focused house, and at least one house appropriate for children and families.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are always looking for future members and are especially looking for people who are excited about being on the front lines of developing our next house. Come over ANY Sunday - Wednesday at 7pm for dinner (bring \$5 to cover your food costs) and we'd love to have you. E-mail membership@hausproject.org to let them know that you're coming.

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center

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Purpose: To provide education about the natural environment to people of all ages and to protect and enhance the Arboretum as a haven an as a sanctuary for native plants and animals.

Programs: Adult classes on nature and wildlife, art, photography, food and wine, and more. We also offer special events, membership drives, and educational encounters with live wild critters. See website for details

Major Events: Arbor Day in January, Tapas on Trails in February, Earth Day in April, Annual BBQ in June, ArBOOretum in October, Wicked Woods Party in October, Winter Solstice Party in December.

Children's Activities: Tyke Hikes for 18 mo- 3 years, Tadpole Trooper classes for 3-5 years, Naturalist Explorers for 5-8 years, summer, winter and spring nature camps for 5-12 years, birthday parties, and home school. Guided Field Experience & Discovery Room for schools. Boy and Girl Scout badge programs.

Volunteer Opportunities: We use individual volunteers for conservation, gardening, Discovery Room, lobby/gift shop, special events, educational programs, outreach events and more. Group Opportunities available.

Publications: Website; quarterly Program Guide, e-newsletter: the Leaflet.

Houston Archeological Society

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Purpose: To foster enthusiastic interest and active participation in the discovery, documentation, and preservation of cultural resources (prehistoric and historic properties) of the city of Houston, the Houston metropolitan area, and the Upper Texas Gulf Coast Region. The Houston Archeological Society (HAS) is a non-profit organization that serves the professional, student and avocational archeological community of Houston.

Programs: The HAS holds monthly membership meetings on the third Thursday of each month with invited lecturers who speak on various topics of archeology and history. All meetings are free and open to the public. HAS members engage in fieldwork throughout the year. Artifacts recovered from those sites are then analyzed in the laboratory and interpretive reports are written.

Volunteer Opportunities: Available in the field, the lab, and at training and other events. Field work consists primarily of excavations and screening, and occasionally surveying, testing and monitoring, and involves physical labor such as digging, chopping, carrying and lifting. Training provided.

Publications: In addition to a monthly newsletter *The Profile*, the annual *Archeological Review*, and various bulletins and reports, the HAS supports two reference libraries: at the Rice University Fondren Library and the Adriance Library and Research Center located at the Brazoria County Historical Museum.

Houston Audubon

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Mission: To advance the conservation of birds and positively impact their supporting environments. Founded in 1969.

Meetings: with speakers are held the second Thursday of alternate school months: Sept, Nov, Jan, March, & May at United Way Center at 50 Waugh Drive. See website for details. Houston Audubon Photography Meetings: Third Wednesdays of each month, Sept-May, 7 p.m., HAS office.

Programs: Live bird outreach programs for schools, civic groups, libraries; field trips; guided tours of the Edith L. Moore Bird Sanctuary; birding classes. Children's Activities: Community Outreach Programs, Bayou Buddies, Titmouse Club, birthday parties, Summer Camp, Family Nature Explore Club. Boy and Girl Scout badge programs.

Major Events: Spring Migration at High Island Sanctuaries; Birdathon (Mar-Apr.); Annual Gala; Christmas Bird Counts; Holiday at the Cabin (1st Sat. of Dec.).

Volunteer Opportunities: Gardening, trail guides, field research, trail crew, clerical, advocacy, events, fundraising.

Speakers Bureau: Contact Mary Anne Weber.

Includes counties: Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Waller, Washington and Wharton.

Houston Canoe Club

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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. Canoe safety presentations are available for school groups.

Meeting Time: 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston, TX 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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Purpose: Houston Climate Protection Alliance connects residents of 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 1:15 p.m., but please call to confirm and for topic information.

Programs: Speakers are available to give presentations to your class or school group.

Houston Community Tool Bank

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Purpose: The Houston Community ToolBank is a nonprofit tool lending program that stewards an inventory of tools for lending to charitable organizations to increase the impact of their mission-related efforts in the community. With year-round access to an inventory of tools for use in volunteer projects and facility and grounds maintenance, the ToolBank provide resources to enhance the charitable sector's capacity to serve, facilitating hands-on volunteerism in the greater Houston area. Access to ToolBank tools eliminates the need for agencies to incur the expense of purchasing, repairing, and storing tools, reducing the costs associated with service projects and allowing these agencies to focus more of their resources on their mission.

Programs: Tools are deployed in many different capacities to organizations with mission critical areas such as community and school gardens, home repair, green space clean-up, tree planting, playground builds, and much more. The ToolBank offers knowledgeable staff to help member organizations plan a productive and positive project experience.

Membership is free and open to all nonprofit/charitable/tax exempt organizations. Members pay a handling fee equal to 3% of the retail value of the tool per week for up to 8 weeks. To become a member, apply online at www.houstontoolbank.org/borrow-tools.

Visit www.houstontoolbank.org to learn more about the Houston Community ToolBank and its upcoming events.

Houston-Galveston Area Council

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Purpose: The Houston-Galveston Area Council is a region-wide voluntary association of local governments in the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning region of Texas. H-GAC's 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. Key governmental services include transportation planning, disaster resiliency, cooperative purchasing, homeland security, workforce development, air and water quality planning, forecasting, and mapping.

Programs: H-GAC engages in a variety of collaborative environmental planning efforts including watershed protection, solid waste management and air quality for sustainable development. It is also actively involved in education and public awareness programs, including Commute Solutions and NuRide, the Clean Waters Initiative, Regional Recycling Roundtable.

Volunteer Opportunities: H-GAC offers year-round volunteer opportunities through our Texas Stream Team volunteer water monitoring program, as well as at a one-day Trash Bash waterway cleanup event. For more information on opportunities, visit www.h-gac.com/go/getinvolved.

Houston Habitat for Humanity

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Purpose: Since 1987, Houston Habitat for Humanity has been the premier affordable local home builder in Houston. We build sustainable, energy-efficient homes that are financially accessible by hard-working, low-income families, winning the EPA Energy Star Award 3 years in a row. Thru home ownership, families gain a stake in the community, become tax-paying citizens, build equity, raise their net worth, and offer better educational opportunities to their children.

Programs: Volunteer opportunities, 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, works with corporate and community sponsors to fund home sponsorships and provides team-building opportunities thru Volunteer Days. Trained construction leaders oversee volunteers for six-day builds. Houston Habitat ReStore, a building supply outlet, offers new and recycled or deconstructed products for sale to the public at great prices for a great cause. All proceeds support the Houston Habitat building program.

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Corry Bell, (713) 671-9993 x218, cbell@houstonhabitat.org or Laurie, lr Ramsey@houstonhabitat.org

Publication: Quarterly e-mail newsletter.

Houston History Archives (UH-HHA) Center for Public History

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Purpose: Founded 2005 as part of the Houston History Project (now the Welcome Wilson Houston History Collaborative), UH Center for Public History, UH-HHA is a public repository for books, documents, oral histories, and images related to the Houston region's growth and development from 19th century to present. Particular areas of collection interest include energy development, environmental history and activism, and documentation of Houston's ethnic diversity and activism. (see website)

Environmental Collections Open to the Public:

The Outdoor Nature Club, Citizens' Environmental Coalition, Bayou Preservation Association, Scenic Houston, The Park People, the papers of Sarah and Army Emmott, Terry Tarlton Hershey's papers (a partial accession). Kay B. Crooker Papers, Hana Ginzburg Papers, Collections still in processing include Terry Tarlton Hershey's Papers, papers of Dr. David Marrack, Brandt Mannchen, and the Keep Houston Beautiful records.

Consider donating your collections of environmental, city planning, or development history to UH-HHA where records and papers will be preserved, studied, and available to the public. Let your organization's accomplishments become part of Houston's history!

Speakers: Presentations on Houston's environmental past, contact Dr. Teresa Tomkins-Walsh.

Houston Land/Water Sustainability Forum

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Robert Adair, Steering Committee Chair

Purpose: To enhance, enable, and integrate sustainable use of land and water for the Houston area's continued growth and economic vitality.

Maintaining the pace of growth and development in the greater Houston area requires that those with a vested interest adopt new ideas and employ new methods that will insure that growth can be sustained. The forum seeks to engage the broadest possible range of constituent groups, in a collaborative effort that focuses on practical application rather than abstract theory in the exploration of incremental answers to some of the Houston area's most significant land/water sustainability issues.

Major Projects: Host events such as the Low Impact Design Competition and facilitate events such as the International Low Impact Development Conference and the EPA Region 6 MS4 Stormwater Conference.

Meetings: Monthly meetings of the Forum are held at a rotating roster of conference facilities offered by supportive agencies and organizations located throughout the area. These educational sessions present speakers who have expertise or experience to share on land/water sustainability issues, and many of the speakers come from the constituencies that make up the Forum. In-depth multi-day events, with speakers and workshop leaders from across the country are also a part of the annual slate of programming.

Houston Parks and Recreation Department

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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. Member: Commission for Accreditation of Park & Recreation Agencies.

Major Events:

- Jan - Arbor Day; Youth Tennis classes begin
- Feb - Salt Grass Trail Ride; Adult sports leagues begin
- Mar- Tour de Houston, Metal & Muscle Expo; Lake Houston Wilderness New Entry
- Apr- Houston Children's Festival, Japan Festival, Houston International Festival
- May- Challenge Day, Summer Pool Opening
- June - Summer Food Program begins, Golf Tournament; Hershey Track & Field Meet
- Jul- Freedom Over Texas; Houston Pops July 4th Celebration
- Oct- Asian-American Festival; Wildflower seed planting
- Nov- Via Colori
- Dec- Heritage Society Candlelight Tour, Holiday Tree Lighting
- Year round - Lake Houston Park Nature Center events
- School year - After School Enrichment Program

Volunteer Opportunities: Oneika McCarthy
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Publications: Activities Catalog - Winter/ Spring Issue Dec 1, Summer Issue Apr 1, and Fall Issue Aug 1.

Houston Parks Board

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Purpose: 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. One of the most exciting initiatives to come along in recent years is the Bayou Greenways Initiative. As we continue to successfully serve our mission of adding equitably distributed parkland to the greater Houston area, we have joined several other public and private partners to embark upon this bold initiative focusing on Houston's bayous, specifically the potential of connected greenways and park spaces along ten of our major bayous.

Speakers Bureau: Contact Executive Director.

Publications: Annual Report.

Houston Peace and Justice Center

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Purpose: The Houston Peace and Justice Center provides networks and resources for organizations and individuals to advance peace and social justice.

Programs: Links and resources to various social justice movements happening in the area.

Volunteer Opportunities: Fill out an application online to become a volunteer.

Speakers Bureau: See website for events and speaker bookings.

Publications: Blog posts, e-mail newsletter.

Houston Renewable Energy Group (HREG)

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Violeta Archer, President

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: Third Thursday of April, July, Oct. See website for details.

Volunteer Opportunities: Call or e-mail info@houstonrenewableenergy.org.

