

# **Houston-Galveston Area Council**

## **Parks and Natural Areas Awards**



Each year, H-GAC honors projects that serve as models for planning and implementation for parks and natural areas in the region.

H-GAC has given more than 300 awards since the program's inception in 2006.



# 2006 Award Winners

**Beltway 8 Regional Park Master Plan, Phase I Design**  
Asakura Robinson Company LLC

**Sabine-to Bagby Promenade**  
Buffalo Bayou Partnership

**Arthur Storey Stormwater Detention Basin and Park**  
Harris County Flood Control District

## 2006 Special Recognition

**Armand Bayou Nature Center**  
Armand Bayou Nature Center

**Brazos River Corridor Master Plan**  
City of Sugar Land Parks Department

**E.R. and Ann Taylor Park**  
Clark Condon Associates, Inc.

**Wussow and City View Parks**  
Greater Greenspoint Redevelopment Authority

**Harris County Precinct 3 Barker Reservoir Trails**  
Harris County Improvement District #4 (Energy Corridor)

**The Park People's Greenway Trails Map: Greater Houston-Harris County**  
The Park People

**The Woodlands Integrated Forest Management Plan**  
The Woodlands Community Service Corporation

**Armand Bayou Watershed Greenprint**  
Trust for Public Land



# 2007 Award Winners

**Jim and JoAnn Fontero Park**  
East Harris County Precinct 2 and Page Southerland

**Jarboe Bayou Shoreline Restoration Project**  
City of Clear Lake Shores

**Eleanor Tinsley Elementary School SPARK Park & Nature Center**  
Houston ISD SPARK School Park Program

**Kickerillo Mischer Preserve Acquisition and Plan**  
Friends of the Kickerillo Mischer Preserve and Northwest Harris County Precinct 4

## 2007 Special Recognition

**Seabreeze Environmental Landfill Wetlands Restoration Project**  
City of Angleton, Republic Waste Services of Texas, Ltd. And S&B Infrastructure, Ltd.

**Alice Staub Liddell Garden Project**  
Rice University Department of Facilities, Engineering and Planning

**Timber Lane Utility District Park Master Plan**  
Timber Lane Utility District and North Harris County Precinct 4

**Northeast Water Purification Plant Demonstration Garden Master Plan**  
Jennifer L. Appel, RLA, LI



# 2008 Award Winners

**Lake Houston Wilderness Park Master Plan (Planning)**  
City of Houston

**Park Set-Aside Ordinance and Agency Accreditation (Policy Tools)**  
City of Houston

**Cypress Creek Hike and Bike Trail (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Timber Lane Utility District

**Treatment Wetland at Mason Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Brays Bayou Wetland Partnership

**Keith-Wiess Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of Houston and Harris County Flood Control District

## 2008 Honorable Mention

**Parks and Pathways Master Plan (Planning)**  
City of Shenandoah

**Wharton County Parks and Open Space Plan (Planning)**  
Wharton County

**East End Park (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Kingwood Service Association

**The Park People's Trails Map (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
The Park People

**Camp Mohawk County Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Brazoria County

## 2008 Special Recognition

### Planning

**Seabourne Creek Regional Park Plan**  
City of Rosenberg

**Campus Master Plan**  
St. Catherine's Montessori School

### Projects Under \$500,000

**Ridgeview Park**  
City of Missouri City

## **Projects Over \$500,000**

**Clear Lake Nature Park**

**City of League City**

**McClendon Park**

**Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 120**

**Park on the Bend**

**Reid Road Municipal Utility District No. 1**

**Detention Pond Improvements**

**Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 188**

**Bane Park**

**Harris County Precinct 4**

*In 2008, the Parks and Natural Areas Committee Introduced four award categories: Planning Process, Policy Tools, Projects Under \$500,000, and Projects Over \$500,000.*



# **2009 Award Winners**

**The Sugar Land Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan - Creating Connections (Planning)**  
City of Sugar Land

