

2008-2009 Environmental Resource Guide

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COALITION



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About the Citizens' Environmental Coalition

The Citizens' Environmental Coalition is an alliance of diverse nonprofit, governmental, and educational organizations whose activities impact our environment and quality of life in the Houston-Galveston area. Our 96 member organizations cover a broad spectrum, including professional associations, conservation groups, and activists.

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

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

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

Environmental News Update. This free weekly newsletter is e-mailed to more than 8,000 subscribers. It covers environmental news from our 13-county region, and focuses on local environmental topics, legislative news, and updates on our member groups' activities. This e-news also lists Green Jobs and Green Grants, and provides a calendar of special events. In addition, it links readers to national and international news stories that have a bearing on our local community.

CEC Website (www.cechouston.org) This important tool offers a link to each of our member groups' Websites, a comprehensive calendar of all environmental events hosted by our member groups, Green Jobs listings, and archives of our past weekly newsletters. The 2008 Resource Guide is also available on the website.

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

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

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

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

Leadership Luncheons. CEC hosts regular, informal gatherings to foster discussion and coordination on specific topics or problems. Our role is to arrange the meetings, invite the appropriate people in, introduce the participants to each other, and then to facilitate their dialogue for the benefit of our environmental community.

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

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

CEC is also a member of EarthShare, Texas, which supports the work of participating environmental organizations through payroll deductions. To contribute, see www.earthshare-texas.org

Donations to CEC are accepted directly or via Network for Good on our website www.cechouston.org. CEC welcomes your support!

CEC Member Groups by Category

Air Quality

American Lung Association
 Environmental Defense
 Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention
 Houston Advanced Research Center
 Houston-Galveston Area Council
 Mothers for Clean Air
 Pleasantville Environmental Coalition
 Sierra Club—Houston Regional Group

Animals/Wildlife/Rehabilitation

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Friends of Texas Wildlife
 Help Endangered Animals—Ridley Turtles
 Houston Audubon Society
 Houston Zoo
 Katy Prairie Conservancy
 Ocean Conservancy
 Piney Woods Wildlife Society
 Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition
 Wildlife Rehab & Education

Architecture/Community Development/Urban

Issues

American Institute of Architects
 Blueprint Houston
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Citizens' Transportation Coalition
 Greater Houston Preservation Alliance
 Houston Tomorrow
 Houston Parks Board
 Rice Design Alliance
 U.S. Green Building Council

Bayous

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Artist Boat
 Bayou Preservation Association

Brays Bayou Association
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
 Houston Parks Board
 The Park People
 Trust for Public Land
 White Oak Bayou Association

Beautification

Keep Houston Beautiful
 Keep Kingwood Green
 Pleasantville Environmental Coalition
 Scenic Galveston
 Scenic Houston
 The Park People
 Trust for Public Land
 Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

Children's Activities

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

Climate

Environmental Defense Fund
 Houston Advanced Research Center
 Houston Climate Protection Alliance
 Houston Renewable Energy Group
 Sierra Club- Houston Regional Group

Conservation

American Society of Landscape
Architects
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Bayou Preservation Association
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
Galveston Bay Foundation
Hermann Park Conservancy
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Houston Audubon Society
Houston Parks Board
Houston Wilderness
Katy Prairie Conservancy
Legacy Land Trust
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
Native Plant Society of Texas
Nature Conservancy of Texas
Ocean Conservancy
Outdoor Nature Club
The Park People
Piney Woods Wildlife Society
Scenic Galveston
Scenic Texas
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group
Student Conservation Association
Surfrider Foundation, Texas Chapter
Texas Master Naturalists- Heartwood
Chapter
Trust for Public Land
White Oak Bayou Association

Education

Artist Boat
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Bayou Preservation Association
Brays Bayou Association
Citizens' League for Environmental
Action Now
Children at Risk
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
Council for Environmental Education
Environmental Educators' Exchange
Environmental Institute of Houston
Herman Park Conservancy
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Houston Audubon Society

Houston Outdoor Living Academy
Houston Renewable Energy Group
Houston Zoo
Leadership Houston
Legacy Land Trust
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
Student Conservation Association
Mothers for Clean Air
Progressive Forum
Pleasantville Environmental Coalition
Rice University Environmental Club
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
Techs & Trainers
Texas Diaper Free
Texas Master Naturalists- Heartwood
Chapter
Trees for Houston
Urban Harvest
Waterborne Education Center

Environmental Justice/ Policy

American Lung Association
Artist Boat
Bayou Preservation Association
BRIDGES to Sustainability
Citizens' Environmental Coalition
Citizens League for Environmental
Action Now
Citizens' Transportation Coalition
Cypress Creek Flood Center Coalition
Children at Risk
Environmental Defense Fund
Galveston-Houston Association
for Smog Prevention
Houston Advanced Research Center
Houston Climate Protection Alliance
League of Women Voters of the Houston
Area
Mothers for Clean Air
Sierra Club– Houston Regional Group
Texas Campaign for the Environment
Trees for Houston

Galveston Bay Issues

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

Global Issues

Artist Boat
BRIDGES to Sustainability
Houston Advanced Research Center
Houston Climate Protection Alliance
Planned Parenthood
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

Health

American Society of Landscape Architects
American Lung Association
Children at Risk
Mothers for Clean Air
Planned Parenthood
Urban Harvest

Historic Preservation

Armand Bayou Nature Center
American Institute of Architects
American Institute of Landscape Architects
Greater Houston Preservation Alliance
Hermann Park Conservancy
Scenic Galveston

Organic Food/Plants/Gardening

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

Parks and Nature Centers

Baytown Parks & Recreation
Friends of Mandell Park
Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park
Friends of West 11th Street Park
Houston Parks Board
Houston Parks & Recreation Department
Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center
Memorial Park Conservancy
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center
The Park People
Trust for Public Land

Professional Societies/ Industry Groups

American Institute of Architects
American Institute of Chemical Engineers
American Society of Landscape Architects
Energy Corridor Management District
Engineers without Borders
Environmental Educators' Exchange
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
Texas Association of Environmental Professionals

Recycling/Trash

Houston-Galveston Area Council
Keep Houston Beautiful
Keep Kingwood Green
Pleasantville Environmental Coalition
Scenic Galveston
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group
Urban Harvest
Techs & Trainers
Texas Diaper Free
We CAN Recycle
Woodlands GREEN

Sports/Recreation

American Society of Landscape
Architects
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Artist Boat
BikeHouston
Galveston Bay Foundation
Hermann Park Conservancy
Houston Audubon Society
Houston Canoe Club
Houston Parks Board
Houston Parks & Recreation Department
Outdoor Nature Club
Piney Woods Wildlife Society
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group

Transportation

American Institute of Architects
American Society of Landscape
Architects
Citizens' Transportation Coalition
Electric Auto Association
Galveston-Houston Association
for Smog Prevention
Houston Tomorrow
Houston Canoe Club
Houston-Galveston Area Council
METRO
Sierra Club

Water Quality

American Society of Landscape
Architects
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Artist Boat
Bayou Preservation Association
Citizens' League for Environmental
Action Now
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
Engineers without Borders
Environmental Defense Fund
Galveston Bay Foundation
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Legacy Land Trust
Scenic Galveston
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group
Trust for Public Land
White Oak Bayou Association

CEC Member Groups

American Institute of Architects: Houston

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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.

Programs: Continuing education (see website); April Architecture Month.

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

Publications: Monthly e-newsletter, annual membership directory.

American Institute of Chemical Engineers: South Texas Section (STS-AICHE)

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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 pm, 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: Co-sponsor Energy Conservation Forum with Texas Industries of the Future twice per year. See website for date and location.

Speakers Bureau: Contact Matt Kolodney, (713) 775-5633 (work), (713) 775-5653 (cell) or mkolodney@tceq.state.tx.us.

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Southeast Region**

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

Publications: Advocate quarterly and
State of the Air annually

Major Events: Clean Air Challenge and
Stair Climb

Meeting Times: Board meetings second
Thursday of every month

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

**American Society of
Landscape Architects:
Houston/Gulf Coast Section**

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Purpose: To promote the profession of
landscape architecture, providing for the
attractive design of landforms that will
accommodate outdoor activities,
minimize environmental impacts, and
generally further wise stewardship of the
land.

Major Events: Educational seminars and
social meetings; Golf Tournament, fall;
State Convention

Publication: National magazine,
Landscape Architecture.

Armand Bayou Nature Center

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Purpose: To preserve the wetlands prairie, forest and marsh habitats of Armand Bayou and to provide opportunities for people to experience the Armand Bayou habitats.

Hours: Tues. through Sat. - 9 to 5 pm,
Sun. - noon to 5 pm. Admission fee.

Programs: Adult, children, and family programs such as owl prowls, night hikes, pontoon boat tours, canoe trips.

Major Events: Trash Bash in March;
Earth Day in April; Bayou Boil fundraiser in May;

Children's Activities: Field trips, Creepy Crawlers and Fall Festival events, summer and holiday camp, scout programs

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with field trips, animal demonstrations, maintaining garden, restoring wetlands,

Speaker's Bureau: Marsh restoration, prairie restoration and management,

Artist Boat

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www.artistboat.org

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Rani Henderson, Eco-Art Program
Coordinator
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Purpose: Promoting awareness and preservation of coastal margins and the marine environment through the disciplines of the sciences and the arts.

