



Houston-Galveston  
Area Council

# Parks and Natural Areas Summit and Annual Awards Celebration

February 9, 2024

## AGENDA

**10:00 a.m. Check In and Registration**

**10:10 a.m. Welcome**  
Hon. Sallie Alcorn, Houston City Council Member, H-GAC Board Chair

**10:13 a.m. Equity in Parks and Natural Areas Planning**  
David Buggs, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Director of Engagements and Inclusion

**11:13 a.m. Awards Celebration**  
Justin Bower, H-GAC Director of Community and Environmental Planning

**12:10 p.m. Closing and Adjourn**  
Andrea Tantillo, H-GAC Principal Communications Coordinator

## TODAY'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER



David Buggs is the Director of Engagements and Inclusion for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), an agency of the state of Texas. He earned his Master of Business Administration degree from Baylor University in Waco, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. His role is developing and managing the execution of TPWD's Diversity and Inclusion strategy. David is an accomplished cultural compliance and management professional with years of experience in the area of relationship building, leadership development, mentoring, training and executive coaching. David also provides insight on behavior management, cultural understanding, multigenerational management, and ethical and government compliance.



# Parks and Natural Areas Award Winners

## WINNERS

### Planning Process / Policy Tools

City of Houston Nature Preserve Ordinance (City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department [HPARD])

Harris County Precinct 3 Parks and Trails Master Plan (Harris County Precinct 3)

### Projects Over \$500,000

Hackberry Park Phase I (City of Mont Belvieu)

Lakeside Park (City of Angleton)

### Projects Under \$500,000

Reed Park at the Urban Prairie (New Hope Housing)

### Programming

Clean Bayous Program: Pots for Plots Initiative (Bayou Preservation Association)

## HONORABLE MENTIONS

### Planning Process / Policy Tools

Clear Creek Master Plan (City of League City)

### Projects Over \$500,000

Alief Jefferson Early Learning Center (Alief ISD)

Chrysalis Lake (Howard Hughes)

### Projects Under \$500,000

Beach Toy Borrow Boxes (Galveston Park Board)

### Programming

Park Programs (Harris County Precinct 3)



# Parks and Natural Areas Award Winners

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

### Planning Process / Policy Tools

57-acre Nature Center (City of Kemah Economic Development)

Missouri City Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan (Missouri City Parks and Recreation)

North Houston District 2023 Parks Master Plan (North Houston District)

Planning - Primrose Park (City of Fulshear)

Harris County Precinct 2 Parks and Trails Plan (Commissioner Adrian Garcia)

### Projects Over \$500,000

East Aldine Town Center (East Aldine Management District)

San Luis Pass County Park Education Center & Multi-Use Renovation (Brazoria County Parks Department)

### Projects Under \$500,000

Oak Creek Exploration Zone at The Parish School (The Parish School)

Restoration of Wetland and Native Grasses at Fort Anahuac Park (Chambers County)

Riverside Tree Give Away (Bay City Parks and Recreation)

Texas AIDS Memorial Garden (Michael Lee)

### Programming

City of Angleton Parks and Recreation In- School Program (City of Angleton Parks and Recreation)

## THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES

**Janis Burall, AICP**

Kendig Keast Collaborative

**Lawence Goldberg**

BGE, Texas Association of Water Board Directors

**John Orsag**

City of League City

**Edward D. Pettitt II**

Texas Southern University

**Dr. Alan Steinberg**

Keep Texas Beautiful, West Houston Association



3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120  
 Houston, Texas 77027  
 713-627-3200  
 h-gac.com  
 @HouGalvAreaCog