**Urban Gardening Program-Growing Green in Our City (Policy Tools)**  
Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**Friends Park (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
West University Place

**The Mary Gibbs and Jesse H. Jones Greenway (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Hermann Park Conservancy

## **2009 Honorable Mention**

**Linear Forest (Planning)**  
Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**Resolution Requiring that all Facilities Meet LEED Requirements (Policy Tools)**  
Harris County Commissioners Court

**Hunter's Glen Sprayground (Policy Tools)**  
City of Missouri City

**Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Tribute Planting (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**Buffalo Run Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of Missouri City

## **2009 Special Recognition**

### **Projects Under \$500,000**

**Vera May Community Center Play Garden**  
Harris County Precinct 4

### **Projects Over \$500,000**

**Hackberry Park**  
Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**City of La Porte Town Plaza**  
City of La Porte Economic Development

# 2010 Award Winners

**Ida Gaye Gardens (Planning)**  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition/The Greenspoint District

**Conservation Posse (Policy Tools)**  
Hermann Park Conservancy

**J.T. Trotter Park (Policy Tools)**  
Houston Parks Board

**Buffalo Bayou Paddling Trail (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Bayou Preservation Association

**Sylvan Beach Shoreline Protection  
and Beach Nourishment Project (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Harris County Precinct 2, City of La Porte, Texas General Land Office

## 2010 Honorable Mention

**Gannoway Park Master Plan (Planning)**  
City of Sugar Land

**Wetland Reforestation Projects (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of Missouri City

**Robert C. Stuart Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of Houston and Houston Parks Board

## 2010 Special Recognition

### Planning

**Memorial Tree Program**  
City of Missouri City

**Fort Crockett Park**  
City of Galveston

**Mandolin Gardens**  
Harris County MUD No. 230

**Sam Houston Park Master Plan and Cell Phone Audio Tour Program**  
City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**The Energy Corridor District Bicycle Master Plan**  
Energy Corridor District

## Policy Tools

### Junior Arborist Program

City of Missouri City

### Projects Under \$500,000

#### Liberty Community Garden

City of Liberty

#### Get Hip to Habitat

Galveston Bay Foundation

#### Project Blazingstar

Hermann Park Conservancy

### AmeriTrail at Lake Houston Wilderness Park

City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department

#### The Westbury Community Garden

Westbury Civic Club

### Projects Over \$500,000

#### Cypress Creek Nature Trail

General Growth Properties - Bridgeland

#### Magnolia Park at Altamira

Mission Bend Municipal Utility District No. 2

#### Riva Row Boathouse

The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation Department

#### Bane Park

Harris County Precinct 4

### Westpark Tollway Corridor Enhancements from SH 6 to FM 1464

Harris County Toll Road Authority



# 2011 Award Winners

**Playbook 2020 - The Strategic Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Baytown (Planning)**  
City of Baytown-Parks and Recreation Department  
Halff Associates Inc.

**Three for Trees (Policy Tools)**  
City of Missouri City

**Clear Lake Forest Living Shoreline (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Galveston Bay Foundation

**Lake Houston Wilderness Park Phase 1 Improvements (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of Houston-Parks and Recreation Department

## 2011 Honorable Mention

**Alden Bridge Sports Park-Community Garden/Veggie Village Garden (Planning)**  
The Woodlands Township-Parks and Recreation Department

**Comprehensive Streetscape Policy (Policy Tools)**  
City of Sugar Land

**Edible Arbor Trail (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of Missouri City

**Mandolin Gardens Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 230  
Talley Landscape Architects, Inc.

## 2011 Special Recognition

### Planning

**MUD 55 Regional Basin and Overlook at Heritage Park**  
Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 55  
Talley Landscape Architects, Inc.