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

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

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

Bayou Preservation Association, Inc.

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Houston, TX 77019
(713) 529-6443
bpa@bayoupreservation.org
www.bayoupreservation.org

Kathy Lord, Acting Executive Director

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 Water Quality, Paddle Trails, and Development and Nominations.

Major Events: BPA Gala, Fall Watershed Symposium, fall

Speakers Bureau: Call

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

Baytown Parks and Recreation

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center 1
724 Market Street
Baytown, TX 77520
281-420-7128

Baytown Nature Center
6213 Bayway
Baytown, TX 77520
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Media/Press: Mary Alice Trumble

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Teach education programs at The Wetlands

Major Events: Nurture Nature

Speaker's Bureau: Tracey Prothro

BikeHouston, Inc.

PO Box 25372
Houston, TX 77265-5372
(713) 222-BIKE
www.bikehouston.org

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

Our goals are to:

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

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

Meeting Time: Varies, see website.

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

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

Blueprint Houston

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Houston, TX 77098
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www.blueprintheouston.org

Emily Braswell, Executive Director

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 meaningful, timely and effective citizen participation.

Programs: Periodic public meetings about planning in Houston.

Major Events: Citizens Congress, fall.

Volunteer Opportunities: Civic Awareness and Engagement Committee.

Publications: Annual report.

Brays Bayou Association

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Bob Schwartz, President
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Purpose: To reduce the risk of flooding in the Brays Bayou watershed.

Meetings: Third Monday of every month, 7:30 pm, Chase Westbury, 5306 West Belfort at Chimney Rock, in Conference Room.

Major Events: Annual meeting in March.

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Bob Schwartz.

Speakers Bureau: Contact Bob Schwartz.

Publications: Articles in *Meyerlander* and in local newspapers.

Bridges to Sustainability Institute

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Houston, TX 77005
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Purpose: BRIDGES to Sustainability Institute's (BRIDGES Institute) mission is to foster the implementation of greater sustainability through development of innovative approaches, the identification and articulation of critical issues and education and training. To deliver results, BRIDGES Institute partners with universities, industry, government and other NGO's.

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

Buffalo Bayou Partnership

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Purpose: Buffalo Bayou Partnership oversees beautification and redevelopment along Houston's historic waterway, Buffalo Bayou. Coordinating the integration of major improvements into the Bayou greenway, the Partnership seeks increased community involvement through pedestrian, boating and biking amenities, art installations, and other natural and built attractions.

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

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

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

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

Central City Co-Op

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www.centralcityco-op.org

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

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

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

Children At Risk

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www.childrenatrisk.org

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CEO
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Purpose: Children at Risk improves the quality of life for greater Houston's children through strategic research, public policy analysis, education, collaboration and advocacy.

Major Events: Annual Accolades Luncheon, Annual Golf Classic, Annual Children's Summit

Volunteer Opportunities:
info@childrenatrisk.org

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

The Children's Museum of Houston's EcoStation

1500 Binz
Houston, TX 77004
(713) 522-1138

www.cmhouston.org

Karen Milnar, Environmental Science
Educator: kmilnar@cmhouston.org

Purpose: Founded in 1981 to ignite a passion for learning and to develop good environmental stewards for Houston's future.

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

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

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact
(713) 522-1138 ext. 209 for details.

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

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

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

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Speakers available to discuss general environmental issues.

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

Citizens' League for Environmental Action Now (CLEAN)

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www.cleanhouston.org

Jane Dale Owen, President
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Purpose: To educate and encourage citizens to protect children, future generations, and endangered species from environmental abuses.

Major Events: Seminars throughout the year.

Volunteer Opportunities: Environmental journalism, other

Publications: Website and *Clean Thinking*, a monthly e-mail newsletter.

Citizens' Transportation Coalition (CTC)

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Media/Press Contact:
Robin Holzer, Chair

Purpose: Founded in 2004, the Citizens' Transportation Coalition (CTC) is an all-volunteer grassroots transportation advocacy organization. CTC envisions transportation solutions that improve quality of life. We are committed to engaging Houstonians in the planning of transportation projects that affect their neighborhoods.

Meetings: Board meets on fourth Thursdays from January to October at 6:45 pm at Central Market, 3815 Westheimer, in the community room. Member meeting in March.

Volunteer Opportunities: Report on public meetings of area transportation agencies and elected bodies, prepare fact sheets, contact elected leaders regarding timely transportation issues.

Speaker's Bureau: Topics include urban transit and toll road accountability.

Council for Environmental Education

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www.flyingwild.org; www.c-e-e.org

Josetta Hawthorne, Executive Director

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

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

Publications:

For purchase: *Project WILD, WILD School Sites Guide, Taking Action Guide, Exploring School Nature Areas video, WET in the City Spanish Language Student Pages, and Water Watchers: Conserving Water at Your Home and School.*

Available only through a training workshop: Curriculum and Activity Guides such as *Project Wild K-12 Activity Curriculum*

Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition

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Cypress, TX 77429
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floodalliance@ccfcc.org

www.ccfcc.org

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

Purpose: A coalition of municipal utility districts, homeowner associations and other community organizations functioning as a steward between the residents, local/state government, land developers and 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, 7:30 pm, at Lake Forest Utility District, 14223 Lakewood Forest Dr.

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

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Provide speakers upon request

Earth Share of Texas

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Austin, TX 78701
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1-(800) GREENTX
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www.earthshare-texas.org

Edie Muehlberger, Director
Max Woodfin, Director

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

Children's Activities: Participating organizations provide a variety of children's programs. Call (512) 472-5518 with your requirements.

Volunteer Activities: Call for volunteer information.

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

Publications: Newsletter and annual report.

Electric Auto Association Houston Chapter

Dale Books, President
8541 Hatton
Houston, TX 77025
(713) 218-6785

www.heaa.org

Purpose: Promotion and advancement of noiseless, pollution-free electric vehicles – charging into the future!

Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm, 3015 Richmond

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

Speakers Bureau: yes

Children's Activities: Sponsor high school projects involving conversion of gasoline cars.

Volunteer Opportunities: School projects, car shows.

Energy Corridor Management 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 am

Major Events: Transportation Fairs, Bike to Work Day, Energy Capital Run, National Trails Day.

Engineers Without Borders- Central Houston Professionals

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Purpose: To link engineering professionals and students with communities in the developing world to design and implement beneficial, long term sustainable solutions.

Meetings: Monthly, Second Wednesday at 7 pm at Rice University, Mechanical Laboratory building room 253.

Programs: Bimonthly continuing education seminars on sustainable engineering topic. Mentor for Rice University student chapter. Water supply projects in El Salvador, India, Bolivia.

Volunteer Opportunities: Working on or doing research for projects, publicity, fund raising, developing educational programs for sustainable engineering.

Environmental Defense Fund

2028 Buffalo Terrace
Houston, TX 77019
(713) 942-5821

www.edf.org

Elena Craft
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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 5:30 pm. Locations vary. Call or check Website before attending.

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

Publications: Member e-mail network pertaining to environmental education.

Environmental Institute of Houston

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

Friends of Mandell Park

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

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

Programs: Organic Gardening in the Park

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Gardening/Maintenance/Communications

Major Events: Spring Plant in March

Speakers Bureau: History & Purpose of Friends of Mandell Park

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

Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park

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Damien Carey, President and Director

Purpose: Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park supports the mission of TPWD staff at Sheldon Lake State Park. We help find funding and volunteers. FOSL members work with park staff on park improvement projects, bird surveys and leading nature walks. FOSL is the TPWS chartered "friends" group of the park, founded in 2003.

Programs: "Walk with nature," every third Saturday. Seasonal events highlighting the SLSP's beauty including star parties and holiday nature events. Annual inland rookery census.

Children's Activities: Nature Walks

Volunteer Opportunities: Environmental Learning, park improvement, bird counts and leading interpretive/birding groups.

Speakers Bureau: Talks advocating and promoting SLSP as "Houston's Neighborhood State Park," and "the Birds of Sheldon Lake State Park."

Friends of West 11th Street Park

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Lorraine Cherry, President (713)868-1549

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

Programs: Friends of W. 11th Street Park Trail Remediation Project. Wireless Wilderness Project, using digital devices to provide park education. In development is a cell-phone nature tour of the park, similar to phone tours offered at museums.

Major Events: Fall *Green Day in the Park* includes nature walks, plant sale, silent auction, entertainment, and educational displays from local environmental groups.

Children's Activities: Cell phone nature tours (see Programs).

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

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

Galveston Bay Conservation & Preservation Association

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

Publications: Email updates for members

Galveston Bay Foundation

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Bob Stokes, President

Purpose: To preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the Galveston Bay estuarine system and its tributaries for present users and for posterity. To accomplish this mission, the Foundation has targeted advocacy, conservation, education, and research.

Programs: Educational presentations; wetlands habitat restoration and conservation; monitoring and responding to proposed activities in the bay; effecting changes in government policies to protect and enhance the bay and habitat; community events; monitoring and advocating for improved scientific knowledge of the bay.

