

2011 Environmental Resource Guide

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About the Citizens' Environmental Coalition

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

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

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

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

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

CEC Website (www.cechouston.org). 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 2011 Resource Guide is also available on the website.

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

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

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

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

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

Join us as we foster dialogue and collaboration on environmental issues for the benefit of our community! Call 713-524-4232 for membership information.

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

EarthShare of Texas supports the work of its more than 70 participating environmental and conservation organizations by representing them in workplace giving programs throughout Texas. Workplace giving is the opportunity for employees to contribute by having their designated amounts deducted contributed from each paycheck.

As a member of EarthShare of Texas, CEC has unique campaign codes that you can use to donate directly to us, including the following:

- Combined Federal Campaign: 47566
- State Employee Charitable Campaign: 035569
- Houston Independent School District: 111
- Houston Combined Municipal Campaign: 1413
- City of Austin Combined Charities Campaign: 1819

Your company may participate in the EarthShare of Texas workplace giving program. Here is a sample list of employers that participate:

- Accenture
- Aetna
- Allstate Insurance
- American Airlines
- American Express
- AT&T
- Bass Pro Shops
- BNIM Architects
- Dell Incorporated
- The Gap Stores
- Green Mountain Energy
- GSD&M
- Halliburton
- Harcourt Education
- Hawes Hill & Associates
- Hewlett Packard / Compaq
- Home Depot
- Microsoft
- Nokia
- REI
- Sears
- Siemens Corporation
- United Airlines
- UnitedHealth Group
- Wal Mart
- Washington Mutual
- Wells Fargo

Member Groups by Category



Air Quality

Air Alliance Houston
American Institute of Chemical Engineers
American Lung Association
Center for Houston's Future
Environment Texas
Environmental Defense
Houston Advanced Research Center
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Houston History Archives
Pleasantville Environmental Coalition
Sierra Club—Houston Regional Group
U.S. Green Building Council
The Wind Alliance

Animals/Wildlife/Rehabilitation

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Baytown Environmental Education
Big Thicket Association
Environment Texas
Friends of Texas Wildlife
Great Plains Restoration Council
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Gulf Restoration Network
Help Endangered Animals—Ridley
Turtles
Houston Audubon
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
Katy Prairie Conservancy
Ocean Conservancy
Piney Woods Wildlife Society
Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition
Wildlife Rehab & Education

Architecture/Community Development/Urban Issues

American Institute of Architects
Blueprint Houston
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
Center for Houston's Future
Citizens' Transportation Coalition
Environment Texas
Greater Houston Preservation Alliance
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
Houston Advanced Research Center
Houston Habitat for Humanity

Houston History Archives
Houston Tomorrow
Houston Parks Board
Living Paradigm
Rice Design Alliance
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Transition Houston
U.S. Green Building Council

Bayous

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Artist Boat
Bayou Land Conservancy
Bayou Preservation Association
Brays Bayou Association
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
Center for Houston's Future
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
Great Plains Restoration Council
Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Houston History Archives
Houston Parks Board
Houston Wilderness
Sierra Club—Houston Regional Group
Texas Coastal Partners
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
White Oak Bayou Association

Beautification

Bayou Land Conservancy
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
Center for Houston's Future
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
Houston History Archives
Keep Houston Beautiful
Keep Kingwood Green
Pleasantville Environmental Coalition
SCENIC GALVESTON
SCENIC HOUSTON
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Trust for Public Land
U.S. Green Building Council
The Wind Alliance

Birding

Baytown Environmental Education
 Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
 Houston Audubon
 Houston History Archives
 Houston Wilderness
 Nature Discovery Center
 Outdoor Nature Club

Children's Activities

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Artist Boat
 Bayou Land Conservancy
 Baytown Environmental Education
 Big Thicket Association
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Center for Recycled Art
 Children's Museum of Houston's
 EcoStation
 Great Plains Restoration Council
 Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association
 Hermann Park Conservancy
 Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
 Houston Audubon
 Houston Wilderness
 Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
 Keep Houston Beautiful
 Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
 Nature Discovery Center
 Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group
 Urban Harvest
 Wildlife Rehab & Education

Climate

Alliance for Climate Education (ACE)
 American Institute of Chemical Engineers
 Environment Texas
 Environmental Defense Fund
 Great Plains Restoration Council
 Gulf Restoration Network
 Houston Advanced Research Center
 Houston Climate Protection Alliance
 Houston Renewable Energy Group
 Houston Tomorrow
 Sierra Club- Houston Regional Group
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program
 Transition Houston
 The Wind Alliance
 U.S. Green Building Council

Conservation

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
 Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Bayou Land Conservancy
 Bayou Preservation Association
 Baytown Environmental Education
 Big Thicket Association
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Center for Houston's Future
 Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
 Galveston Bay Foundation
 Environment Texas
 Great Plains Restoration Council
 Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
 Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
 Hermann Park Conservancy
 Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
 Houston Audubon
 Houston Habitat for Humanity
 Houston History Archives
 Houston Parks Board
 Houston Tomorrow
 Houston Wilderness
 Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
 Katy Prairie Conservancy
 Living Paradigm
 Memorial Park Conservancy
 Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
 Native Plant Society of Texas
 Nature Conservancy of Texas
 Nature Discovery Center
 Ocean Conservancy
 Outdoor Nature Club
 Piney Woods Wildlife Society
 SCENIC GALVESTON
 SCENIC HOUSTON
 Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group
 Student Conservation Association
 Surfrider Foundation, Texas Chapter
 Texas Coastal Partners
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program
 Texas Master Naturalists- Heartwood Chapter
 Transition Houston
 U.S. Green Building Council
 White Oak Bayou Association

Education

Alliance for Climate Education (ACE)
 American Institute of Chemical Engineers
 Artist Boat

Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Bayou Land Conservancy
 Bayou Preservation Association
 Baytown Environmental Education
 Big Thicket Association
 Brays Bayou Association
 Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 Center for Houston's Future
 Center for Recycled Art
 Citizens' League for Environmental
 Action Now
 Children at Risk
 Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
 Council for Environmental Education
 Environmental Educators' Exchange
 Environmental Institute of Houston
 Environment Texas
 Great Plains Restoration Council
 Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association
 Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
 Gulf Coast Chapter of the Returned Peace
 Corps Volunteers
 Hermann Park Conservancy
 Houston Advanced Research Center
 Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
 Houston Audubon
 Houston-Galveston Area Council
 Houston Habitat for Humanity
 Houston History Archives
 Houston Renewable Energy Group
 Houston Tomorrow
 Houston Wilderness
 Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
 Living Paradigm
 Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
 Nature Discovery Center
 Progressive Forum
 Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Inc.
 Pleasantville Environmental Coalition
 Rice University Environmental Club
 Student Conservation Association
 Techs & Trainers
 Texas Campaign for the Environment
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program
 Texas Diaper Free
 Texas Master Naturalists- Heartwood Chapter
 Transition Houston
 Trees for Houston
 Urban Harvest
 U.S. Green Building Council

Waterborne Education Center
 The Woods Project, Inc.