**Greens Bayou Canoe Launch Park**  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition

**Buffalo Bayou Park - Shepherd to Sabine Master Plan**  
Buffalo Bayou Partnership

**Memorial Park Planned Forestry Conservation  
& Management Program Demonstration Project**  
City of Houston-Parks and Recreation Department  
Memorial Park Conservancy

**Community Roots Project**  
City of Missouri City

**WaterSmart Park**  
City of League City-Parks and Cultural Services

**Projects Under \$500,000**

**Shopping Cart Graveyard**  
Bayou Preservation Association

**Projects Under \$500,000**

**Market Square Park**  
Houston Downtown Management District  
Main Street/Market Square TIRZ  
Lauren Griffith Associates

**Rosemont Bridge**  
City of Houston-Parks and Recreation Department

**Phase 1 of Outer Loop Trail for Memorial Park**  
City of Houston-Parks and Recreation Department  
Memorial Park Conservancy



# 2012 Award Winners

**Springwoods Village Open Space Plan (Planning)**  
Coventry Development Corporation

**Baytown Nature Center Tidal Channels and Wetlands Expansion Project (Projects Under \$500,000)**

City of Baytown Parks and Recreation Department

**Herman Little Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Timber Lane Utility District

## 2012 Honorable Mention

**Midtown Parks and Open Space Master Plan (Planning)**  
Houston Midtown Redevelopment Authority

**Removal of Litter and Invasive Species at Terry Hershey Park (Projects Under \$500,000)**

Bayou Preservation Association

**Herman Brown Park Redevelopment (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**Honorable Mention: Rick Rice Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Interstate Municipal Utility District

## 2012 Special Recognition

### Planning

**Eastern Regional Park**  
City of League City Parks and Cultural Services

**Emancipation Park**  
City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department

### Projects Under \$500,000

**Oasis Garden**  
Harris County Precinct #2

### Projects Over \$500,000

**Hermann Park Pedestrian Trail**  
Hermann Park Conservancy

**Trail Connectivity Project**  
City of Pearland Park and Recreation Department

*No submissions in the Policy Tools category were received for the 2012 awards.*

# 2013 Award Winners

**Exploration Green (Planning)**  
Clear Lake City Water Authority

**Tree Challenge (Policy Tools)**  
City of Missouri City

**Emmett Hutto Parkway (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of Baytown Parks and Recreation Department

**Clear Creek Paddle Trail (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of League City Parks and Cultural Services

**Flewellen Creek Restoration at Cross Creek Ranch (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Fort Bend County MUD 169 and Johnson Development Corporation

## 2013 Honorable Mention

**Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (Planning)**  
City of Deer Park

**Houston Arboretum and Nature Center Master Plan (Planning)**  
Houston Arboretum and Nature Center

**Parks Standards Manual (Policy Tools)**  
City of Pearland Parks and Recreation Department

**Wilson Wonderground SPARK Park (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
SPARK and Woodrow Wilson Montessori School

**Seabourne Park Ecosystem Restoration Project (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Coastal Prairie Chapter Texas Master Naturalists and  
City of Rosenberg Parks and Recreation Department

## 2013 Special Recognition

### Planning

**Shady Lane Park Renovation and Trail System - Parks Build Community (PBC) Project**  
Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan**  
Galveston County Department of Parks and Senior Services

**Foster Park**  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition

**McGovern Centennial Gardens**  
Hermann Park Conservancy

**Strategic Master Plan for Pirates Bay Waterpark  
City of Baytown**

**Virtual Memorial  
City of Missouri City**

**Policy Tools**

**Missouri City Mayor's Youth Commission Parents' Night Out with The Arc of Fort Bend  
Missouri City Parks and Recreation Department**

**Projects Under \$500,000**

**White Oak Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden  
Near Northwest Management District**

**A WaterSmart Rain Garden: Mitigating Runoff for Galveston Bay  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Sea Grant**