Major Events: Marsh Mania; Bay Day; Bike Around the Bay; Trash Bash; GBF Gala

Children's Programs: Bay Ambassadors; Get Hip to Habitat; Bay Day Celebration

Volunteer Opportunities: All of our our programs depend on volunteer help

Publications: *GBF Gazette*, a bi-monthly newsletter, *Galveston Bay Drive & Discover Guide*, free guide describing the places and habitats of Galveston Bay; Children's Art Calendar

Galveston/Houston Association for Smog Prevention (GHASP)

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Matthew Tejada, Ph.D., Executive Director

Speaker's Bureau: Yes.

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer internships and various activities.

Greater Houston Preservation Alliance

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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.

Help Endangered Animals - Ridley Turtles (HEART)

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

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

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

Children's Programs: For classes and scout troops: The HEART Council Certificate can be earned, includes education and communication with legislators.

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: Field Studies 101, Trees in Community, Natural Guard.

Major Events: Annual 5K Fun Run, An Evening in the Park Gala, Urban Green events throughout the year.

Children's Activities: Field Studies 101 field trips.

Volunteer Opportunities: The Natural Guard in Hermann Park. Visit website or contact

Speakers Bureau: Doreen Stoller,

Publications: *Annual Report*; Hermann Park map; *Parkside* newsletter.

Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)

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

Programs: HARC projects are organized into Air and Climate, Natural and Human Systems, and Energy programs.

Houston Audubon Society

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Purpose: Promote the conservation and appreciation of birds and wildlife habitat. Founded in 1969.

Meetings: Second Weds, Sept – May, 7:30 pm, United Way Center at 50 Waugh Drive. Houston Audubon Nature Photography Meetings: Third Weds. Sept-May, 7 pm, Edith L. Moore Bird Sanctuary Library, 440 Wilchester Blvd.

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

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Contact Mary Anne Weber.

Houston Arboretum and Nature Center

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Purpose: To provide nature education to people of all ages and to act as a haven and sanctuary for native plants and animals.

Publications: Website; bi-monthly newsletter for members, annual report.

Programs: Free Urban Nature Series, Sat. Guided Tours; Girl & Boy Scout workshops and tours.

Major Events: Arbor Day, Jan; ArBOoretum, Sat. before Halloween, Dec. Winter Camp.

Speakers Bureau: Contact for details.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Publications: Monthly newsletter, *The Waterline*.

Houston Climate Protection Alliance

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Purpose: Houston Climate Protect connects folks in the greater Houston-Galveston region concerned about global warming so we can learn and act together.

Meeting s: First Sundays of each month, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore.

Houston-Galveston Area Council

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Purpose: Founded in 1966, H-GAC is a voluntary association of 132 local governments and local elected officials in the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning Region of Texas. Its service area is 12,500 square miles and contains over 4.9 million people. Its mission is to serve as the instrument of local government cooperation, promoting the region's orderly development and the safety and welfare of its citizens.

Programs: Designs plans for solid waste management programs, land use, economic development, flood management, and water quality. Develops plans for assisting local governments address community and environmental issues, provide technical assistance and GIS services, and implement local and regional projects. C&E programs include the Texas Clean Rivers Program, Solid Waste Management Program, Community Resources Program, Regional Flood Management Program, Water Quality and, Sustainable Development Programs.

Houston Outdoor Living Academy

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Purpose: Challenging, adventure-based outdoor opportunities with academic curriculums to encourage curiosity, problem-solving, and self-confidence.

Publications: *Footprints*, weekly newsletter; Website.

Programs: School, grades 6-12; adventure-based, experiential curriculum integrating outdoor and environmental education into academics; extensive field trips and international travel; community service; nature studies and ethics; natural history, habitat, and plant and native species studies; outdoor skills education including backpacking, primitive earth, canoeing/kayaking, scuba diving.

Major Events: Annual Fall Backpacking Trip, Sept/Oct; Annual Trip Abroad in Mar/Apr; Trash Bash & Beach Clean-up; Earth Day; Summer Outdoor Adventure Program, June/July.

Children's Activities: Summer programs for children ages 9 and up.

Volunteer Opportunities: Fundraising, grant writing, clerical; tutors for students; volunteer teacher assistants.

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.

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Oneika McCarthy (713) 865-9348
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Communications / Media Relations /

Speakers Bureau: Estella Espinosa -
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Publications: Activities Catalog (3 times per year) - 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 and protects parks for Houston.

Programs: Park land acquisition and park capital improvement projects; collaboration with other green groups; neighborhood partnership program; placement of commemorative benches and commemorative trees within Houston-area parks.

Programs: Park land acquisition and park capital improvement projects; collaboration with other green groups; neighborhood partnership program; placement of commemorative benches and commemorative trees within Houston-area parks. All of the Parks Board work is made possible by private funds.

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

Publications: Annual Report. Board work is made possible by private funds.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assistance with improving neighborhood parks.

Houston Renewable Energy Group (HREG)

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

Meetings: Last Sunday of Jan., Apr., July, Oct. at the Houston Public Library, Park Place Branch, 8145 Park Place, Houston.

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

Houston Tomorrow (formerly Gulf Coast Institute)

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Purpose: Founded in 1998, the Gulf Coast Institute became Houston Tomorrow on the occasion of its tenth birthday. The mission of Houston Tomorrow is to improve the quality of life in the Houston region. We supply Houstonians with research about urban planning, land use, and transportation, plus independent analysis.

Meetings: Livable Houston/Smart Growth, noon on the fourth Wed. each month, Distinguished Speaker Series, quarterly.

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

Speaker's Bureau: Contact office.

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

Houston Wilderness

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

Programs: The Wilderness Passport, for children. When a Passport holder visits one the sites listed in the Passport, he or she gets a sticker

Volunteer Opportunities: special event information booths

Speaker's Bureau: Yes, call office

Publications: Houston Atlas of Biodiversity

Houston Zoo, Inc.

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Purpose: To provide a fun, unique, and inspirational experience fostering appreciation, knowledge, and care for the natural world.

Hours: The Zoo is open daily 2. Zoo memberships start at only \$55. To become a Zoo member call (713) 533-6713.

Programs: Lecture series, workshops for teachers, Night Prowl and overnight activities; Scout Badge Workshops, ZooMobile Outreach Programs; Terrific Toddler classes; Discovery Classes; Family Programs.

Major Events: Zoobilee, Zoo Boo, Zoo Friends' Ball/Family Picnic Feast With the Beasts

Children's Activities: frequent children's classes and activities.

Volunteer Opportunities: Many opportunities for teenagers and adults. For information call (713) 533-6532 or visit the Zoo's Website.

Speakers Bureau: Call (713) 533-6548.

Publications: Wild Life, Zoofari News, annual report, educational brochures.

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center

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Purpose: Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center is a 300-acre, Harris County Precinct 4 nature park dedicated to environmental and natural history, education, wildlife conservation, and passive recreation. It opened in 1982.

Programs: Jones Park offers a variety of tours and free educational programs ranging from the lifestyles and customs of local early settlers to the environmental benefits of nature.

Major Events: Homestead Heritage Day, Feb. 7, 2009; Naturefest March 7, 2009; Pioneer Day, Nov. 14, 2009

Children's Activities: Wide variety of children's programs throughout the year

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

Publications: Quarterly *The Parkscape* – 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.

Programs: More than 17,500 acres of the prairie have been protected.

Major Events: Guided tours, weekly Open Trails (self-guided tours), Family Day on the Prairie; educational field trips; annual meeting; Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail open to the public 365 days a year; Annual Christmas Bird Count (Jan 1), Annual Butterfly Count (Sept 1), Bio Blitz (May).

Volunteer Opportunities: Leading tours, gardening at Native Seed Nursery, conservation, fundraising, administrative, outdoor education, community outreach, workdays, preserve maintenance, monitoring and field days.

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

Keep Houston Beautiful

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Purpose: To reduce litter, increase recycling, and bring about a long-term improvement in attitudes and trash-hauling habits.

Programs: Adopt-A-Block Program; weekend cleanups; beautification projects; training workshops.

Major Events: Mayor's Proud Partners Awards Luncheon; Keep Houston Beautiful Day; Annual Keep 5 Alive Cleanup; Annual Bar Association Cleanup; Texas Recycles Day. Children's Activities: Little Kids' Litter Party, Recycled Art Contest, and Clean Getaway.

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

Speakers Bureau: Robin Blut,
(713) 839-8855.

Publications: *Clean Neighborhoods Manual*; *City of Houston Recycling & Neighborhood Cleanup Handbook*; *Guide to Earth Quilt Gardens*; *Recycling Activity Book for Kids*; *A Guide to Creating Environmental Outdoor Learning Centers*; E-newsletter; *Adopt-an-Esplanade Guide*.

Keep Kingwood Green

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Purpose: To increase awareness of recycling opportunities through education. We work with the City of Houston toward the building of a permanent recycling facility in the area. KKG aims to increase green waste recycling, increase commercial recycling, and influence community associations to renegotiate trash pick up contracts to include curbside pick up of recyclable items.

Major Events: See website.

Children's Activities: Our speakers can provide recycling talks and activities at school.