Environmental Justice/ Policy

Air Alliance Houston
 American Institute of Chemical Engineers
 American Lung Association
 Artist Boat
 Bayou Preservation Association
 Bridges to Sustainability
 Big Thicket Association
 Citizens' Environmental Coalition
 Citizens League for Environmental
 Action Now
 Citizens' Transportation Coalition
 Cypress Creek Flood Center Coalition
 Children at Risk
 Environment Texas
 Environmental Defense Fund
 Galveston Bay Foundation
 Galveston Baykeeper
 Great Plains Restoration Council
 Houston Advanced Research Center
 Houston Climate Protection Alliance
 Houston-Galveston Area Council
 Sierra Club– Houston Regional Group
 Texas Campaign for the Environment
 Trees for Houston
 U.S. Green Building Council

Galveston Bay Issues

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
 Armand Bayou Nature Center
 Artist Boat
 Baytown Environmental Education
 Environment Texas
 Environmental Defense
 Galveston Bay Conservation and Preservation
 Association
 Galveston Bay Foundation
 Galveston Baykeeper
 Help Endangered Animals – Ridley
 Turtles
 Houston Advanced Research Center
 Houston-Galveston Area Council
 Houston Wilderness
 Ocean Conservancy
 SCENIC GALVESTON
 Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group
 Texas Coastal Partners

Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Trust for Public Land

Global Issues

Artist Boat
Bridges to Sustainability
Clean the World Foundation
Environment Texas
Gulf Coast Council of the Returned
Peace Corps Volunteers
Houston Advanced Research Center
Houston Climate Protection Alliance
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Inc.
Transition Houston
U.S. Green Building Council
The Wind Alliance

Health

Air Alliance Houston
American Lung Association
Children at Risk
Clean the World Foundation
Environment Texas
Great Plains Restoration Council
Houston Tomorrow
Houston Wilderness
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Inc.
Urban Harvest
U.S. Green Building Council
The Wind Alliance

Historic Preservation

Armand Bayou Nature Center
American Institute of Architects
Greater Houston Preservation Alliance
Hermann Park Conservancy
Houston History Archives
Houston Wilderness
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
SCENIC GALVESTON
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
U.S. Green Building Council

Organic Food/Plants/Gardening

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Artist Boat
Central City Co-op
Great Plains Restoration Council
Houston History Archives

Houston Tomorrow
Houston Urban Gardeners
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
Native Plant Society of Texas
Organic Horticulture Business-Education
Alliance
Outdoor Nature Club
Piney Woods Wildlife Society
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Transition Houston
Urban Harvest

Parks and Nature Centers

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Bayou Land Conservancy
Baytown Environmental Education
Big Thicket Association
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
Center for Houston's Future
Environment Texas
Friends of Mandell Park
Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park
Friends of West 11th Street Park
Great Plains Restoration Council
Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Houston History Archives
Houston Parks Board
Houston Parks & Recreation Department
Houston Wilderness
Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center
Memorial Park Conservancy
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
Nature Discovery Center
Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental
Learning Center
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Trust for Public Land
Willow Waterhole Greenspace
Conservancy

Professional Societies/ Industry Groups

American Institute of Architects
American Institute of Chemical Engineers
Energy Corridor Management District
Environmental Educators' Exchange
Gulf Coast Chapter of the Returned Peace
Corps Volunteers

Texas Association of Environmental
Professionals
The Wind Alliance

Recycling/Trash

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
Center for Houston's Future
Center for Recycled Art
Clean the World Foundation
Environment Texas
Galveston Bay Foundation
Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Houston Habitat for Humanity
Houston Wilderness
Keep Houston Beautiful
Keep Kingwood Green
Living Paradigm
Pleasantville Environmental Coalition
SCENIC GALVESTON
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group
Urban Harvest
Techs & Trainers
Texas Campaign for the Environment
Texas Coastal Watershed Program
Texas Diaper Free
U.S. Green Building Council
We CAN Recycle
Woodlands GREEN

Sports/Recreation

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Artist Boat
Baytown Environmental Education
Big Thicket Association
BikeHouston
Center for Houston's Future
Galveston Bay Foundation
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Hermann Park Conservancy
Houston Audubon
Houston Canoe Club
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Houston Parks Board
Houston Parks & Recreation Department
Memorial Park Conservancy
Outdoor Nature Club

Piney Woods Wildlife Society
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group

Transportation

Air Alliance Houston
American Institute of Architects
Citizens' Transportation Coalition
Environment Texas
Houston Advanced Research Center
Houston Canoe Club
Houston Electric Auto Association
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Houston History Archives
Houston Tomorrow
Sierra Club
Transition Houston

Water Quality

American Institute of Chemical
Engineers
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Artist Boat
Bayou Land Conservancy
Bayou Preservation Association
Big Thicket Association
Center for Houston's Future
Citizens' League for Environmental
Action Now
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition
Environment Texas
Gulf Restoration Network
Houston Wilderness



Air Alliance Houston
(Formerly GHASP-MfCA
Galveston-Houston
Association for Smog
Prevention & Mothers for Clean Air)

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Speaker's Bureau: Yes.

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

Purpose: Houston's leading health and clean air advocacy non-profit specializing in both the treetops and grassroots of environmental advocacy and organizing. Air Alliance Houston is the result of the merger between GHASP and Mothers for Clean Air. Today, Air Alliance Houston's mission remains to reduce air pollution in the Houston region to protect public health and environmental integrity through research, education and advocacy.

Programs: Research, Advocacy and Education, including Ozone Theater (three curricula for grades K-3, 4-5, and middle school).

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer internships and various activities.

Alliance for Climate Education (ACE)

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<http://www.acespace.org/about/ace-near-you/texas>

East Texas Regional Office:
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Purpose: high school students about the science behind climate change and inspiring them to do something about it—while having fun along the way.

Educator teams in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, Boston, Atlanta, Colorado, Houston and Austin. Last year, presented to more than 400,000 students nationwide and over 57,000 students in Texas. Educators present climate science that sticks through storytelling, cutting edge animation, music and video. We close with wide-ranging opportunities for students to get involved.

Programs: Do One Thing (DOT) to help the environment; student-led Action Teams; leadership training; climate rock stars; grant and scholarship opportunities motivated schools and students.

Volunteer Opportunities: Partners provide assistance to students via internships and volunteer events. Help connect and direct students to other environmental organizations in East Texas to get them more involved in the green community. Check out our site, book an assembly at your school, and find out what YOU can do to reshape the future!

American Institute of Architects: Houston

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Houston, TX 77002
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www.aiahouston.org

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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 and exhibitions (visit www.aiahouston.org)

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

Publications: Weekly e-newsletter, annual membership directory.

American 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) 767-3752 (work), (713) 471-8956 (cell) or mkolodne@tceq.state.tx.us.

American Lung Association - Plains-Gulf Region

Serving Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas

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

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

Major Events: Fight For Air (Stair) Climb (vertical race up stairs)

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

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

Armand Bayou Nature Center

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

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

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

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

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

Speaker's Bureau: Yes

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

Artist Boat

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Galveston, TX 77550
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www.artistboat.org

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

Programs: Eco-Art Adventures via kayak, vessel, or walking; 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.

Professional development focusing on the Galveston Bay Watershed - Coastal Waters Institute training sessions:
Session I: June 13-June 17
Session II: July 11-July 15
Session III: August 1-August 5

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.

Speakers Bureau: Call Karla Klay (409) 770-0722.

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

Bayou Land Conservancy

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Cynthia Salvaggio, Envir. Educator

Purpose: Bayou Land Conservancy is a community-sponsored land preservation organization working with willing landowners to permanently protect land in the greater Houston region. We preserve river and bayou corridors, other properties with significant wildlife habitat value and places where family recreation can occur in harmony with nature. Our “No Child Left Inside” education program connects tomorrow’s conservation leaders with nature today. Founded in 1997.