**"Clean and Green: Inmate Clean Up" at Terry Hershey Park and Bane Park  
Bayou Preservation Association**

**Projects Over \$500,000**

**Cypress Creek Park  
Timber Lane Utility District**

**LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch Central Green  
Willow Fork Drainage District**

**Bethel Park  
Houston Parks and Recreation Department**



# 2014 Award Winners

**Brazos River Recreation Master Plan (Planning)**  
Fort Bend Green

**Go Native (Policy Tools)**  
City of Missouri City

**Baytown Nature Center 11-acre Wetlands Construction Project**  
(Projects Under \$500,000)  
City of Baytown

**Ghirardi Family WaterSmart Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of League City

## 2014 Honorable Mention

**Creation of Evelyn's Park (Planning)**  
Evelyn's Park Conservancy

**Irene Stern Butterfly Garden (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of Fulshear

## 2014 Special Recognition

**Planning**  
**Every Day is Earth Day**  
City of Missouri City

**Keith Elementary School Butterfly Garden**  
Keith Elementary School

**Projects Under \$500,000**  
**Replenish the Tree Canopy**  
City of Seabrook

**Invasive Exotic Plant Removal and Habitat Restoration in Public Spaces**  
Bayou Preservation Association

# 2015 Award Winners

**Willow Waterhole Prairie Management Area Public Access Plan (Planning)**  
Harris County Flood Control District

**The SOWING Project (Policy Tools)**  
Men for Change, Inc.

**Pine Gully Natural Park (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of Seabrook

**Universally Accessible Playground (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of Sugar Land

**Mandell Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Friends of Mandell Park

## 2015 Honorable Mention

**Parks and Open Space Master Plan - West U (Planning)**  
City of West University Place

**Fort Smith Street Woonerf (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
The Energy Corridor District

**Cypress Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Harris County Precinct 3 and Harris County Flood Control District

## 2015 Special Recognition

### Planning

**Cypress Creek Greenway Trails Master Plan**  
Cypress Creek Greenway Parks and Trails Coordinating Board

**Greens Bayou Paddle Trail**  
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition

**Richmond Trails Master Plan**  
City of Richmond

### Projects Over \$500,000

**McGovern Centennial Gardens**  
Hermann Park Conservancy

**North Houston Skate Park**  
Greater Greenspoint Redevelopment Authority

**San Bernard Boat Ramp Construction**  
Brazoria County

# 2016 Award Winners

**Hackberry Gully Regional Park (Planning)**  
City of Mont Belvieu

**Galveston Sand Management Strategies (Policy Tools)**  
Galveston Park Board

**Buffalo Bayou Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Buffalo Bayou Partnership

**Turtle Bayou Nature Preserve Natural Resources Management and Public Access and Education Project (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Galveston Bay Foundation

## 2016 Honorable Mention

**Independence Park Phase 1 (Planning)**  
City of Pearland

**Nature Observation Area at National Oak Park (Planning)**  
City of Alvin

**Riverside Community Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of East Bernard

**Rotary Trail (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of Texas City, Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

## 2016 Special Recognition

### Projects Over \$500,000

**Cypress Creek Hike and Bike Trail and Bridge TIP Project**  
Timber Lane Utility District

**Town Square**  
City of Baytown Parks & Recreation

### Projects Under \$500,000

**City of Deer Park RC Rock Crawler Course**  
City of Deer Park Parks and Recreation

**HCSO Clean and Green - Collins Park**  
Bayou Preservation Association

# 2017 Award Winners

**Josey Lake Park (Planning)**  
Howard Hughes Corporation - Bridgeland

**Dr. Ned & Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center Management (Policy Tools)**  
City of League City

**Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Harris County Precinct 4

**Yolanda Black Navarro Buffalo Bend Nature Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Harris County Precinct 2

**MD Anderson Prairie (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
MD Anderson Cancer Center

## 2017 Honorable Mention

**Seabourne Creek Park Nature Center (Planning)**  
City of Pearland

**Brazos River Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of Sugar Land

**Windmill Aeration at Baytown Nature Center's Golden Bloom Pond  
(Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of Baytown

