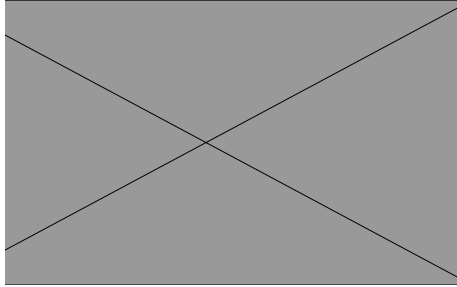


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## About the Citizens' Environmental Coalition (CEC)

The CEC is an alliance of over 100 nonprofit, governmental, and educational organizations whose work impacts our environment and quality of life in the Houston-Galveston area. Our member organizations include 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 achievements. These visionary women saw that there was a real need for all local environmental groups to communicate with each other, coordinate efforts, and support each other. They created the CEC to serve that need.

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

### **Weekly Environmental E-Newsletter.** (SIGN UP at [cechouston.org](http://cechouston.org)).

This free email update is the most comprehensive listing of opportunities to engage in environmental activities in the greater Houston region. It is dedicated to local environmental topics, local legislative news, and national news stories that have a bearing on our local community, as well as CEC member group activities and a listing of 'green' jobs and 'green' grants. It also links to the CEC communal calendar of local events across our 13-county region.

**Roundtable Discussions.** A new service beginning in 2011, these are member-only meetings to further facilitate cross-functional discussion about important environmental topics affecting our community.

**Environmental Resource Guide.** This annual publication is a hard-copy directory of our member organizations and other important contact information. First published in 1987, it is widely distributed to school districts, elected officials and to the community at large. The Resource Guide is also available online, through [www.cechouston.org](http://www.cechouston.org), and is updated twice yearly.

**CEC Website ([www.cechouston.org](http://www.cechouston.org)).** This important tool offers a link to each of our member groups' websites, a comprehensive calendar of environmental events hosted by our member groups, Green Job listings, and archives of our weekly newsletters.

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

**Annual Meeting.** CEC holds its annual business meeting each spring, and in 2012 will host its inaugural environmental community summit to exchange ideas and discuss timely topics which affect Houston's environmental community.

**Outreach.** The CEC participates in tabling events and 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](http://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.*

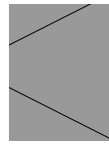
*As a member of EarthShare of Texas, CEC has unique campaign codes that you can use to donate directly to us, including the following:*

- *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

## **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  
Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program  
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center  
Katy Prairie Conservancy  
Native Prairies Association of Texas  
Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition  
Wildlife Center of Texas

## **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  
Greener Living in Houston  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Houston Habitat for Humanity

Houston History Archives  
Houston Tomorrow  
Houston Parks Board  
Houston Parks and Recreation  
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 Parks and Recreation  
Native Prairies Association of Texas  
Sierra Club—Houston Regional Group  
Texas Coastal Partners  
Texas Coastal Watershed Program  
Trust for Public Land  
White Oak Bayou Association  
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

## **Beautification**

Bayou Land Conservancy  
Buffalo Bayou Partnership  
Center for Houston's Future  
Friends of Mandell Park  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition  
Houston History Archives  
Keep Houston Beautiful  
Keep Kingwood Green  
Native Prairies Association of Texas  
Pleasantville Environmental Coalition  
SCENIC GALVESTON

SCENIC HOUSTON

Texas Coastal Watershed Program  
U.S. Green Building Council

**Birding**

Baytown Environmental Education  
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory  
Houston Audubon  
Houston History Archives  
Native Prairies Association of Texas  
Nature Discovery Center  
Outdoor Nature Club  
Sheldon Lake State Park & Envir. Learning Ctr.  
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

**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 Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program  
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center  
Keep Houston Beautiful  
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
Native Prairies Association of Texas  
Nature Discovery Center  
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group  
Urban Harvest  
Wildlife Center of Texas

**Climate**

American Institute of Chemical Engineers  
Environment Texas  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Greener Living in Houston  
Great Plains Restoration Council  
Gulf Restoration Network  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Houston Climate Protection Alliance  
Houston Renewable Energy Group

Houston Tomorrow  
Living Planet Foundation  
Sierra Club- Houston Regional Group  
Texas Coastal Watershed Program  
Transition Houston  
U.S. Green Building Council

**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 Parks and Recreation  
Houston Tomorrow  
Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program  
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center  
Katy Prairie Conservancy  
Living Paradigm  
Living Planet Foundation  
Memorial Park Conservancy  
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
Native Plant Society of Texas  
Native Prairies Association of Texas  
Nature Conservancy of Texas  
Nature Discovery Center  
Outdoor Nature Club  
SCENIC GALVESTON  
SCENIC HOUSTON  
Sheldon Lake State Park and Envir. Learning  
Center  
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  
 Trust for Public Land  
 U.S. Green Building Council  
 White Oak Bayou Association  
 Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

### **Education**

American Institute of Chemical Engineers  
 American Lung Association  
 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  
 Children at Risk  
 Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition  
 Council for Environmental Education  
 Environmental Educators' Exchange  
 Environmental Institute of Houston, UHCL  
 Environment Texas  
 Friends of Mandell Park  
 Friends of West 11th Street Park  
 Greener Living in Houston  
 Great Plains Restoration Council  
 Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association  
 Gulf Coast Bird Observatory  
 Hermann Park Conservancy  
 Houston Arboretum & Nature Center  
 Houston Audubon  
 Houston Climate Protection Alliance  
 Houston-Galveston Area Council  
 Houston Habitat for Humanity  
 Houston History Archives  
 Houston Renewable Energy Group  
 Houston Tomorrow  
 Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program  
 Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center  
 Living Paradigm  
 Living Planet Foundation  
 Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
 Native Prairies Association of Texas  
 Nature Discovery Center  
 Progressive Forum

Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Inc.  
 Pleasantville Environmental Coalition  
 Rice Design Alliance  
 Sheldon Lake State Park and Envir. Learning  
 Center  
 Student Conservation Association  
 Techs & Trainers  
 Texas Campaign for the Environment  
 Texas Coastal Watershed Program  
 Texas Master Naturalists- Heartwood Chapter  
 Transition Houston  
 Trees for Houston  
 Urban Harvest  
 U.S. Green Building Council  
 Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy  
 The Woods Project, Inc.