Programs: “No Child Left Inside” Environmental Education Program – science-based program to get children outside to enjoy area wilderness and learn about our local ecosystems at our nature preserves.

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

Bayou Preservation Association, Inc.

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Houston, TX 77019
(713) 529-6443/Fax (713) 529-6481
bpa@bayoupreservation.org
www.bayoupreservation.org

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

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Call Kathy Lord

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

Baytown Environmental Education

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Baytown Nature Center
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Baytown, TX 77520
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Sarah Graham, Educ. Coordinator
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Crissy Butcher, Nature Center Naturalist
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Purpose: Provide environmental education, quality recreational facilities and a variety of nature-related activities.

Programs: Pre-school thru high school; Scout badge workshops; outreach; Spring Break, Winter Break and Summer camps; birthday parties; self-guided tours; teacher workshops; birding and wilderness trails.

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

Major Events: Nurture Nature Festival; Christmas Bird Counts, annual Butterfly Count.

Publications: *Marsh Matters* quarterly newsletter

Speaker’s Bureau: yes

Big Thicket Association

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Saratoga, TX 77585
www.bigthicket.org

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Wendy Ledbetter, Thicket of Diversity Chair,
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Purpose: Founded in 1964 to work for the preservation of the flora and fauna of the Big Thicket area; To promote the conservation of the natural resources and natural beauty of the Big Thicket; To promote and to fund research contributing to knowledge of the Big Thicket; To publish or support publication of cultural and scientific Big Thicket literature; To support the operation and expansion of the Big Thicket National Preserve; and To manage the Big Thicket National Preserve Field Research Station.

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

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

Children's Activities: Occasional BioBlitzs

Volunteer Opportunities:

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

Publications: *Big Thicket Reporter*, quarterly

BikeHouston, Inc.

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

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

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

Meeting Time: Varies, see website.

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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Martha Murphree, Hon. AIA
Development 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 citizens' vision, values, and goals..

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

Major Events: Citizens Congress, fall.

Volunteer Opportunities: Civic Awareness and Engagement Committee.

Publications: On line newsletter, *Planning Matters*.

Brays Bayou Association

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

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

Major Events: Annual meeting in March.

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Bob Schwartz.

Speakers Bureau: Contact Bob Schwartz

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

Buffalo Bayou Partnership

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

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

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

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

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

Center for Houston's Future

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Catherine Mosbacher, Executive Director

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers, who are subject matter experts, participate in 'data groups' that oversee the development of the Center's Annual Indicator Report "Counting on Quality of Place." In 2011, the critical issue being studied is *Human Capital Development: Early Childhood, K-12 and Workforce Preparedness*. In 2012, the Center will address public health. Past studies and reports include air quality, billboards, green buildings, litter and graffiti, parks & trails, abandoned lots, trees, water quality, water supply and resource use. Volunteers are also used to help organize and run the Center's Annual Indicator Symposium in February at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Publications: *Counting on Quality of Life: An Environment Indicator Report (2007)*, *Counting on Quality of Place: Air Quality, Parks & Trails, and Trees (2009)*, *Counting on Quality of Place: Water Quality, Water Supply, and Green Buildings (2010)*, published yearly with updated indicators.

The Center for Recycled Art

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

Programs: Divert reusable clean scrap from Houston's solid waste stream and make it available for purchase by artists, educators and crafters in the Greater Houston area. Provide in-kind donations of reusable materials to educators and other nonprofit organizations. Promote awareness and stimulate creativity through workshops, demonstrations of creative reuse and repurposing waste materials, and speakers bureau.

Children's Activities: Workshops; volunteer opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities: Receiving and sorting Houston's cast offs; deconstructing mechanical and electrical items; creating sample children's projects from cast off materials; demonstrating creative reuse projects

Speakers Bureau: Contact Ramona Brady.

Central City Co-Op

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

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

Programs: Occasional health and nutrition related seminars during Wednesday co-op.

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

Children At Risk

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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 Melissa Wilson Golf Classic, Annual Stand Up for Houston's Children, Annual Education Reform Conference, Annual Latino Children's Health Fair

Volunteer Opportunities: info@childrenatrisk.org

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

The Children's Museum of Houston's EcoStation

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

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

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

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Jennifer Belt at (713) 535-7209 or jbelt@cmhouston.org for information.

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

Citizens' Environmental Coalition

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

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

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

Major Events: Annual meeting in spring; Synergy Awards for Environmental Excellence in the fall.

Volunteer Opportunities: Writing, research, clerical, special events, website assistance, tabling.

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' Transportation Coalition (CTC)

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Purpose: Founded in 2004, the CTC is an all-volunteer grassroots transportation advocacy organization. CTC envisions transportation solutions that improve quality of life. Volunteers work across the 8-county Houston area to engage community leaders in the planning of transportation projects that affect neighborhoods.

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

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

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

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

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Purpose: Through the collection, recycling, and distribution of soap and bottled amenities discarded by the hospitality industry every day, Clean the World is dedicated to preventing millions of deaths caused by acute respiratory infection and diarrheal disease, providing hygiene supplies and environmentally responsible jobs to local charitable organizations, and reducing landfill waste.

Programs: One-of-a-kind sustainable recycling program with a humanitarian mission. (a) collecting, sorting and processing discarded soap and bottled amenity donations from participating Hospitality Partners; (b) recycling these products at our Recycling Operations Centers; and (c) donating these recycled products to area homeless shelters, and (d) donating to needy families in developing countries suffering from high death rates due to acute respiratory infection and diarrheal disease; (d) eliminating over 400 tons of waste; and (e) protects fragile groundwater systems.

Volunteer Opportunities: Yes.

Speakers: Call the office.

Coastal Prairie Partnership

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Purpose: The mission of the Coastal Prairie Partnership is to the conservation and restoration of Coastal Prairie ecosystems. The Partnership is a grass-roots, all-volunteer coalition comprised of local, state, federal, non-governmental institutions, private individuals, and landowners working to achieve common conservation and education goals.

Programs: *State of the Prairie Conference*, plant propagation workshops, prairie rescues, restoration efforts at local schools and parks, assistance to CPP members and schools with interpretive materials and techniques.

Major Event: Annual State of the Prairie Conference

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers needed for tabling events, to assist with website administration, and to help run yearly conference.

Speaker's Bureau: Yes. Please call Jaime González at 281.660.6683.

Publications: Digital publications available on website. *Coastal Prairie Plant Growers' Handbook* is first in a series. Future publications to include *Schoolyard Prairie Handbook* and *Coastal Prairie Educator's Handbook* (a collaborative K-12 curriculum).

Council for Environmental Education

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Josetta Hawthorne, Executive Director

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

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

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

Publications:

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

Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition

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

Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, at Lake Forest Utility District, 14223 Lakewood Forest Dr.

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

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Provide speakers upon request

EarthShare of Texas

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Edie Muehlberger, Director
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Mary Ellen Whitworth, Houston Representative

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

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

Volunteer Activities: Call for volunteer information.

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

Energy Corridor District

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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, 75 Eldridge bus route, Bike to Work Day, Energy Capital Run, ECD Livable Centers Plan, ECD Bicycle Master Plan, Addicks Town Square Preservation, National Park Service West Houston Trails Master Plan, Spring and Fall Recycling Events

Environment Texas

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Mission: Protection of Texas' air, water and open spaces. Improving the quality of our environment and our lives by using independent research and tough-minded advocacy to win concrete results for our environment.

