

PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS ROUNDTABLE



Refreshments, water, and coffee are on the cabinet in the back.



Trash cans are in the brown doors by the counters.



Restrooms are past the elevators to the right.



Please sign in if you didn't when you came in.

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 1:30 PM

Agenda

- Welcome and Announcements
- Presentation – Award Winner Spotlight
 - Cesar Garcia and Devin DePascal, City of Kemah
- Presentation – Partner Spotlight
 - DeAndra Ramsey, Texas Children in Nature Network
- Roundtable and Adjourn

Presentations

City of Kemah Texas Children in Nature Network

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE 2026 WISE AWARD WINNERS

The Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence (WISE) Awards recognize innovative projects, programs, or individuals improving and protecting water quality.

Ceremony to be held in the H-GAC 2nd Floor Conference Rooms
Tuesday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
www.h-gac.com/wise-awards

CATEGORIES

- ◆ Planning and policy
- ◆ Education and public awareness
- ◆ Completed effort (>\$200,000)
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- ◆ Research and monitoring
- ◆ Program performance
- ◆ Individual excellence



ELIGIBILITY

Efforts in the 13-County region conducted by:

- ◆ Local governments
- ◆ Businesses
- ◆ Non-profit organizations
- ◆ Educational institutions
- ◆ Utility districts
- ◆ Individuals



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Parks and Natural Areas Awards Update

- Open now through noon September 30
- Online applications at h-gac.com/parks
- Honorees notified in December
- Celebration in early 2027
- Volunteer judges needed
- No funding; recognition only



Parks and Natural Areas Name Change

- Roundtable
 - Peer discussion and consensus building
 - Small group (8 to 10 people)
- Forum
 - Mix of formal presentations and broad public/partner dialogue
 - Collaborative

H-GAC Parks and Natural Areas Forum

Fall Park Tour

TBD

Round Robin Conversation

**Attendees share information about upcoming events
and ask questions**

Thank You!

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