## 2017 Special Recognition

### Projects Over \$500,000

**Galveston Island Historic Seawall Beach Renourishment Project**  
Galveston Park Board

**Japanese Garden Restoration**  
Hermann Park Conservancy

**Patrick's Bayou Stormwater Detention Basin**  
Harris County Flood Control District

### Projects Under \$500,000

**Explore the Wild**  
Houston Zoo

**Nature Observation Area at National Oak Park**  
City of Alvin

# 2018 Award Winners

**City of Sugar Land Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (Planning)**  
City of Sugar Land

**Harris County John Paul Landing Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Harris County Precinct 3

**Spring Creek Nature Trail (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Bayou Land Conservancy

## 2018 Honorable Mention

**League City Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan (Planning)**  
City of League City

**Quintana Beach County Park Discovery Event Center (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Brazoria County Parks Department

## 2018 Special Recognition

### Planning

**Bay City Parks Master Plan**  
City of Bay City

**Dragonfly Park**  
Howard Hughes Corporation

**Gene and Loretta Russell Park Master Plan**  
City of Baytown - Parks & Recreation

### Projects Over \$500,000

**Baytown ADA Boat Ramp and Kayak Launch Renovations**  
City of Baytown - Parks & Recreation

**Juan Seguin Historical Park**  
Harris County Precinct 2

**Mayfield Park**  
City of Sugar Land

No submissions in the Policy Tools category were received for the 2018 awards.

# 2019 Award Winners

## Haden Park (Planning)

City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department and Spring Branch Management District

## Exploration Green (Projects Over \$500,000)

Clear Lake City Water Authority and Exploration Green Conservancy

## Dreamscape (Projects Under \$500,000)

City of Bay City

## Honorable Mention

### Mae S. Bruce Therapeutic Garden (Planning)

City of Santa Fe

### Cullinan Park Phase 1 Improvements (Projects Over \$500,000)

City of Sugar Land

### Independence Park Phase 1 Renovation (Projects Over \$500,000)

City of Pearland

### Wallaroo Park (Projects Under \$500,000)

Woodforest Development by Johnson Development



# 2019 Special Recognition

## Planning

**Alabonson Sports and Nature Complex**  
Harris County Precinct 4

**Alief Neighborhood Center and Park**  
City of Houston

**Chrysalis Lake**  
The Howard Hughes Corporation

**Hermann Square at City Hall**  
Honoree is City of Houston

**Sustainable Wildlife Habitat Comprehensive Master Plan**  
Timber Lane Utility District

**Projects Over \$500,000**  
**Busby Park Improvement Project**  
City of Houston

**Disc Golf Course at Briscoe Park**  
City of Alvin

**Founders Park in The Woodlands Hills**  
The Howard Hughes Corporation

**Lakeland Heights Town Square Park**  
The Howard Hughes Corporation

**Projects Under \$500,000**  
**Bark Park at Countryside**  
City of League City

**Stewart Beach Entrance Enhancements**  
Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston

No submissions in the Policy Tools category were received for the 2019 awards.