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

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact (512) 610-0084.

Environmental Defense Fund

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

Programs: Texas Regional Office
Climate and Air
Oceans
Land, Water & Wildlife

Volunteer Opportunities: Case by case basis

Speaker's Bureau: Contact Elena Craft

Environmental Educators' Exchange

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

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

Major Events: Annual Houston Environmental Education Summit, www.houstoneesummit.org for details.

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

Publications: Member e-mail network pertaining to environmental education in the Greater Houston Area.
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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: Newsletter, Informational Brochure www.Friendsofmandellpark.org

Programs: Organic Gardening in Meredith Gardens, Outdoor Movies, Exhibition Prairie

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Gardening/Maintenance/Communications/Fund Raising

Major Events: Spring Plant, March 24, 2012 in the Park.

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 has been the TPWD chartered "Friends" organization of the park since 2003.

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

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

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

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

Friends of Texas Wildlife

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President
Janette Winkelmann

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

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

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

Major Events: Annual fundraising event in October.

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

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

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

Friends of West 11th Street Park

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

Programs: Trail Remediation Project. Development of butterfly/native bee gardens. Quarterly ecology newsletter available free via email. Natural history cell phone tours of the park, similar to phone tours offered at museums.

Major Events: Periodic *Green Day in the Park*, an educational event designed to foster appreciation of natural areas inside the urban habitat.

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

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

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

Galveston Bay Conservation & Preservation Association

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

Publications: Email updates for members

Galveston Bay Foundation

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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. Galveston Bay Foundation's balanced programs in advocacy, conservation, education, and research strive to ensure that Galveston Bay remains a beautiful and productive place for generations to come.

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

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

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

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

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

The Galveston Bay Foundation has over 1,700 active members. The Foundation has been supported by over 3,000 volunteers since its inception.

Galveston Baykeeper

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

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

Programs: Pollution Hotline, Wetland Watch, Save Our Gulf

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

Publications: The Bay Times, an electronic newsletter

Speakers Bureau: *Pesticides 101, Where Have All the Wetlands Gone?* and wetland education to municipalities.

Great Plains Restoration Council

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Purpose: Helping troubled young people save and restore shattered lives through saving and restoring prairies and plains. Beyond trauma and crisis, violence and despair, problems of the body and problems of the prairie can be healed simultaneously through GPRC's intensive three-tiered Ecological Health approach. Goals: build new Ecological Health leaders; build long-term native prairie resilience; create new Green Jobs in prairie restoration; serve 10,000 young people through direct Ecological Health programming in 5 yrs.

Programs: Restoration Not Incarceration, Plains Youth InterACTION. Created **Esteban Park** coastal prairie restoration park in urban south Houston, **Fort Worth Prairie Park** (2,000 acres of virgin Fort Worth Prairie), and **Oglala Prairie Preserve** (4,600 acre mixed grass South Dakota prairie expansion site adjacent to Badlands National Park). In 2011, GPRC will begin assisting Katy Prairie Conservancy, Harris County, and the US Army Corps of Engineers on larger coastal prairie restoration/wildland recovery sites, and will open up a field office in the High Plains of NE New Mexico to restore a buffalo-prairie dog shortgrass ecosystem.

Activities: Park celebrations Apr./Oct. Youth/school tours. E-news. Speakers.

Volunteer Opportunities: restoration, social workers, counselors, restoration ecology planning, professional services, fund raising, community & awareness building, organic farming.

Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association

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Purpose: To advocate for greater recreational trail access with public and private landowners and managers; to build and maintain sustainable multi-use trails; to educate the public on sustainable trail building, trail maintenance, and riding skills and safety; to partner with the community to promote youth cycling; and to hold social events and races for the enjoyment of off-road cyclists and stakeholders

Meetings: General meetings held monthly - see website for details.

Programs:

- Volunteer trail work on many trail systems throughout the greater Houston area
- Mountain Bike Skills Clinics to help riders new and experienced develop their skills
- Local race series in the spring
- Monthly group rides to introduce members to new trails

Major Events: Big Ring Challenge - A TMBRA series race as part of the statewide spring race series. This race is generally held in March or April.

Volunteer Opportunities: Work parties happen every month on many trail systems. These are a great way to get to know other members and contribute back to the trails that you use, regardless of whether you are a member or even a cyclist. These are listed on our website, or contact Russell Adams at trails@ghorba.org

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.

Green Team America (GTA)

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

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

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

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

Speaker's Bureau: (713) 334-3000

Greener Living in Houston

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

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

Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition

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

Major Events: Annual Meeting, Bayou Clean Up Days

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

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

Publications: Newsletter

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

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Purpose: To protect birds and their habitats around the Gulf of Mexico.

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

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

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

Speaker's Bureau: Yes, call office

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

Gulf Coast Council of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

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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: iFest, Art Fest, local school presentations, Food Bank, EOS, call for more.

Publications: *Peace Prints*, newsletter (4 times each year).

Gulf Restoration Network

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Cynthia Sarthou, Executive Director

Aaron Viles, Deputy Director

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

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

Major Events: Gulf Gathering annual retreat.

Volunteer Opportunities: Internships.

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

Speakers Bureau: Contact Aaron Viles at aaron@healthygulf.org

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

Hermann Park Conservancy

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

Programs: corporate sponsorship programs, volunteer programs

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

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Doreen Stoller

Publications: *Parkside* newsletter

Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)

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Purpose: HARC is located in The Woodlands and is 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 concerns. HARC has significant role in facilitating integrated regional environmental assessments. is in specific regions with distinct social and ecological attributes that the critical threats to sustainability emerge and where progress will need to be demonstrated. HARC's mission is "moving knowledge to action to improve human well-being and the environment".

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

Houston Arboretum & 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.

Programs: Adult classes/trips on bird watching, native plants, nature photography; Weekly Yoga and Tai-Chi classes; many other programs and classes for adults and children. See website for details.

Major Events: Arbor Day in Jan; Earth Day in April; ArBOoretum in Oct.; National Trails Day in June; Native Plant Sales in March and December.

Children's Activities: Tadpole Trooper classes for 3-5 years; Naturalist Explorers ages 5-8; EcoTrackers for 9-12 years; summer, winter and spring break nature camps; birthday parties; Guided Field Experience & Discovery Room for schools. Home school classes.

Volunteer Opportunities: Docents for schools, workers, gardeners, Discovery Room volunteers, and volunteers for Information Desk/Gift Shop. Group opportunities available.

Publications: Website; quarterly program guide.

Houston Audubon

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

Meetings: Monthly second Wed., Sept through May, 7:30 pm, United Way Center at 50 Waugh Drive. Houston Audubon Nature Photography Meetings: see website for details.

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

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Contact Mary Anne Weber.

Houston Canoe Club

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

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

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

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

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

Publications: Monthly newsletter, *The Waterline*.

Houston Climate Protection Alliance

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

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

Houston-Galveston Area Council

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Purpose: Founded in 1966, H-GAC is a regional planning organization through which local governments consider issues and cooperate in solving area-wide problems. This council of governments comprises a voluntary association of 131 local governments and local elected officials in the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning Region of Texas. With a service area of 12,500 square miles and over 5.7 million people, its mission is to serve as the instrument of local government cooperation, promoting the region's economy, ecology, and orderly development and the safety and welfare of its citizens.

