Bayou Preservation Association
Welcome to the Symposium!

50 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

50 MILESTONES

50 YEARS
1. 1962 – Rachel Carson publishes *Silent Spring*, an environmental discourse which inspired an environmental movement that led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

2. 1966 – Buffalo Bayou Preservation Association was founded

3. 1967 – George Mitchell, founder of the Woodlands Development Corporation, was the first President of the Buffalo Bayou Preservation Association

4. 1967 – Terry Hershey testifies before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee at the invitation of George H.W. Bush

5. 1969 – Our name officially changed to the Bayou Preservation Association
6. 1970 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is created

7. 1971 – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cancels Buffalo Bayou channelization project

8. 1971 – Citizens’ Environmental Coalition is founded

9. 1972 – Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amended (known as “Clean Water Act”) to set forth national “fishable and swimmable goal,” create surface water quality standards framework, discharge permitting system, wastewater treatment grants program, surface water quality assessment program, and total maximum daily load program. It became law over President Nixon’s veto.

10. 1972 – The Buffalo Bayou Regatta was begun by the Houston Canoe Club, nicknamed the “Reeking Regatta”. The race was later run by the Buffalo Bayou Coalition and is currently organized by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership.
11. 1973 – The Flood Disaster Protection Act is created, making the purchase of flood insurance mandatory for the protection of properties located in Special Flood Hazard Areas

12. 1978 – A Federal Health Emergency is declared for the Love Canal area, later becoming the nation’s first Superfund Site

13. 1983 – Hurricane Alicia struck Galveston and Houston. The eye of the storm passed directly along Interstate 45 and through downtown Houston

14. 1985 – Texas Department of Transportation begins the “Don’t Mess with Texas” campaign

15. 1986 – The Buffalo Bayou Master Plan is created by the City of Houston
16. 1986 – Nearly 1.5 million people gather in and around Downtown Houston, along Buffalo Bayou, as well in Sam Houston and Tranquility Parks to witness Jean Michel Jarre’s presentation of “Rendezvous Houston: A City in Concert”

17. 1986 – Buffalo Bayou Partnership is founded


19. 1987 – Galveston Bay Foundation is created

20. 1989 – Galveston Bay Estuary Program began
21. 1991 – Texas Clean Rivers Act is passed into law

22. 1994 – “Rivers, Lakes, Bays ‘n Bayous Trash Bash” is created by H-GAC and TCEQ

23. 1996 – Bayou Land Conservancy is spun-off from Bayou Preservation Association

24. 1997 – Arthur Storey Park is dedicated, totaling 175 acres and including HCFCD wet bottom detention areas and 1.8 miles of trails

25. 1998 – Artist Barnaby Evans brings the “Waterfire” experience to Buffalo Bayou near Downtown Houston
26. 1999 – TxDOT Houston District adopts the Green Ribbon Corridor Aesthetics and Landscape Master Plan

27. 2000 – The 1st Bayou Preservation Association Gala is held

28. 2002 – Buffalo Bayou and Beyond Master Plan is published by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership

29. 2002 – The Tropical Storm Allison Recovery Project remapped Harris County Floodplain using Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) technology

30. 2004 – First collaborative Symposium event is held. The Bayou Preservation Association Symposium began in 2005
31. 2006 – The Bayou Preservation Association Paddle Trail Committee begins work with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Buffalo Bayou Paddle Trail

32. 2006 – Low Impact Development Symposium held at University of St. Thomas featuring Larry Coffman from Prince George’s County, Maryland, one of the key early adopters of LID approaches.

33. 2009 – Buffalo Bayou Paddling Trail is dedicated

34. 2009 – The Houston Land Water Sustainability Forum is created to promote the use of Low Impact Development

35. 2010 – Bayou Preservation Association hires Steve Hupp for its newly created Water Quality Director staff position
36. 2011 – Bayou Preservation Association Bayou Stewardship Award honors Art Storey

37. 2011 – Bayou Preservation Association Internship Program is created with one intern and has continued since with 2 interns each summer

38. 2012 – Harris County Flood Control District celebrated its 75th anniversary

39. 2012 – City of Houston Proposition B Bond Election passed by voters, creating the Bayou Greenways 2020 Project

40. 2012 – Bayou Preservation Association Bayou Stewardship Award given to Hugh Barrett
41. 2013 – The Memorial Park Demonstration Project stream restoration is proposed

42. 2013 – Bayou Preservation Association Bayou Stewardship Award honors George H.W. Bush and George Mitchell

43. 2013 – Bayou Preservation Association dedicates Terry Hershey Park interpretive signage

44. 2013 – Bayou Preservation Association creates the Education Director staff position

45. 2014 – 1st Bayou Preservation Association Cypress Creek Regatta is held
46. 2014 – Bayou Preservation Association Bayou Stewardship Award honors Jim Robertson

47. 2015 – Bayou Preservation Association unveils a new logo, refreshes its mission and vision statements, and revamps its website

48. 2015 - Bayou Preservation Association Bayou Stewardship Award honors Mark Kramer

49. 2015 – Houston hosts the International Low Impact Development Conference

50. 2016 – Bayou Preservation Association Bayou Stewardship Award honors Ed Wulfe and John Blount