### **Environmental Justice/ Policy**

Air Alliance Houston  
 American Institute of Chemical Engineers  
 American Lung Association  
 Artist Boat  
 Bayou Preservation Association  
 Big Thicket Association  
 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  
 Native Prairies Association of Texas  
 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  
Native Prairies Association of Texas  
SCENIC GALVESTON  
Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group  
Texas Coastal Partners  
Texas Coastal Watershed Program  
Trust for Public Land

**Global Issues**

Artist Boat  
Environment Texas  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Houston Climate Protection Alliance  
Living Planet Foundation  
Native Prairies Association of Texas  
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Inc.  
Transition Houston  
U.S. Green Building Council

**Health**

Air Alliance Houston  
American Lung Association  
Children at Risk  
Environment Texas  
Great Plains Restoration Council  
Houston Tomorrow  
Native Prairies Association of Texas  
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Inc.  
Trust for Public Land  
Urban Harvest  
U.S. Green Building Council

**Historic Preservation**

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

**Organic Food/Plants/Gardening**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Artist Boat  
Central City Co-op  
Friends of Mandell Park  
Great Plains Restoration Council  
Houston History Archives  
Houston Tomorrow  
Houston Urban Gardeners  
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
Native Plant Society of Texas  
Outdoor Nature Club  
Texas Coastal Watershed Program  
Transition Houston  
Urban Harvest

**Parks and Nature Centers**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Bayou Land Conservancy  
Baytown Environmental Education  
Big Thicket Association  
Buffalo Bayou Partnership  
Center for Houston's Future  
Environment Texas  
Friends of Mandell Park  
Friends of West 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program  
Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center  
Memorial Park Conservancy  
Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
Native Prairies Association of Texas  
Nature Discovery Center  
Sheldon Lake State Park 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  
Texas Association of Environmental  
Professionals

### **Recycling/Trash**

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

### **Sports/Recreation**

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Artist Boat  
Baytown Environmental Education  
Big Thicket Association  
BikeHouston  
Center for Houston's Future  
Friends of Mandell Park  
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  
Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program  
Memorial Park Conservancy  
Outdoor Nature Club  
Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental  
Learning Center

Sierra Club – Houston Regional Group  
Trust for Public Land  
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

### **Transportation**

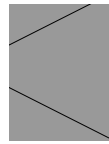
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American Institute of Architects  
Citizens' Transportation Coalition  
Environment Texas  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Houston Canoe Club  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
Houston History Archives  
Houston Tomorrow  
Sierra Club  
Transition 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  
Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition  
Environment Texas  
Gulf Restoration Network  
Houston Advanced Research Center  
Living Planet Foundation  
Nataive Prairies Association of Texas  
Trust for Public Land



# CEC Member Groups



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

2409 Commerce St., Ste. A  
Houston, TX 77003  
(713) 528-3779/Fax: (713) 526-0550  
[www.airalliancehouston.org](http://www.airalliancehouston.org)

Matthew Tejada, Ph.D.,  
Executive Director  
[info@airexchange.net](mailto:info@airexchange.net)

**Speaker's Bureau:** Yes.

**Publications:** Please visit our website, [www.airalliancehouston.org](http://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.

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

315 Capitol Street, Suite 120  
Houston, TX 77002  
[info@aiahouston.org](mailto:info@aiahouston.org)  
[www.aiahouston.org](http://www.aiahouston.org)

Rusty Bienvenue, Executive Director  
(713) 520-0155  
[rusty@aiahouston.org](mailto:rusty@aiahouston.org)

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

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

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

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

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

P. O. Box 2160  
Sugar Land, TX 77487-2160

Chair: James Turner  
Fluor Enterprises, Inc.  
james.turner@fluor.com  
281-980-2480

Chair Elect: Gary Gildert  
Johnson-Matthey  
gary.gildert@matthey.com  
281-291-0709

**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*

2030 North Loop West, Suite 250  
Houston, TX 77018  
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www.breathehealthy.org

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Jaime Roll, Development Director  
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Alex Wagner, Director of Environmental Health  
awagner@breathehealthy.org

**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/](http://www.lungusa.org/get-involved/advocate/lung-action-network/) and find us on Facebook and Twitter.

## Armand Bayou Nature Center

8500 Bay Area Blvd., Pasadena, Texas

Mailing: P.O. Box 58828

Houston, Texas 77258

(281) 474-2551 [www.abnc.org](http://www.abnc.org)

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[heather@abnc.org](mailto:heather@abnc.org)

Mark Kramer, Stewardship Coordinator

[mark@abnc.org](mailto:mark@abnc.org)

**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 Third Sundays in Nature Series, FREE to the public; Eco-Exploration pontoon boat and canoe trips; guided day and night hikes; Eco-Camp summer and holiday camps; Great Texas Birding Trail Site 81; Over 5 mi. 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

2415 Avenue K

Galveston, TX 77550

(409) 770-0722

[info@artistboat.org](mailto:info@artistboat.org)

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

Karla Klay, Executive Director

[kklay@artistboat.org](mailto:kklay@artistboat.org)

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

**Programs:** Eco-Art Adventures via kayak, vessel, or walking; Eco-Art Residencies in Schools integrating the arts and sciences to create public sculptures and habitats on campuses; Habitat Restoration Adventure Program, focused on stewardship-based learning through dune and coastal prairie preservation.

**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

10330 Lake Road, Bldg. J  
Houston, TX 77070  
281-576-1634  
info@bayouland.org  
www.bayoulandconservancy.org

Jennifer Lorenz, Executive Director  
jlorenz@bayouland.org

Stephanie Prosser, Conservation Lands  
Biologist

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.

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

Kathy Lord, Executive Director  
klord@bayoupreservation.org

Steve Hupp, Water Quality Director

Eric Ruckstuhl, Eyes on the Bayou Scout

**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

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center  
1724 Market Street  
Baytown, TX 77520  
(281) 420-7128 [www.baytown.org](http://www.baytown.org)

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

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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  
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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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Houston, TX 77019-3908  
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bikeinfo@bikehouston.org

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

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

**Major Events:** Tribute to John Sedlak  
February 29, 2012

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

**Brays Bayou Association**

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

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

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

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Contact Bob Schwartz.

**Speakers Bureau:** Contact Bob Schwartz

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

**Buffalo Bayou Partnership**

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Trudi Smith, Director of Public Relations and Events;  
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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 kayak tours

**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 Development, K-12 and Workforce Preparedness*. In 2012, the Center will address community 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. The 2012 SYposium will be held on February 10 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. In 2012, the Center will begin work on a comprehensive indicator report, as well as new online engagement programming.

**Publications:** *Counting on Quality of Life: An Environment Indicator Report (2007)*, *Counting on Quality of Place: Air Quality, Parks & Trails, and Trees (2009)*, *Counting on Quality of Place: Water Quality, Water Supply, and Green Buildings (2010)*, *Human Capital: Early Childhood Development, K-12 and Workforce Preparedness (2011)*, published yearly with updated indicators.