Programs: Teacher workshops are available on issues regarding renewable energy. Speakers from the group are also available to give presentations to a school or student group.

Houston Tomorrow

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Purpose: Houston Tomorrow is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all the people of the Houston region through research, education, and discussion. Its vision is that on its 200th birthday, the Houston region will be home to the healthiest, happiest, most prosperous people in the United States. Founded in 1998.

Meetings: Livable Houston Initiative: noon on the fourth Wed. each month. Houston Food Policy Work Group: 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd 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 E-mail newsletter.

Houston Urban Gardeners

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Purpose: Houston Urban Gardeners' mission 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:

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

Meetings: HUG meets on the second Monday of the month in the Houston Garden Center (1500 Hermann Drive, Houston, TX 77004) at 6:30 p.m. Visit our website for more information.

Volunteer opportunities: Help with audio recording, program planning, project proposals, fundraising and PR.

Houston Wilderness

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Purpose: Houston Wilderness is a broad-based alliance of business, environmental and government interests that acts in concert to protect, preserve and promote the unique biodiversity of the region's precious remaining ecological capital from bottomland hardwoods and prairie grasslands to pine forests and wetlands.

Programs: Collaborative Access Program, Sam Houston Greenbelt Network, Collaborative Grant Organizing, Wilderness Passport, ecosystems services, and Get Out Here Houston.

Volunteer Opportunities: Speaking engagements

Publications: Houston Atlas of Biodiversity; Family Passport; Ecotourism & Wellness Passport

Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program

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Purpose: Our mission is to make the Houston Zoo a leader in conservation as it relates to the survival of threatened wildlife, wise use of natural resources, and the appreciation of our natural world by zoo visitors.

Publications: Members quarterly Wildlife Magazine.

Major Events: Conservation Gala, Call of the Wild Speakers Series, Earth Day, Feast with the Beasts, Zoobilee, Zoo Boo, Spotlight on Species Weekends.

Children's Activities: Educational programming, Wild Winks, Summer and Winter Camps, Zoomobile Outreach Programs.

Volunteer Opportunities: Houston Zoo Volunteer Programs for individuals and corporations: education@houstonzoo.org or (713) 533-6549.

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center

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Purpose: A 312-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. Teacher workshops and training programs are offered as well.

Major Events: Arbor Day Celebration – 3rd weekend in January; Homestead Heritage Day – 2nd Saturday in February; NatureFest – 1st Saturday in March; Pioneer Day – 2nd Saturday in November

Children's Activities: Wide variety throughout the year, including Summer Nature Camp, Tadpoles Club, and scout programs. Playground with separate toddler section. Field trips are available to the park for your class or student group.

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

Publications: Bi-annually the *Update* – Harris County Precinct 4 Parks.

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. Nearly 19,200 acres have been protected.

Major Events: Guided tours, seed stomp and wildflower planting; educational field trips; annual meeting; Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail Site 9900 - wildlife-viewing platform on Nelson Farms open to public every day; Annual Christmas Bird Count (Jan 1), Annual Butterfly Count (Sept 1), Bio Blitz (October). Monthly Unplugged Adventures. Matt Cook Wildlife Viewing Platform at Warren Lake open daily. Winter and summer kids camps. Educational trunks are available for purchase, contact Jaime Gonzalez

Volunteer Opportunities: Leading tours, gardening at Texas Coastal Prairie Native Seed Nursery, invasive species control, fundraising, administrative, outdoor education, community outreach, workdays, preserve maintenance, monitoring wildlife and protected lands.

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

Keep Houston Beautiful

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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. Teacher worksheets are available on the website for classroom use. Speakers are available, contact Robin Blut.

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; America Recycles Day.

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.

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

Keep Kingwood Green

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Purpose: To educate and advocate for recycling in the Lake Houston area (and other issues as appropriate). Non-profit 501c3, all volunteer organization.

Major Projects: Participation in Kleenwood, Nature Fest, YMCA events, Kingwood Farmers Market, and other recycling events in the area. We work with the City of Houston, Humble ISD and other governmental units to facilitate and educate about recycling. We hold public meetings, publish Green Columns and recycling brochures, host a “Where Can I Recycle” website and “hotline” and help local businesses “go green.”

Speakers Bureau: Speakers available for community groups and schools, mostly on recycling topics. Contact: Candy Bowman.

Keep Pearland Beautiful

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Fay Watson, Director of Programs & Operations

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Purpose: The vision of Keep Pearland Beautiful is that Pearland will be the cleanest and most beautiful city in Texas.

Major Projects: Plant Thyme Fall Luncheon, Cheers for Volunteers, Environmental Awards Dinner. Yard Wise Demonstration Garden, Adopt A Spot, Community Greening. KPBB Education methods include: speaking to groups, bringing environmental programs to schools, training teachers, sponsoring our annual Environmental Fair and informing people about Environmental responsibility.

Speakers Bureau: Speakers will come out and give a presentation to your classroom or school group

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Purpose: To establish a foundation organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any member of the Foundation. We promote and aid other creative activities which will serve the cultural welfare of the community, and offer performance facilities to amateur musical performers, choral groups, orchestral groups and music students.

Programs: KPFT (90.1FM) broadcasts radio programs 24/7/365. As a part of the Pacifica Network, KPFT airs Democracy Now three times daily; this program features the news of the day as well as special reports and interviews with leading environmental and political figures from around the globe. KPFT’s local nightly news at 4PM. Eco-ology, Thresholds, and Progressive Forum put a spotlight on the environment and other topical issues.

Volunteer Opportunities: Almost all programmers at KPFT are volunteers.

Speaker’s Bureau: KPFT’s Outreach Committee, staffed mainly by volunteers, serves in this capacity. Members of management are also available to speak when their schedules permit.

Publications: KPFT produces a folio from time to time. It includes a full listing of the programs provided by KPFT; lots of information is on the website.

Last Organic Outpost

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Joe Icet, Founder

Purpose: The Last Organic Outpost generates healthy communities and establishes a local food economy in Houston’s under-served neighborhoods through urban farming and farm-based art & education. They empower communities through sustainable agriculture that teaches residents to produce safe, healthy and accessible food for all. They envision growing ‘Food Everywhere’ and seeding an Urban Agricultural District that cultivates our region’s food and supports local farmers to thrive despite economic, environmental, health and social challenges.

Programs: The Emile Street Community Learning Farm is located in Houston’s 5th Ward at 711 Emile St, Houston. Last Organic Outpost is also focusing efforts on the 5th Ward food desert with the following objectives:

1. Outreach - Initiate the growth of Food Everywhere by building home gardens and a neighborhood-wide orchard of fruit & nut trees in homes and public spaces.
2. Farming - Establish a local food economy by training farmers in non-conventional, but sustainable, environmentally sound methods, establish community farms and encourage farm and local food related businesses in the Fifth Ward.
3. Education - Host community events where we teach residents about healthy nutrition, urban agriculture, and sustainability.

Volunteer Opportunities: farming at the farm, help organize outreach and plan our projects, writers, web/software development, contacts, research and more. Contact communications@lastorganicoutpost.com to find out about our meetings.

Publications: Visit our website to sign up for our newsletter.

League of Women Voters in the Houston Area

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Katie Molina, Natural Resource Chair

Purpose: To encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Founded in 1920.

Meetings: Four meetings per year, which are free and open to the public. Meetings discuss various policy issues. Visit lwvhouston.org for upcoming meetings dates and events.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with Voters Guide, voter registration, serve on committees, online newsletter e-voter. For information, email lwv@lwvhouston.org

Publications: Monthly newsletter, voter guide before each election, voter keys every February.

Living Paradigm CDC

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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 www.livingparadigm.org.

Living Planet Foundation

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Purpose: Living Planet Foundation has been founded to aid in the protection of biological diversity and to promote 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: *Sacred Planet* - Living Planet Foundation is on the steering committee of the Green Pilgrimage Network (GPN) which is integral to the long-term climate change commitments presented at Windsor in what the United Nations described as "potentially the world's largest civil society movement on climate change." The GPN initiative was conceived during "The Windsor Celebration" held at Windsor Castle, UK in Nov. 2009. Here nine major world faiths launched significant commitments to environmental action. Living Planet Foundation will coordinate greening and cleaning efforts in pilgrimage sites, shrines, temples and cities across the globe. *Consulting Service* - in areas of climate change, energy and environmental education. *Gharial Conservation* - The Indian Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*) is one of the most endangered crocodilians in the world, with as few as 200 breeding adults left in the wild in Nepal and India. Zoos have become an apparent force in Gharial conservation through education and awareness, and fundraising and may prove to be an important genetic reservoir for the species. Currently, Living Planet Foundation is leading the efforts for a Gharial exhibit at the Houston Zoo and at others in the UK and Europe.

Speakers and Volunteer Opportunities: Yes.

Mayor's Office of Sustainability

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Purpose: To direct and coordinate projects and initiatives that improve air, land and water quality; and support and expand renewable energy, energy efficiency, green buildings, recycling and waste diversion, alternative and clean transportation, electric vehicle infrastructure, local food production and more livable and vibrant neighborhoods.

Programs: Houston Green Office Challenge (HGOC) and Energy Efficiency Incentive

Program: Better Buildings Challenge; Residential Energy Efficiency Program (REEP); SunShot Rooftop Solar Challenge and other renewable energy initiatives; Houston Bike Share (B-Cycle) and other bike initiatives and policies; Houston Drives Electric; City Gardens and Farmers Market initiative; Urban Grows; Go Healthy Houston; and the Carbon Disclosure Project.

Volunteer Opportunities: Lisa Lin: lisa.lin@houstontx.gov

Publications: GreenHoustonTx website and HGOC newsletter

Social Media:

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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.

Major Events: “4 the Park” Fun Run, Golf Tournament, Green Gala.

Volunteer Opportunities: Corporate, school group and individuals; ongoing Bridge Club, trail maintenance, conservation and administrative.

Speakers Bureau: Yes.

Publications: *Happenings in the Park.*

Mercer Botanic Gardens

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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. These 325 acres of East Texas Piney Woods showcase the region’s largest collection of native and cultivated plants.

Programs: Offered throughout the year and focus on gardening and plant related topics Eagle Scout project site. Guided Scavenger Hunts for students.

Major Events: Lunch Bunch Wednesday Talks: Join fellow gardeners the 2nd Wednesday of each month to hear expert speakers give talks on a variety of topics. Lunch is provided for a fee; March Mart Plant Sale: 4th Friday and Saturday in March. Garden Party and Auction: 1st Saturday in May. Summer Symposium: Renowned speakers enlighten attendees on how to create their own backyard paradise. Register early!; Garden Faire: Two full days of fall festival events with vendors. Food vendors and ‘Kid’s Korner’ activities; Garden Tours: Check the web for info on Coach Tours to Gardens throughout Texas.

Volunteer Opportunities: Expand your horticulture knowledge and make new friends while volunteering in the Gardens and the greenhouse. Other volunteer opportunities include working with children and guiding tours.