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

Houston Habitat for Humanity

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

Programs: Volunteer opportunities, home building, community development, sweat-equity program, educational classes and other homeowner opportunities. Provides sustainable communities and housing, supports community organization of Home Owner Associations, works with corporate and community sponsors to fund home sponsorships and provides team-building opportunities thru Volunteer Days. Trained construction leaders oversee volunteers for six-day builds. Houston Habitat ReStore, a building supply outlet, offers new and recycled or deconstructed products for sale to the public at great prices for a great cause. All proceeds support the Houston Habitat building program.

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Publication: Quarterly email newsletter

Houston History Archives c/o Center for Public History

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Purpose: Founded 2005 as part of the Houston History Project, UH Center for Public History. We collect materials related to Houston's growth and development, with particular interest in environmental, energy, and ethnic history.

Collections: Open to the public: The Outdoor Nature Club, Citizens' Environmental Coalition, Bayou Preservation Association, and Scenic Houston. Other soon ready for public access: The Park People and the papers of Sarah and Army Emmott. Terry Tarlton Hershey's papers (a partial accession) will be open to public by end of summer 2011. Dr. David Marrack's Papers open soon.

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

Please consider donating your collections of environmental history to the Houston History Archives, where records and papers will be preserved and opened to the public. Collections of individuals and organizations welcome.

To view a description of the location and services available in the Houston History Archives: http://www.history.uh.edu/public_history/houston_history_project/archives/index.html

To view inventories of collections currently open to the public::
<http://info.lib.uh.edu/about/campus-libraries-collections/special-collections/houston-history-archives>

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

Major Events:

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

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

Houston Parks Board

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

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

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

Publications: Annual Report

Houston Renewable Energy Group (HREG)

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

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

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

Houston Tomorrow

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

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

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

Speaker's Bureau: Contact office.

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

Houston Urban Gardeners

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

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

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

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

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

Houston Wilderness

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Purpose: Houston Wilderness promotes and supports conservation, preservation, nature-based outdoor recreation and education within the 21,000 square miles, 24 counties and ten distinct ecoregions in Southeast Texas. We provide a unified vision and facilitate a cross-jurisdictional approach, connecting corporations, governments, and institutions with our network of more than 70 conservation partners, in order to increase coordination and improve outcomes. Our goal is to maximize the cost effectiveness of existing investments and generate new resources for the preservation of our ecological capital and cultural heritage assets.

Programs: The Wilderness Passport for Children; Sam Houston Trail & Wilderness Preserve; Mission: Possible Houston Nature Challenge.

Volunteer Opportunities: Speaker's bureau.

Publications: Houston Atlas of Biodiversity; A Strategy for Realizing the Economic Value of the Ecological Capital of the Greater Houston Region; The Spring Creek Greenway, Brazos River Trail, San Felipe Trail, and Bayou Greenways trail maps.

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

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

Major Events: Homestead Heritage Day- February 12, 2011; Naturefest-March 5, 2011; Pioneer Day- Nov. 12, 2011

Children's Activities: Wide variety throughout the year, including Summer Nature Camp, Tadpoles Club, and scout programs. Playground with separate toddler section.

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

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. Nearly 18,000 acres have been protected.

Major Events: Guided tours, weekly Open Trails (self-guided tours), Flat Out Fun Day; seed stomp and wildflower planting; educational field trips; annual meeting; Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail Site 100 - wildlife-viewing platform on Nelson Farms open to public every day; Annual Christmas Bird Count (Jan 1), Annual Butterfly Count (Sept 1), Bio Blitz (May). Wildlife viewing platform at Warren Lake.

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

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

Keep Houston Beautiful

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keep Kingwood Green

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Purpose: To educate and advocate for recycling in the Lake Houston area (and other issues as appropriate).

Major Projects: Participation in Kleenwood, Nature Fest, YMCA events, other recycling events in the area, specifically with the City of Houston's recycling at Kingwood Park and Ridelocation, public meetings, Green Column, recycling brochures, Where Can I Recycle website, local business initiatives to "go green."

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

Living Paradigm CDC

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

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

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

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

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

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

Living Planet Foundation

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

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

Memorial Park Conservancy

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

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Contact Carol Watson

Publications: *Happenings in the Park*

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens

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Carol Knepp, Executive Director,
The Mercer Society

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

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

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

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

Native Plant Society of Texas: Houston Chapter

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

Meetings: 7 pm, program at 7:30 pm, the 3rd Thurs. of each month, Nov. Social and Seed & Plant Swap, Dec. holiday dinner, Jan. propagation workshop. Spring & Fall field trips

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

Major Events: The Fall State Symposium will be held in Houston on October 13-16, 2011. This is the largest NPSOT event of the year and is open to anyone interested in learning. The theme, “Habitat CPR: Creating, Preserving, and Restoring Native Habitats in a Changing World will focus on Texas coastal prairies and marshes. Highlights include a special screening of the new PBS film, *Wildflowers|Seeds of History*, workshops, field trips, a native plant sale, and vendor and educational exhibits.

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

Speakers Bureau: Contact Linda Knowles.

Publications: Quarterly State newsletter; 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 Houston office.

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

Nature Discovery Center

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

Programs: Year-round classes and camps for 3 – 10 year olds; on and off-site programs for schools: field trips, science exhibit loans, teacher professional development; in-class live animal presentations; in-class, hands-on Science on the Go! Lesson for 3rd-5th graders; scout advancement programs and birthday party live animal programs. For adults: migration season guided birding walks and spring coastal birding bus trip; monthly lecture series; first Wednesday of each month beginning at 7pm. Children's Activities: Discovery Rooms, Nature Story Time, pre-school and elementary classes & camps, Scout programs, birthday party programs.

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

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

Speakers Bureau: Yes

Outdoor Nature Club

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

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

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

Children's Activities: Birding field trips.

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

Piney Woods Wildlife Society, Inc.

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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 Gulf Coast

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

Programs: Teen and Family/Community Education on sexuality and relationships. Contact Meryl Cohen, VP Education at 713-831-6521 or Meryl.cohen@ppgulfcoast.org. HIV education and medical services: affordable, preventive reproductive health services provided at 10 health centers in Houston and SE Texas; call 1-800-230-PLAN or visit www.ppgulfcoast.org

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

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

Speakers Bureau: 713-522-6240 or www.ppgulfcoast.org.

Publications: E-newsletter

Plastic Pollution Texas

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Purpose: Plastic Pollution Texas's mission is tri-fold. **First:** Educate and encourage the public and legislators to support a Recycling Refund on all aluminum, glass, and plastic containers sold in Texas; **Second:** Address the problem of plastic bags by encouraging the use and donation of reusable bags; and **Third:** Seek the replacement of Styrofoam containers with sugar cane based products.

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

2013 Goal: To have Texas become the first state on the Gulf of Mexico to adopt a Recycling Refund on Beverage Containers and also become the 11th in the nation to do so.

Speakers: Contact Mary.w@plasticpollutiontexas.com or patsyg@plasticpollutiontexas.com

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

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

Programs Environmentally related speakers have included Lester Brown, Richard Dawkins, Jared Diamond, Tim Flannery, Al Gore, James Hansen, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Richard Leaky, Bill McKibben, T. Boone Pickens, Robert Redford, Eric Schlosser, and Edward O. Wilson.