## The Center for Recycled Art

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info@recycledarthouston.org  
[www.facebook.com/CenterforRecycledArt](http://www.facebook.com/CenterforRecycledArt)

Ramona Brady, Founder

**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 at low cost to educators and non-profits in the Greater Houston area. Promote awareness and stimulate creativity through workshops, creative reuse demonstrations and speakers bureau.

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

**Children's Activities:** Speakers bureau, hands-on creative reuse workshops, volunteer opportunities

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

**Speakers Bureau:** Fun and popular with groups of all ages. Contact Ramona Brady, (832) 260-5853.

## Central City Co-Op

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director@centralcityco-op.com

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

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

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

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

## Children At Risk

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

**Major Events:** Annual Accolades Luncheon, Annual 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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Houston, TX 77004  
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Lynnsey Dohmen, EcoStation Educator  
[ldohmen@cmhouston.org](mailto:ldohmen@cmhouston.org)

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

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

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

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

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

**Volunteer Opportunities:**  
Contact Jennifer Belt at (713) 535-7209 or [jbelt@cmhouston.org](mailto: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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Houston, TX 77057  
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[www.cechouston.org](http://www.cechouston.org)

Katie Molina, General Manager  
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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; Visions for a Greener Houston in February 2012 to picture where we want to see ourselves as a community by the end of the year.

**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. The Citizens' Transportation Coalition advocates for a broad-based public educational and planning process to identify neighborhood aspirations, influences projects to achieve the best transportation options, and engages our communities in designing a complete multimodal transportation system that serves us all.

**Meetings:** Board meets on 4th Thursdays from Jan.-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.

## Coastal Prairie Partnership

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Pat Merkord, Secretary  
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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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www.councilforee.org  
www.projectwild.org  
www.wetcity.org  
www.flyingwild.org  
www.pwgrowingupwild.org

Josetta Hawthorne, Executive Director

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

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

## Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition

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Cypress, TX 77429  
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www.ccfcc.org

floodalliance@ccfcc.org

Richard D. Smith, President  
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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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Austin, TX 78741  
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1-(800) GREENTX  
www.earthshare-texas.org

estx@earthshare-texas.org

Edie Muehlberger, Director  
Max Woodfin, Director

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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Austin, TX 78701  
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Luke Metzger, Director  
[luke@environmenttexas.org](mailto:luke@environmenttexas.org)

**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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Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 691-3452  
[www.edf.org](http://www.edf.org)

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

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

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Case by case basis

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

## Environmental Educators' Exchange

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

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

**Major Events:** Annual Houston Environmental Education Summit, [www.houstoneesummit.org](http://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. To join network, send an email to [Lawrence\\_spence@yahoo.com](mailto:Lawrence_spence@yahoo.com)

## Environmental Institute of Houston, EIH UHCL

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**Purpose:** EIH is the environmental education, outreach, and research component of the University of Houston system. It serves as a contact point for the community to access the expertise and resources of the university. Additionally, EIH partners with agencies, community and environmental groups, and businesses to conduct research and outreach projects in the Houston region. EIH focuses on four areas: pollution prevention, environmental policy, natural resource conservation, and environmental education. 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](http://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 Texas Wildlife

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The Woodlands, Texas 77393-0786  
(281) 259-0039  
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President  
Janette Winkelmann

Vice President of Administration  
Cheryl Meyer

Vice President of Animal Welfare  
Evelyn Heyde

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

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

**Programs:** 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 11<sup>th</sup> Street Park**

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Houston, TX 77008  
www.wirelesswilderness.org  
west\_11th\_st\_park@earthlink.net

Lorraine Cherry, President  
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**Purpose:** Our organization was formed in 1998 to assist in the acquisition and long-term management of 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. West 11th Street Park is a “pocket wilderness” in the heart of Houston.

**Programs:** Our award-winning *Wireless Wilderness* Cell Phone Tour is a self-guided nature tour that can be accessed by cell phone or smart phone. Tour stops, each marked by a small sign, are spread along the woodland trails that run through this 21-acre inner-city nature park. When a visitor calls up the local phone number, they are asked to punch in the stop number, which leads them to an explanation of that site. We worked with area teachers, master naturalists, and scientists to put together tour stops that are interesting, fun and educational. Our newly redesigned website complements the tour with additional photographs, information and links to other sites of interest.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Invasive plant removal (periodic), general park maintenance, work in butterfly/native bee garden.

**Ongoing Project:** We are in the midst of a significant trail renovation project, with the goal of having one complete trail loop in the park that is ADA accessible and usable 365 days a year.

**Publications:** We produce a quarterly ecology newsletter available free via email, and post plant and animal sightings on our Facebook page.

**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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Webster, TX 77598  
Office: (281) 332-3381  
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gbf@galvbay.org

Bob Stokes, President

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Galveston Baykeeper

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Can be found on Facebook and Twitter

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

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

**Programs:** 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

P.O. Box 131291  
Houston, Texas 77219  
(832) 598-GPRC  
www.gprc.org

Jarid Manos, Founder & CEO  
greatplains@gprc.org

**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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Houston, Texas 77266-7607  
www.ghorba.org

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Russell Adams, Vice President  
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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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Jim Parsons; Dir., Museum of Houston  
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**Purpose:** To promote the preservation and appreciation of Houston's architectural and cultural historic resources through advocacy, education, and committed action; thereby creating economic value and developing a stronger sense of community.

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

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

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

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

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

## **Green Team America (GTA)**

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**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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Stephen Sye  
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**Mission:** Founded April 21, 2008 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.

**Affiliation:** Greener Living in Houston has tax-exempt status as a 501.c3 organization through its affiliation with the Houston Peace and Justice Center.

**Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition**

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Houston, TX 77060  
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www.greensbayou.org

Jill Boullion, Executive Director  
jboullion@greenspoint.org

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

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

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

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

**Publications:** Newsletter

## Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

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Carol Jones, Educational Coordinator  
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**Purpose:** To protect birds and their habitats around the Gulf of Mexico.

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

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

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

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

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

## Gulf Restoration Network

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New Orleans, LA 70176-2245  
(504) 525-1528  
www.healthygulf.org

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](mailto:aaron@healthygulf.org)

## Help Endangered Animals - Ridley Turtles (HEART)

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Houston, TX 77268-1231  
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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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The Woodlands, TX 77381  
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**Purpose:** HARC 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, social science and technology to provide new knowledge about the complex balance between environmental, social and economic priorities. HARC plays a significant role in facilitating integrated regional environmental assessments. HARC is located in the Woodlands, but its programs focus on the sustainability of the Houston region, Texas and the Gulf Coast. The mission of the organization 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.

