

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.



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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

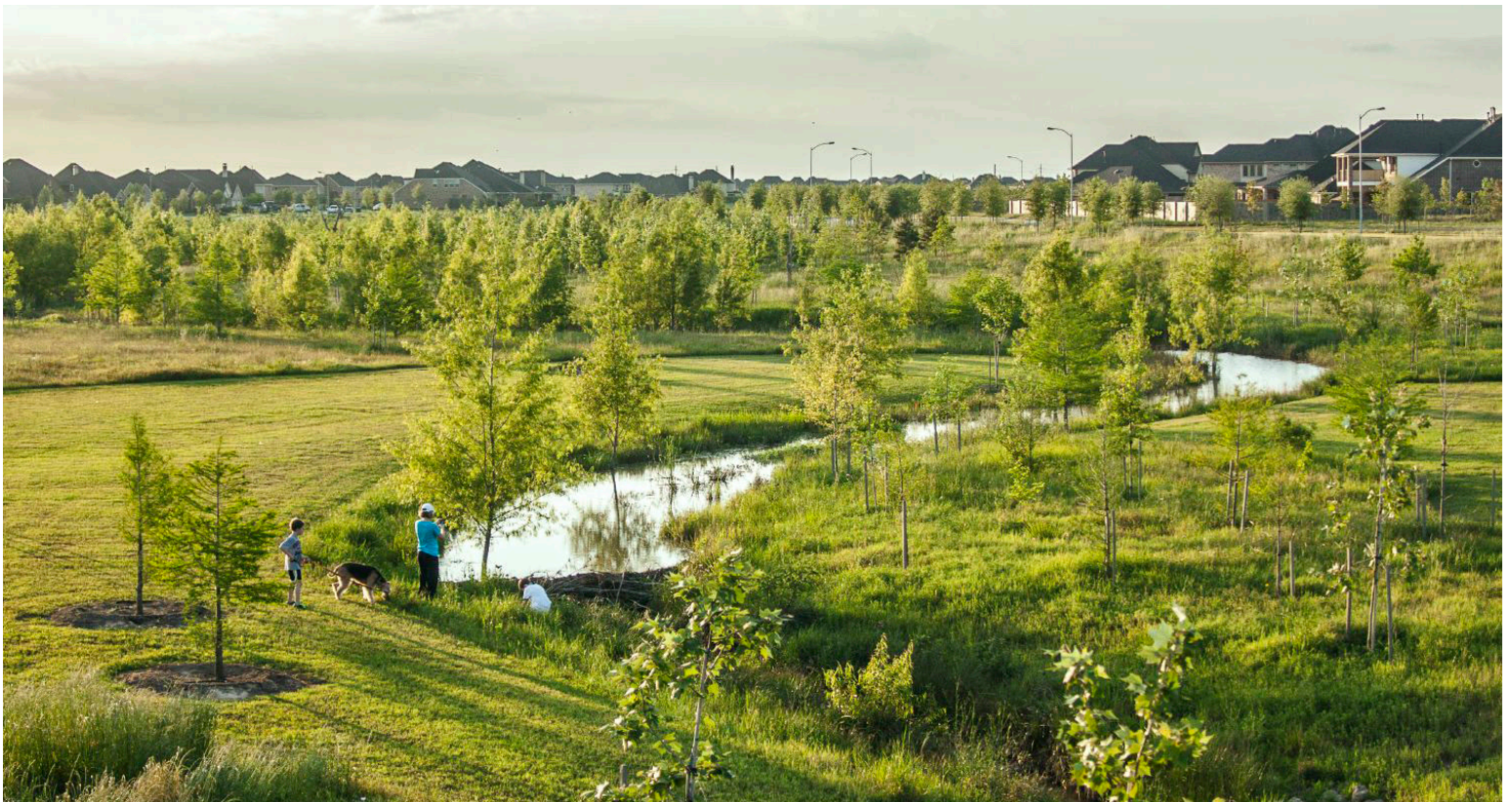
"Clean and Green: Inmate Clean Up" at Terry Hershey Park and Bane Park
Bayou Preservation Association

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 Dudley 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 Dudley 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