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

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

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

SCENIC GALVESTON, Inc.

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Purpose: A volunteer membership service organization dedicated to the mission of creating land trusts of scenic habitat conservation preserves now over 6,000 acres: includes permanent protection and restoration of the 1,050-acre John M. O'Quinn I-45 Scenic Estuarial Corridor, the natural marsh gateway to Galveston; the contiguous 1,840 acres of native coastal prairie and wetland habitat on the Virginia Point Peninsula Preserve, and recent oversight of 3,000+ acres of conservation easement trust lands on north West Galveston Bay. SG's service includes archeological protection of National Register Pending 1860 Fort Hebert, the origination site of the "Battle of Galveston" and 5 other important historical sites on VPPP.

Major Events/Volunteer Opportunity:

Partnership cleaning events, April and September with GLO in ADOPT-A-BEACH/ ESTUARY and annual March TRASH BASH with Rivers, Lakes, Bays N' Bayous, along with volunteer day events for maintenance, soil erosion projects, controlled burns, mowing, herbiciding, participating in bird surveys, including Great Texas Bird Classic, Christmas Bird Count, oyster and marine work, prairie and Galveston Bay shoreline plantings and other outings, with events at Reitan Point.

Birders, fishers, paddlers, kayakers, researchers, and other visitors are welcome every day for non-intrusive public uses.

SCENIC HOUSTON

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

Major Events: Scenic Visionary Awards Dinner, October.

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

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

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: Assist with fishing and nature programs for children, prairie restoration, native plant gardening, trail maintenance, habitat restoration, and service learning projects.

Sierra Club Houston Regional Group

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Surfrider Foundation, Texas Upper Coast Chapter

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

Regular Meetings: Monthly in Houston.

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

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

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

Speaker's Bureau: Ellis Pickett

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

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

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

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

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

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

Texas Association of Environmental Professionals

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

Meetings: Monthly luncheons on the 3rd Thursday at Brady's Landing.

Programs: Chuck Glore Memorial Scholarship program. In 2010, TAEP has awarded a total of \$11,000 to students at 5 different schools. Annually support Texas Envirothon and the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. Young Environmental Professionals (YEP) is a networking opportunity for young people new to the profession.

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

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

Publications: ECIC conference proceedings with abstracts.

Texas Campaign for the Environment

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

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Call Zac Trahan.

Publications: Annual report and regular email action alerts to TCE members. Visit the website www.texasenvironment.org to view past reports and join as a member.

Texas Coastal Partners

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

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

Publications: website

Texas Coastal Watershed Program

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

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

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

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

Texas Diaper-Free

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

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

Website also allows posting.

Publications: www.texasdiaperfree.org

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

Texas Master Naturalists Heartwood Chapter

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

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

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

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

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

Speaker's Bureau: Yes. info@heartwoodtmn.org

Transition Houston

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transitionhouston@gmail.com

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

About Us: We are an official Transition Initiative of the burgeoning Transition movement, #40 of the 90+ official Transition Initiatives in the U.S. The movement has spread world-wide with hundreds of initiatives in the few short years since the first Transition Town began in 2005. Transition Houston is a hub for the Houston region, providing support and connection to a number of local initiatives.

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

Meetings: Transition Houston usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd., Houston, 77005 (near corner of Rice Blvd. and Greenbriar). Please check our websites to confirm the meeting date, time and location.

Trees For Houston

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Houston, TX 77277
(713) 840-8733/Fax: (713) 840-8734
Info@treesforhouston.org

www.treesforhouston.org

Barry Ward, Executive Director
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Abby Clark, Development Director

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

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

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

Children's Activities: School presentations for third and fourth grades.

Volunteer Opportunities: Tree planting; taking educational programs into Houston schools; special projects.

Publications: Monthly *TreE-mail* (online newsletter); quarterly newsletter, *Annual Report*; *Root Ball: A Celebration of Trees from the Srengeti to the City - March 31, 2011*, and the Website, www.treesforhouston.org.

The Trust for Public Land

www.tpl.org

Peter Jones, Director of Major Gifts
peter.jones@tpl.org

Scott Parker, Acting State Director

Laura Brown Sykes, Project Manager

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

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

Major Events: Project celebrations.

Speakers Bureau: Call the office.

Volunteer Opportunities: Call the office.

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

TWRC Wildlife and Education Center

10801 Hammerly Blvd, Suite 200
Houston, TX 77043
(713) 468-TWRC (8972)
www.twrc-houston.org

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Scarlett Brann, Education Coordinator
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Purpose: TWRC Wildlife and Education Center is a wildlife emergency and rehabilitative care and education facility operated by volunteers and part-time staff. The Center is open to the public 7 days a week to accept injured, orphaned, or ill wildlife for care.

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

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers 16 or older are needed to assist with the daily operations of the Center. Duties include: answering the hotline, caring for the animals, helping with admissions (for 18 and older), office chores, data entry, and general Center Maintenance. Baby Bird Program operates from May through August. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old; 12 and 15 years old can participate with a parent or guardian. See website for details.

Education Center: Our summer Wildlife Camps and Saturday Camps for children (7-15 yrs) focus on wildlife through games, activities, service projects, interactive learning experiences, and hands-on with animals. Topics include: Fur, Feathers & Scales; Team Green; The Babble on Birds; Wild Texas Nights; and The Rattle on Reptiles.

Urban Harvest

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Houston, TX 77003
(713) 880-5540

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www.urbanharvest.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Green Building Council Texas Gulf Coast Chapter

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

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

Major Events: Educational symposia, Celebration, Awards programs, 365.org

Volunteer Opportunities: Representing almost 1,300 individuals, more than 1,600 LEED APs, and more than 200 companies, the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter is based in Houston with branches in Galveston County, Montgomery County and Coastal Bend—with other branches being developed. The chapter has many volunteer activities at the branch and regional level. Visit the website for details.

We CAN Recycle

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

Mark Austin, Founder
info@wecanrecycle.org

Purpose: We CAN Recycle, a 501(c)(3) non profit, was founded as a way to make a positive impact on several serious issues facing Houston, America and our planet. Our mission is to promote and raise awareness of recycling as a way to reduce the strain on landfills, reduce pollution and reduce greenhouse gasses.

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

Recycling drop off center: 723 N Drennan Street, open to business and the public hours a day, 365 days a year. We accept all number plastics, aluminum/tin cans, glass, paper and cardboard. *We DO NOT accept hazardous materials.* (TVs, paint etc.)

Awards: Received 2010 Proud Partner award in the 26th Annual Mayor's Proud Partners Awards competition. Recognized by the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI) as a "Friend of Glass 2010" for creating recycling awareness and glass container recycling achievements. Received the 2009 State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) Award for *"Outstanding Solid Waste Management Program."*

Volunteer Opportunities: Collection and recycling, processing, and clean-up projects. Contact us at (832) 659-0168 or info@wecanrecycle.org

Publications: <http://www.facebook.com/wecanrecycle>

White Oak Bayou Association

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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 1986.

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

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

Publications: E-mail announcements

Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education (WR&E) Center

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

Sharon Schmalz, Executive Director
SharonSchmalz@wrande.org

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

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

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

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

Publications: on-line newsletter.

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

Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Inc.