**Publications:** Multiple websites, including:  
harc.edu  
TexasClimateNews.org  
GalvBayData.org  
GalvBayInvasives.org  
AirHoustonTX.org  
EFDSsystems.com  
GulfCoastCleanEnergy.org  
SolarHouston.org

## Houston Arboretum & Nature Center

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Houston, TX 77024  
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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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Houston, TX 77292-5516  
www.houstoncanoecub.org

komcdowell@earthlink.net, Commodore

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 residents of the greater Houston-Galveston region concerned about global warming so we can learn and act together.

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

## Houston-Galveston Area Council

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**Purpose:** The Houston-Galveston Area Council is a region-wide voluntary association of local governments in the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning region of Texas. H-GAC's mission is to serve as the instrument of local government cooperation, promoting the region's orderly development and the safety and welfare of its citizens. Key governmental services include transportation planning, economic development, disaster resiliency, cooperative purchasing, homeland security, workforce development, air and water quality planning, forecasting, and mapping.

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

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

## Houston Habitat for Humanity

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

Algenita Scott Davis, Executive Director  
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ReStore (a building supply outlet)  
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Houston, TX 77087 (713) 643-4942  
Fred Garza, Store Director  
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**Purpose:** Since 1987, Houston Habitat for Humanity has been the premier affordable local home builder in Houston. We build sustainable, energy-efficient homes that are financially accessible by hard-working, low-income families, winning the EPA Energy Star Award 3 years in a row. Thru home ownership, families gain a stake in the community, become tax-paying citizens, build equity, raise their net worth, and offer better educational opportunities to their children.

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

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Contact Corry Bell, (713) 671-9993 x 218, cbell@houstonhabitat.org

**Publication:** Quarterly email newsletter

## Houston History Archives c/o Center for Public History

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University of Houston  
Houston, TX 77204-3003

Dr. Teresa (Terry) Tomkins-Walsh  
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(713) 743-9991

**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](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>

## Houston Parks and Recreation Department

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

### Major Events:

Jan - Arbor Day; Youth Tennis classes begin  
Feb - Salt Grass Trail Ride; Adult sports leagues begin  
Mar- Tour de Houston, Metal & Muscle Expo; Lake Houston Wilderness New Entry  
Apr- Houston Children's Festival, Japan Festival, Houston International Festival  
May- Challenge Day, Summer Pool Opening  
Jun 4-Aug 17 - Summer Food Service Program  
June - Summer Food Program Golf Tournament; Hershey Track & Field Meet  
Jul- Chevy Freedom Over Texas; Houston Pops July 4th Celebration  
Oct- Asian-American Festival; Wildflower seed planting  
Nov- Via Colori  
Dec- Heritage Society Candlelight Tour, Holiday Tree Lighting  
Year round - Lake Houston Park Nature Center events  
School year - After School Enrichment Program

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

## Houston Parks Board

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

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

**Publications:** Annual Report

## Houston Renewable Energy Group (HREG)

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Sugar Land, TX 77498  
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Www.txses.org

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month. Distinguished Speaker Series, quarterly.

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

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

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

## Houston Urban Gardeners

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Houston, TX 77098-0184  
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**Purpose:** Houston Urban Gardeners' mission is to create an informed active gardening community of people growing their own vegetables, fruits, and herbs year-round in Metro Houston. We do this through programs on all aspects of growing food. Come to our meetings to learn more.

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

- eat organic wholesome food with a history
- feel good because you can share food with hungry people
- restore respect for the earth and the environment
- leave a legacy of better soil
- 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:** HUG meets on the second Monday of the month in the Houston Garden Center (1500 Hermann Drive, Houston, 77004) at 6:30 p.m. Visit our website for more information.

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

## Houston Zoo Wildlife Conservation Program

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conservation@houstonzoo.org

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Direction of Conservation

Rachel Rommel,  
Conservation Programs Manager

Brian Hill,  
Director of Public Relations

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

**Publications:** Members quarterly Wildlife Magazine

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

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

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

## Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center

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**Purpose:** A 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 - Saturday, February 11, 2012;  
NatureFest - Saturday, March 3, 2012;  
Pioneer Day - Saturday, November 10, 2012

**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 (Sept1), 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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Mike Aden, Toolbank Attendant

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

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

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

## League of Women Voters of the Houston Area

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Houston, TX 77206  
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**Purpose:** The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**Programs:** Voter Registration, Civic Engagement, Candidate Debates, Educational Forums

**Major Events:** Fundraisers: Repast with Political Pioneers (Spring), Women's Equality Day Commemoration (Late Summer)

**Publications:** Voters Guide (in advance of each election), Directory of Elected Officials

## 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 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:** Living Planet Foundation has been founded to aid in the protection of biological diversity and to promote ecological sustainability and restoration. Our focus is on key issues that threaten the earth's environment, population and habitat, and to bring awareness to the devastating effects which humanity is inflicting on our beautiful planet.

**Programs: Sacred Planet** - Living Planet Foundation is on the steering committee of the Green Pilgrimage Network (GPN) which is integral to the long-term climate change commitments presented at Windsor in what the United Nations described as "potentially the world's largest civil society movement on climate change." The GPN initiative was conceived during "The Windsor Celebration" held at Windsor Castle, UK in Nov. 2009. Here nine major world faiths launched significant commitments to environmental action. Living Planet Foundation will coordinate greening and cleaning efforts in pilgrimage sites, shrines, temples and cities across the globe.

**Consultancy Service** - in areas of climate change, energy and environmental education.

**Gharial Conservation** - The Indian Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*) is one of the most endangered crocodylians in the world, with as few as 200 breeding adults left in the wild in Nepal and India. Zoos have become an apparent force in Gharial conservation through education and awareness, and fundraising and may prove to be an important genetic reservoir for the species. Currently, Living Planet Foundation is leading the efforts for a Gharial exhibit at the Houston Zoo and at others in the UK and Europe.

**Speakers and Volunteer Opportunities** - yes

## 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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**Purpose:** To establish and maintain a versatile botanical facility for Houston and the greater Gulf Coast region, serving the general public, the horticulture industry, and the scientific community. These 325 acres of East Texas Piney Woods showcase the region's largest collection of native and cultivated plants.

**Programs:** Offered throughout the year and focus on gardening and plant related topics.

### Major Events:

**March Mart Plant Sale** - 4th Friday and Saturday in March, offering a unique selection of plants that thrive in the Houston/Harris County climate. March Mart is the best and biggest plant sale in Texas.

**Garden Party and Auction** - 1st Saturday in May starting at 5 p.m. At this event, party-goers dine under the stars while bidding on unique treasures.

**Summer Symposium** - 4th Saturday in July. 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.

**Garden Faire** - 4th Saturday and Sunday in September, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., held on Mercer's west side at the picnic area. Kid's Korner provides families with free nature activities and crafts.

