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GREATER HOUSTON
ENVIRONMENTAL
SUMMIT

Tuesday, March 3, 2015
10:30 am to 4:00 pm
at the United Way
Community Resource Center



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Conference Program

10:00-10:30 Registration & Networking

10:30 - 10:45 Opening Remarks

10:45 - 11:45 Opening Keynote: **Laura Huffman**,
The Nature Conservancy

11:45 - 12:45 Networking Lunch by Pat Greer's Kitchen

1:00 - 1:15 **Elizabeth Love**, Houston Endowment

1:15 - 2:15 Panel, Moderated by *Lisa Gray*, Houston Chronicle
Stephen Klineberg, Kinder Institute for Urban Research,
Rice University

Wayne Klotz, Klotz Associates and
Insititute for Sustainable Infrastructure

Ashley Wadick, Houston Region Director,
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

2:15 - 2:30 Networking Break

2:15 - 2:30 Panelists will be available in breakout sessions to
continue the conversations begun during the panel.
Please feel welcome to move from room to room.

Auditorium: **Stephen Klineberg**, Kinder Institute for Urban
Research, Rice University

Room A/B: **Wayne Klotz**, Klotz Associates and
Insititute for Sustainable Infrastructure

Room C/D: **Ashley Wadick**, Houston Region Director,
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality &
Stephen Scalise, Take Care of Texas Program, Texas
Commission on Environmental Quality

3:15 - 3:55 Closing Keynote: **Dr. Robert Bullard**,
Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public
Affairs, Texas Southern University

3:55 - 4:00 Closing Remarks

Opening Keynote Speaker

As state director of The Nature Conservancy in Texas, **Laura Huffman** heads a statewide team of scientists, conservation experts and support staff whose work protects the integrity of Texas' natural resources and some of its most iconic landscapes. She has authored over 30 articles and op-ed pieces on a variety of conservation topics, including drought, water scarcity and Gulf of Mexico protection, and emerged as a national thought leader in the wake of the disastrous Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010. She advocated tirelessly on behalf of the RESTORE Act and succeeded in connecting a diverse coalition of stakeholders around a central idea: that a healthy Gulf of Mexico is vital to America's success and Texas can be an incubator for best practices in marine science.

Huffman also leads the Conservancy's North American Urban Conservation program, designed to support cities as they integrate natural infrastructure into planning and development in ways that safeguard people and reduce vulnerability to climate change. In this role, she represented the Conservancy at the June 2013 United States Conference of Mayors convention, as well as the 2013 Clinton Global Initiative America summer meeting. On behalf of CGI, she became an active member of an ongoing work group focused on innovative financing for city infrastructure.

Huffman has worked closely with Texas legislators to draft legislation with far-reaching ramifications for water conservation and spearheaded the expansion of water protection funds for Austin, San Antonio and surrounding counties. These citizen-approved funds have generated more than half a billion dollars to protect water in two of the fastest growing cities in the country, and emerged as a proven best practice for cities needing a practical, customizable way to protect water quality and quantity.

A native of Austin, Huffman has been in public service for more than 20 years; prior to The Nature Conservancy, she served as deputy city manager for the city of San Marcos and assistant city manager for the city of Austin.

Panelists

When **Lisa Gray** came to Houston in 1984, as a Rice undergraduate, she never expected to stay. Since then, the city has become the most recurring theme in her work: Its environment, its history, its buildings, its hard-to-grasp sense of place. Gray has worked for the Houston Press, Washington City Paper and Cite Magazine. Her writing has appeared in Bloomberg Business Week, People, Slate, Elle, O at Home and the anthology Literary Houston. Since 2005, she's worked for the Houston Chronicle -- variously, as a columnist, arts editor and member of the editorial board. She now edits "Gray Matters," a web-first magazine for the Chronicle.

Dr. Stephen L. Klineberg - A graduate of Haverford College, with an M.A. from the University of Paris and a Ph.D. from Harvard, Stephen Klineberg is Professor of Sociology at Rice University. In 1982, he and his students initiated the annual "Kinder Institute Houston Area Survey," now well into its fourth decade of tracking the remarkable changes in the demographic patterns, economic outlooks, experiences and beliefs of Harris County residents. The recipient of twelve major teaching awards and a much sought-after speaker in the Houston community and beyond, Klineberg is completing a series of published reports on this ongoing research, while also serving as founding-director of Rice University's Kinder Institute for Urban Research.