National Parks Conservation Association, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter

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Purpose: The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) is an independent, nonpartisan voice working to address major threats facing the National Park System. NPCA was established in 1919, just three years after the National Park Service. Stephen Mather, the first director of the Park Service, was one of our founders. He felt very strongly that the national parks would need an independent voice—outside the political system—to ensure these places remained unimpaired for future generations.

Programs: Locally, the NPCA is working to develop the proposed Lone Star Coastal National Recreation Area. The Lone Star Coastal National Recreation Area would include sites spanning four coastal counties: Matagorda, Brazoria, Galveston, and Chambers. This region boasts natural areas, outdoor recreation opportunities, and historical sites. The proposed area would be built around a core of existing sites through coordinated management by public, private, and nonprofit landowners. A National Recreation Area for the Upper Texas Coast would include only those public and private land owners who voluntarily chose to participate.

Volunteer Opportunities & Speakers Bureau: Contact Victoria Herrin

Native Plant Society of Texas: Houston Chapter

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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.

Meetings: 7:00 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m., the 3rd Thurs. of each month, Nov. Social & Seed & Plant Swap, 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: The Wildscapes Workshop is our largest annual event, usually held in September, and is open to anyone interested in learning. The program includes lectures, workshops, field trips, a native plant sale, and vendor and educational exhibits. Check our website for more details.

Volunteer Opportunities: Native Plant rescues, invasive plant removal, Native Plant Demonstration Garden workdays (monthly), school wildlife habitat programs, cooperative efforts with other non-profits and government entities. Display Booth.

Speakers Bureau: Contact Linda Knowles.

Publications: Quarterly State newsletter; local quarterly newsletter.

Native Prairies Association of Texas

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Purpose: The Native Prairies Association of Texas (NPAT) is a non-profit membership organization and land trust dedicated to the conservation, restoration, and appreciation of native prairies, savannas, and other grasslands in Texas. NPAT protects over 2000 acres of native Texas grassland, including over 100 acres of endangered/threatened tall grass prairie. In 2010, NPAT started its first local chapter in Houston to allow members in the metro area to meet and discuss local and regional projects and raise awareness for the organization in the Texas Gulf Coast region.

Programs: Presentations for landowners about land conservation methods in Texas; Educational presentations and field trips designed for children and adults; land restoration education and support; development of regional land restoration guides; performed a 95 county survey locating remnant native prairies in Texas.

Publications: Quarterly newsletter, *Texas Prairie News*; periodic e-mail updates. Back issues are available at www.texasprairie.org.

Meeting Times: 4th Wednesday of each month except November and December; Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074.

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Purpose: The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and water on which all life depends. With operations in all 50 states and 35 countries, and a staff of 3700 including 600 scientists, we are the world's largest non-profit conservation organization. Since 1964, TNC in Texas has been protecting our state's natural landscapes. In Texas, TNC owns 38 preserves and conservation properties and has protected almost 880,000 acres, including 250,000 acres of coastal land alone.

Publications: Electronic state newsletter, bimonthly national magazine.

Major Event: Annual gala.

Speakers Bureau & Children's Activities:
Call the Houston office.

Volunteer Opportunities: TNC has several preserves within an hour of Houston. These preserves have ongoing needs for habitat management, trail maintenance, light carpentry, cleanups, etc. Many activities are appropriate for families and groups. Indoor tasks might include organizing, painting, and clerical work. In the Houston office, volunteers help with special events, fundraising, outreach, marine science research, and clerical tasks.

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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; in-class, hands-on Science on the Go! Lesson for 3rd-5th graders; 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 7 p.m. Children's Activities: Discovery Rooms, Nature Story Time, pre-school and elementary classes & camps, Scout programs, birthday party programs.

Major Events: Home Tour/Spring Fling (Spring), Earth Day (Apr), Pumpkin Patch (Oct); Twilight in the Park (Nov.); Holiday Market (Dec).

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

Speakers Bureau: Yes.

Outdoor Nature Club

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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 Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Sept.- May at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet.

Groups:
Botany/Entomology has the materials and expertise to share the wonders of plants and insects. Group members study native plants and insects of east Texas and the upper Texas coast.

ONC/Ornithology Group members are interested in birds. Some members focus on bird identification and listing, some enjoy studying bird behavior and habitat, some just enjoy watching birds.

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.

Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast

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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. HIV education and medical services: affordable, preventive reproductive health services provided at 10 health centers in Houston and SE Texas; call (800) 230-PLAN or visit www.ppgulfoast.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@ppgulfoast.org.

Speakers Bureau: (713) 522-6240 or www.ppgulfoast.org.

Publications: E-newsletter.

Preservation 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.

Formerly Greater Houston Preservation Alliance.

The Progressive Forum Archive

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Purpose: 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 speaker series ran from 2005 to 2014.

The website is being maintained as an archive of the series. Pages for each of the speakers are available and provide engaging videos, news updates, and suggested reading lists for students and seekers from some of today's greatest minds.

Programs: Environmentally related speakers have included Lester Brown, Richard Dawkins, Jared Diamond, Sylvia Earle, Tim Flannery, Jane Goodall, Al Gore, James Hansen, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Richard Leaky, Bill McKibben, Nancy Pelosi, T. Boone Pickens, Michael Pollan, Robert Redford, Eric Schlosser, Alice Waters, and Edward O. Wilson.

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Purpose: Recipe for Success Foundation was launched in 2005 by Gracie & Bob Cavnar to lead the way in hands-on nutrition education aimed at preventing childhood obesity and encouraging long term health. In just a few years, it has grown to the largest outreach of its kind in the nation, empowering over 4,000 children each and every month with its signature Seed-to-Plate Nutrition Education™ and other initiatives to change the way they understand, appreciate and eat their food.

Major Events: Dress for Dinner, We're Cooking Now! A Gala in Small Bites
Blue Plate Special Cafe Harvest Market & Awards Lunch, Open Kitchens Tour.

Volunteer Opportunities: RFS has dozens of opportunities for you to lend a hand in our fight against childhood obesity whether you have an hour, a day or want to perform a regular job. Register online.

Publications: Website and newsletter.

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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.

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Networking Guild - "Friends of the Preserve"
Site partner GCBO

Purpose: A volunteer membership service organization dedicated to creating land trusts of scenic habitat conservation preserves currently at 6,000 acres. Includes permanent protection and restoration of the 1,058-acre John M. O'Quinn I-45 Scenic Estuarial Corridor, the natural marsh gateway to Galveston; the contiguous 1,840 acres of native coastal prairie and wetland habitat on the Virginia Point Peninsula Preserve, and 3,000+ acres as stewards of conservation easement prairies/wetlands on north West Galveston Bay. SG provides archeological protection of National Register Pending 1860 Fort Hebert, the naval origination of the "Battle of Galveston" and 6 other important historical sites on VPPP.

Major Events/Volunteer Opportunities: Partnership cleaning events, April and September, with GLO in Adopt-A-Beach/Estuary and Rivers, Bays N' Bayous March Trash Bash, along with volunteer day maintenance, coastal erosion projects, prairie and Galveston Bay shoreline plantings, controlled burns, herbiciding, oyster work, participating in bird surveys, including Great Texas Bird Classic, Christmas Bird Count, with other outings and registration at Reitan Point in the preserve.

Birders, fishers, paddlers, kayakers, researchers, and other visitors are welcome every day for non-intrusive public uses. Vehicles, hunting, dumping and fireworks are not permitted.

SCENIC HOUSTON

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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.

The Shell Center for Sustainability at Rice University

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Purpose: The Shell Center for Sustainability's mission is to foster an interdisciplinary program of research, outreach, and education to address actions that can be taken to ensure the sustainable development of communities' living standards, interpreted broadly, to encompass all factors affecting the overall quality of life. In our Vision for 2015, the Shell Center for Sustainability is the regional expert in Gulf Coast sustainable development by fostering academic research, outreach and education initiatives in interdisciplinary partnerships and through collaborations that extend outreach from the Florida Keys to the Yucatan Peninsula with strong focus in the Houston and Galveston Region.

Programs: The Center supports faculty research on critical matters such as understanding ozone formation; the impact of invasive species on biodiversity. We foster awareness of sustainability issues among our students by providing unusual opportunities to learn about how diverse elements of society may contribute to the sustainability of our planet.

Events: Land Use Conference, Research, Outreach, Presentations, Reports and Publications.

Publications: Annual Report, Quality of Life Atlas, both published yearly.

Speakers: Yes - Video presentations available online.

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 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 West Alabama at Woodhead. OPEN TO PUBLIC.

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

Recreational Outings: Open to members and non-members. See listing on website.

Children's Activities: Inner City Outings program. Contact Lorraine Gibson at 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.

Publications: *Bayou Banner*, monthly (call for free copy or print PDF version from website).

SPARK School Park Program

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Purpose: The SPARK School Program works with schools and neighborhoods to develop community parks on public school grounds. In the past 30 years, SPARK has built over 200+ community parks throughout the Houston/Harris County area. Each park is unique, with its design based on ideas and needs of the school and surrounding neighborhoods. While all of the parks are different, a typical park consists of modular playground equipment, a walking trail, benches, picnic tables, trees, an outdoor classroom, and a public art component. SPARK Parks are available for public use during non-school hours and on weekends.

Programs: SPARK has built 200+ community parks in twelve different school districts throughout the Houston area. Each park is designed based on ideas and needs of the school and surrounding neighborhoods. While all of the parks are different, a typical park consists of modular playground equipment, a walking trail, benches, picnic tables, trees, an outdoor classroom, and a public art component.

Publications: SPARK Art calendar

Student Conservation Association

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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: A year-round volunteer program and a paid summer job opportunity for high school students, each featuring hands-on outdoor service learning, camping and outdoor recreation. Additional paid and volunteer programs all over the country for students and adults.

Major Events: Martin Luther King Day and Earth Day.

Volunteer Opportunities: SCA offers local and national, paid and volunteer opportunities for ages 15 and up, in over 50 disciplines. These include paid Summer Community Crews, volunteer School Year Crews, Conservation and Education Corps and Internships all over the country. See our website for more details or contact Julie Mintzer.

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Purpose: To preserve and protect the Texas coast and its recreational resources. To defend the Texas Open Beaches Act. 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.

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month in Houston.

Programs: Respect the Beach - education program for schools; Blue Water Task Force - beach water testing; Rise Above Plastics - reduce plastic pollution; Ocean Friendly Gardens - reduce urban runoff.

Children's Activities: Science and education projects, beach activities, surf lessons.

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

Publications: "Making Waves" - national publication (monthly publication also available on the web) Beachapedia - internet resource beachapedia.org/Main_P

Texans for Clean Water

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Purpose: Texans for Clean Water is a coalition of business leaders and citizens who are committed to protecting the waterways. Through education, prevention and collaboration, we can eliminate floatable litter: including drink containers, polystyrene to-go containers and plastic bags, from Texas waterways. In doing so, we will generate economic prosperity and improve water quality for all Texans and Texas wildlife.

Programs: Speakers are available to talk about strategies to improve water quality by reducing, discarding, and appropriate alternatives to: plastic bags, polystyrene to go containers, and other AWAY FROM HOME packaging. Texans for Clean water also works to support municipal and statewide legislation to prevent land based litter from becoming marine debris.