**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.

## Native Prairies Association of Texas

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**Purpose:** NPAT is a non-profit membership organization and land trust dedicated to the conservation, restoration and appreciation of native prairies, savannas and other grasslands in Texas. NPAT protects over 2,000 acres of native Texas grassland, including over 100 acres of endangered/threatened tall grass prairie. In 2010, NPAT started its first local chapter in Houston to allow members in the metro area to meet and discuss local/regional projects and raise awareness of NPAT.

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

**Publications:** Quarterly newsletter, *Texas Prairie News*; periodic email updates

**Major Events:** State of the Prairie Conference: an annual event for grassland conservation, restoration and education (Dec. 2012, Kingsville); Prairie Heritage Day: a family oriented educational event on prairie education the endangered nature of native grasslands (Nov. 2012, Richmond)

**Meetings:** 4th Wed. each month except Nov. and Dec.; Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074

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

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

**Speakers Bureau:** Yes

## Outdoor Nature Club

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

**Meetings:** Second 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.

## 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 5-10 cent Recycling Refund on all aluminum, glass, and plastic beverage 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  
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**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, Sylvia Earle, Tim Flannery, Jane Goodall, Al Gore, James Hansen, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Richard Leaky, Bill McKibben, T. Boone Pickens, Michael Pollan, Robert Redford, Eric Schlosser, and Edward O. Wilson.

## Rice Design Alliance

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

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

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

## SCENIC GALVESTON, Inc.

*Affiliate of Scenic Texas & Scenic America. Networking Guild- "Friends of the Preserve."*

*Site partner GCBO*

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

### Major Events/Volunteer Opportunity:

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

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

## SCENIC HOUSTON

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

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

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

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

## Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center

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Park Road 138  
Houston, TX 77049  
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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, canoeing and wildlife observation activities. 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, wetland 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

3015 Richmond, Suite 290  
Houston, TX 77098  
(713)520-1835

www.thesca.org

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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

P.O. Box 563

Liberty, TX 77575

[www.surfrider.org/texas](http://www.surfrider.org/texas)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Surfrider-Foundation-Texas-Upper-Coast-Chapter/136098459796578>

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Media/Press/Speakers Bureau: Ellis Pickett

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

**Regular Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of the month in Houston.

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

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

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

**Publications:** "Making Waves" - national publication (monthly publication also available on the web) Beachapedia - internet resource [http://www.beachapedia.org/Main\\_P](http://www.beachapedia.org/Main_P)

## Techs & Trainers

5933 Bellaire Blvd # 111

Houston, TX 77081

(713) 839-7177

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[techs1234@yahoo.com](mailto:techs1234@yahoo.com)

Barbara Rosen, Director

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[techs1234@yahoo.com](mailto:techs1234@yahoo.com)

Jane Chaves, Office Manager

**Media/Press Contact:** Barbara Rosen

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

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

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

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

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

## Texas Association of Environmental Professionals

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

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

**Programs:** Chuck Glore Memorial Scholarship program. In 2011, TAEP has awarded a total of \$10,000 to students at 5 different schools. Annually support Texas Envirothon and the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. Young Environmental Professionals (YEP) is a networking opportunity for young people new to the profession.

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

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

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

## Texas Campaign for the Environment

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Houston, TX 77098  
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Brigette Yawn, Canvass Director  
brigette@texasenvironment.org

Tyson Sowell, Program Director  
tyson@texasenvironment.org

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

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

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

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Call Tyson Sowell.

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

## Texas Coastal Partners

Coastal Office  
P.O. Box 70181  
Houston, TX 77270-0181  
www.TexasCoastalPartners.org

Frank Fuller, Chair  
texascoastalpartners@gmail.com

Linda Shead, Programs Chair  
texascoastalpartners@gmail.com

**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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Houston, TX 77058  
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www.urban-nature.org

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Charriss York, Stormwater Projects Coordinator  
cyork@tamu.edu  
Steve Mikulencak, Program Coordinator  
smikulencak@ag.tamu.edu  
Mary Carol Edwards, Wetland Program Assistant, mcedwards@neo.tamu.edu

**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 Master Naturalists Heartwood Chapter

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The Woodlands, TX 77387-9611

(832) 381-6921 (Messages only)

info@heartwoodtmn.org

www.heartwoodtmn.org

Teri MacArthur, President

(281) 381-3281

president@heartwoodtmn.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Transition Houston

http://www.transitionhouston.org

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

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We frequently have hands-on projects to create practical manifestations of resiliency, such as 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  
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Info@treesforhouston.org

www.treesforhouston.org

Barry Ward, Executive Director  
barry@treesforhouston.org

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

2579 Western Trails Blvd., Suite 130  
Austin, TX 78745  
(512) 333-4554  
(415) 269-4231  
www.tpl.org

Scott Parker, State Director  
scott.parker@tpl.org

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

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

**Major Events:** Earth Day Dallas.

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

## **TWRC Wildlife and Education Center**

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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**

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

[info@urbanharvest.org](mailto:info@urbanharvest.org)  
[www.urbanharvest.org](http://www.urbanharvest.org)

Mark Bowen, Executive Director  
(713) 880-5540, [mark@urbanharvest.org](mailto: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 and workforce development. Symposia, training sessions and community awareness activities.

**Major Events:** Educational symposia, Celebration, Awards programs, [365.org](http://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 and the Brazos Valley—with other branches being developed. The chapter has many volunteer activities at the branch and regional level. Visit the website for details.

## White Oak Bayou Association

P.O. Box 920510  
Houston, TX 77292-0510  
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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, usually held at Central Bank - Community Room, 1550 West 18th St. 77008

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

**Publications:** E-mail announcements

## Wildlife Center of Texas

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

Sharon Schmalz, Executive Director  
[SharonSchmalz@wildlifecenteroftexas.org](mailto:SharonSchmalz@wildlifecenteroftexas.org)

**Purpose:** WCT was formed to meet the increasing need for wildlife assistance in the Greater Houston / Upper Gulf Coast region. Each year the WCT cares for over 9000 thousand injured or orphaned wild animals including over 300 different species. The WCT is Houston’s first trauma hospital that accepts all native injured, ill and orphaned wildlife. The Center receives no government funding. Funding is provided by the generous donations of the general public and corporations.

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

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

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

**Publications:** on-line newsletter.

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

## Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Inc.

P. O. Box 35676  
Houston, TX 77235-5676  
[www.wwgc.org](http://www.wwgc.org)  
Find us on Facebook - willowwaterhole

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**Purpose:** Founded in 2001, the WWGC partners with the Harris County Flood Control District and the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department to enhance the 279 acre Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve as a wildlife area and as an accessible greenspace. The WWGC also encourages visitors by developing activities for the park.

**Programs:** Sunday Music in Park performances, monthly bird surveys by Houston Audubon Society, FunRun, support for Westbury High School Environmental Science curriculum.