Volunteer Opportunities: Five committees- writing, publicity, fundraising, education, and curbside recycling.

Speakers Bureau: Speakers available on topics related to source reduction, re-use, and recycling.

Publications: email list-
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/keepkingwoodgreen>

Leadership Houston, Inc.

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Marilyn White, President

Purpose: Leadership Houston creates leaders. It gives people the tools and information with which to influence positive change in Houston. Through its “Flagship” program and community leadership education, it develops and enhances civic leadership skills across the city.

Programs: Flagship Program, Leadership on the Edge; Emerging Leaders Program, Leadership Revealed; Leadership Wired

Major Events: Leadership Houston Gala; Leadership in Action Awards, Annual Conference Fall/Winter.

Children’s Activities: Youth Leadership Forum, May.

Volunteer Opportunities: Help with gala activities, other volunteer opportunities. Please check website.

League of Women Voters of the Houston Area

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Carolyn Mata, Natural Resource Coordinator

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: Monthly forums Sept. through May, free and open to the public, on various public policy issues. Contact LWV office at (713) 784-2923.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist in office with voter information and with research and advocacy around program issues; call office.

Speakers Bureau: Contact Lula Blake at (713) 784-2923.

Publications: Monthly newsletter; voters guide before each election; voters key every February; video documentary on Houston government; video on Harris County government.

Legacy Land Trust

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Biologist

Purpose: A conservation organization dedicated to protecting natural areas in the Houston region. We work to protect stream corridors, river corridors, flood buffer zones and to provide wildlife with a natural home. We do this by working with willing landowners who agree to permanently protect their lands from future commercial development. Founded in 1997.

Programs: Naturalist-led hikes through Montgomery County Preserve and little Cypress Creek Preserve

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Colorful, visual PowerPoint presentation.

Memorial Park Conservancy

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

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

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

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

Mercer Arboretum & 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.

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

Major Events: March Mart Plant Sale, Mar. 27 and 28, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering a unique selection of plants that thrive in the Houston/Harris County climate. The best and biggest plant sale in Texas. Sizzling Hot Summer Plant Sale Sat., Jun. 27, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This summer plant sale offers a wide variety of plants that perform in high heat and humidity and wet or dry conditions. Tropical Workshop, Sat., Aug. 22, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This workshop offers a full day of programs that focus on creating a tropical paradise. Guest speakers, a plant sale, and lunch are included in the registration fee. Please contact Mercer for more information.

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

Mothers for Clean Air

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Cynthia Bum, Communications
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Purpose: To reduce air pollution in the Houston region to protect public health and environmental integrity through research, education and advocacy. We educate ourselves and the public on air quality and its effects on health; encourage participation in learning about air quality; do what we can as a community to prevent air pollution and reduce exposure, particularly to children.

In September 2008 the boards of GHASP and Mothers for Clean Air (MfCA) joined together under one board and one executive director with MfCA as the outreach program of GHASP. Together we are a stronger organization whose mission remains to improve our region's hazardous air through public education, participation in the state and federal planning processes and active advocacy.

Special Program: Ozone Theater, an interactive game that teaches pre-K-2 and grades 3-5 about air pollution.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to help staffing tables at special events and health fairs and to help with children's activities. Spanish speakers especially are needed.

Speaker's Bureau: Yes.

Native Plant Society of Texas: Houston Chapter

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Purpose: To promote conservation, research, and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas that attract birds and butterflies through education, outreach, and example. Founded in 1981.

Meetings: At 7 pm, the third Thursday of month (Feb. – Nov.) at Houston Arboretum, 4501 Woodway Dr.

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

Major Events: WildScapes Workshop: Landscaping with Native Plants to Attract Wildlife. This workshop is about habitat gardening; includes a native plant sale and nature related books. Fall and spring symposium, with programs discussing native plants and plant habitats across the state.

Volunteer Opportunities: Native Plant rescues, Invasives removal, school habitat programs, cooperative efforts with other nonprofits and government entities.

Speakers Bureau: Contact Linda Knowles.

Publications: Bimonthly newsletter addressing plant and habitat issues across the state. A local quarterly newsletter.

The Nature Conservancy

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

Publications: Quarterly national magazine

Major Events: Annual luncheon

Speakers Bureau: Call for speakers.

Children’s Activities: Educational programs at preserves around the state. Call the office.

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

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

Nature Discovery Center

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Purpose: To develop, in children and adults, life-long curiosity, understanding, and respect for nature.

Programs: Free adult lecture on first Wed. of month at 7 pm, field-trips, teacher workshops, children's classes, in-service day camps, summer day camps, birding walks, wildlife watching field trips, interactive exhibit rental, outreaches, birthday parties.

Major Events: Spring Fling and Earth Day Pumpkin Patch; Holiday Market; Bellaire Home Tour (Apr.); Twilight in the Park (Nov.).

Children's Activities: Discovery Rooms, Nature Story Time, Nature Detectives, Eco-Explorers, Scout programs.

Volunteer Opportunities: Special events; field trip docents; animal care; gardening; help with art projects, teens for camp counselors.

Speakers Bureau: yes.

Publications: *Nature At Your Doorstep: Real World Investigations for Primary Students* (book); *Birds of Russ Pitman Park*; *Discovery Trail Guide*

Ocean Conservancy

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Purpose: The Ocean Conservancy promotes healthy and diverse ocean ecosystems and opposes practices that threaten ocean life and human life. Founded in 1972 as The Center for Environmental Education, and later become Ocean Conservancy.

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

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

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

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

Publications: *Ocean Conservancy* quarterly magazine

Organic Horticulture Business-Education Alliance

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

Meetings: 7 -10 per year, check website

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

Speaker's Bureau: Organic Horticulture Education

Outdoor Nature Club

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

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

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

Children's Activities: Birding field trips.

Speakers Bureau: Dick Whanger, Education Outreach Chairman (713) 723-0858.

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

The Park People, Inc.

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Purpose: Working with the city, county, state, and community to preserve, enhance, increase, and celebrate area parks and green space; speaking out when parks are threatened; planting trees and wildflowers across the Houston area; initiating park preservation programs.

Programs: On the Trail of Trash, Feb. 28th, 2009; various planting of wildflowers and trees (consult website)

Major Events: Annual Meeting, January; Annual awards dinner, April 22, 2009; 30th Anniversary Celebration, November 5, 2008

Volunteer Opportunities: Project planning, special events, and administrative support. Also see newsletter or website for tree or wild flower plantings.

Speakers Bureau: Contact Diane Schenke.

Publications: Harris County Tree Registry 2005, The Park People's Trails Map, see website for newsletter and annual report

Piney Woods Wildlife Society, Inc.

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

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Carlos Hernandez
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Publications: Monthly newsletter, The Pine Warbler.

Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas, Inc.

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Dana Hurt, Board Chair

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.

Major Events: Jan. luncheon to commemorate Roe vs. Wade decision, spring tennis tournament, fall fundraiser.

Family/Community Education: Counseling, sexuality education, and world population programs

Volunteer Opportunities: Assistance needed in the clinics, library, school programs, also in clinic defense and in public affairs. Call Sylvia LeBlanc, Director of Volunteers, (713) 522-6363.

Speakers Bureau: Larissa Lindsay

Publications: E-newsletter.

Pleasantville Environmental Coalition

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Yes

Major Events: Tree plantings, community clean-up.

The Progressive Forum

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Purpose: A civic speaker organization dedicated to mainstream progressive values, producing seven events per year in Houston's finest theatres.

Programs: Two events are planned for Spring 2009. Environmentally, Lester Brown will appear April 28. Event schedule at www.progressiveforum.com.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers - Gulf Coast Council

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

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

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

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

Rice Design Alliance

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

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

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

Rice University Environmental Club

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Purpose: Through promoting education and awareness, advocating sustainable development, and initiating environmental programming on campus, Rice Environmental Club seeks to establish Rice University as an environmentally positive example for the benefit of the University itself, the greater Texas community, and the world at large.

Meetings: Every Tuesday, 8:30 pm, Rice Memorial Center, Second Floor Conference Room

Programs: Annual Conference, Public Movie Showings, Public Tours, Public Lectures

Scenic Galveston, Inc.

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Purpose: Dedicated as scenic habitat conservation preserves, our mission is permanent protection and restoration of its 900-acre John M. O'Quinn I-45 estuarial corridor and the contiguous 1, 00 acres of undeveloped coastal habitat on the Virginia Point peninsula.

Major Events: SG wetlands work days, 2nd Thursdays, 3rd Saturdays; plant/bird/water quality monitoring; regular estuary and Virginia Point clean-ups; Trash Bash each spring, partnering with GLO.

Children's Activities: Developing Susan McGuffey's "Little Peoples" educational marsh off the I-45 corridor to the east of the Santa Fe overpass bridge. Limited marsh planting and related opportunities for older youth groups.

Volunteer Opportunities: Estuary work days; students, birding groups, paddlers and others engaged in non-intrusive public use.

Scenic Houston

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Purpose: Scenic Houston is committed to making Houston an uncommonly beautiful and economically dynamic city. It is our belief that successful economic development can only be achieved if a high priority is placed on quality of life issues. Increasing the aesthetic, fitness/recreational and natural aspects of the Houston region creates a livable city that promotes prosperity, growth and wellness policies at all levels of government that promote and enhance the quality of life aspects of our urban landscape.

