# **Better Public Engagement Practices**









Tuesday, October 24, 2017



# **Clean Waters Initiative**

## Agenda

| 2:00 p.m   |
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| 2:05 p.m. Engaging the Watershed Community:  Asking the Public to Care about Water Quality Charriss York, TAMU Texas Coastal Watershed Program |
| 2:35 p.m   |
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| 3:05 p.mBreak  |
| 3:05 p.m. Break  3:10 p.m. Engaging, Inspiring, and Educating the Public Through Unique Coastal Experiences  Amanda Rinehart, Artist Boat      |
| 3:10 p.m Engaging, Inspiring, and Educating the Public Through Unique Coastal Experiences Amanda Rinehart,                                     |

### Upcoming CWI Workshops

H-GAC's Clean Waters Initiative (CWI) program offers workshops that help local governments, landowners and citizens develop effective strategies to reduce pollution in area waterways.

Upcoming CWI workshop:

November 28, 2017

Freshwater Inflows (Rescheduled from August) (Registration available online)

To RSVP or to join our mailing list, e-mail Kathy Janhsen at <a href="mailto:kathy.janhsen@h-gac.com">kathy.janhsen@h-gac.com</a> or visit <a href="mailto:www.h-gac.com/cwi">www.h-gac.com/cwi</a>.

## **Speakers**

#### **Charriss York**



Charriss York is an Extension Program Specialist at the Texas Coastal Watershed Program, a program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. She works on stormwater and watershed planning projects. She has been involved with projects to implement on the

ground examples of stormwater best management practices and stormwater wetlands in Galveston and Harris counties. She also engages communities and stakeholders in the Dickinson Bayou watershed and surrounding watersheds in Galveston and Brazoria counties to implement water quality improving practices. She led the Wetland Restoration Team for Texas Coastal Watershed Program, taught at the high school and college level, and worked on conservation projects for Buffalo Bayou Partnership. Ms. York holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Truman State University and a Master of Science in Botany from Oklahoma State University.

#### **Amanda Rinehart**



Amanda Rinehart is the Education Program Manager at Artist Boat. She graduated with Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology from Texas A&M University at Galveston and Master of Science in Oceanography from Texas A&M University. While pursuing a PhD at the

University of Alaska Fairbanks, she received a National Science Foundation G-12 Graduate Student Fellowship and found her passion for non-formal education. At Artist Boat, Ms. Rinehart manages both the youth and public education programs which inspire and educate all participants through unique coastal experiences.

#### **Kaitlin Grable**



Kaitlin Grable joined the Water Programs team at Galveston Bay Foundation in July 2016 as the Water Quality Outreach Coordinator. She graduated from Texas A&M University at College Station with a Bachelor of Science in Bioenvironmental Sciences in 2013 and

received her Master of Science in Sustainability from Texas State University in 2015. At the Galveston Bay Foundation, she manages the Rain Barrel Program and the Cease the Grease and Pump Don't Dump campaigns.

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