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H-GAC ANNOUNCES PARKS, NATURAL AREAS AWARD WINNERS

HOUSTON, TX – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) announced the winners of the 2019 Parks and Natural Areas Award competition on Feb. 14. These projects serve as models for planning and project implementation for parks and natural areas in the region. Projects are honored in three categories: Planning Process; On-the-Ground Projects Over \$500,000; and, On-the-Ground Projects Under \$500,000.

“Since 2006, H-GAC has recognized creative and innovative park and natural area projects that implement best management practices in planning, policy, and development,” H-GAC’s director of community and environmental planning, Jeff Taebel said. “This year we had 18 award winning entries representing four counties across our region,” he added.

Planning Process

Winner—Haden Park, a project by the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department and Spring Branch Management District.

Honorable Mention—Mae S. Bruce Therapeutic Garden, a project by the City of Santa Fe.

Special Recognition—Alabonson Sports and Nature Complex, a project by Harris County Precinct 4.

Special Recognition—Alief Neighborhood Center and Park, a project by the City of Houston.

Special Recognition—Chrysalis Lake, a project by The Howard Hughes Corporation.

Special Recognition—Hermann Square at City Hall, a project by the City of Houston.

Special Recognition—Sustainable Wildlife Habitat Comprehensive Master Plan, a project by Timber Lane Utility District.

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On-the-Ground Projects Over \$500,000

Winner—Exploration Green, a project by Clear Lake Water Authority and Exploration Green Conservancy.

Honorable Mention—Cullinan Park Phase 1 Improvements, a project by the City of Sugar Land.

Honorable Mention—Independence Park Phase 1 Renovation, a project by the City of Pearland.

Special Recognition—Busby Park Improvement Project, a project by the City of Houston.

Special Recognition—Disc Golf Course at Briscoe Park, a project by the City of Alvin.

Special Recognition—Founders Park in The Woodlands Hills, a project by The Howard Hughes Corporation.

Special Recognition—Lakeland Heights Town Square Park, a project by The Howard Hughes Corporation.

On-the-Ground Projects Under \$500,000

Winner—Dreamscape, a project by the City of Bay City.

Honorable Mention—Wallaroo Park, a project by Woodforest Development by Johnson Development.

Special Recognition—Bark Park at Countryside, a project the City of League City.

Special Recognition—Stewart Beach Entrance Enhancements, a project by the Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston.

For more information about the program, visit <http://www.h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/awards.aspx>.

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