# 2020 Award Winners

**Buffalo Bayou East Master Plan (Planning)**  
Buffalo Bayou Partnership

**Clay Family Eastern Glades (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Memorial Park Conservancy

**Butterfly Pocket Park (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Greater Northside Management District

## Honorable Mention

**Planning**  
Pasadena Healthy Parks Plan  
City of Pasadena Parks and Recreation

**Projects Over \$500,000**  
Atascocita Area Park  
Harris County Precinct 2

**Projects Under \$500,000**  
Trailside Park  
Westchase District



## **2020 Special Recognition**

**Planning**  
**Parkland Square**  
Bridgeland - The Howard Hughes Corporation

**Parks and Pathways Master Plan**  
City of Fulshear

**Strategic Conservation Plan**  
Bayou Land Conservancy

**Sylvan Beach Park Master Plan**  
Harris County Precinct 2

**The Groves**  
Ashlar Development

**Wilcrest Park**  
Westchase District

**Woodchase Park**  
Westchase District

**Projects Over \$500,000**  
**Greens Bayou**  
Houston Parks Board

**Heart of the Zoo: Kathrine G. McGovern Texas Wetlands Exhibit**  
Houston Zoo, Inc.

**Kathrine G. McGovern Canopy Walkway & Visitor Pavilion**  
Houston Audubon Society

**Timber Lane Utility District Community Center**  
Timber Lane Utility District

**Willow Fork Park**  
Willow Fork Drainage District

*No submissions in the Policy Tools category were received for the 2020 awards.*

# 2021 Award Winners

**Mont Belvieu City Park Phase II & III Master Plan (Planning Process / Policy Tools)**  
City of Mont Belvieu

**Brock Adventure Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**HPARD's Riparian Restoration Initiative Pilot Project (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**Outdoor Education Initiative (Programming)**  
City of League City Parks and Recreation Department

## Honorable Mention

### Planning

**Joe Matthews Park**  
City of Mont Belvieu

**John Paul Landing North Basin Cell**  
Harris County Precinct Three

### Projects Over \$500,000

**Prairieland Village**  
The Howard Hughes Corporation

### Projects Under \$500,000

**3rd Ward Chess Park**  
Ed Pettitt

**Keep Friendswood Beautiful Pollinator Garden**  
Keep Friendswood Beautiful/City of Friendswood

### Programming

**Woodchase Park Programming**  
Westchase District

# **2021 Special Recognition**

## **Planning Process / Policy Tools**

**Baytown Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan**  
City of Baytown Parks and Recreation Department

**Super Dave's All Abilities Park**  
Fort Bend County

**Waller County Parks, Trails, & Open Space Master Plan**  
Waller County, Texas

## **Projects Under \$500,000**

**Amistad Community Park Splashpad**  
City of Bay City

**East End Lagoon**  
Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees

**Sneed Dog Park**  
Westchase District

## **Programming**

**Adventures with Edu-Katie: An Environmental Education Video Series**  
City of Pearland Parks & Recreation - Natural Resources Division

**Friendswood Fairy Trail**  
Keep Friendswood Beautiful

*In 2021, H-GAC combined Planning Process and Policy Tools and introduced a Programming category.*

# 2022 Award Winners

**John R. Harris Park (Planning Process / Policy Tools)**  
Harris County Pct. 2

**James Driver Inclusive Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Harris County Pct. 2

**JHEC Reforestation (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
City of Pearland

**Women in Coastal Science (Programming)**  
Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston

## Honorable Mention

### Planning - Policy Tools

**Clear Creek Paddle Trail Extension - Kansas Avenue**  
**and the Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center**  
City of League City Parks and Recreation Department

### Projects Over \$500,000

**Sylvan Rodriguez Park Habitat Restoration Project**  
Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD)

### Projects Under \$500,000

**Resoft County Park Trail Development**  
Brazoria County Parks Department

### Programming

**Go Wild! Program at Riverside Park**  
City of Bay City

## 2022 Special Recognition

### Projects Over \$500,000

**Dow Elementary School Park**  
**Old Sixth Ward Redevelopment Authority**

**Hanson Riverside County Park Columbia Bottomlands Education & Improved Access**  
**Brazoria County Parks Department**

**Northwest Harris County MUD 5 Trails Improvements**  
**Northwest Harris County MUD 5**

### Projects Under \$500,000

**Final Segment - Cypress Creek Hike and Bike Trail**  
**Timber Lane Utility District**

**Northeast Hike and Bike Trail**  
**City Of Deer Park Parks and Recreation**



# 2023 Award Winners

**City of Houston Nature Preserve Ordinance (Planning Process / Policy Tools)**  
City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department [HPARD]