Panelists, *cont*

D. Wayne Klotz, P.E., D.WRE, ENV SP is President of Klotz Associates, Inc., a full service civil engineering firm based in Houston, Texas. His 40-year career began with a BSCE from Texas A&M University in 1974 and an MSCE from the University of Houston in 1976. He served as National President of ASCE in '08-09. Wayne is a founder and Past-Chair of the Board of Directors for the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure. He has served as Officer for ASCE, HCEC, ACEC-TX, Harris County Flood Control Task Force, Coastal Water Authority, the C Club, and the University of Houston and the Texas A&M Civil Engineering Advisory Boards. He started the Klotz Associates Endowed Scholarship in Civil Engineering at both universities. Wayne has served on the Boards of the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District and the Community Resilience Task Force for the Department of Homeland Security. He is the recipient of numerous awards, and became a fellow for the Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI) in 2014. He married Karen Wilson in July of 1974, and they have four children and seven grandchildren. They are active in ministries at Tallo-wood Baptist Church.

Stephen Scalise currently serves as the Coastal and East Texas Outreach Coordinator for the Take Care of Texas Program covering Tyler, Beaumont, Houston and Corpus Christi Regional offices of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. He started with TCEQ in 2012 with the Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section as a Compliance Assistance Specialist providing free and confidential technical assistance to small businesses and local governments to comply with federal and state environmental regulations. Stephen received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University in 2000.

Panelists, *cont*

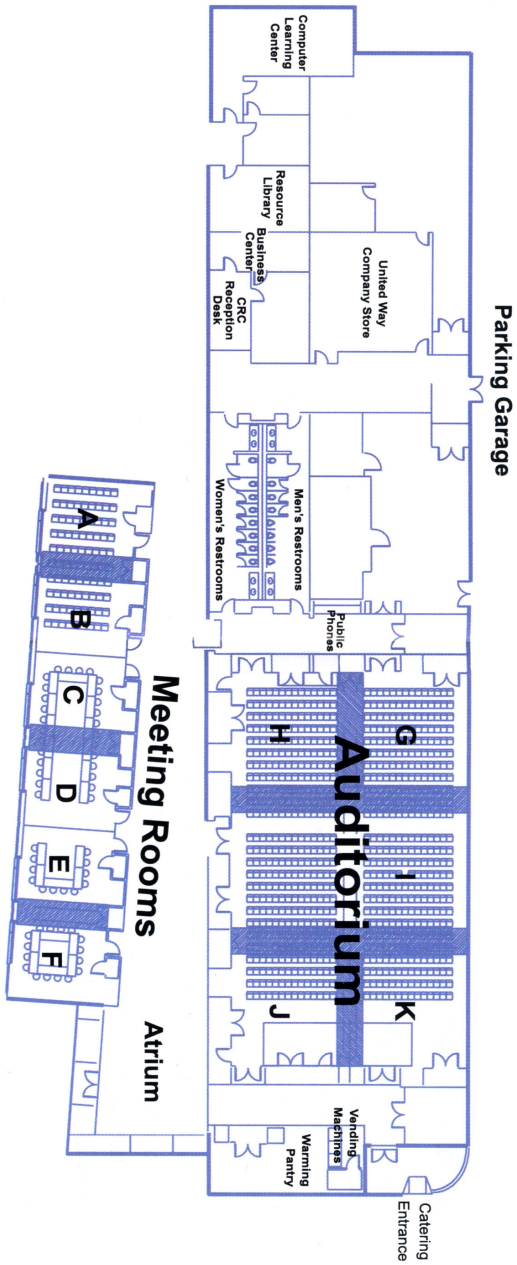
Ashley K. Wadick is the Regional Director of the Houston Regional Office of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The Houston Regional Office's counties are Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton. The regional areas are responsible for the administration and operation of each region including legislative and EPA investigative commitments, emergency response, budget, human resources, purchasing, lease management, consistency of program implementation, development of program policy and guidance, coordination and implementation of special initiatives, coordination and interaction with the EPA, and data management. She has been with the agency since 2003, and has been the Houston Regional Director since April 2012. Ashley earned a B.S. in English from Northern Arizona University, and she received her Juris Doctor from Tulane University School of Law. Prior to joining the TCEQ, she worked at the Texas General Land Office and the Texas Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Closing Keynote Speaker