Speakers: Contact
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Volunteers Opportunities: Needs ebb and flow. If you would like to be put on a list to be contacted as volunteer needs arise, please email patsytbb@gmail.com

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Purpose: Our organization specializes in civic engagement of historically disengaged citizens and under served communities. Texans Together works alongside residents all over the Greater Houston Area to help them develop essential civic skills, learn the value of organizing in their communities, and promote civic engagement in their communities. We believe that people become civically engaged to improve their communities and lives when they work to address issues that are personally important to them, learn concrete skills that allow them to address these issues, and see measurable results from their efforts.

Programs: Empowering Houston Leaders, Apartments Are Communities, and San Jacinto River Coalition

Volunteer Opportunities: Apply online

Speakers Bureau: Not applicable.

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 3rd Thursday at Brady's Landing.

Programs: Chuck Glore Memorial Scholarship program. In 2011, TAEP awarded a total of \$10,000 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 (Oct); Winter Holiday Social; Annual Regulatory Update (Jul.).

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; and works toward recycling for all Houstonians.

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Call Melanie Scruggs.

Publications: Annual report and regular email action alerts to TCE members. Visit the website 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 Coastal Watershed Program

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Purpose: To provide education and outreach to local governments and citizens on the impacts of land use on watershed health and water quality.

Major Events: Workshops, Seminars, Conferences, Courses and Classes.

Volunteer Opportunities: Restoration Projects, Conservation Projects, Landscape Installation Projects and Wetland Workdays.

Publications:

Can Houston Feed Itself?
Stormwater Wetlands
Is Denser Greener?
The Resilient Coast
Urban Parks
Choices for Growth
Texas Coastal Wetland Guidebook
5 Tips for Organic Lawn Care
WaterSmart Landscaping
Living Shorelines

Texas League of Conservation Voters Educational Fund

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Purpose: The Texas League of Conservation Voters Educational Fund is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that educates Texans on and advocates for clean air, clean water, renewable energy and the protection of parks, open spaces, and wildlife habitat. The Texas League of Conservation Voters Educational Fund also works to empower the citizens of Texas to become civically engaged and have a voice in how the decisions on environmental policy which affect their lives are made.

Programs:

- Non-Partisan Voter Participation: The Texas League of Conservation Voters Educational Fund works independently and in strategic partnership with civic organizations to register voters in Texas in areas with low voter registration numbers.
- Hispanic Engagement: The Texas League of Conservation Voters Educational Fund is committed to engaging Hispanics in Texas on issues of conservation.
- Conservation Ballot Measures: TLCV-EF supports citizen referendum involving public spaces, parks, and public transportation.
- SOAH Sunset Review: The Texas League of Conservation Voters Educational Fund together with the Alliance for a Clean Texas (ACT) will be engaging in 2014 and 2015 in a statewide educational campaign around Sunset review of the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

Texas Master Naturalists Heartwood Chapter

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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, contact Teri MacArthur.

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Purpose: The Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs has a reputation as a comprehensive center for sound academic research. Scholars focus on a broad range of topics, including voting behavior, American foreign policy and international relations, political communication, criminal justice attitudes and behavior, police violence, environmental justice, race and crime, race and governance, policy studies, leadership, E-government, homeland security, urban transportation, housing and community development, Diaspora studies, environmental planning, economic development and the fiscal responsibility of urban governments. Check online for information about degrees offered at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Programs: Research, Policy Advocacy, Campus Sustainability Initiatives, Educational Seminars, Lectures, and Workshops

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer and student internships; study abroad

Texas Wildlife Association

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Purpose: Serving Texas wildlife and its habitat, while protecting property rights, hunting heritage, and the conservation efforts of those who value and steward wildlife resources.

History: The Texas Wildlife Association was formed in 1985 by a group of ranchers, wildlife managers and hunters dedicated to the conservation, management, and enhancement of wildlife and wildlife habitat on private lands. Texas is 95 percent private land, and over two-thirds of the United States is privately owned. Texas hunters, anglers, wildlife watchers and conservationists recognized the necessity of working cooperatively with private landowners on wildlife, habitat and conservation issues.

Programs: Conservation Legacy (Youth and Adult Education), Hunting Heritage (Texas Youth Hunting Program and Texas Big Game Awards), and Issues and Advocacy.

Publications: Texas Wildlife magazine, Critter Connections magazine, Critters of Texas Pocket Guides

Education Programs: Conservation Legacy Programs empower and educate Texans with knowledge of fundamental, science-based ecological principles, foster a connection to the land, and facilitate natural resources literacy by creating tangible relationships with the outdoors through our Learning Across New Dimensions in Science (L.A.N.D.S.) Youth

Stewardship Initiative. All programs are TEKS-aligned, inquiry-based, and interactive. The majority of programs are offered at no cost to educators across the state. Please visit www.texas-wildlife.org/program-areas/category/conservation-legacy/ for more information about additional programs.

Transition Houston

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Purpose: Transition Houston is responding to the threats of peak oil, climate change, and economic crises by promoting the development of community resilience (the ability to bounce back from shocks). We encourage a positive response to these challenges, in the belief that a more resilient community is also a happier community: connected, creative, and focused on things that really matter.

About Us: We are an official Transition Initiative of the burgeoning Transition movement, #40 of the 100+ official Transition Initiatives in the U.S. The movement has spread world-wide with hundreds of initiatives in the few short years since the first Transition Town began in 2005. Transition Houston is a hub for the Houston region, providing support and connection to a number of local initiatives.

Volunteer Opportunities: We frequently have hands-on projects to create practical manifestations of resiliency, such as Permablitzes, where a yard is transformed using Permaculture principles into a food garden with other elements of self-sufficiency.

Meetings: Transition Houston usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Please check our websites to confirm the meeting date, time and location.

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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). Tribute Trees and Tree Giveaways.

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*; *Root Ball 2013: Club Coco - March 21, 2013*, and the Website, www.treesforhouston.org.

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Envision Central Texas
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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: Conservation Vision (“Greenprints”); Conservation Finance (public funding); Conservation Transactions (easement and fee acquisitions); Texas Water Protection and Parks Initiative; ParkScore; Parks for People. TPL is active in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston/Galveston and Austin/San Antonio regions.

Major Events: Earth Day Dallas.

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

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Houston, TX 77043
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Purpose: TWRC is a wildlife emergency, rehabilitative care and education facility operated by volunteers and part-time staff. We are open to the public 7 days a week to accept injured, orphaned, or ill wildlife for care.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers 15 or older are needed to assist with the daily operations of the Center. Duties include: answering the hotline, caring for the education animals, helping with admissions (for 18 and older), office chores, data entry, and general Center maintenance. Baby Bird Program operates from May through August. Squirrel Program operates February through April and August through October. See website for age requirements and details.

Education Center: Our summer Wildlife Camps and Saturday Workshops for children (7-15 years) focus on wildlife through games, activities, service projects, interactive learning experiences, and hands-on with animals. Programs include Fur, Feathers & Scales, Team Green, The Babble on Birds, and The Rattle on Reptiles. A Day in Harmony with Wildlife, festivals, school visits, scout programs and other community outreach programs spread wildlife awareness.

University of Houston: Office of Sustainability

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www.uh.edu/sustainability

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Purpose: The University of Houston Office of Sustainability serves as the hub for campus sustainability efforts. Engaging the campus and community, the office fosters collaboration and educates individuals about social, economic and environmental factors that impact today’s society and generations to come. On-campus sustainability initiatives include academic programs and research, educational events, the campus community garden, single-stream recycling, water bottle refill stations, renewable energy use, sustainable transportation, green building and more.

Programs: Sustainability Task Force, Sustainability Meetups, Student Sustainability Team and Campus Community Garden

Events: Cleanup Day, Sustainability Fest, Bike to UH Day, Electronics Recycling Drive, RecycleMania and Earth Week,
Volunteer opportunities: Gardening, Campus and community events, Cleanup events

Publications: Blog: uhsustain.wordpress.com, The Sustainable Coog Newsletter: www.uh.edu/sustainablecoog,

Follow on Facebook and Twitter: @UHSustain

Urban Harvest

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www.urbanharvest.org

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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; Farmers’ Markets; School and Youth Gardening Program; Community Gardens Program.

Urban Harvest has several markets throughout the week and on weekends. Please check our website for more information.

Major Events: Harvest Celebration, Fruit Tree Sale.

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

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

U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter - Texas Gulf Coast Region

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Houston, TX 77042
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Purpose: Founded in 2003, the USGBC-Texas Gulf Coast Chapter is uniquely positioned to leverage green building industry knowledge with community needs related to the built environment. The chapter connects the built environment to community life indicators and offers the LEED Rating System as a measurement tool to vet whether or not a building is operating at high performance.

Programs: Tours, workshops, educational sessions for continuing education, green building lessons, and professional growth and workforce development. Symposia, training sessions, and community awareness activities.

Major Events: Energy Summit, Educational symposia, networking events, and awards programs.

Volunteer Opportunities: Representing almost 1000 individuals, more than 2000 LEED APs, and more than 200 companies, the Texas Gulf Coast Region is based in Houston with a branch in Montgomery County (Piney Woods). The region has many volunteer opportunities - visit the website for details.

Vegan for Life

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Houston, TX 77035
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www.vegan-for-life.org

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Purpose: Vegan for Life's mission is to educate the public about the benefits of a plant-based diet, including the prevention of unnecessary killing and mistreatment of animals, protection of the environment, and good health. We aim to increase recognition of veganism as an effective approach that individuals can take to help save the planet and spread compassion. Some measures of success are the number of people who choose to be vegan, and the accommodation of vegans in restaurants, stores, and other institutions. In addition to our outreach and educational efforts, we selectively conduct lawful actions towards preventing practices that harm non-human animals.

Events and Actions: Outreach campaigns; helping students form new vegan organizations; Guided discussions, presentations, and guest speaker engagements; activist training and educational programs; community building

Volunteer Opportunities: We need vegan interns or volunteers to maintain our documentation and web presence, assist in event preparation, and handle such communication tasks as invitations and follow-up phone calls. Any creative vegan with dedication and professionalism can have opportunities to turn good ideas into effective actions.

White Oak Bayou Association

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Doug Shannon, Secretary

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 1986.

Meetings: Monthly: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. except November; Annual: November (Location, date, and time to be announced); Please confirm meeting location, date, and time by calling (713)864-3008)

Programs: Field trips, tree planting, bikeway, stormwater quality and environmental advocacy, participation in Harris County Flood Control District stakeholder committees, coordination with City of Houston Floodplain Management office, and education. Coordination with Bayou Preservation Association – www.bayoupreservation.org.

Publications: Website

Wildlife Center of Texas

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Houston, TX 77024
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www.WildlifeCenterofTexas.org

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Purpose: WCT was formed to meet the increasing need for wildlife assistance in the Greater Houston / Upper Gulf Coast region. Each year the WCT cares for over 10,000 thousand injured or orphaned wild animals including over 300 different species. The WCT 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 volunteer@wildlifecenteroftexas.org. 9-6 M-F; 9-4 S & S Mar-Aug; 9-4 daily Sept-Feb

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 the spring. Annual Open House in the fall.