**Meetings:** Spring and Fall.

**Major Events:** Fun Run & Walk

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

**Speakers:** Available for community and school groups.

**Publications:** Website and Facebook. Newsletter being developed.

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

P.O. Box 9934  
The Woodlands, TX 77387

www.thewoodlandsgreen.org  
info@thewoodlandsgreen.org

Carolyn LaFleur, President  
(281) 703-8170

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Woods Project, Inc.**

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

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

**Goals:**

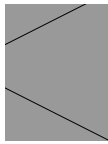
- To prepare students for college and beyond by fostering life skills and mindsets through outdoor education;
- To provide hands-on science lessons in a natural environment;
- To empower students to take advantage of leadership opportunities;
- To teach students how to adapt to/accept and engage in foreign environments; and
- To give students the opportunity to succeed in new endeavors.

Our Mantra: Low Cost, High Impact, Volunteer Driven

**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 out-standing 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](http://www.swg.usace.army.mil)

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

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

Public Affairs: (409) 766-3004  
[swgpao@usace.army.mil](mailto:swgpao@usace.army.mil)  
Permits: (409) 766-3982  
Environmental: (409) 776-3059  
Regulatory: (409) 776-3941 (jurisdiction or wetland questions)

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

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

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

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

Sector Houston-Galveston Command Center  
9640 Clinton Drive  
Houston, Texas 77029-4328  
(713) 671-5133

### **US Environmental Protection Agency**

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

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

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

## **US Fish & Wildlife Service**

[www.fws.gov/southwest/clearlakes/](http://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**

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

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

### **Texas Wildlife Services State Director**

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**San Antonio, TX 78269**

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## State

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

### Railroad Commission of Texas

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

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

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

### Houston District Office

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Houston, TX 77008-3135  
(713) 869-5001

### Soil and Water Conservation Board

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

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

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

### Wharton Office

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

### Texas Department of Agriculture

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

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

1700 N. Congress Ave.  
Stephen F. Austin Building, 11th Floor  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 463-7476

### Gulf Coast Regional Office

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

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## **Texas Department of Transportation**

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

Builds and maintains state highways.

125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 463-8588

### **TX DOT Houston Area Offices** (800) 558-9368 (local information)

#### **Brazoria County**

Area Engineer: Lawrence J. Heckathorn  
1033 E. Orange  
Angleton, TX 77515  
(979) 864-8500

#### **Fort Bend County**

Area Engineer: Jim Hunt  
4235 SH 36  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 238-7900

#### **Galveston County**

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

#### **Montgomery County**

Area Engineer: Karen G. Baker  
901 N. FM 3083 E.  
Conroe, TX 77303  
(936) 538-3300

#### **North Harris County**

Area Engineer: Douglas G. Stephens  
16803 Eastex Freeway  
Humble, TX 77347  
(281) 319-6400

#### **Southeast Harris County**

Area Engineer: Jeff A. Volk  
702 FM 1959  
Houston, TX 77034  
(281) 464-5500

#### **Waller/West-Central Harris County**

Area Engineer: Gregory A. Ranft  
14838 N.W. Freeway  
Houston, TX 77040  
(713) 934-5900

## **Texas Forest Service**

[www.txforests-service.tamu.edu](http://www.txforests-service.tamu.edu)

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

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

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

Forest Resource Development & Sustainable Forestry  
Mickey Merritt, Staff Forester III  
[mmerritt@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:mmerritt@tfs.tamu.edu)

#### **W.G. Jones State Forest**

1328 FM 1488  
Conroe, TX 77384  
(936) 273-2261  
[jonesstateforest@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:jonesstateforest@tfs.tamu.edu)

**Texas General Land Office**

[www.glo.texas.gov](http://www.glo.texas.gov)

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

**Galveston Office**

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

**TGLO Oil Spill Prevention & Response, Region 2**

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

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

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

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

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

**Houston Office, Region 12**

5425 Polk, Suite H  
Houston, TX 77023  
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](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

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

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

**Education and Outdoor Urban Programs**

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

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

**Houston Urban Outdoor Program**

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

**Texas Water Development Board**

[www.twdb.state.tx.us](http://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) 463-7847

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

## **Harris County**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

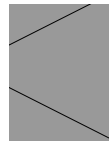
Corporate Office and Ridestore  
1900 Main Street  
Houston, TX 77002  
(713) 739-6968

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

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

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

# County Officials



NOTE: All elected officials are effective December 2011.

## **Austin County**

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

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

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(979) 865-2072

### **County Judge:**

Carolyn Bilski  
(979) 865-5911

### **Commissioners:**

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

## **Brazoria County**

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

Environmental Health  
(979) 864-1600

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

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

### **County Judge: Joe King**

(979) 864-1200

### **Commissioners**

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

## **Chambers County**

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

Environmental Protection  
(409) 267-2700

Parks  
(409) 267-2690

Solid Waste  
(409) 267-2670

Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
(409) 374-2123

### **County Judge:**

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

### **Commissioners**

Pct 1: Mark Huddleston  
(409) 296-8250  
Pct 2: David "Bubba" Abernathy  
(409) 267-8345  
Pct 3: Gary Nelson  
(281) 576-2243  
Pct 4: Rusty Senac  
(281) 383-2011

## **Colorado County**

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

Floodplain/ Septic Coordinator  
David Kotzebue, (979) 732-6380

Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
(979) 732-2082

### **County Judge:**

Ty Prause, (979) 732-2604

### **Commissioners:**

Pct 1: Doug Wessels (979) 234-2071  
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:**

Pct 1: Richard Morrison (281) 344-9400  
Pct 2: Grady Prestage (281) 403-8000  
Pct 3: W.A. "Andy" Meyers  
(281) 238-1400  
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

### **County Judge:**

Mark Henry (409) 766-2244  
mark.henry@co.galveston.tx.us

### **Commissioners:**

Pct 1: Patrick Doyle (409) 770-5333  
Pct 2: Kevin O'Brien (409) 770-5475  
Pct 3: Stephen Holmes (409) 770-5806  
Pct 4: Ken Clark (281) 316-8745

**Harris County**

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

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

Public Health and Environmental Services  
(713) 439-6374

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(281) 855-5600

**County Judge:**

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

**Commissioners**

Pct 1: El Franco Lee (713) 755-6111  
Pct 2: Jack Morman (713) 755-6220  
Pct 3: Steve Radack (713) 755-6306  
Pct 4: Jack Cagle (713) 755-6444

**Liberty County**

1923 Sam Houston  
Liberty, TX 77575  
www.co.liberty.tx.us

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(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 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bay City, TX 77414  
www.co.matagorda.tx.us