Robert D. Bullard is often described as the father of environmental justice. Professor Bullard received his Ph.D. degree from Iowa State University. He is the author of eighteen books that address sustainable development, environmental racism, urban land use, industrial facility siting, community reinvestment, housing, transportation, climate justice, emergency response, smart growth, and regional equity. He has testified as an expert witness and served as a technical advisor on hundreds of civil rights lawsuits and public hearings over the past three decades. In 1990, he was the first environmental justice scholar to receive the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Conservation Achievement Award in Science for “*Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class and Environmental Quality*.” Professor Bullard was featured in the July 2007 CNN People You Should Know, Bullard: Green Issue is Black and White. In 2008, Newsweek named him one of 13 Environmental Leaders of the Century. And that same year, Co-op America honored him with its Building Economic Alternatives Award (BEA). In 2010, The Griot named him one of the “100 Black History Makers in the Making” and Planet Harmony named him one of Ten African American Green Heroes.” In 2012, he was featured in Welcomebooks Everyday Heroes: 50 Americans Changing the World One Nonprofit at a Time by Katrina Fried. In 2013, he was honored with the Sierra Club John Muir Award, the first African American to win the award. And in 2014, the Sierra Club named its new Environmental Justice Award after Dr. Bullard.

His book, *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class and Environmental Quality* (Westview Press, 2000), is a standard text in the environmental justice field. His latest books include *Environmental Health and Racial Equality in the United States: Strategies for Building Just, Sustainable and Livable Communities* (American Public Health Association Press, 2011), and *The Wrong Complexion for Protection: How the Government Response to Disaster Endangers African American Communities* (New York University Press, 2012). For a complete list and more information, visit drrobertbullard.com.

Facility Map



Menu

Catering provided by **Pat Greer's Kitchen.**

Greened and Leafy Salad

GF, Vegan

Gundermann Farms, Southampton Farm

Kale to Chief Salad

GF, Vegan

Gundermann Farms, Atkinson Farms, Southampton Farms,
Texas Hill Country Olive Oil

Herbed Rice with Roasted Leeks and Brussel Sprouts

GF, Vegan

Rice from Colorado County, Atkinson Farms, Southampton Farms,
Texas Hill Country Olive Oil

Local Stewed Vegetables and Beans -- slow cooked

GF, Vegan

Gundermann Farms, Atkinson Farms, Southampton Farms,
Texas Hill Country Olive Oil

Bread by Angela's Oven in the Heights

Vegan

Strawberry Pie

GF, Vegan

Gundermann Farms, Atkinson Farms, Rio Grande Organics Pe-
cans, Reed Family Honey

local folks fixing food for local folks

Member Organizations

New Members shown in bold.

Air Alliance Houston

American Institute of
Architects: Houston

American Institute of Chemical
Engineers: South Texas Local
Section

American Lung Association of
Houston

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Artist Boat

**Avenue Community
Development Corporation**

Bayou Land Conservancy

Bayou Preservation
Association, Inc.

Baytown Environmental
Education

BetterHouston, now part of
Houston Tomorrow

BikeHouston, Inc.

