



Parks and Natural Areas Summit and Annual Awards Celebration

February 10, 2023

A G E N D A

10:00 a.m.	Check In and Registration
10:10 a.m.	Welcome Justin Bower, Houston-Galveston Area Council
10:12 a.m.	Trends in Parks and Natural Areas Presentation Hugo Colón, Asakura Robinson
10:32 a.m.	Parks and Natural Awards Celebration Hon. Carbett “Trey” J. Duhon III, Waller County Judge, H-GAC Board Chair
11:35 a.m.	Trash Free Texas Program Update Wendy Almanzan, Houston-Galveston Area Council
11:45 a.m.	Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence Awards Update Rachel Windham, Houston-Galveston Area Council
11:55 a.m.	Closing Remarks and Adjourn Andrea Tantillo, Houston-Galveston Area Council

T H A N K Y O U T O O U R J U D G E S

Matthew Abernathy
Galveston Bay Estuary Program

Deborah January-Bevers
Houston Wilderness

Jason Galloway
City of Mont Belvieu

Dr. Alan Steinberg
West Houston Association

Aaron Tuley
Half Associates



2022 Parks and Natural Areas Awards

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 MENTIONS

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])

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 RECOGNITIONS

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)