Publications: On-line newsletter.

Speakers Bureau: Trained speakers are available on the following topics: peaceful coexistence; 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.

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Purpose: Founded in 2001, the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) partners with the Harris County Flood Control District and the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department to enhance the 280 acre Willow Waterhole Park as a native plant and wildlife area and a passive recreational greenspace.

Programs: Music in Park performances, Movies in Park screenings, monthly bird surveys by Houston Audubon Society, conservation work days, and free environmental education series for kids and families.

Meetings: Monthly

Major Events: April Music Fest. Bird Survey: 3rd Saturday of each month, Conservation volunteer work days: 2nd Saturday of each month beginning in the fall, and Education Series: 4th Saturday of each month starting in Sept. Cross Country Meets & Fun Runs

Volunteer Opportunities: Historian, photographer, trail maintenance, cleanup days, event and festival volunteers, fundraising, guided hikes, children's programs, Scout projects.

Speakers: Available for community and school groups.

Publications: Website, Facebook, and Newsletter

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

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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, 5:30-7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, location specified in website.

Programs: Lecture series on sustainability; A Walk in the Woods; Woodlands Landscaping Solutions; 3R Bazaar; Buy Recycled Boutique; Adopt-a-Path; GREEN Student Ambassadors.

Major Events: Annual Earth Day GREENUP; Texas Recycles Day; Feeding the Dragon Village Challenge; Waterfest.

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.

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Purpose: 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. Goals: • To prepare students for college and beyond by fostering life skills and mindsets through outdoor education; • To provide hands-on science lessons in a natural environment; • To empower students to take advantage of leadership opportunities; • To teach students how to adapt to/accept and engage in foreign environments; and • To give students the opportunity to succeed in new endeavors. Our Mantra: Low Cost, High Impact, Volunteer Driven.

Programs: The Woods Project hosts a two-week summer trip to a national park to learn about environmental issues and leadership. They also host smaller weekend trips. After-School programs are available as well. Contact organization for sign-ups. Speakers from the group can also be booked through the website.

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

Major Events: The Walk For The Woods held each spring.

Member Groups by Category



Air Quality

Air Alliance Houston
 American Institute of Chemical Engineers
 American Lung Association in Texas, Houston
 Center for Houston's Future
 Environment Texas
 Environmental Defense Fund
 HARC
 Houston-Galveston Area Council
 Houston History Archives
 Sierra Club Houston Regional Group
 U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -
 Gulf Coast Region

Animals/Wildlife/Rehabilitation

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Baytown Environmental Education
 Big Thicket Association
 Environment Texas
 Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
 Gulf Restoration Network
 Help Endangered Animals—Ridley Turtles
 Houston Audubon
 Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program
 Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
 Katy Prairie Conservancy
 Native Prairies Association of Texas
 TWRC Wildlife Center
 Wildlife Center of Texas
 Architecture/Community

Development/Urban Issues

American Institute of Architects Houston
 BetterHouston
 Blueprint Houston
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Center for Houston's Future
 Citizens' Transportation Coalition
 Environment Texas
 HARC
 Houston Habitat for Humanity
 Houston History Archives
 Houston Tomorrow
 Houston Parks Board
 Houston Parks and Recreation Department
 Living Paradigm

Rice Design Alliance
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program
 Transition Houston
 U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -
 Gulf Coast Region

Bayous

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Artist Boat
 Bayou Land Conservancy
 Bayou Preservation Association
 Brays Bayou Association
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Center for Houston's Future
 Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
 Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
 Houston-Galveston Area Council
 Houston History Archives
 Houston Parks Board
 Houston Parks and Recreation Department
 Native Prairies Association of Texas
 Sierra Club Houston Regional Group
 Texans for Clean Water
 Texas Coastal Partners
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program
 Trust for Public Land
 White Oak Bayou Association
 Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

Beautification

Bayou Land Conservancy
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
 Houston Community Toolbank
 Houston History Archives
 Keep Houston Beautiful
 Keep Kingwood Green
 Native Prairies Association of Texas
 Scenic Galveston
 Scenic Houston
 Student Conservation Association
 Texans for Clean Water
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program
 U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -

Birding

Baytown Environmental Education
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Houston Audubon
Houston History Archives

Children's Activities

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Artist Boat
Bayou Land Conservancy
Big Thicket Association
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
Center for Recycled Art
Children's Museum of Houston's EcoStation
Hermann Park Conservancy
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Houston Audubon
Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program
 Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
Keep Houston Beautiful
Mercer Botanic Gardens
Native Prairies Association of Texas
Nature Discovery Center
Sierra Club Houston Regional Group
Student Conservation Association
TWRG Wildlife Center
Urban Harvest
Wildlife Center of Texas

Climate

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
Environment Texas
Environmental Defense Fund
Gulf Restoration Network
HARC
Houston Climate Protection Alliance
Houston Renewable Energy Group
Houston Tomorrow
Living Planet Foundation
Sierra Club Houston Regional Group
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Transition Houston
U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -
 Gulf Coast Region

Conservation

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Bayou Land Conservancy
Bayou Preservation Association

Big Thicket Association
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
Cypresswood Water Conservation Garden
Galveston Bay Foundation
Environment Texas
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Hermann Park Conservancy
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Houston Audubon
Houston Habitat for Humanity
Houston History Archives
Houston Parks Board
Houston Parks and Recreation Department
Houston Tomorrow
Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program
 Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
Katy Prairie Conservancy
Living Paradigm
Living Planet Foundation
Memorial Park Conservancy
Mercer Botanic Gardens
Native Plant Society of Texas
Native Prairies Association of Texas
Nature Conservancy of Texas
Nature Discovery Center
Outdoor Nature Club
SCENIC GALVESTON
SCENIC HOUSTON
Sheldon Lake State Park & Environmental
 Learning Center
Sierra Club Houston Regional Group
Student Conservation Association
Surfrider Foundation, Texas Chapter
Texans for Clean Water
Texas Coastal Partners
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Texas Master Naturalists- Heartwood Chapter
Transition Houston
U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -
 Gulf Coast Region
White Oak Bayou Association

Education

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
American Lung Association in Texas, Houston
Artist Boat
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Bayou Land Conservancy

Bayou Preservation Association
Baytown Environmental Education
Big Thicket Association
Brays Bayou Association
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
Center for Houston's Future
Center for Recycled Art
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
Cypresswood Water Conservation Garden
 Council for Environmental Education
Environmental Educators Exchange
Environmental Institute of Houston, UHCL
Environment Texas
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Hermann Park Conservancy
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Houston Audubon
Houston Climate Protection Alliance
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Houston Habitat for Humanity
Houston History Archives
Houston Renewable Energy Group
Houston Tomorrow
Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program
 Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
Living Paradigm
Living Planet Foundation
Mercer Botanic Gardens
Native Prairies Association of Texas
Nature Discovery Center
Progressive Forum Archive
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Inc.
Rice Design Alliance
Sheldon Lake State Park & Environmental
 Learning Center
Student Conservation Association
Techs & Trainers
Texas Campaign for the Environment
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Texas Master Naturalists- Heartwood Chapter
Transition Houston
Trees for Houston
TWRG Wildlife Center
Urban Harvest
U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -
 Gulf Coast Region
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy
The Woods Project, Inc.

Environmental Justice/ Policy

Air Alliance Houston
American Institute of Chemical Engineers
American Lung Association in Texas, Houston
Artist Boat
Bayou Preservation Association
Big Thicket Association
Citizens' Transportation Coalition
Cypress Creek Flood Center Coalition
Environment Texas
Environmental Defense Fund
Galveston Bay Foundation
Galveston Baykeeper
HARC
Houston Climate Protection Alliance
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Houston Peace and Justice Center
Native Prairies Association of Texas
Sierra Club Houston Regional Group
Texas Campaign for the Environment
Texans Together
Trees for Houston
U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -
 Gulf Coast Region

Galveston Bay Issues

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Artist Boat
Baytown Environmental Education
Environment Texas
Environmental Defense Fund
Galveston Bay Foundation
Galveston Baykeeper
Help Endangered Animals – Ridley Turtles
HARC
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Native Prairies Association of Texas
SCENIC GALVESTON
Sierra Club Houston Regional Group
Texans for Clean Water
Texas Coastal Partners
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Trust for Public Land

Global Issues

Artist Boat
Environment Texas
HARC
Houston Climate Protection Alliance

Living Planet Foundation
 Native Prairies Association of Texas
 Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Inc.
 Transition Houston
 U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -
 Gulf Coast Region

Health

Air Alliance Houston
 American Lung Association in Texas, Houston
 Environment Texas
 Houston Tomorrow
 Native Prairies Association of Texas
 Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Inc.
 Trust for Public Land
 Urban Harvest
 U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -
 Gulf Coast Region

Historic Preservation

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 American Institute of Architects Houston
 Hermann Park Conservancy
 Houston Community Toolbank
 Houston History Archives
 Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
 Native Prairies Association of Texas
 SCENIC GALVESTON
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program
 Trust for Public Land
 U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -
 Gulf Coast Region

Organic Food/Plants/Gardening

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Artist Boat
 Blackwood Land Institute
 Central City Co-op
 Houston Community Toolbank
 Houston History Archives
 Houston Tomorrow
 Houston Urban Gardeners
 Mercer Botanic Gardens
 Native Plant Society of Texas
 Outdoor Nature Club
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program
 Transition Houston
 Urban Harvest

Parks and Nature Centers

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Bayou Land Conservancy
 Baytown Environmental Education
 Big Thicket Association
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Center for Houston's Future
 Environment Texas
 Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
 Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
 Houston-Galveston Area Council
 Houston History Archives
 Houston Parks Board
 Houston Parks & Recreation Department
 Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program
 Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center
 Memorial Park Conservancy
 Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
 Native Prairies Association of Texas
 Nature Discovery Center
 Sheldon Lake State Park & Environmental
 Learning Center
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program
 Trust for Public Land
 Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

Professional Societies/ Industry Groups

American Institute of Architects Houston
 American Institute of Chemical Engineers
 Energy Corridor District
 Environmental Educators Exchange
 Executive Service Corps of Houston
 Texas Association of Environmental
 Professionals

Recreation/Sports

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Artist Boat
 Big Thicket Association
 Blackwood Land Institute
 Center for Houston's Future
 Galveston Bay Foundation
 Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
 Hermann Park Conservancy
 Houston Audubon
 Houston Canoe Club
 Houston-Galveston Area Council
 Houston Parks & Recreation Department
 Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program

Memorial Park Conservancy
 Outdoor Nature Club
 Sheldon Lake State Park & Environmental
 Learning Center
 Sierra Club Houston Regional Group
 Trust for Public Land

Recycling/Trash

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Center for Houston's Future
 Center for Recycled Art
 Environment Texas
 Galveston Bay Foundation
 Houston-Galveston Area Council
 Houston Habitat for Humanity
 Keep Houston Beautiful
 Keep Kingwood Green
 Keep Pearland Beautiful
 Living Paradigm
 Living Planet Foundation
 Pleasantville Environmental Coalition
 SCENIC GALVESTON
 Sierra Club Houston Regional Group
 Urban Harvest
 Texans for Clean Water Texas Campaign for the
 Environment
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program
 U.S. Green Building Council Texas Chapter -
 Gulf Coast Region
 Woodlands GREEN

Transportation

Air Alliance Houston
 American Institute of Architects Houston
 Citizens' Transportation Coalition
 Environment Texas
 HARC
 Houston Canoe Club
 Houston-Galveston Area Council
 Houston History Archives
 Houston Tomorrow
 Sierra Club Houston Regional Group
 Transition Houston

Water Quality

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
 Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Artist Boat
 Bayou Land Conservancy

Bayou Preservation Association
 Big Thicket Association
 Center for Houston's Future
 Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
 Cypresswood Water Conservation Garden
 Environment Texas
 Gulf Restoration Network
 HARC
 Living Planet Foundation
 Native Prairies Association of Texas
 Texans for Clean Water
 Trust for Public Land

Member Groups by Teacher Resource



Field Trips

April and May tend to be high-season for the best field trips around, so reserve your spot early!

