



# Parks and Natural Areas Summit and Annual Awards Celebration

February 21, 2025

## AGENDA

**9:00 a.m. Check In and Registration**

**9:30 a.m. Welcome**  
Hon. Jay Knight, Liberty County Judge, H-GAC Board Chair

**9:35 a.m. Demystifying Universal Design: Turning a Buzzword into Impactful Action**  
Mary Keilers, Clark Condon | Landscape Architecture, Innovation & Research Principal

**9:55 a.m. Break**

**10:05 a.m. Awards Celebration**  
Justin Bower, H-GAC Director of Community and Environmental Planning

**11:30 a.m. Awards Introduction of Judges and Closing Remarks**  
Andrea Tantillo, H-GAC Principal Communications Coordinator

**11:35 a.m. Presentations and Announcements**  
H-GAC Staff

**12:00 p.m. Networking**

**12:30 p.m. Adjourn**  
Andrea Tantillo, H-GAC Principal Communications Coordinator

Award-winning projects serve as models for planning and project implementation for parks and natural areas in the region.

Learn more at [h-gac.com/parks](https://h-gac.com/parks)  
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# Parks and Natural Areas Award Winning Projects

## Winners

### Planning Process / Policy Tools

- Herman Brown Park Master Plan (Houston Parks Board)
- Seabourne Creek Park Nature Center (City of Rosenberg)

### Projects Over \$500,000

- Japhet Creek Park (Buffalo Bayou Partnership)

### Projects Under \$500,000

- Martin Elementary SPARK Park (Alief ISD - SPARK)
- Truxillo Pocket Park (Houston Housing Authority: Third Ward - Cuney Homes Choice Neighborhood Initiative)

### Programming

- Interpretive & Educational Experiences in Precinct 4 Parks (Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones)

## Honorable Mentions

### Planning Process / Policy Tools

- City of La Marque Parks Master Plan (City of La Marque)
- Timber Lane Utility District 2024 Master Plan (Timber Lane Utility District)

### Projects Over \$500,000

- Greenway Accessibility (Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy)
- Wetlands Park at Riverstone (Johnson Development Corporation)

### Projects Under \$500,000

- James Bute Park and Frost Town Historic Site (Art & Environmental Architecture, Inc., Kirk Farris, Founder)

### Programming

- Arts in the Parks (City of La Marque)



# Parks and Natural Areas Award Winning Projects

## Certificates of Recognition

### Planning Process / Policy Tools

- Eagle Pointe Recreation Center Master Plan (City of Mont Belvieu)
- Houston Parks and Recreation Department's Water Management Plan (Houston Parks and Recreation Department)
- Mahan Park Boat Ramp Expansion (City of La Marque)
- The Woodlands Township 2022 Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment (The Woodlands Township)
- Troxell Park Design (Missouri City Parks & Recreation)

### Projects Over \$500,000

- Hackberry Dog Park (City of Mont Belvieu)
- Jersey Meadow Berm and Street Drainage Improvement Project (City of Jersey Village)
- T.C. Jester Park Playground (City of Houston General Services Department/City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department)
- Vogel Creek Greenway (Houston Parks Board)
- Wier Park Improvements (West University Place)

### Projects Under \$500,000

- Deerfield Park (City of Mont Belvieu)

### Programming

- Agents of Discovery (Harris County Precinct 2)
- Growing Resilience: Harris County's Towering Solution to Food Access Challenges (Harris County Precinct 2)

## Thank You to Our Judges

**Celina Gauthier Lowry**

Texas Community Watershed Partners

**Lawrence Goldberg**

BGE, Texas Association of Water Board Directors

**Christy Jones**

Mercer Botanic Gardens

**Edward D. Pettitt II**

Texas Southern University

**Angie Wierzbicki**

Harris County Precinct 4



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