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* newsletter, legislative alerts as needed, brochures, articles.

Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center

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Robert Comstock, Superintendent

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

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Nature programs for children, native plant garden maintenance, compost demonstration maintenance, trail maintenance, habitat restoration, and special projects.

Sierra Club Houston Regional Group

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

Meetings: First Thur., 7:30 pm, Central Presbyterian Church, 3788 Richmond

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

Children's Activities: Inner City Outings program. Contact Lorraine Gibson at raineygib@aol.com

Volunteer Opportunities: Issues as sprawl, air quality, watershed, sustainability, energy, and forestry; Political Committee endorsements; legislative issues and letter writing; trail maintenance on Lone Star Hiking Trail (2nd Sat) and at Jesse Jones Park; training for leading outings. Call (713) 895-9309.

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

The 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: Conservation Leadership Corps, Conservation Crews, and Conservation Internships.

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

Children's Activities: Outreach to schools.

Volunteer Opportunities: Conservation Leadership Corps, Conservation Crews

Surfrider Foundation, Texas Chapter

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

Regular Meetings: Monthly in Houston.

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

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

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

Speaker's Bureau: Ellis Pickett

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

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

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

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

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

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

Texas Association of Environmental Professionals

5090 Richmond Avenue, Suite 432
Houston, TX 77056
www.taep.org
taep@taep.org

Chris McCarthy, President
cmccart1@ch2m.com

Shannon Tyrell, Vice President
shannon.tyrell@ALSEnviro.com

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 three chapters, 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 2008, TEAP awarded \$1500 to students at 5 different schools. Young Environmental Professionals (YEP) is a networking opportunity for young people new to the profession.

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Event planning committees; TAEP Board.

Publications: ECIC conference proceedings with abstracts.

Texas Campaign for the Environment

3100 Richmond Avenue, Suite 290
Houston, TX 77098
www.texasenvironment.org

Robin Schneider, Executive Director
robin@texasenvironment.org

Virginia Fugman, Canvass Director
virginia@texasenvironment.org

Zac Trahan, Program Director
zac@texasenvironment.org

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

Programs: Advocates for local and state 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 to inform the public and get them involved in the campaign.

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Call Zac Trahan.

Publications: Annual report and regular email action alerts to TCE members. Visit Website to view past reports and join as a member.

Texas Diaper Free

3519 Blue Bonnet
Houston, TX 77025
(713) 249-2881

coryvaldes@gmail.com

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

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

Website also allows posting.

Publications: www.texasdiaperfree.org

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

Texas Master Naturalists Heartwood Chapter

PO Box 9611
The Woodlands, TX 77387-9611
(832) 381-6921 (Messages only)
info@heartwoodtmn.org

www.heartwoodtmn.org

Teri MacArthur, President
(281) 381-3281
texasnaturelover@earthlink.net

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. Room B102, Montgomery County College, Conroe.

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.
info@heartwoodtmn.org

Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition

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

www.twrc-houston.org

Roslyn Even, Operations Director,
(713) 468-8972
director@twrc-houston.org

Terry Garner, Volunteer Coordinator,
(713) 468-8972
membership@twrc-houston.org

Purpose: The TWRC Wildlife Center, operated by volunteers and part-time staff, serves as an emergency room for native Texas wildlife brought to us by the public. As Houston's first urban wildlife emergency and rehabilitative care facility, we have treated over 65,000 injured, orphaned, or ill wildlife.

Programs: New volunteer orientation and 101 Basic Rehabilitation classes are ongoing. The Baby Bird Program (Mar-Aug)- during this time bird rehabilitation classes occur regularly. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old; 12 and 13 years old can participate with a parent or guardian. See website for details.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers 16 or older are needed to assist with the daily operations of the Center. Duties include answering the hotline, caring for the educational animals, helping with admissions (for 18 and older), office chores, data entry, general Center maintenance, and/or help with tours and lectures through the Speakers' program.

Speaker's Bureau: Yes.

Trees for Houston

4550 Post Oak Place, Suite 310
Houston, TX 77027
(713) 840-8733/Fax: (713) 840-8734
Info@treesforhouston.org

www.treesforhouston.org

Purpose: Dedicated to the orderly and organized planting of street trees along residential and commercial thoroughfares in Houston.

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

Major Events: Arbor Day Awards, Jan.; Root Ball, April; Annual Meeting, May.

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

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

The Trust for Public Land

Coastal & Southeast Texas Office
1113 Vine Street, Suite 117
Houston, TX 77002
(713) 226-7200; Fax: (713) 226-7229

www.tpl.org

Linda Shead, Program Director
Linda.shead@tpl.org

Meg Naumann, Associate Regional Development Director Texas
meg.naumann@tpl.org

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

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

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

Major Events: Project celebrations.

Speakers Bureau: Call the office.

Volunteer Opportunities: Call the office.

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

Urban Harvest

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

info@urbanharvest.org

www.urbanharvest.org

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

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

Programs: Organic Gardening Classes; Bayou City Farmers' Market; School and Youth Gardening Program; Community Gardens Program. Affiliated Programs: Organic Horticulture Business Alliance; Permaculture Guild.

The Bayou City Farmers' Market is open each Saturday. Check our website for more information.

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

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

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

U.S. Green Building Council - Greater Houston Area Chapter

P.O. Box 6720
Houston, TEXAS 77265-6720
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http://www.usgbc-houston.org

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tim.murray@morrisarchitects.com

Kathleen English, Vice Chair -
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Lora-Marie Bernard, Executive Dir. -
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Purpose: Founded in 2003, the U.S. Green Building Council - Greater Houston Area Chapter (USGBC-GHAC) works with regional government agencies, businesses and institutions to stimulate and support green building practices. We offer educational programs to the building industry and public at large, in order to grow both local expertise and the green building market.

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

Major Events: Casino Night Celebration, Awards Gala, Green Brews

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

Waterborne Education Center (WEC)

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

www.txwaterborne.org

Amy Turner, Director
amyturner@ih2000.net

Wes Kruger, Field Lab Coordinator
weskruger@ih2000.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

Publication: *WEC Newsletter*, bi-monthly.

We CAN Recycle

723 N Drennan St.
Houston, TX 77003-1320
(832) 659-0168
wecanrecycle.org

Mark Austin, Founder
info@wecanrecycle.org

Purpose: We CAN Recycle was founded by Mark Austin as a way to make a difference on several serious issues facing Houston, America and our planet. Our mission is to promote and raise awareness of recycling as a way to reduce the strain on our landfills and reduce pollution and greenhouse gasses. Funds raised from our recycling efforts go to other area non-profits, including those that help needy and abused animals, and those that plant trees and engage in city beautification efforts.

We were delighted to receive an Honorable Mention at the 24th Annual Mayors Proud Partner Awards.

Programs: Free pickup and recycling of aluminum cans in the Houston Metro Area.

Volunteer Opportunities: Collection and recycling, processing, and clean-up projects. Contact us through the online form on our website.

Publications: We CAN Recycle blog, at wecanrecycle.org/wordpress.

White Oak Bayou Association

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Houston, TX 77292-0510
WhiteOakBayouAssociation@comcast.net

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Kyle Blank, PE, Vice President
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Jim Mackey, Vice President
bikin7@aol.com

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

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm
Timbergrove Central Bank - Community Room, 1550 West 18th Street

Programs: Field trips, tree planting, bikeway advocacy and design, environmental advocacy, participation in Harris County Flood Control District stakeholder committees, coordination with City of Houston Floodplain Management office stormwater quality advocacy and education.

Major events: May – Spring Social
November – Annual Meeting

Publications: E-mail announcements.

Wildlife Rehab & Education (WR&E)

7007 Katy Road
Houston, TX 77024
(713) 861-WILD (9453) (9 am - 6 pm daily Mar-Aug and 9 am - 4 pm daily Sept-Feb)

Sharon Schmalz, Executive Director
SharonSchmalz@wrande.org

Purpose: Wildlife Rehab & Education was formed to meet the increasing need for wildlife assistance in the Greater Houston / Upper Gulf Coast region. Each year, licensed WR&E rehabilitators treat thousands of injured or orphaned wild birds and mammals.

Meetings: Volunteer orientation meetings are held monthly (excl. Jan.) on the second Saturday of the month at the Wildlife Center from 10 a.m.- 12 noon. For information call Margaret at (281) 648-2328.

Programs: Oiled Wildlife Response Team that can intervene during an environmental crisis; Peaceful Coexistence House educational display at the WR&E center.

Major events: Annual Golf Tournament March 25, 2009. Call for details.

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Sheryl@wrande.org.

Publications: quarterly newsletter.

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

Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

PO Box 35676
Houston, TX 77235-5676
www.wwgc.org

Howard Sacks, President

Dabney Kennedy, Vice President

Purpose: The WWGC, established in 2001, is a diverse and broad-based group of citizens dedicated to the creation of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Project (WWGP). The project is an exciting combination of major flood control, a \$70M series of wet-bottom detention lakes, and greenspace in a 280-acre park in Southwest Houston. Our mission is to mobilize individuals, neighborhoods, government agencies, businesses and foundations to support the creation of the Willow Waterhole Greenway Project.