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Artist Boat
 Bayou Land Conservancy
 Baytown Environmental Education
 Big Thicket Association
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 City of Houston Green Building Resource Center
 Council for Environmental Education
 Endangered Species Media Project
 Friends of Mandell Park
 Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
 Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
 Houston Audubon
 Houston Canoe Club
 Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program
 Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
 Keep Houston Beautiful
 Memorial Park Conservancy
 Mercer Botanic Gardens
 Native Plant Society of Texas: Houston Chapter
 Native Prairies Association of Texas
 Nature Discovery Center
 Outdoor Nature Club
 Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center
 Texas Master Naturalists Heartwood Chapter
 The Children's Museum of Houston's EcoStation
 The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N.
 TWRC Wildlife Center
 White Oak Bayou Association
 Wildlife Center of Texas

In-School Programs

Many organizations will come to the school and do programs for students, afterschool programs, or families. Most are aligned with state standards, and some can be customized. These often have pre-and post-visit lesson plans and assessments. Some can be paired with other programs such as trunks, field trips, or visits.

Air Alliance Houston
 Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Artist Boat
 Bayou Land Conservancy
 Bayou Preservation Association, Inc.
 Baytown Environmental Education
 Brays Bayou Association
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Center for Recycled Art
 City of Houston Green Building Resource Center
 Coastal Prairie Partnership
 Council for Environmental Education
 Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
 Endangered Species Media Project
 Exploration Green Conservancy
 Galveston Bay Foundation
 Galveston Baykeeper
 Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
 Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
 Help Endangered Animals - Ridley Turtles (HEART)
 Houston Audubon
 Houston Climate Protection Alliance
 Houston Habitat for Humanity
 Houston Parks and Recreation Department
 Houston Renewable Energy Group (HREG)
 Houston Wilderness
 Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program
 Katy Prairie Conservancy
 Keep Kingwood Green
 Keep Pearland Beautiful
 Living Paradigm CDC
 Native Plant Society of Texas: Houston Chapter
 Native Prairies Association of Texas
 Nature Discovery Center
 Outdoor Nature Club
 Recipe 4 Success
 Texas Master Naturalists Heartwood Chapter
 Texas Wildlife Association
 The Children's Museum of Houston's EcoStation
 Trees For Houston
 TWRC Wildlife Center
 Urban Harvest
 Wildlife Center of Texas

Curriculum

If you are looking for lesson plans, handouts, and evaluation tools—including curriculum aligned to Texas standards—please contact these organizations.

Air Alliance Houston
Artist Boat
Environmental Educators Exchange
Environmental Institute of Houston, EIH UHCL
Houston Audubon
Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program
Keep Houston Beautiful
The Children’s Museum of Houston’s EcoStation
Texas Wildlife Association
Urban Harvest

Teacher Training

These organizations provide training for teachers. Many trainings meet continuing education requirements for State Board of Education.

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Center for Recycled Art
Environmental Educators Exchange
Environmental Institute of Houston, EIH UHCL
Houston Renewable Energy Group (HREG)
Houston Wilderness
Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program
Programs in Spanish
Environmental Educators Exchange
Keep Kingwood Green

Education Trunks

Did you know that you can rent or borrow a ‘trunk’ filled with displays, curriculum, books, manipulatives, worksheets, and posters on topics such as bats, birds, and water conservation? Some contain consumable materials (not edible) for experiments. Many contain helpful/optional lesson plans, some of which are linked to state learning objectives.

Air Alliance Houston
Artist Boat
Galveston Bay Foundation
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Keep Houston Beautiful
Texas Wildlife Association
Trees for Houston

Urban Harvest

Citizen Science Opportunities

These organizations provide opportunities to participate in research, which might range from international, crowd-sourcing projects to support and ideas for individual science fair projects.

Air Alliance Houston
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Bayou Preservation Association, Inc.
Big Thicket Association
Blackwood Land Institute
Coastal Prairie Partnership
Council for Environmental Education
Endangered Species Media Project
Exploration Green Conservancy
Galveston Bay Foundation
Houston Audubon
Houston Parks and Recreation Department
Houston Renewable Energy Group (HREG)
Houston Wilderness
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
Katy Prairie Conservancy
Mercer Botanic Gardens
Native Plant Society of Texas: Houston Chapter
Nature Discovery Center
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast
Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center
Student Conservation Association
Texas Association of Environmental Professionals
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Texas Wildlife Association

Service Learning Opportunities

Learn and work at the same time! These organizations offer volunteer opportunities for student groups and individuals.

Bike Houston
Student Conservation Association

Activities for Children

These organizations have programs developed just for kids—outside of school.

Air Alliance Houston
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Artist Boat
Bayou Preservation Association, Inc.

Boy Scout Programs

Artist Boat
Baytown Environmental Education
City of Houston Green Building Resource Center
Cypresswood Water Conservation Garden
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Houston Audubon
Mercer Botanic Gardens
Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
TWRC Wildlife Center
Wildlife Center of Texas
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Inc.

Girl Scout Programs

Artist Boat
Baytown Environmental Education
City of Houston Green Building Resource Center
Cypresswood Water Conservation Garden
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Houston Audubon
Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
TWRC Wildlife Center
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Inc.

If you know of additional resources which could be included in this section, please email info@cechouston.org or call (713) 524-4232.

Baytown Environmental Education
Big Thicket Association
Blackwood Land Institute
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
Friends of Mandell Park
Friends of the National Forest & Grasslands of Texas
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Houston Audubon
Houston Parks & Recreation Department
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
Keep Pearland Beautiful
Mercer Botanic Gardens
Recipe for Success
Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center
Student Conservation Association
Surfrider Foundation, Texas Upper Coast Chapter
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Texas Wildlife Association
The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N.
The Woods Project, Inc.
Trees For Houston
TWRC Wildlife Center
Urban Harvest
White Oak Bayou Association
Wildlife Center of Texas
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Inc.

Camps—Summer and School Breaks

These camps range from one-day to multiple week programs.

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Baytown Environmental Education
Blackwood Educational Land Institute
Children’s Museum of Houston’s EcoStation
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Houston Parks & Recreation Department
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
Katy Prairie Conservancy
Mercer Botanic Gardens
Student Conservation Association



Other Environmental Groups in the Region

The following groups work on environmental issues in the Houston region, but are not members of the CEC.

Alliance for Climate Education
 American Planning Association
 American Shores and Beaches Preservation Association
 American Society of Civil Engineers
 American Society of Landscape Architects
 Animal Farm
 Bridges to Sustainability
 BuildClean.org
 Butterfly Enthusiast of Southeast Texas
 Clean the World Foundation
 Climate Change National Forum and Review, Inc.
 Cockrell Butterfly Center, Houston Museum of Natural Science
 Discovery Green Conservancy
 Electric Auto Association
 Engineers Without Borders
 Environmental Working Group
 Fort Bend Green
 Furniture Bank of Houston
 Galveston Bay Conservation and Preservation Alliance
 Greater Houston Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance
 Green Door
 Green Missouri City
 Gulf Coast Council for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
 Gulf Coast Turtle and Tortoise Society
 Hive Houston
 Houston B-Cycle
 Houston Green Chamber of Commerce
 Huntsville Audubon
 International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives
 Lunar Solar Power Group
 Moody Gardens
 National Wildlife Federation
 Nature Heritage Society
 Net Impact
 Northwest Clean Community Alliance
 Ocean Conservancy

Pachamama Alliance
 Piney Woods Wildlife Society
 Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Service (T.E.J.A.S.)
 Texas Diaper Free
 Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network
 Texas Sea Life
 The PEW Charitable Trusts
 Tortuga Haven
 University of Houston/Downtown - Environmental Club
 Waterborne Education Center
 We CAN Recycle
 The Wind Alliance
 World Affairs Council of Houston

To be included in this list, please contact info@cechouston.org.

Additional Environmental Resources for Educators



Acorn Naturalist

www.acornnaturalists.com
 customerservice@acornnaturalists.com
 (800) 422-8886

Acorn Naturalists is a science and environmental education supply company, directed today by the same educators who founded the company a quarter century ago.

For sale on their website are kits, games, activity books, curricula, field guides, water quality monitoring equipment, DVDs, nets, test kits, field equipment and many other resources for science and outdoor education.

CenterPoint Energy

www.centerpointenergy.com
 (713) 207-1111

CenterPoint Energy provides Energy Wise kits that contain information about responsible energy use and conservation. The kits are available to teachers and their students in CenterPoint Energy service areas.

Connect2Texas

www.connect2texas.net
 (214) 573-5000

Connect2Texas is a network of Texas-based educational content providers including museums, cultural, historical, and scientific organizations, and authors. These providers utilize interactive video-conferencing to connect to schools and deliver live educational programs and professional development to school children and educators around Texas and across the country. Houston Zoo, Texas Wildlife Association, and McDonald Observatory are a few groups that are available on Connect2Texas.

Harris County Precinct 1

2301 W. NASA Boulevard
 Webster, Texas 77598

(281) 332-5157
 Traveling Naturalist Program includes 45 minute presentations on environmental topics and allows students to have hands on experience that lines up with class curriculum,

Harris-Galveston Subsidence District

1660 W. Bay Area Blvd.
 Friendswood, TX 77058
 (281) 486-1105
 www.hgsubsidence.org/

“Get Wise” educational kit for teachers and students is free. Kit contains information regarding water conservation and :

- Duration estimates for lessons
- Vocabulary lessons
- Objectives for each lesson
- Suggested classroom activities
- Supplemental activities in English and Spanish

Houston Geological Society

14811 St. Marys Lane
 Suite 250
 Houston, TX 77079
 (713) 463-9476
 www.hgs.org/

Sets of rocks, minerals, and fossils available for use to illustrate lectures, talks, and school projects. Individuals participating in such activities can sign-out and pick up the sets at the HG&MS clubhouse, use them at the school, and leave them with the school when the lecture or project is complete.

