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H-GAC ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE 2021 PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS AWARDS

HOUSTON, TX – A total of 18 projects across the Houston-Galveston area region were honored for serving as models for best management practices in parks, natural areas, and water quality as part of the Houston-Galveston Area Council’s annual Parks and Natural Areas Awards recognition ceremony. The event was held online on Friday, Feb. 11.

The full list of awards recipients, along with descriptions of the projects, visuals, and a map of where in the region they are located, is now available online at www.h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/awards.

The winning entries were selected by a panel of expert judges and industry professionals for recognition. Those recognized include:

Planning Process / Policy Tools

- **Winner: *Mont Belvieu City Park Phase II & III Master Plan*, City of Mont Belvieu**
- Honorable Mention:
 - *Joe Matthews Park*, City of Mont Belvieu
 - *John Paul Landing North Basin Cell*, Harris County Precinct 3
- Special Recognition:
 - *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

Projects Over \$500,000

- **Winner: *Brock Adventure Park*, City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department**
- Honorable Mention: *Prairieland Village*, The Howard Hughes Corporation

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Parks and Natural Areas Projects Under \$500,000

- **Winner: *H-PARD's Riparian Restoration Initiative Pilot Project*, City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department**
- Honorable Mention:
 - *Third Ward Chess Park*, Ed Pettitt
 - *Keep Friendswood Beautiful Pollinator Garden*, Keep Friendswood Beautiful/City of Friendswood
- Special Recognition:
 - *Amistad Community Park Splashpad*, City of Bay City
 - *East End Lagoon*, Galveston Island Board of Trustees
 - *Sneed Dog Park*, Westchase District

Programming (new category)

- **Winner: *Outdoor Education Initiative*, City of League City Parks and Recreation Department**
- Honorable Mention: *Woodchase Park Programming*, Westchase District
- Special Recognition:
 - *Adventures with Edu-Katie: An Environmental Education Video Series*, City of Pearland Parks & Recreation – Natural Resources Division
 - *Friendswood Fairy Trail*, Keep Friendswood Beautiful

Since its inception, H-GAC's Parks and Natural Areas Awards have recognized outstanding practices across the Houston-Galveston region. With nearly 200 entries since 2006, the projects serve as models for the rest of the region to consider.

For more information about the awards and for other resources related to parks and natural areas provided by H-GAC, visit www.h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas.

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