Meetings: Semi-annual: Spring (election) and Fall.

Major events: Annual Fun Run & Walk; Summer Park Clean Up; Fall Wildflower Planting; Bird Walk and counts.

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact WWGC using the website contact form.

Speakers Bureau: upon request

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

P.O. Box 9934
The Woodlands, TX 77387
(281) 210-3900

Carolyn LaFleur, President
(281) 703-8170

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government Agencies

Federal

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 such as piers, boathouses, etc.

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

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

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.

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

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

US Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.gov

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

Region 6

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

Houston Laboratory

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

Emergency and Hot Line Phone Numbers

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

Superfund Hot Line
1-800-533-3508

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

US Fish & Wildlife Service

www.fws.gov

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

Southwest Region (2)

Houston Ecological Services Field Office

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

USDA Wildlife Damage Management Services

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/texas_info.shtml

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

Texas Wildlife Services State Director

P.O. Box 100410
San Antonio, TX 78201

(210) 472-5451

State

www.state.tx.us/portal/tol

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, Texas 78711-2967
(877) 228-5740

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

Soil and Water Conservation Board

www.tsswcb.state.tx.us

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

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

Texas Department of Agriculture

www.agr.state.tx.us

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

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

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

Texas Department of Transportation

www.dot.state.tx.us

Builds and maintains state highways.

125 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 305-9500

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

Texas Forest Service

www.txforestservicetamu.edu

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

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

Bayou Region Urban Forestry Program

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

Forest Resource Development &
Sustainable Forestry
Mickey Merritt, Regional Urban Forestry
Coordinator
mmerritt@tfs.tamu.edu

W.G. Jones State Forest

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

Texas General Land Office

www.glo.state.tx.us

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

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

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

www.tceq.state.tx.us

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

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

Houston Office, Region 12

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

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

www.tpwd.state.tx.us

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

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

Education and Outdoor Urban Programs

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

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

Houston Urban Outdoor Program

Dawn Bello
HUOP Specialist
713-203-2915
dawn.bello@tpwd.state.tx

Texas Water Development Board

www.twdb.state.tx.us

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

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

(512) 463-7847

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

Harris County

www.co.harris.tx.us

Harris County Cooperative Extension—Cylinder Gardens Outreach & Ecology Education

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

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

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

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County

www.ridemetro.org

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

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

METROLine
Route & Schedule Information
713-635-4000
tripplanner.ridemetro.org

Community Outreach, 713-739-4018
ec05@ridemetro.org

Area Counties

All elected officials are effective January 2009.

Austin County

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

Recycling Info

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

Texas Agrilife Extension Service

(979) 865-5911

County Judge: Carolyn Bilski

(979) 865-5911

Commissioners:

Pct 1: David Ottmer, (979) 865-2126

Pct 2: Robert "Bobby" Rinn,
(979) 357-4785

Pct 3: Randy Reichardt, (979) 865-5441

Pct 4: David Hubenak, (979) 478-7121

Brazoria County

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

Environmental Health

(979) 864-1600

Parks Department

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

Texas Agrilife Extension Service

(979) 864-1558
Brazoria-tx.tamu.edu

County Judge: Joe King

joek@brazoria-county.com
(979) 864-1200

Commissioners

Pct 1: Donald "Dude" Payne
(979) 848-5711

dudep@brazoria-county.com

Pct 2: Matt Sebesta

(979) 864-1548

matts@brazoria-county.com

Pct 3: Stacy Adams

(979) 848-5711

Pct 4: Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh

(979) 798-2158

maryr@brazoria-county.com

Chambers County

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

Environmental Protection

(409) 267-8392

Parks

(409) 267-8201

Resource Recovery & Recycling Center

(888) 877-8103

Texas AgriLife Extension Service

(409) 374-2123

County Judge: Jimmy Sylvia,

(409) 267-8295

jsylvia@co.chambers.tx.us

Commissioners

Pct 1: Mark Huddleston

(409) 296-8250

Pct 2: David "Bubba" Abernathy

(409) 267-8345

Chambers County, continued

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

Colorado County

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

Floodplain Coordinator
Ron Chastain, (979) 732-2435

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(979) 732-2082

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

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

Fort Bend County

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

Environmental Health
(281) 342-7469

Parks and Recreation
(281) 835-9419

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(281) 342-3034

County Judge: Robert E. Hebert
(281) 341-8608

Commissioners
Pct 1: Richard Morrison
(281) 344-9400
Pct 2: Grady Prestage
(281) 403-8000
Pct 3: W.A. "Andy" Meyers
(281) 494-1199
Pct 4: James Patterson
(281) 980-2235

Galveston County

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

Parks and Senior Services
(409) 934-8100

Environmental Health
(409) 938-2411

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(281) 534-3413

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

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

Harris County

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

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

Flood Control
(713) 684-4000

Parks and Recreation
713-845-1000

Public Health and Environmental Services
(713) 439-6000

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(281) 855-5600

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

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

Liberty County

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

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(936) 336-4558

County Judge: Phil Fitzgerald
(936) 336-4665

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

Matagorda County

1700 7th Street
Bay City, TX 77414
www.co.matagorda.tx.us

Environmental Health
(979) 244-2717

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(936) 336-4558

County Judge: Nate McDonald
(979) 244-7605

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

Montgomery County

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

Environmental Health
(936) 539-7839

Parks Department
(936) 788-8325

Recycling Center
(281) 367-7283

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(936) 539-7822

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

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

Walker County

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

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(936) 435-2426

County Judge: Danny Pierce
(936) 436-4910

Commissioners

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

Waller County

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

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(979) 826-76511

County Judge: Owen Ralston
(979) 826-7700

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

Wharton County

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

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(979) 532-3310

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

Wharton County, continued

Commissioners:

Pct 1: Leroy E. Dettling
(979) 532-1991

Pct 2: D.C. "Chris" King
(979) 335-7541

Pct 3: Philip Miller
(979) 543-0091

Pct 4: Jimmy Kainer
(979) 543-3561

Area Cities

With populations over 25,000 at 2000 Census. All elected officials are effective January 2009.

City of Houston

www.houstontx.gov
713-247-1000 or 311
901 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002
P O Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251

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

Mayor: Bill White

Council Members:

Council Member, District A:
Toni Lawrence
Council Member, District B:
Jarvis Johnson
Council Member, District C:
Anne Clutterbuck
Council Member, District D:
Wanda Adams
Council Member, District E:
Michael Sullivan
Council Member, District F:
M. J. Khan
Council Member, District G:
Pam Holm
Council Member, District H:
Adrian Garcia
Council Member, District I: James
Rodriguez
Council Member-At-Large, Position 1:
Peter Brown
Council Member-At-Large, Position 2:
Sue Lovell
Council Member-At-Large, Position 3:
Melissa Noriega

Council Member-At-Large, Position 4:
Ronald Green
Council Member-At-Large, Position 5:
Jolanda Jones

City of Pasadena

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

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

Mayor: Johnny Isbell

Council Members:

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

City of Baytown

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

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

City of Baytown, continued**Mayor:** Stephen H. DonCarlos**Council Members:**

Councilwoman, District 1:

Lena Yepez

Councilman, District 2:

Scott Sheley

Councilman, District 3:

Brandon Capetillo

Councilman, District 4:

Terry Sain

Councilman, District 5:

Lynn A. Caskey

Councilman, District 6:

David McCartney

City of Sugar Landwww.sugarlandtx.gov

281-275-2730

PO Box 110, Sugar Land, TX 77487-

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Council Meets: 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday,
5:00 p.m.**Mayor:** James Thompson**Council Members:**

Councilman, District 1:

Dennis C. Parmer

Councilman, District 2:

Donald G. Olson

Councilman, District 3:

Russell C. Jones

Councilman, District 4:

Michael S. Schiff

Councilman-at-Large, Position 1:

Thomas Abraham

Councilwoman-At-Large, Position 2:

Jacqueline "Jacquie" Baly Chaumette

City of Galvestonwww.cityofgalveston.org

409-797-3520

P O Box 779, Galveston, TX 77553

Council Meets: 2nd & 4th Thursday, 5:30
p.m.**Mayor:** Lyda Ann Thomas**Council Members:**

Councilmember, District 1:

Tarris L Woods

Councilmember, District 2:

Linda K. Colbert

Councilmember, District 3:

Elizabeth Beeton

Councilmember, District 4:

Susan Fennwald

Councilmember, District 5:

Danny Weber

Councilmember, District 6:

Karen Mahoney

City of Missouri Citywww.missouricitytx.gov/

281-261-4260

1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, TX
77489Council Meets: 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00
p.m.**Mayor:** Allen Owen**Council Members:**

Councilwoman, District A:

Eunice Reiter

Councilwoman, District B:

Cynthia Lenton-Gary

Councilwoman, District C:

Barbara Gibson

Councilman, District D:

Brett Kolaja

Councilman-At-Large, Position 1:

Jerry Wyatt
Councilman-At-Large, Position 2:
Buddy Jimerson

City of League City

www.ci.league-city.tx.us
281-554-1000
300 West Walker, League City, TX
77573

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

Mayor: Toni Randall

Council Members:

Councilman, Position 1:
Neil Baron
Councilman, Position 2:
Mike Barber
Councilman, Position 3:
Thomas Cones
Councilman, Position 4:
Chris Samuelson
Councilwoman, Position 5:
Phyllis Sanborn
Councilman, Position 6:
Tim Paulissen
Councilman, Position 7:
Jim Nelson

Texas City

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

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

Mayor: Matthew Doyle

City Commissioners:

Commissioner, District 1:
Donald B. Singleton
Commissioner, District 2:
J.W. "Scooter" Wilson
Commissioner, District 3:
Dedrick Johnson
Commissioner, District 4:
Tommy Clark
Commissioner-At-Large:
Dee Ann Haney
Commissioner-At-Large:
Mike Land

City of Pearland

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

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

Mayor: Tom Reid

Council Members:

Councilman, Position 1:
Woody Owens
Councilwoman, Position 2:
Helen Beckman
Councilman, Position 3:
Steve Saboe
Councilwoman, Position 4:
Felicia Kyle
Councilman, Position 5:
Kevin Cole

City of Conroe

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

City of Conroe, continued

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

Mayor: Webb Melder

Council Members:

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

City of Huntsville

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

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

Mayor: James Turner

Council Members:

Councilmember, Ward 1:
Tom Cole
Councilmember, Ward 2:
Mac Woodward
Councilmember, Ward 3:
Clarence W. Griffin
Councilmember, Ward 4:
Wayne Barrett
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 1:
Dalene Zender
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 2:
Melissa Mahaffey

Councilmember-At-Large, Position 3:
Charles Forbus
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 4:
Lanny D Ray

City of La Porte

www.ci.la-porte.tx.us
281-471-5020
604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte,
TX 77571

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

Mayor: Alton Porter

Council Members:

Councilperson, District 1:
Michael Mosteit
Councilperson, District 2:
Chuck Engelen
Councilperson, District 3:
Howard Ebow
Councilperson, District 4:
Tommy Moser
Councilperson, District 5:
Louis Rigby
Councilperson, District 6:
Mike Clausen
Councilperson-At-Large, Position A:
Georgia Ann Malone
Councilperson-At-Large, Position B:
John Black

City of Friendswood

www.ci.friendswood.tx.us
281-996-3270
910 South Friendswood Drive,
Friendswood, TX 77546-4856

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

City of Friendswood, continued

Mayor: David J. H. Smith

Council Members:

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

City of Deer Park

www.deerparktx.gov
281-478-7247
P O Box 700, Deer Park, TX 77536

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

Mayor: Wayne Riddle

Council Members:

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

City of Lake Jackson

www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us
979-415-2400
25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, TX 77566

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

Mayor: Bob Sipple

Council Members:

Councilman, Position 1:
Joseph Rinehart
Councilman, Position 2:
Bob Geter
Councilman, Position 3:
Gerald Roznovsky
Councilman, Position 4:
Rob Dotson
Councilperson, Position 5:
Vinghay Singhaniana

State Elected Officials

All elected officials listed are effective January 2009.

Executive Branch

Governor of Texas

www.governor.state.tx.us
Rick Perry
Office of the Governor
Box 12428 Austin, Texas 78711-2428
(512) 463-2000
1-800-252-9600
www.governor.state.tx.us

Lieutenant Governor

David Dewhurst
Capitol Station
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas, 78711-2068
(512) 463-0001
1-800-441-0373
www.ltgov.state.tx.us

Texas Land Commissioner

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

Comptroller of Public Accounts

Susan Combs
Lyndon B. Johnson State Office Bldg.
111 East 17th Street
Austin, Texas 78774
1-800-531-5441
www.window.state.tx.us

Secretary of State

The Honorable Roger Williams
P.O. Box 13697
Austin, Texas 78711-3697
(512) 463-5555
www.sos.state.tx.us

Attorney General

The Honorable Greg Abbot
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, TX 78711-2548
(512) 463-2100
www.oag.state.tx.us

Texas Senate

www.senate.state.tx.us

Austin contact info for all state senators:

P. O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711-2068
(512) 463-01+senator's district number
e-mail format:
firstname.lastname@senate.state.tx.us

The lieutenant governor serves as president of the state senate. See listing above for David Dewhurst.

Area Senators

Senate District 3

Robert Nichols (R)
2040 N. Loop 336 West
Suite 107, Box 7
Conroe, Texas 77304
(936) 756-5168

Senate District 4

Tommy Williams (R)
2441 High Timbers - Suite 400
The Woodlands, TX 77380
(281) 364-9426

Senate District 5

Steve Ogden (R)
309 W. Main St., Suite 115
Round Rock, TX 78664
(512) 828-5224

Senate District 6

Mario Gallegos, Jr. (D)
5206 Irvington Blvd., Unit D
Houston, Texas 77009
(713) 742-5000

Senate District 7

Dan Patrick (R)
11451 Katy Freeway, Suite 209
Houston, Texas 77079
(713) 464-0282

Senate District 11

Mike Jackson (R)
201 Enterprise, Suite 600-A
League City, Texas 77573
(281) 334-0011

Senate District 13

Rodney Ellis (D)
2440 Texas Parkway, Suite 110
Missouri City, Texas 77489
(281) 261-2360

Senate District 15

John Whitmire (D)
803 Yale Street
Houston, Texas 77007
(713) 864-8701

Senate District 17

Open, Run-off Dec. 16, 2008
7777 SW Freeway, Ste. 102
Houston, Texas 77074
(713) 272-8929

Senate District 18

Glen Hegar (R)
P.O. Box 1008
Katy, Texas 77492
(281) 391-8883

**Texas House of
Representatives**

www.house.state.tx.us

**Austin contact information for all
representatives:**

P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768
Phone: (512) 463-0600

e-mail format:

firstname.lastname@house.state.tx.us

Area Representatives

House District 13

Lois W. Kolkhorst (R)
PO Box 1867
Brenham, TX 77834
(979) 251-7888

House District 15

Rob Eissler (R)
P.O. Box 9494
The Woodlands, TX 77387
(281) 681-9655

House District 16

Brendan Creighton (R)
326 1/2 N. Main Street
Suite 110
Conroe, Texas 77301
(936) 539-0028

House District 17

Tim Kleinschmidt (R)
219 E. Main Street
P.O. Box 217
Eagle Lake, TX 77434
(979) 234-2493

House District 18

John Otto (R)
P.O. Box 965
Dayton, TX 77535
(936) 258-8135

House District 23

Craig Eiland (D)
2211 The Strand, Suite 201
Galveston, Texas 77550
(409) 763-3260

House District 24

Larry Taylor (R)
174 Calder Road, Ste 116
League City, TX 77573
(281) 338-0924

House District 25

Dennis Bonnen (R)
122 E. Myrtle
Angleton, TX 77515
(979) 848-1770

House District 26

Charlie Howard (R)
1 Fluor Daniel Building
Sugar Land, TX 77478
(281) 565-9500

House District 27

Dora F. Olivo (D)
P.O. Box 2130
Missouri City, TX 77459
(281) 208-8806

House District 28

John Zerwas (R)
410 West Grand Parkway South
Suite 390
Katy, TX 77494
(281) 395-2238

House District 29

Randy Weber (R)
P. O. Box 2358
Pearland, TX 77588
(281) 997-8071

House District 126

Patricia Harless (R)
6605 Cypresswood Drive, #240
Spring, Texas 77379
(281) 376-4114

House District 127

Joe Crabb (R)
1110 Kingwood Dr. #200
Kingwood, TX 77339
(281) 359-1270

House District 128

Wayne Smith (R)
909 Decker Drive
Suite 104
Baytown, TX 77520
(832) 556-2002

House District 129

John E. Davis (R)
1350 NASA Parkway, #212
Houston, TX 77058
(281) 333-1350

House District 130

Corbin Van Arsdale (R)
12777 Jones Rd, Ste 175
Houston, TX 77070
(281) 469-9130

House District 131

Alma Allen (D)
10101 Fondren Road
Houston, TX 77096
(713) 776-0505

House District 132

William A. "Bill" Callegari (R)
1550 Foxlake Dr, Ste 120
Houston, TX 77084
(281) 578-8484

House District 133

Kristi Thibaut (D)
2500 CityWest Blvd.
Ste. 150
Houston, TX 77042

House District 134

Ellen Cohen (D)
3355 West Alabama
Suite 1250
Houston, TX 77098
(713) 627-0134

House District 135

Gary Elkins (R)
9601 Jones Road
Suite 215
Houston, TX 77065
(832) 912-8380

House District 136

Beverly Woolley (R)
2400 Augusta Drive.,
Suite 266
Houston, TX 77057
(713) 629-6313

House District 137

Scott Hochberg (D)
7011 Harwin, Suite 230
Houston, TX 77036
(832) 252-7336

House District 138

Dwayne Bohac (R)
2600 Gessner Rd, Ste 212
Houston, TX 77080
(713) 460-2800

House District 139

Sylvester Turner (D)
6915 Antoine Street, Ste E
Houston, TX 77091
(713) 683-6363
(866) 886-8900 Toll Free