WaterWorks Education Center

City of Houston Public Works & Engineering
 12121 North Sam Houston Pkwy E, Humble, TX 77396
 (832) 395-3791
 www.houstonwaterworks.org/

Field trips are free with reservation. Tours are available for Kindergarten through 12th grade

classes, home school groups and adult groups. Summer camps, after-school programs, scouting groups and others are also welcome.

The science-based programs help your students achieve Texas Education Agency science requirements, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). All hands-on activities are aligned to the Texas Education Agency's TEKS.

Informal Science Education Association of Texas

www.texasinformalscience.org

A network of professionals at zoos, aquaria, nature centers, and educators working to strengthen the community of informal educators in the teaching of science and mathematics.

LaMotte

802 Washington Avenue
Maryland 21620
www.lamotte.com/en/education

Free Oil Spill Activity Kit. Learn how important feathers are to seabirds and how trained personnel from animal rescue groups clean oil soaked birds for rehabilitation in this Save the Seabirds activity. Entire kit can be found on website under the environmental education tab.

National Science Teachers Association

www.nsta.org.

The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), founded in 1944 and headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, is the largest organization in the world committed to promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all. NSTA's current membership of 55,000 includes science teachers, science supervisors, administrators, scientists, business and industry representatives, and others involved in and committed to science education.

National Association for Interpretation

www.interpnet.com.

The National Association for Interpretation (NAI) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) professional association for those involved in the interpretation of natural and cultural heritage resources in settings such as parks, zoos, museums, nature centers, aquaria, botanical gardens, and historical sites.

North American Association for Environmental Education

www.naaee.net/publications.

The largest professional association for environmental education in North America. NAAEE offers a variety of educational materials including its well-regarded Guidelines for Excellence.

This document sets forth the standards for providing high-quality environmental education.

Texas Commission for Environmental Quality

12100 Park 35 Circle
Austin, TX 78753
www.tceq.state.tx.us/p2/education/k-12education/K12education.html

Multiple resources available to teachers of grades K-12 on website. The Take Care of Texas program includes a compilation of resources about environmental education that are available to teachers. Free stickers and posters are available at their offices.

Texas Association for Environmental Education

www.sites.google.com/site/taeesite

State-wide environmental education network whose mission is to promote quality environmental education for the development of an environmentally literate population.

Government Agencies



Federal Agencies

US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District

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.

Education: There are speakers available to be booked to speak to your classroom or group. Contact Public Affairs office.

2000 Fort Point Road
P.O. Box 1229
Galveston, TX 77553-1229

Public Affairs: (409) 766-3004
swgpao@usace.army.mil
Permits: (409) 766-3982
Environmental: (409) 776-3044
Regulatory: (409) 766-3982 (jurisdiction or wetland questions)

US Coast Guard Marine Safety Office

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.

Education: 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. Tutor for STEM programs, advise curriculum committees, and be a professional partner to your school.

Sector Houston-Galveston Command Center

9640 Clinton Drive
Houston, Texas 77029-4328
(713) 671-5133

US Environmental Protection Agency

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.

Education: Lesson plans for K-12 teachers on website.

Region 6
Serving Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and 66 Tribal Nations
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202
(800) 887-6063
www.epa.gov/aboutepa/region6.html

US Fish & Wildlife Service

www.fws.gov/southwest/es/ClearLakeTexas/

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.

Education: Schoolyard Habitat Program. See website for instructions and worksheets.

Houston Ecological Services Field Office
17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211

Houston, TX 77058-3051
(281) 286-8282
FW2_Housmail_ES@fws.gov

USDA Wildlife Damage Management Services

www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/state_office/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 690170
San Antonio, TX 78269
(210) 472-5451
(866) 487-3297

State Agencies

www.state.tx.us/portal/tol

Railroad Commission of Texas

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, TX 78711-2967
(877) 228-5740

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

Soil and Water Conservation Board

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

Wharton Office

Address: 1120 Hodges Ln
Wharton, TX 77488-4328
(979) 532-9496; (979) 532-9497

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension

www.agrilifeextension.tamu.edu

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offers practical, how-to education based on university research. It's available to any resident of Texas. You may read it in the newspaper, hear it on the radio, attend an Extension workshop, order a publication, or just call your county Extension office: [countyname].agrilife.org.

- Austin County: (979) 865-2072
- Brazoria County: (979) 864-1558
- Chambers County: (409) 374-2123
- Colorado County: (979) 732-2082
- Fort Bend County: (281) 342-3034
- Galveston County: (281) 534-3413
- Harris County: (281) 855-5600
- Liberty County: (936) 334-3229
- Matagorda County: (979) 245-4100
- Montgomery County: (936) 539-7822
- Walker County: (936) 435-2426
- Waller County: (979) 826-7651
- Wharton County: (979) 532-3310

Texas A&M Forest Service

www.txforests.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: Development of professionally-based resource assessments and management plans, establishment and training of staff, development and review of ordinances and policies, and establishment or improving effectiveness of advocacy/advisory organizations.

Education: Offer a Texas tree identification program on website, links to teacher training resources on site.

Houston Regional Office:

2040 North Loop West, Suite 380
Houston, TX 77018
(713) 688-8931

Forest Resource Development & Sustainable Forestry—Urban Forestry

Mickey Merritt, Regional Urban Forestry Program Coordinator
mmerritt@tfs.tamu.edu

Matt Weaver, Regional Urban Forester
mweaver@tfs.tamu.edu

W.G. Jones State Forest

1328 FM 1488
Conroe, TX 77384
John Warner, District Forester III
(936) 273-2261
jwarner@tfs.tamu.edu

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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. TCEQ's goal is clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste. Multiple resources are available for education about environmental issues.

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

Ozone Status Line: (888) 994-9901
Spill Reporting (24 Hour): (800) 832-8224
Smoking Vehicle Reporting Line: (800) 453-7664

Houston Office, Region 12

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

Galveston Bay Estuary Program

www.gbep.state.tx.us/
Mission: To preserve Galveston Bay for generations to come.
(281) 218-6461

Texas Department of Agriculture

<http://texasagriculture.gov>

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

Programs: Offers training to teachers about prescribed burning and pesticide information classes.

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

Builds and maintains state highways.

125 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 463-8588

TxDOT Houston Area Offices
(800) 558-9368 (local information)

Area Engineers:

Brazoria County: Eliza Paul
1033 E. Orange
Angleton, TX 77515
(979) 864-8500

Fort Bend County: Michael Hobbs (Interim)
4235 SH 36

Rosenberg, TX 77471
(281) 238-7900

Galveston County: Bill Babbington
5407 Gulf Freeway
La Marque, TX 77568
(409) 978-2500

Montgomery County: Richard Brown
1033 E. Orange
Angleton, TX 77515
(979) 864-8500

North Harris County: Henry Quiroga
4235 SH 36
Rosenberg, TX 77471
(281) 238-7900

Southeast Harris County: Jeff A. Volk
5407 Gulf Freeway
La Marque, TX 77568
(409) 978-2500

Waller/West-Central Harris County: Jesse Garcia
5407 Gulf Freeway
La Marque, TX 77568
(409) 978-2500

Texas General Land Office

www.glo.texas.gov

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.

Galveston Office

Permit Service Center
200 Seawolf Parkway
Galveston, TX 77554
(409) 741-4057

TGLO Oil Spill Prevention & Response, Region 2

Richard Arnhart
Regional Director
11811 North D Street
La Porte, TX 77571-9135
(281) 470-1191

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

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.us

Texas Water Development Board

www.twdb.state.tx.us

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

Education: Educational programs include K-12 school-based programs, training and workshops for adults, distribution of conservation literature, and outreach and awareness programs targeted at both municipal and agricultural audiences statewide.

P. O. Box 13231
1700 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78711-3231
(512) 463-7847

Houston Office
3920 FM 1960 West, Suite 330
Houston, TX 77068-3547
(281) 895-0722

Miscellaneous

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County

www.ridemetro.org

Corporate Office and Ridestore
1900 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002
(713) 635-4000

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

METRO Line
Route & Schedule Information
(713) 635-4000
tripplanner.ridemetro.org

Community Outreach: (713) 739-4018
km13@ridemetro.org



Elected Official Resources

Texas Legislature Online

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

This website allows any Texas resident to identify their state and federal elected officials.

League of Women Voters of the Houston Area

The LWV provides many resources relating elected officials and other opportunities for civic participation, including the following publications:

Voters Guides: information about the voting process, ballot issues, and candidates
Directory of Elected Officials: express an opinion, ask a question, inquire about a government service or simply offer friendly greetings to elected officials--the directory provides contact information for the City of Houston, Harris County, and state and national representatives
Handy Dandy Guides: Important dates, different options for voting, and voter ID requirements for upcoming elections.

Please see the following resources for detailed information on our elected officials in the 13 county area:

Houston-Galveston Area Council

www.h-gac.com/rds/directory/

The H-GAC 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/

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.

City Elected Officials



Cities in the Houston/Gulf Coast Region with populations over 25,000 at 2010 Census. All elected officials as of May 2015.

City of Houston

2010 Census: 2,099,450
901 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002
P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251
www.houstontx.gov
(713) 247-1000

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

Mayor: Annise Parker

Council Members:

District A: Brenda Stardig
District B: Jerry Davis
District C: Ellen Cohen
District D: Dwight Boykins
District E: Dave Martin
District F: Richard Nguyen
District G: Oliver Pennington
District H: Ed Gonzalez
District I: Robert Gallegos
District J: Mike Laster
District K: Larry Green
At-Large, Position 1: Stephen Costello
At-Large, Position 2: David Robinson
At-Large, Position 3: Michael Kubosh
At-Large, Position 4: C.O. "Brad" Bradford
At-Large, Position 5: Jack Christie

City of Baytown

2010 Census: 71,802
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:

District 1: Mercedes Renteria III
District 2: Chris Presley
District 3: Brandon Capetillo
District 4: Terry Sain
District 5: Robert Hoskins
District 6: David McCartney

City of Conroe

2010 Census: 56,207
P.O. Box 3066
300 West Davis
Conroe, TX 77301
www.cityofconroe.org
(936) 522-3000

Council Meets: 2nd Thursday, 6:00 p.m. & 4th Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Mayor: Webb Melder

Council Members:

Place 1: Marsha Porter
Place 2: Seth Gibson
Place 3: Duke Coon
Place 4: Guy Martin
Place 5: Gil Snider

City of Deer Park

2010 Census: 32,010
P.O. Box 700
710 East San Augustine
Deer Park, TX 77,536
www.deerparktx.gov
(281) 479-2394

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

Mayor: Jerry Mouton, Jr.

