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H-GAC HONORS PARKS AND NATURAL AREA AWARD WINNERS

HOUSTON, TX – A total of 18 projects across the Houston-Galveston region were honored as models for best management practices in parks and natural areas at the Houston-Galveston Area Council’s annual Parks and Natural Areas Awards recognition ceremony. The event was held at H-GAC’s office on Friday, Feb. 10.

Winners were selected for recognition by panels of expert judges and industry professionals. Those recognized include:

Winners

Planning Process / Policy Tools

- John R. Harris Park (Harris County Precinct 2)

Projects Over \$500,000

- James Driver Inclusive Park (Harris County Precinct 2)

Projects Under \$500,000

- JHEC Reforestation (City of Pearland)

Programming

- Women in Coastal Science (Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston)

Honorable Mention

Planning Process / Policy Tools

- Clear Creek Paddle Trail Extension - Kansas Avenue and the Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center (City of League City)

Projects Over \$500,000

- Sylvan Rodriguez Park Habitat Restoration Project (Houston Parks and Recreation Department [HPARD])

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Projects Under \$500,000

- Resoft County Park Trail Development (Brazoria County Parks Department)

Programming

- Go Wild! Program at Riverside Park (City of Bay City)

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)

More information about the awards program is available online at <http://www.h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/awards.aspx>.

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