Environmental Health  
(979) 244-2717

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(979) 245-4100

**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)<<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  
Robert W. Collins  
Ed Chance  
1130 Pruitt Rd.  
Spring, TX 77380  
(936) 539-7817  
(281) 367-3977

**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](http://www.co.walker.tx.us)

**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](http://www.co.waller.tx.us)

Recycle Center (281) 391-2009

Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(979) 826-7651

**County Judge:** Glenn Beckendorff  
(979) 826-7700

### Commissioners

Pct 1: Otis Styers III (979) 826-7700  
Pct 2: Frank Pokluda (979) 826-7700  
Pct 3: Sylvia Cedillo (979) 826-7700  
Pct 4: Stan Kitzman (281) 375-5231

## Wharton County

309 East. Milan  
Wharton, TX 77488  
[www.co.wharton.tx.us](http://www.co.wharton.tx.us)

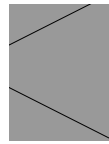
Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
(979) 532-3310

**County Judge:**  
Philip Spenrath (979) 532-4612  
[philip.spenrath@co.wharton.tx.us](mailto: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 2012.

## 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:

Helena Brown

Council Member, District B:

Jerry Davis

Council Member, District C:

Ellen Cohen

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 Gonzalez

Council Member, District I:

James Rodriguez

Council Member, District J:

Mike Laster

Council Member, District K:

Larry Green

Council Member-At-Large, Position 1:  
Stephen Costello

Council Member-At-Large, Position 2:  
Andrew Burks

Council Member-At-Large, Position 3:  
Melissa Noriega

Council Member-At-Large, Position 4: C.O.  
"Brad" Bradford

Council Member-At-Large, Position 5:  
Jack Christie

### **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:  
Robert Hoskins  
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, 5:30 p.m.

**Mayor:** James A. Thompson

#### **Council Members:**

Councilman, District 1:  
Donald L. Smithers  
Councilman, District 2:  
Bridget Yeung  
Councilman, District 3:  
Amy Mitchell  
Councilman, District 4:  
Harish Jajoo  
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,  
4:00 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  
Councilman, District B:  
Don Smith  
Councilman, District C:  
Robin Eleckatt  
Councilman, District D:  
Floyd Emery  
Councilman-At-Large, Position 1:  
Jerry Wyatt  
Councilman-At-Large, Position 2:  
Danny Nguyen

**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:** Tim Paulissen

**Council Members:**

Councilman, Position 1: Dan Becker  
Councilman, Position 2: Dennis O'Keeffe  
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: Susan Scherrouse  
Councilwoman, Position 4: Felicia Harris  
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, 6:00 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:** Mac Woodward

**Council Members:**

Councilmember, Ward 1: Joseph Emmott  
Councilmember, Ward 2: Tish Humphrey  
Councilmember, Ward 3: Ronald Allen  
Councilmember, Ward 4: Clyde Loll  
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](http://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:  
 Dottie Kaminski

**City of Friendswood**

910 South Friendswood Drive  
 Friendswood, TX 77546-4856  
[www.ci.friendswood.tx.us](http://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: Michael E. Barker  
 Councilmember, Position 2: Billy Enochs  
 Councilmember, Position 3: Jim Hill  
 Councilmember, Position 4: Patrick McGinnis  
 Councilmember, Position 5: John Scott  
 Councilmember, Position 6: Deirdre Carey  
 Brown

**City of Deer Park**

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

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

**Mayor:** Wayne Riddle

**Council Members:**

Councilman, Position 1: Jerry Mouton, Jr.  
 Councilman, Position 2: Thane Harrison  
 Councilman, Position 3: Chris Richey  
 Councilman, Position 4: Bill Patterson  
 Councilwoman, Position 5: Beckie Stockstill-  
 Cobb  
 Councilman, Position 6: Jeff Pound

**City of Lake Jackson**

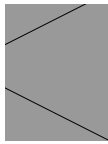
25 Oak Drive  
 Lake Jackson, TX 77566  
[www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us](http://www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us)  
 (979) 415-2400

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

**Mayor:** Bob Sipple

**Council Members:**

Councilman, Position 1: Heather Mellass  
 Councilman, Position 2: Bob Geter  
 Councilman, Position 3: John "J.B." Baker  
 Councilman, Position 4: Scott Schwertner  
 Councilperson, Position 5: Joe Rinehart



# State Officials

All elected officials listed are as of December 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](http://www.governor.state.tx.us)

### Lieutenant Governor

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The Capitol, Second Floor East  
P.O. Box 12068  
Austin, Texas, 78711-2068  
(512) 463-0001  
[www.ltgov.state.tx.us](http://www.ltgov.state.tx.us)

### Texas Land Commissioner

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General Land Office  
1700 N. Congress Ave.  
Austin, Texas 78711-2873  
(512) 463-5256  
1-800-998-4GLO (4456)  
[www.glo.state.tx.us](http://www.glo.state.tx.us)

### Comptroller of Public Accounts

Susan Combs  
Lyndon B. Johnson State Office Bldg.  
111 East 17th Street  
Austin, Texas 78774  
1-800-252-5555  
[www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)

### Secretary of State

The Honorable Hope Andrade  
P.O. Box 12697  
Austin, Texas 78711-2697  
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### Attorney General

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Austin, TX 78711-2548  
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## Texas Senate

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

### Austin contact info for all state senators:

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

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

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### Senate District 4

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**Senate District 11**

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Pasadena, TX 77504  
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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**

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

**Texas House of Representatives**

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

**Austin contact information for all representatives:**

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Texas City, Texas 77591  
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174 Calder Road, Ste 116  
League City, TX 77573  
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Angleton, TX 77515  
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2225 County Road 90, Suite 107  
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**House District 126**

Patricia Harless (R)  
6605 Cypresswood Drive, Suite 240  
Spring, Texas 77379  
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**House District 127**

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

**House District 128**

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909 Decker Drive, Suite 104  
Baytown, TX 77520  
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Houston, TX 77058  
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Allen Fletcher (R)  
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Houston, TX 77096  
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**House District 134**

Sarah Davis (R)  
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**House District 148**

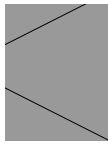
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**House District 150**

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# 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/](http://www.h-gac.com/rds/directory/)

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

- federal (names only)

- state (names only)

- county (names only)

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

- local school districts (includes all trustees for all school districts)

Councils of Governments (for all of Texas, includes Executive Directors and contact information)

## Texas State Directory

[www.txdirectory.com/online/](http://www.txdirectory.com/online/)

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

## Texas Legislature Online

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

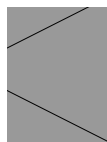
This website contains detailed information on the content and status of bills (including members voting for and against), legislators, committee meetings, hearings, and more.