**Harris County Precinct 3 Parks and Trails Master Plan (Planning Process / Policy Tools)**  
Harris County Precinct 3

**Hackberry Park Phase I (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of Mont Belvieu

**Lakeside Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
City of Angleton

**Reed Park at the Urban Prairie (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
New Hope Housing

**Clean Bayous Program: Pots for Plots Initiative (Programming)**  
Bayou Preservation Association

## Honorable Mention

**Planning - Policy Tools**  
Clear Creek Master Plan  
City of League City

### Projects Over \$500,000

**Alief Jefferson Early Learning Center**  
Alief ISD

**Chrysalis Lake**  
Howard Hughes

### Projects Under \$500,000

**Beach Toy Borrow Boxes**  
Galveston Park Board

**Programming**  
**Park Programs**  
Harris County Precinct 3

# **2023 Special Recognition**

## **Planning - Policy Tools**

**57-acre Nature Center**

**City of Kemah Economic Development**

**Missouri City Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan**

**Missouri City Parks and Recreation**

**North Houston District 2023 Parks Master Plan**

**North Houston District**

**Planning - Primrose Park**

**City of Fulshear**

**Harris County Precinct 2 Parks and Trails Plan**

**Commissioner Adrian Garcia**

**Projects Over \$500,000**

**East Aldine Town Center**

**East Aldine Management District**

**San Luis Pass County Park Education Center & Multi-Use Renovation**

**Brazoria County Parks Department**

**Projects Under \$500,000**

**Oak Creek Exploration Zone at The Parish School**

**The Parish School**

**Restoration of Wetland and Native Grasses at Fort Anahuac Park**

**Chambers County**

**Riverside Tree Give Away**

**Bay City Parks and Recreation**

**Texas AIDS Memorial Garden**

**Michael Lee**

## **Programming**

**City of Angleton Parks and Recreation In- School Program**

**City of Angleton Parks and Recreation**

# 2024 Award Winners

**Herman Brown Park Master Plan (Planning Process / Policy Tools)**  
Houston Parks Board

**Seabourne Creek Park Nature Center (Planning Process / Policy Tools)**  
City of Rosenberg, Texas

**Japhet Creek Park (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
Buffalo Bayou Partnership

**Martin Elementary SPARK Park (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Alief ISD - SPARK

**Truxillo Pocket Park (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Houston Housing Authority: Third Ward - Cuney Homes Choice Neighborhood Initiative

**Interpretive & Educational Experiences in Precinct 4 Parks (Programming)**  
Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones

## Honorable Mention

**Planning - Policy Tools**  
City of La Marque Parks Master Plan  
City of La Marque

**Timber Lane Utility District 2024 Master Plan**  
Timber Lane Utility District

**Projects Over \$500,000**  
Greenway Accessibility  
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

**Wetlands Park at Riverstone**  
Johnson Development Corporation

**Projects Under \$500,000**  
James Bute Park and Frost Town Historic Site  
Art & Environmental Architecture, Inc., Kirk Farris, Founder

**Programming**  
Arts in the Parks  
City of La Marque

# 2024 Special Recognition

**Planning - Policy Tools**  
**Eagle Pointe Recreation Center Master Plan**  
**City of Mont Belvieu**

**Houston Parks and Recreation Department's Water Management Plan**  
**Houston Parks and Recreation Department**

**Mahan Park Boat Ramp Expansion**  
**City of La Marque**

**The Woodlands Township 2022 Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment**  
**The Woodlands Township**

**Troxell Park Design**  
**Missouri City Parks & Recreation**

**Projects Over \$500,000**  
**Hackberry Dog Park**  
**City of Mont Belvieu**

**Jersey Meadow Berm and Street Drainage Improvement Project**  
**City of Jersey Village**

**T.C. Jester Park Playground**  
**City of Houston General Services Department/City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department**

**Vogel Creek Greenway**  
**Houston Parks Board**

**Wier Park Improvements**  
**West University Place**

**Projects Under \$500,000**  
**Deerfield Park**  
**City of Mont Belvieu**

**Programming**  
**Agents of Discovery**  
**Harris County Precinct 2**

**Growing Resilience: Harris County's Towering Solution to Food Access Challenges**  
**Harris County Precinct 2**

# 2025 Award Winners

**Burnett Bayland and Bayland Park Master Plans: Anchoring Revitalization in Gulfton and Sharpstown (Planning Process / Policy Tools)**  
Harris County Precinct 4 - Commissioner Lesley Briones

**Club Creek Park & Houston Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Projects Over \$500,000)**  
TIRZ 20

**Green Up Greens Bayou (Projects Under \$500,000)**  
Colleen Gilbert

**Beyond Bees at Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens (Programming)**  
Harris County Precinct 3 - Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.