Big Thicket Association

Biomimicry Texas

Blackwood Land Institute

Blueprint Houston

Brays Bayou Association

Buffalo Bayou Partnership

Center for Houston's Future

The Center for Recycled Art

Central City Co-Op

The Children's Museum of
Houston's EcoStation

Christmas Bay Foundation

**Citizens' League for
Environmental Action Now**

Citizens' Transportation
Coalition

**City of Houston Environmen-
tal Health Division**

City of Houston Green Building
Resource Center

Coastal Prairie Partnership
Council for Environmental
Education

Cypress Creek Flood Control
Coalition

Cypresswood Water
Conservation Garden

EarthShare of Texas

Endangered Species Media
Project

Energy Corridor District
Environment Texas

Environmental Defense Fund

Environmental Educators
Exchange

Environmental Institute of
Houston, EIH UHCL

**Executive Service Corps of
Houston**

Exploration Green
Conservancy

**Flower Garden Banks National
Marine Sanctuary**

Friends of Mandell Park

**Friends of the National Forests
& Grasslands of Texas**

Friends of Woodland Park

Galveston Bay Foundation

Galveston Baykeeper

Member Organizations, *cont*

Greener Living in Houston
Greens Bayou Corridor
Coalition
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Gulf Restoration Network
HARC
Help Endangered Animals -
Ridley Turtles
Hermann Park Conservancy
Houston Arboretum & Nature
Center
Houston Audubon
Houston Canoe Club
Houston Climate Protection
Alliance
Houston-Galveston Area
Council
Houston Habitat for Humanity
Houston History Archives
(UH-HHA) Center for Public
History
Houston Parks and Recreation
Department
Houston Parks Board
**Houston Peace and Justice
Center**
Houston Renewable Energy
Group
Houston Tomorrow
Houston Urban Gardeners
Houston Wilderness
Houston Zoo Wildlife
Conservation Program
Jesse H. Jones Park &
Nature Center

Katy Prairie Conservancy
Keep Houston Beautiful
Keep Kingwood Green
Keep Pearland Beautiful
KPFT Radio
Last Organic Outpost
League of Women Voters in the
Houston Area
Living Paradigm CDC
Living Planet Foundation
Lunar Solar Power Group
Mayor's Office of Sustainability
Memorial Park Conservancy
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic
Gardens
**National Parks Conservation
Association, Texas Gulf
Coast Chapter**
Native Plant Society of Texas:
Houston Chapter
Native Prairies Association of
Texas
The Nature Conservancy
Nature Discovery Center
Outdoor Nature Club
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast
Preservation Houston
Recipe For Success
Rice Design Alliance
SCENIC GALVESTON, Inc.
SCENIC HOUSTON
Sheldon Lake State Park & Envi-
ronmental Learning Center
**The Shell Center for Sustain-
ability at Rice University**

Member Organizations, *cont*

Sierra Club Houston Regional Group	Texas Southern University, Barbara Jordan-Mickey
Student Conservation Association	Leland School of Public Affairs
Surfrider Foundation, Texas Upper Coast Chapter	Texas Wildlife Association
Texans for Clean Water (formerly Plastic Pollution Texas)	Transition Houston
Texans Together	Trees For Houston
Texas Association of Environmental Professionals	The Trust for Public Land
Texas Campaign for the Environment	TWRC Wildlife Center
Texas Coastal Partners	Urban Harvest
Texas Coastal Watershed Program	U.S. Green Building Council
Texas League of Conservation Voters Educational Fund	Texas Gulf Coast Chapter
Texas Master Naturalists Heartwood Chapter	White Oak Bayou Association
	Wildlife Center of Texas
	Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Inc.
	The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N.
	The Woods Project, Inc.

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Join us at these events!

State Park Funding Event, March 5, 2015

CEC is co-hosting an event to learn about what the Texas State Legislature might be doing with funding for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Learn more on [facebook.com/cechouston](https://www.facebook.com/cechouston).

Sponsors: Houston Parks Board, Buffalo Bayou Partnership, Hermann Park Conservancy, Memorial Park Conservancy, Citizens' Environmental Coalition, Katy Prairie Conservancy, Houston Wilderness, Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition, and Bayou Preservation Association.

Environmental Poetry & Puns *Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 6:30 pm* *Hosted by CEC Houston*

10th Anniversary Celebration
Sat. April 11, 2015 at Discovery Green



Green Vendors - Local Live Music
Children's Activities - Tree Giveaway
Food Trucks - Beer & Wine Gardens

Volunteers Wanted - Booths Now Available

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Save the Date! Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour: Jan. 28, 2015!