



HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

2019 Parks and Natural Areas Awards

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020



AGENDA

- 9:00 AM REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
- 9:30 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Jeff Taebel, Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 9:35 AM EQUITY IN PLANNING
A Conceptual Framework for the Future
of Parks and Natural Areas Planning
Katie Coyne, Asakura Robinson
- 10:05 AM EQUITY IN PRACTICE
On-the-Ground Case Studies of Best Practices
and Equitable Design for Parks and Natural Areas
Claire Hempel, Design Workshop
- 10:35 AM AWARDS PRESENTATION
Honorable Nancy Arnold, H-GAC Board Chair
- 11:30 AM CLOSING REMARKS
Jeff Taebel, Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 11:35 AM NETWORKING

LEARN MORE

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 region to consider.

View an interactive map at h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/awards.aspx

SPEAKERS



KATIE COYNE leads the Urban Ecology Studio at Asakura Robinson where she works to integrate more science into practice. Her work spans planning and design disciplines and incorporates resilient design, landscape ecology, plant, health, and climate science into work on parks, conservation areas, urban landscapes, neighborhood and small area plans, sustainable tourism strategies, and green infrastructure design. She has been a part of the leadership team on numerous innovative projects including: Healthy Parks Plan for Travis, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties, Austin FC Stadium Sustainable Design, Vision Galveston, Resilient Houston, and Dallas Water Gardens Ecological Design. In 2019, Katie won the Under 40 Award for the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction category; and, was recognized by the Austin Business Journal as one of the top 25 women leaders in Austin. Katie serves on the City of Austin Environmental Commission and Joint Sustainability Committee, The Trail Foundation Board of Directors, and the Board of Equality Texas (#yallmeansall).



CLAIRE HEMPEL joined Design Workshop in 2011 with a Master's degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin. She is overseeing a wide range of projects, including streetscapes, community planning, and urban design efforts. Prior to returning to school for her Master's, she gained eight years of landscape architecture practice working in both the private and public sectors in Houston and the greater Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex area. Claire has been a task leader for a variety of both local and international projects, including urban and regional parks, resort and tower designs, and comprehensive community and environmental planning throughout Texas. Claire's professional interests include public engagement, planning on multiple scales, and empowering smaller communities by providing them with the right tools to achieve environmental, economic, and community goals. Claire serves on the Austin Planning Commission and is driven to help see that the city grows in a sustainable way.

SAVE THE DATE

The next H-GAC Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 9, at H-GAC, Conference Room A, Second Floor.

We will hear from Nature and Eclectic Outdoors' Healthy Outdoor Communities initiative and will learn more about Exploration Green, a 2019 Parks and Natural Areas Award Winner.

Register today at h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/meeting-materials.aspx

AWARD WINNERS

PLANNING PROCESS

Haden Park
*City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department
and Spring Branch Management District*

PROJECTS (OVER \$500K)

Exploration Green
*Clear Lake City Water Authority
and Exploration Green Conservancy*

PROJECTS (UNDER \$500K)

Dreamscape
City of Bay City

HONORABLE MENTIONS

PLANNING PROCESS

Mae S. Bruce Therapeutic Garden
City of Santa Fe

PROJECTS (OVER \$500K)

Cullinan Park Phase 1 Improvements
City of Sugar Land

Independence Park Phase 1 Renovation
City of Pearland

PROJECTS (UNDER \$500K)

Wallaroo Park
Woodforest Development by Johnson Development

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

PLANNING PROCESS

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
City of Houston

Sustainable Wildlife Habitat
Comprehensive Master Plan
Timber Lane Utility District

PROJECTS (OVER \$500K)

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 \$500K)

Bark Park at Countryside
City of League City

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

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