Council Members:

Position 1: Sherry Garrison
Position 2: Thane Harrison
Position 3: Tommy Ginn
Position 4: Bill Patterson
Position 5: Ron Martin
Position 6: Rae A. Sinor

City of Friendswood

2010 Census: 35,805
910 South Friendswood Drive
Friendswood, TX 77546-4856
www.ci.friendswood.tx.us
(281) 996-3270

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

Mayor: Kevin M. Holland

Council Members:

Position 1: Steve Rockey
Position 2: Billy Enochs
Position 3: Jim Hill
Position 4: Patrick McGinnis
Position 5: John Scott
Position 6: Carl W. Gustafon

City of Galveston

2010 Census: 47,743
P.O. Box 779
Galveston, TX 77553
www.cityofgalveston.org
(409) 797-3520

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

Mayor: James D. Yarbrough

Council Members:

District 1: Tarris Woods
District 2: Craig Brown
District 3: Ralph McMorris
District 4: Norman Pappous
District 5: Terrilyn Tarlton
District 6: Carolyn Sunseri

City of Huntsville

2010 Census: 38,548
1212 Avenue M
Huntsville, TX 77340
www.huntsvilletx.gov
(936) 291-5400

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

Mayor: Mac Woodward

Council Members:

Ward 1: Joseph Emmott
Ward 2: Tish Humphrey
Ward 3: Ronald Allen
Ward 4: Joe Rodriguez
At-Large, Position 1: Andy Brauningner
At-Large, Position 2: Lydia Montgomery
At-Large, Position 3: Don H. Johnson
At-Large, Position 4: Keith D. Olson

City of La Porte

2010 Census: 33,800
604 West Fairmont Parkway
La Porte, TX 77571
www.ci.la-porte.tx.us
(281) 471-5020

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

Mayor: Louis Rigby

Council Members:

District 1: Danny Earp
District 2: Chuck Engelken
District 3: Daryl Leonard
District 4: Tommy Moser
District 5: J.W. "Jay" Martin

District 6: Mike Clausen
At-Large, Position A: John P. Zamenek
At-Large, Position B: Dottie Kaminski

City of Lake Jackson

2010 Census: 26,849
25 Oak Drive
Lake Jackson, TX 77566
www.lakejackson-tx.gov
(979) 415-2400

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

Mayor: Joe Rinehart

Council Members:

Position 1: Heather Melass
Position 2: Will Brooks
Position 3: Gerard Roznovsky
Position 4: R.L. Buell, III
Position 5: Jon "JB" Baker

City of League City

2010 Census: 83,560
300 West Walker
League City, TX 77573
www.leaguecity.com
(281) 554-1000

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

Mayor: Tim Paulissen

Council Members:

Position 1: Dan Becker
Position 2: Tommy Cones
Position 3: Heidi Hansing
Position 4: Todd Kinsey
Position 5: Geri Bentley
Position 6: Keith Gross
Position 7: Nick Long

City of Missouri City

2010 Census: 67,358
1522 Texas Parkway
Missouri City, TX 77489
www.missouricitytx.gov
(281) 403-8500

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

Mayor: Allen Owen

Council Members:

District A: Yolanda Ford
District B: Don Smith
District C: Anthony Maroulis
District D: Floyd Emery
At-Large, Position 1: Jerry Wyatt
At-Large, Position 2: Chris Preston

City of Pasadena

2010 Census: 149,043
1211 East Southmore
Pasadena, TX 77502
www.ci.pasadena.tx.us
(713) 477-1511

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

Mayor: Johnny Isbell

Council Members:

District A: Orinaldo Ybarra
District B: Bruce Leamon
District C: Sammy Casados
District D: Cody Ray Wheeler
District E: Cary Bass
District F: Phil Cayten
District G: Pat Van Houte
District H: Darrell Morrison

City of Pearland

2010 Census: 91,252
 3519 Liberty Drive
 Pearland, TX 77581
 www.pearlandtx.gov
 (281) 652-1600

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

Mayor: Tom Reid

Council Members:

Position 1: Tony Carbone
 Position 2: Derrick Reed
 Position 3: Gary Moore
 Position 4: Keith Ordeneaux
 Mayor Pro-tem: Greg Hill

City of Rosenberg

2010 Census: 30,618
 P.O. Box 32, Rosenberg, TX 77471
 www.ci.rosenberg.tx.us
 (832) 595-3300

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

Mayor: Cynthia McConathy

Councilors:

District 1: Jimmie J. Pena
 District 2: Susan Euton
 District 3: Lisa Wallingford
 District 4: Lynn Moses
 At-Large, Position 1: William T. Benton
 At-Large, Position 2: Amanda Barta

City of Sugar Land

2010 Census: 78,817
 PO Box 110
 Sugar Land, TX 77487-0110
 www.sugarlandtx.gov
 (281) 275-2700

Council Meets: 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday, 5:30
 p.m.

Mayor: James A. Thompson

Council Members:

District 1: Steve R. Porter
 District 2: Bridget Yeung
 District 3: Amy Mitchell
 District 4: Harish Jajoo
 At-Large, Position 1: Himesh Gandhi
 At-Large, Position 2: Joe R. Zimmerman

City of Texas City

2010 Census: 45,099
 1801 9th Avenue North,
 Texas City, TX 77592
 www.texas-city-tx.org
 (409) 948-3111

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

Mayor: Matthew T. Doyle

Commissioners:

District 1: Thelma Bowie
 District 2: Phil Roberts, Jr.
 District 3: Dedrick Johnson, Sr.
 District 4: Jami Clark
 At-Large: Dee Ann Haney
 At-Large: Mike Land

**County Elected
 Officials****Austin County**

One East Main
 Bellville, TX 77418
 (979) 865-5911
 www.austincounty.com

County Judge:

Judge Tim Lapham
 (979) 865-5911

Commissioners:

(979) 865-2126 Pct 1: Reese Turner
 (979) 357-4785 Pct 2: Robert "Bobby" Rinn
 (979) 865-5441 Pct 3: Randy Reichardt
 (979) 478-7121 Pct 4: Douglas King

Recycling Info

www.austincounty.com/ips/cms/Recycling.html

Brazoria County

111 Locust
 Angleton, TX 77515
 (979) 849-5711
 www.brazoria-county.com

County Judge:

Joe King
 countyjudge@brazoria-county.com
 (979) 864-1200

Commissioners

(979) 864-1523 Pct 1: Donald "Dude" Payne
 (979) 864-1548 Pct 2: Matt Sebesta
 (979) 331-3197 Pct 3: Stacy Adams
 (979) 864-1529 Pct 4: Larry Stanley

Environmental Health: (979) 864-1600

Parks: (979) 864-1541

www.brazoria-county.com/parks

Chambers County

404 Washington Avenue
 Anahuac, TX 77514
 www.co.chambres.tx.us

County Judge:

Jimmy Sylvia
 jsylvia@co.chambres.tx.us
 (409) 267-2440

Commissioners

(409) 296-8250 Pct 1: Mark Huddleston
 (409) 267-2409 Pct 2: Larry G. George
 (281) 576-2243 Pct 3: Gary Nelson
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 Professional Master of Environmental Analysis
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Environmental Hotlines**Diseases and Health****American Lung Association HelpLine**

(800) LUNG-USA, (800) 586-4872
Individuals can call the Lung HelpLine to receive free information from registered nurses, respiratory therapists, and quit-smoking specialists about lung health issues and quit-smoking tips.

Cancer Information Service National Institutes of Health

(800) 422-6237
www.cancer.gov/aboutnci/cis
Provides information about cancer, and referrals to proper sources for answers to questions.

Centers for Disease Control

(800) CDC-INFO 2323-4636
www.cdc.gov
Provides information about topics such as diseases and health, vaccines, traveler’s health, toxic and chemical health hazards.

The Mesothelioma Center

www.asbestos.com/exposure/environmental.php

National Capital Poison Center

(800) 222-1222
www.poison.org
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
www.chemtrec.com
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.earth911.com
Provides community-specific environmental information on many topics, including recycling, composting, waste disposal, and air and water quality.

Environmental Justice Hotline

US EPA
(800) 962-6215
environmental-justice@epa.gov
Established to receive calls from concerned citizens about justice issues in their communities, the purpose of the hotline is to make information easily accessible to the public and to the media, and to assist in the resolution of environmental justice issues. The hotline is answered by staff of the Office of Environmental Justice.

Environmental Violations Hotlines

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
(888) 777-3186
(800) 832-8224
Texas residents can use these lines to report environmental violations, such as unauthorized discharges and spills.

Harris County Pollution Control Hotline

(713) 920-2831
This number can be used to report pollution incidents such as trash dumping and unmanaged sewage in Harris County

National Pesticide Information Center

(800) 858-7378
www.npic.orst.edu
npic@ace.orst.edu
A cooperative effort of Oregon State University and the EPA, this hotline offers science-based information about a wide variety of pesticide related subjects and serves as a source of

factual chemical, health, and environmental information about more than 600 pesticide active ingredients incorporated into over 50,000 different products registered for use in the United States.

Smoking Vehicle Program

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality
(800) 453-SMOG (7664)
www.smokingvehicle.org

Use this line to report vehicle polluting by giving the license number of the offending vehicle. Information about how to curb excess pollution is then sent to the vehicle's owner.

Superfund Hotline

(800) 424-9346
Provides assistance to the public and regulated community in understanding the EPA's regulation's and policy regarding brownfields, including Superfund and EPCRA programs.

US-EPA National Response Center

1st-nrcinfo@comdt.uscg.mil
(800) 424-8802
To report releases of hazardous substances. The National Response Center (NRC) is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills

Building and Household Hazardous Materials

Energy Star Hotline

(888) 782-7937
hotline@energystar.gov

Call to receive helpful information regarding your household products. Energy star covers new homes, most of the building sector, residential heating and cooling equipment, major appliances, office equipment, lighting, and consumer electronics.

Household Hazardous Waste Information

City of Houston
(713) 551-7355
www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/hhw.html

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.

Indoor Air Quality Hotline

US EPA
(800) 293-0753, ext: 2444 or 2428
www.epa.gov/iaq/

Toxic Substance Control Act Hotline

US EPA
(202) 554-1404

Provides information and materials about asbestos and asbestos removal

Wildlife and Natural Resources

Sea Turtle Hotline

(866) TURTLE-5 (962-8535) or (866) 887-8535

Call if you spot a sea turtle, egg, 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

US Geological Survey Clearinghouse

(888) ASK-USGS (275-8747)
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.

Texas Wildlife Crime Stoppers

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
(800) 792-4263
TPWD.texas.gov

Help stop illegal hunting and fishing in Texas. Use this hotline if you have information which

will assist game wardens in apprehending persons who are violating the hunting and fishing regulations of Texas.

Kills and Spills Team

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
(281) 842-8100

Wetlands Helpline

US EPA
(800) 832-7828 or (214) 655-6444

Provides information regarding wetlands protection and offers instructions for reporting violations. Provides updates on legislation regarding wetlands protection, and distributes educational material upon request.

Other

Consumer Product Safety Commission

(800) 638-2772
info@cpsc.gov
www.cpsc.gov

To report a dangerous product or a product related injury. Provides information about consumer safety and guidelines for asbestos, formaldehyde, lime, and air pollutants, as well as product recall information.

Lone Star Notification Center

(713) 432-0365 (800) 545-6005
Call local 811
www.lsnconcecall.com
www.lonestar811.com

Call this notification center 48 hours before excavating to help locate underground utility lines.

Safe Drinking Water Hotline

(800) 426-4791
www.epa.gov/safewater
This hotline provides the public with information about the policies and regulations regarding drinking water and drinking water safety.

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Use this number to apply for aid for disaster assistance.