## Honorable Mention

### Planning - Policy Tools

**Deer Park Comprehensive Master Plan for Park, Recreation, and Open Space: 2024-2034**  
City of Deer Park

### Projects Over \$500,000

Camden Park  
Westchase District

### Projects Under \$500,000

**Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center- Fuel Reduction and Mulching Project: Phase II**  
Harris County Precinct 3 - Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.

### Programming

**Baytown and GCCISD Nature Education Programs**  
City of Baytown Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department

# **2025 Special Recognition**

## **Planning - Policy Tools**

**Arts in the Parks: Sensory Sidewalk Project**  
City of La Marque

## **Columbia Tap Trail: Action Plan**

Friends of Columbia Tap and Community Design Resource Center (University of Houston)

## **Housing and Opportunity Toolkit**

Friends of Columbia Tap, Community Design Resource Center (University of Houston), and Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice (Texas Southern University)

## **Kemah Beacon at Betty Joann Blackledge Park**

City of Kemah

## **Projects Over \$500,000**

**57 Acre Nature Facility**  
City of Kemah

## **Bayland Health and Wellness Hub Initiative: Transforming Community Wellness Through Integrated Park Programming**

Harris County Precinct 4 - Commissioner Lesley Briones

## **Bayside Park**

City of Seabrook

## **Challenger 7 Memorial Park**

Harris County Precinct 2 - Commissioner Adrian Garcia

## **Colonel James Morgan New Washington Prairie**

City of Morgan's Point

## **Cullinan Park Phase II**

City of Sugar Land

## **Jenkins/ Holloway Perfect Trail Improvements Project**

Baytown Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department

## **Joe Matthews Park**

City of Mont Belvieu

## **Lockwood Park with Buffalo Bayou Partnership: Guiding Ecological Renewal**

Buffalo Bayou Partnership

## 2025 Special Recognition

**Projects Over \$500,000**  
**Louie's Together Playground**  
City of Tomball

**Mahan Park Boat Ramp Expansion**  
City of La Marque

**Stephen Woodring Park**  
Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 71

**The Kraken at Carol Fox Park**  
City of Jersey Village

**Wussow Park Renovation**  
North Houston District

### Projects Under \$500,000

**Alief Pocket Prairie**  
AliefVotes

**Cherry Point Park**  
City of Mont Belvieu

**Dakota's Peace Grove**  
Friends of Columbia Tap and Rotary District 5890

**Deputy Tommy Berry Pocket Park Renovation**  
Harris County Precinct 2 - Commissioner Adrian Garcia

**Highland Bayou Park All-Inclusive Playground**  
City of La Marque

**James Foster Park Renovation**  
City of Kemah

**Pitner Pocket Park Community Mural**  
Harris County Precinct 4 - Commissioner Lesley Briones

**Sugar Land Memorial Park Butterfly Garden Pavilion**  
City of Sugar Land

**The Lookout a.k.a. The Bird Blind**  
The Woodlands Township

# 2025 Special Recognition

**Programming**  
**Beach Heroes of Galveston County**  
**Galveston Bay Area Chapter - TX Master Naturalist**

**Harris County Precinct 2 and Texas 4-H Programming**  
**Harris County Precinct 2 - Commissioner Adrian Garcia (Carly Martin)**

**Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center- Events, Education, and Engagement in Our Communities.**  
**Harris County Precinct 3 - Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.**

**Programming for Park Visitors at Evelyn's Park**  
**Terry Leavitt-Chavez**

**Rally on the River**  
**Bay City Parks and Recreation**

**Sustainability Initiative Program**  
**City of West University Place**

**Texas Horned Lizard Conservation Program**  
**City of Pearland**