House District 140

Armando Walle (D)
507 Sam Houston Pky, #310
Houston, TX 77060
(281) 847-9000

House District 141

Senfronia Thompson (D)
10527 Homestead Road
Houston, TX 77016
(713) 633-3390

House District 142

Harold V. Dutton (D)
8799 N. Loop East
Suite 305
Houston, TX 77029
(713) 692-9192

House District 143

Ana Hernandez (D)
1233 Mercury Drive
Houston, TX 77029
(713) 675-8596

House District 144

Ken Legler (R)
3622 Fairmont Parkway, Suite B
Pasadena, TX 77504
(281) 487-8818

House District 145

Carol Alvarado (D)
2900 Woodridge, Ste 305
Houston, TX 77087
(713) 649-6563

House District 146

Al Edwards (D)
2616 South Loop W
Suite 225
Houston, Texas 77054-2787
(713) 432-0009

House District 147

Garnet F. Coleman (D)
5445 Alameda, Suite 501
Houston, TX 77004
(713) 520-5355

House District 148

Jessica Cristina Farrar (D)
P.O. Box 30099
Houston, TX 77249
(713) 691-6912

House District 149

Hubert Vo (D)
7474 South Kirkwood St.
Suite 202
Houston , TX 77072
(281) 988-0212

House District 150

Debbie Riddle (R)
3648 F.M. 1960 West
Suite 106
Houston, TX 77068
(281) 537-5252

Elected Official Resources

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

Greater Houston Partnership

www.houston.org/governmentOfficials/

The GHP website lists contact information for elected officials in the 10 county area (including Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Waller counties) at the following levels:

- federal
- state
- county
- city mayors and websites (for cities of 10,000 people or more in the 10 county area)
- Port of Houston commissioners
- METRO board of directors
- local school district superintendents
- local college district presidents

Houston Galveston Area Council

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

The HGAC website lists information for elected officials in the 13 county area (including Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Wharton, and Waller counties) at the following levels:

- federal (names only)
- state (names only)
- county (names only)
- city (includes mayors and council members for all cities in the 13 county area),

- local school districts (includes all trustees for all school districts)
- Councils of Governments (for all of Texas, includes Executive Directors and contact information)

Texas State Directory

www.txdirectory.com./online/

This directory lists state officials and employees, state information, elected officials in federal offices, county and city elected officials and boards, and commissions that regulate state policy. It is a comprehensive "almanac" of Texas government.

Texas Legislature Online

www.capitol.state.tx.us

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.

Area Universities

Rice University

6100 Main Street
Houston, TX 77005-1892
Main Line: (713) 348-0000
www.rice.edu
<http://sustainability.rice.edu/>

Richard Johnson, Director of Sustainability, (713) 348-5003
sustainability@rice.edu

Center for the Study of Environment and Society (CSES)
www.ruf.rice.edu/~cses/

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
ceve.rice.edu

Department of Earth Science
earthscience.rice.edu

Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
eeb.rice.edu

Professional Master of Environmental Analysis and Decision Making
www.profms.rice.edu

Shell Center for Sustainability
shellcenter.rice.edu

South Texas College of Law

1303 San Jacinto
Houston, TX 77002
Main Line: (713) 659-8040
www.stcl.edu

Environmental Law Society
www.stcl.edu

Texas Southern University

3100 Cleburne
Houston, TX 77004
Main Line: (713) 313-7011
www.tsu.edu

College of Science and Technology
science.tsu.edu

Professional Program in Environmental Health
www.tsu.edu/pages/1224.asp

Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Environmental Justice Clinic
www.tsulaw.edu/clinics/clinics/environment.asp
(713) 313-4455

University of Houston

4800 Calhoun
Houston, TX 77204
Main Line: (713) 743-2255
www.uh.edu

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Dr. Cumaraswamy Vipulanandan,
Director
713-743-4278
www.egr.uh.edu/cive/

Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Center at the University of Houston Law Center
www.law.uh.edu/EENRCenter/

Environmental and Energy Law and Policy Journal
www.law.uh.edu/eelpj

University of Houston- Clear Lake

2700 Bay Area Boulevard
Houston, TX 77058
Main Line: (281) 283-7600
www.cl.uh.edu

Department of Environmental Science &
Chemistry, School of Science and
Computer Engineering
Carl C. Zhang, Chair
(281) 283-3746

Environmental Management Program,
School of Business
Lou White, Chair
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University of Houston- Downtown

One Main Street
Houston, TX 77002
Main Line: (713) 221-8000
www.uhd.edu
sustainability@uhd.edu

Department of Natural Sciences,
Environmental Science
Lisa Murano, Chair
moranol@uhd.edu
www.uhd.edu/academic/colleges/sciences/naturalscience/

University of St. Thomas

3800 Montrose
Houston, TX 77006
Main Line: (713) 522-7911
www.stthom.edu

Environmental Science and Studies
Sr. Damien Marie Savino, Chair
(713) 525-3894

University of Texas School of Public Health

1200 Herman Pressler Blvd.
Houston, TX 77030
Main Line: (713) 500-9000
www.sph.uth.tmc.edu

Southwest Center For Occupational and
Environmental Health
Sarah A. Felknor, Director
713-500-9440
www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/swcoeh

Mickey Leland National Urban Air
Toxics Center
Craig S. Beskid, President
www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/mleland/

Environmental Hotlines

Diseases and Health

Cancer Information Service

National Institutes of Health
(800) 422-6237

Provides information about cancer, and referrals to proper sources for answers to questions.

Centers for Disease Control

(800) 356-4674

Provides information about topics such as diseases and health, vaccines, traveler's health, toxic and chemical health hazards.

National Poison Center

(800) 222-1222

Gives advice for emergency treatment of poisoning, accidental ingestion, and intentional drug overdoses. Open 24 hours, seven days a week.

Environmental Toxins and Pollution

Chemtrec Emergency Hotline

Chemical Transportation Emergency Center

(800) 424-9300

Identifies unknown chemicals, advises concerning response methods and procedures for handling chemicals and situations, provides help in contacting shippers, carriers, manufacturers, and product response teams.

Clean Up Hotline

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(800) CLEAN UP (253-2687)

www.cleanup.org

Provides community-specific environmental information on many topics, including recycling, composting, waste disposal, and air and water quality.

Environmental Violations Hotlines

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(888) 777-3186

(800) 832-8224

Texas residents can use these line to report environmental violations, such as unauthorized discharges and spills. They will be routed automatically to the closest TCEQ regional office. Callers after business hours may leave a message.

Harris County Pollution Control Hotline

(713) 920-2831

This number can be used to report pollution incidents in Harris County.

National Response Center Hotline

United States Coast Guard

(800) 424-8802

Call this line to report chemical spills and accidental releases of oil and other hazardous substances.

Smoking Vehicle Program

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(800) 453-SMOG (7664)

www.smokingvehicle.org

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

RCRA/Superfund Hotline

(800) 424-9346

Provides assistance to the public and regulated community in understanding EPA's regulations and policy regarding brownfields, including RCRA, CERCLA, and underground storage tanks programs.

Building and Household Hazardous Materials

Household Hazardous Waste Information

City of Houston

(713) 551-7355

Call this number for information about safe disposal and storage of household hazardous waste, as well as suggestions for less toxic products for home and garden.

National Pesticide Information Center

(800) 858-7378

Provides information about pesticide products, basic safety practices, health and environmental effects, as well as clean-up and disposal procedures.

Toxic Substance Control Act Hotline

US EPA

(202) 554-1404

Provides information and materials about asbestos and asbestos removal.

Indoor Air Quality Hotline

US EPA

(800) 438-4318

Provides information and materials about indoor air quality. variety of general, non-technical information materials.

Wildlife and Natural Resources

Sea Turtle Hotline

(866) TURTLE-5 (887-8535)

Call if you see a sea turtle, eggs, or hatchlings on the beach of the Texas Gulf Coast.

Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network

(800) 9-MAMMAL (962-6625)

This number can be used to report stranded marine mammals along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Texas Smoking

Vehicle Program

(Polluting Car) Hotline

US Geological Survey Clearinghouse

(888) ASK-USGS (275-8747)

www.ask.usgs.gov

Answers questions and sends materials to interested persons about water resources (including public drinking water), natural hazards, biological resources, and other subjects.

Safe Drinking Water Hotline

(800) 426-4791

www.epa.gov/safewater

This hotline provides the public with information about the policies and regulations regarding drinking water and drinking water safety.

Wetlands Helpline

US EPA

(800) 832-7828

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

Other

Consumer Product Safety Commission

(800) 638-2772

Provides information about consumer safety and guidelines for asbestos, formaldehyde, lime, and air pollutants, as well as product recall information.

Lone Star Notification Center

(800) 669-8344 or (713) 223-4567

An underground-line locating service operated by the Utility Coordinating Committee.

Public Laws Update Service

Office of the Federal Register

(202) 741-6043

Lists pending national public laws signed or vetoed by the President. Updated as information becomes available.

Disaster Assistance

FEMA Office

Federal Emergency Management Agency

(800) 621-FEMA (3362)

or www.fema.gov

Use this number to apply for aid for disaster assistance.