## Who Represents Me?

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

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

# Area Universities



## **Rice University**

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

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

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

Department of Civil and Environmental  
Engineering  
[ceve.rice.edu](http://ceve.rice.edu)

Department of Earth Science  
[earthscience.rice.edu](http://earthscience.rice.edu)

Department of Ecology and Evolutionary  
Biology  
[eeb.rice.edu](http://eeb.rice.edu)

Professional Master of Environmental Analysis  
and Decision Making  
[www.profms.rice.edu](http://www.profms.rice.edu)

Shell Center for Sustainability  
[shellcenter.rice.edu](http://shellcenter.rice.edu)

## **South Texas College of Law**

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

Environmental Law Society  
[www.stcl.edu](http://www.stcl.edu)

## **Texas Southern University**

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

College of Science and Technology  
[science.tsu.edu](http://science.tsu.edu)

Professional Program in Environmental Health  
[www.tsu.edu/pages/1224.asp](http://www.tsu.edu/pages/1224.asp)

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

## **University of Houston**

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

Department of Civil and Environmental  
Engineering  
Dr. Abdeldjelil “DJ” Belarbi, Director  
(713) 743-4250  
[www.egr.uh.edu/cive/](http://www.egr.uh.edu/cive/)

Environment, Energy and Natural Resources  
Center at the University of Houston Law Center  
[www.law.uh.edu/EENRCenter/](http://www.law.uh.edu/EENRCenter/)

Environmental and Energy Law and Policy  
Journal  
[www.law.uh.edu/eelpj](http://www.law.uh.edu/eelpj)

**University of Houston-  
Clear Lake**

2700 Bay Area Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77058  
Main Line: (281) 283-7600  
[www.uhcl.edu](http://www.uhcl.edu)

Department of Environmental Science,  
School of Science and Computer Engineering  
(281) 283-3746

Environmental Management Program, School  
of Business  
(281) 283-3257

**University of Houston-  
Downtown**

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

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

**University of St. Thomas**

3800 Montrose  
Houston, TX 77006  
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[www.stthom.edu](http://www.stthom.edu)

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

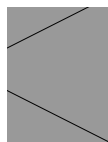
**University of Texas  
School of Public Health**

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

Southwest Center For Occupational and  
Environmental Health  
Sarah A. Felknor, Director  
(713) 500-9464  
[www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/swcoeh](http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/swcoeh)

Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics  
Center  
[www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/mleland/](http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/mleland/)

# Environmental Hotlines



## Diseases and Health

### American Lung Association HelpLine:

(800) LUNG-USA, (800) 586-4872

Individuals can call the Lung HelpLine to receive free information from registered nurses, respiratory therapists, and quit-smoking specialists about lung health issues and quit-smoking tips.

### Cancer Information Service

National Institutes of Health

(800) 422-6237

[www.cancer.gov/aboutnci/cis](http://www.cancer.gov/aboutnci/cis)

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

### Centers for Disease Control

(800) 356-4674

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

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

### National Capital Poison Center

(800) 222-1222

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

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

## Environmental Toxins and Pollution

### Chemtrec Emergency Hotline

Chemical Transportation Emergency Center

(800) 424-9300

[www.chemtrec.com](http://www.chemtrec.com)

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

### Clean Up Hotline

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(800) CLEAN UP (253-2687)

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

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

### Environmental Justice Hotline

US EPA

(800) 962-6215

[environmental-justice@epa.gov](mailto:environmental-justice@epa.gov)

Established to receive calls from concerned citizens about justice issues in their communities, the purpose of the hotline is to make information easily accessible to the public and to the media, and to assist in the resolution of environmental justice issues. The Hotline is answered by staff of the Office of Environmental Justice.

### Environmental Violations Hotlines

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(888) 777-3186

(800) 832-8224

Texas residents can use these line to report environmental violations, such as unauthorized discharges and spills.

**Harris County Pollution Control Hotline**  
(713) 920-2831

This number can be used to report pollution incidents such as trash dumping and unmanaged sewage in Harris County.

**National Pesticide Information Center**

1-800-858-7378

[npic@ace.orst.edu](mailto:npic@ace.orst.edu)

A cooperative effort of Oregon State University and the EPA, this hotline offers science-based information about a wide variety of pesticide-related subjects and serves as a source of factual chemical, health, and environmental information about more than 600 pesticide active ingredients incorporated into over 50,000 different products registered for use in the United States.

**Smoking Vehicle Program**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
(800) 453-SMOG (7664)

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

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

**Superfund Hotline**

(800) 424-9346

Provides assistance to the public and regulated community in understanding EPA's regulations and policy regarding brownfields, including Superfund and EPCRA programs.

**US EPA National Response Center**

[lst-nrcinfo@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:lst-nrcinfo@comdt.uscg.mil)

1-800-424-8802

To report releases of hazardous substances. The National Response Center (NRC) is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills.

**Building and Household  
Hazardous Materials**

**Energy Star Hotline**

(888) 782-7937

[hotline@energystar.gov](mailto:hotline@energystar.gov)

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

**Household Hazardous Waste Information**

City of Houston

(713) 551-7355

[www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/hhw.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/hhw.html)

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

**Indoor Air Quality Hotline**

US EPA

(800) 438-4318

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

Provides information and materials about indoor air quality, including fact sheets, pamphlets, training materials and reports.

**Toxic Substance Control Act Hotline**

US EPA

(202) 554-1404

Provides information and materials about asbestos and asbestos removal.

## Wildlife and Natural Resources

### Sea Turtle Hotline

(866) TURTLE-5 (887-8535)

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

### Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network

(800) 9-MAMMAL (962-6625)

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

Texas Smoking

Vehicle Program

(Polluting Car) Hotline

### US Geological Survey Clearinghouse

(888) ASK-USGS (275-8747)

[www.ask.usgs.gov](http://www.ask.usgs.gov)

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

### Safe Drinking Water Hotline

(800) 426-4791

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

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

### Texas Wildlife Crimestoppers

Texas Parks and Wildlife

(800) 792-4263

Help stop illegal hunting and fishing in Texas. Use this hotline if you have information which will assist game wardens in apprehending persons who are violating the hunting and fishing regulations of Texas.

### 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

[info@cpsc.gov](mailto:info@cpsc.gov)

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

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

### Lone Star Notification Center

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

[www.lsnconecall.com](http://www.lsnconecall.com)

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

### US Government Printing Office

#### Federal Digital System (FDsys)

[gpo.custhelp.com](http://gpo.custhelp.com)

Comprehensive database of US laws, federal government documents and publications. Fill in the question form for help from a GPO librarian.

### Disaster Assistance

FEMA Office

Federal Emergency Management Agency

(800) 621-FEMA (3362)

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

Use this number to apply for aid for disaster assistance.