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

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

Major Events: Fun Run & Walk

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Becky Edmondson

Speakers: Bob Schwartz

The Wind Alliance

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

Publications: Newsletter (as important updates occur)

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

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

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

Carolyn LaFleur, President
(281) 703-8170

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Woods Project, Inc.

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Houston, TX 77024
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Purpose: To develop leadership capacity and life skills in low income youth through a series of outdoor education/environmental awareness programs at wilderness sites in the United States

To prepare students for college and beyond by fostering life skills and mindsets through outdoor education;

To provide hands-on science lessons in a natural environment;

To empower students to take advantage of leadership opportunities;

To teach students how to adapt to/accept and engage in foreign environments; and

To give students the opportunity to succeed in new endeavors.

Our Mantra: Low Cost, High Impact, Volunteer Driven

Major Events: Fall and spring weekend environmental service projects in the Houston area for low income high school youth. Summer programming in Yosemite, Marin headlands, Donner Pass and Glacier National. Environmental/Outdoor after-school club programs in participating high schools.

Volunteer Opportunities The Woods Project is a 100% volunteer run organization. Opportunities for leaders to spend 2 weeks in Yosemite, Donner Pass/Desolation Wilderness, Marin Headlands and Glacier National working with our kids and hiking or backpacking in outstanding country. Volunteer opportunities are also available for weekend outings in the Houston area in spring and fall.

**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 including piers, boathouses, etc.

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

Public Affairs: (409) 766-3004
swgpao@usace.army.mil

Permits: (409) 766-3943

Environmental: (409) 776-3059

Regulatory: (409) 776-3941 (jurisdiction or wetland questions)

US Coast Guard Marine Safety Office

www.uscg.mil/d8/msuGalveston/

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

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
(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/southwest/clearlakes/

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

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Houston, TX 77058-3051

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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

Wharton Office

Address: 1120 Hodges Ln

Wharton, TX 77488-4328

Phone Numbers: 979-532-9496;

979-532-949

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

(512) 463-7476

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

TX DOT Houston Area Offices:**Brazoria County**

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Angleton, TX 77515

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Fort Bend County

Area Engineer: Jim Hunt

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Rosenberg, TX 77471

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Galveston County

Area Engineer: Bill Babbington

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Montgomery County

Area Engineer: Karen G. Baker

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Conroe, TX 77303

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North Harris County

Area Engineer: Douglas G. Stephens

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Humble, TX 77347

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Southeast Harris County

Area Engineer: Jeff A. Volk

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Houston, TX 77034

(281) 464-5500

Waller/West-Central Harris County

Area Engineer: Gregory A. Ranft

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Houston, TX 77040

(713) 934-5900

Texas Forest Service

www.txforestservice.tamu.edu

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

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

2020 North Loop West, Suite 106

Houston, TX 77018

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Forest Resource Development & Sustainable Forestry

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W.G. Jones State Forest

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Conroe, TX 77384

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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.

Houston Office

11811 N Avenue D
La Porte, TX 77571
281-470-8757

TGLO Oil Spill Prevention & Response, Region 2

Richard Arnhart
Regional Director
11811 North D Street
La Porte, Texas 77571-9135
281-470-6597

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
Main Line: 713-767-3500
General Air Questions: 713-767-3714
Spill Reporting (24 Hour) - 800-832-8224
Pollution Prevention Assistance Specialists:
Danielle Doss - 713-422-8920
Tom Collins - 713-422-8915

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
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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 78701
(512) 475-2070

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
(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
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NOTE: All elected officials are effective January 2011.

County Officials



Austin County

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

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(979) 865-2072

County Judge:

Carolyn Bilski
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Commissioners:

Pct 1: David Ottmer, (979) 865-2126
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Pct 3: Randy Reichardt, (979) 865-5441
Pct 4: Douglas King, (979) 478-7121

Brazoria County

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(979) 849-5711
www.brazoria-county.com

Environmental Health
(979) 864-1600

Parks Department
(979) 864-1541
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Environmental Protection
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Parks
(409) 267-8201

Resource Recovery & Recycling Center
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Texas AgriLife Extension Service
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County Judge:

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Commissioners

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Pct 2: David "Bubba" Abernathy
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Pct 3: Gary Nelson
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Pct 4: Rusty Senac
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Colorado County

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

Floodplain/ Septic Coordinator
David Collins, (979) 732-2435

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(979) 732-2082

County Judge:

Ty Prause, (979) 732-2604

Commissioners:

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Pct 2: Darrell Kubesch (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:

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Pct 2: Grady Prestage (281) 403-8000
Pct 3: W.A. "Andy" Meyers
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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

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(281) 534-3413

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Mark Henry (409) 766-2244
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Pct 4: Ken Clark (281) 316-8745

Harris County

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(713) 755-5000

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

Public Health and Environmental Services
(713) 439-6000

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(281) 855-5600

County Judge:

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Houston, TX 77002
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Commissioners

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Pct 4: Jerry Eversole (713) 755-6444

Liberty County

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Liberty, TX 77575
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(936) 336-4558

County Judge:

Craig McNair (936) 336-4665

Commissioners:

Pct 1: Todd Fontenot (936) 336-4591
Pct 2: Charlotte Key Warner (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: Kent Pollard (979) 863-7861
Pct 3: James A. Gibson (361) 972-2719
Pct 4: David "Woody" Woodson
(361) 588-6866

Montgomery County

501 North Thompson, Ste. 401
Conroe, TX 77301
www.mctx.org<<http://www.mctx.org>>
(936) 756-0571 or (281) 364-4200

Environmental Health
(936) 539-7839

Parks Department
(936) 788-8325

Recycling Center
(281) 367-7283

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(936) 539-7822

Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center
Teri MacArthur, Manager
1300 Riley Fuzzel Road
Spring, TX 77386
(281) 364-4225

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: Ronnie White (936) 295-6963
- Pct 3: Bobby Warren (936) 295-7984
- Pct 4: Tim Paulsel (936) 435-8055

Waller County

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

Texas Agrilife Extension Service
(979) 826-76511

County Judge: Glenn Beckendorff
(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: Stan Kitzman (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:
Philip Spenrath (979) 532-4612
philip.spenrath@co.wharton.tx.us

Commissioners:

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



City Officials

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

City of Houston

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

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

Mayor: Annise Parker

Council Members:

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

City of Pasadena

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

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

Mayor: Johnny Isbell

Council Members:

- Councilman, District A: Orinaldo Ybarra
- Councilwoman, District B: Jackie Welch
- Councilman, District C: Don Harrison
- Councilman, District D: Pat Van Houte
- Councilman, District E: Erv Brannon
- Councilman, District F: Phil Cayten
- Councilwoman, District G: Steve Cote
- Councilman, District H: Darrell Morrison

City of Baytown

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

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

Mayor: Stephen H. DonCarlos

Council Members:

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

City of Sugar Land

PO Box 110, Sugar Land, TX 77487-0110
www.sugarlandtx.gov
(281) 275-2730

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

Mayor: James A. Thompson

Council Members:

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

City of Galveston

P O Box 779
Galveston, TX 77553
www.cityofgalveston.org
(409) 797-3520

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

Mayor: Joe Jaworski

Council Members:

Councilmember, District 1:
Rusty Legg
Councilmember, District 2:
Linda K. Colbert
Councilmember, District 3:
Elizabeth Beeton
Councilmember, District 4:
Chris Gonzales
Councilmember, District 5:
Steve Greenberg
Councilmember, District 6:
Dianna Puccetti

City of Missouri City

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

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

Mayor: Allen Owen

Council Members:

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

City of League City

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

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

Mayor: Toni Randall

Council Members:

Councilman, Position 1: Neil Baron
Councilman, Position 2: Mike Barber
Councilman, Position 3: Mick Phalen
Councilman, Position 4: Mike Lee
Councilwoman, Position 5:
Phyllis Sanborn
Councilman, Position 6: Tim Paulissen
Councilman, Position 7: Joanna S.
Sharp-Dawson

Texas City

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

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

Mayor: Matthew Doyle

City Commissioners:

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

City of Pearland

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

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

Mayor: Tom Reid

Council Members:

Councilman, Position 1: Woody Owens
Councilwoman, Position 2: Scott Sherman
Councilman, Position 3: Steve Saboe
Councilwoman, Position 4: Felicia Kyle
Councilman, Position 5: Ed Thompson

City of Conroe

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

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

Mayor: Webb Melder

Council Members:

Councilwoman, Place 1: Marsha Porter
Councilman, Place 2: Toby Powell
Councilman, Place 3: Jim Gentry
Councilman, Place 4: Guy Martin
Councilman, Place 5: Gil Snider

City of Huntsville

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

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

Mayor: James Turner

Council Members:

Councilmember, Ward 1: Tom Cole
Councilmember, Ward 2: Mac Woodward
Councilmember, Ward 3: Jack Wagamon
Councilmember, Ward 4: Wayne Barrett
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 1:
James Fitch
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 2:
Lydia Montgomery
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 3:
Don H. Johnson
Councilmember-At-Large, Position 4:
Keith D. Olson

City of La Porte

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

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

Mayor: Louis Rigby

Council Members:

Councilperson, District 1:
Michael Mosteit
Councilperson, District 2:
Chuck Engelken
Councilperson, District 3:
Daryl Leonard
Councilperson, District 4:
Tommy Moser
Councilperson, District 5:
J.W. "Jay" Martin
Councilperson, District 6:
Mike Clausen
Councilperson-At-Large, Position A: John P.
Zamenek
Councilperson-At-Large, Position B:
John Black

City of Friendswood

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

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

Mayor: David J. H. Smith

Council Members:

Councilmember, Position 1: Mike E. Barker
Councilmember, Position 2: Jim Barr
Councilmember, Position 3: Jim Hill
Councilmember, Position 4: Patrick McGinnis
Councilmember, Position 5: Bill Holbert
Councilmember, Position 6: Deirdre Carey
Brown

City of Deer Park

P.O. Box 700
Deer Park, TX 77536-0700
www.deerparktx.gov
(281) 478-7201

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

Mayor: Wayne Riddle

Council Members:

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

City of Lake Jackson

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

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

Mayor: Bob Sipple

Council Members:

Councilman, Position 1: Charlie Golden
Councilman, Position 2: Bob Geter
Councilman, Position 3:
Gerald Roznovsky
Councilman, Position 4: Scott Schwertner
Councilperson, Position 5:
Vinay Singhania

State Officials



All elected officials listed are as of January 2011.

Executive Branch

Governor of Texas

Rick Perry
Office of the Governor
Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428
(512) 463-2000
(800) 843-5789
www.governor.state.tx.us

Lieutenant Governor

David Dewhurst
The Capitol, Second Floor East
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas, 78711-2068
(512) 463-0001
www.lt.gov.state.tx.us

Texas Land Commissioner

Jerry Patterson
General Land Office
1700 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, Texas 78711-2873
(512) 463-5256
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
1-800-252-5555
www.window.state.tx.us

Secretary of State

The Honorable Hope Andrade
P.O. Box 12697
Austin, Texas 78711-2697
(512) 463-5770
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)
329 Neches Street
Jacksonville, Texas 75766
(903) 589-3003

Senate District 4

Tommy Williams (R)
2441 High Timbers, Suite 400
The Woodlands, TX 77387
(281) 364-9473

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, TX 77079
(713) 464-0282

Senate District 11

Mike Jackson (R)
1109 Fairmont Parkway
Pasadena, TX 77504
(713) 948-0111

Senate District 13

Rodney Ellis (D)
440 Louisiana, Suite 575
Houston, TX 77002
(713) 236-0306

Senate District 15

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

Senate District 17

Joan Huffman
6217 Edloe
Houston, Texas 77005
(713) 662-3821

Senate District 18

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

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)
2000 South Market St.
Brenham, TX 77834
(979) 251-7888

House District 15

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

House District 16

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

House District 17

Tim Kleinschmidt (R)
Room Ext E2.814
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768
(512) 463-0682

House District 18

John Otto (R)
P.O. Box 985
Dayton, TX 77535
(936) 258-8135

House District 23

Craig Eiland (D)
9702 EF Lowery Expressway
Texas City, Texas 77591
(800) 345-2630

House District 24

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

House District 25

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

House District 26

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

House District 27

Ron Reynolds (D)
Capitol Office: E2.402
(512) 463-0494

House District 28

John Zerwas (R)
P.O. Box 434
Simonton, TX 77476
(281) 533-9042

House District 29

Randy Weber (R)
2225 County Road 90, Suite 107
Pearland, TX 77584
(281) 485-1106

House District 126

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

House District 127

Dan Huberty (R)
Capitol Office: E2.712
(512) 463-0520

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, Suite 212
Houston, TX 77058
(281) 333-1350

House District 130

Allen Fletcher (R)
21901 SH 249, Suite 350
Houston, TX 77070
(281) 374-0894

House District 131

Alma Allen (D)
10101 Fondren Road, Suite 500
Houston, TX 77096
(713) 776-0505

House District 132

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

House District 133

Jim Murphy (R)
Capitol Office: E2.606
(512) 463-0514

House District 134

Sarah Davis (R)
Capitol Office: E1.312
(512) 463-0389

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, Suite 212
Houston, TX 77080
(713) 460-2800

House District 139

Sylvester Turner (D)
6915 Antoine Street, Suite E
Houston, TX 77091
(713) 683-6363

House District 140

Armando Walle (D)
150 West Parker Road, Suite 700
Houston, TX 77076
(713) 694-8620

House District 141

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

House District 142

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

House District 143

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

House District 144

Ken Legler (R)
1109 Fairmont Parkway
Pasadena, TX 77504
(281) 487-8818

House District 145

Carol Alvarado (D)
8145 Park Place, Suite 100
Houston, TX 77017
(713) 649-6563

House District 146

Boris L. Miles (D)
(713) 741-8800

House District 147

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

House District 148

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

House District 149

Hubert Vo (D)
7474 South Kirkwood Ave., Suite 106
Houston, TX 77072
(281) 988-0212

House District 150

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



Elected Official Resources

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

Houston Galveston Area Council

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

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. Abdeldjelil "DJ" Belarbi, Director
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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
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Houston, TX 77058
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School of Science and Computer Engineering
(281) 283-3746

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of Business
(281) 283-3257

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

Department of Natural Sciences, Environmental
Science
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naturalscience/](http://www.uhd.edu/academic/colleges/sciences/naturalscience/)

University of St. Thomas

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

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) 500-9464
www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/swcoeh

Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics
Center
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.

US EPA National Response Center

1-800-424-8802

To report an environmental emergency. The National Response Center (NRC) is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills.

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.