



BAYOU PRESERVATION
ASSOCIATION

2025 Q3 - Q4 IMPACT REPORT



Bayou Preservation Association

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YOUR COMMITMENT IS TRANSFORMING OUR BAYOUS AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SUSTAIN



Dear Bayou Supporter,

Your generosity continues to shape the future of Houston's bayous. Your partnership has been the driving force behind every achievement this year—strengthening our bayous, empowering our communities, and expanding the scope of our conservation efforts.

As we wrap up 2025, I'm grateful to share the meaningful progress made possible by your generosity. With your support, we restored and protected natural spaces through community cleanups, trained new water stewards through Texas Stream Team workshops, equipped residents with climate-smart knowledge through our Resiliency at Home series, and brought together experts and practitioners at our Fall Confluence Symposium to help shape a more resilient Houston.

Because of you, more residents are connected to their local waterways, more leaders are aligned around sustainable solutions, and more communities are engaged in protecting the health and future of our bayous.

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for making this possible. Your dedication drives our progress and together, we're creating a stronger, more resilient future for Houston.

With gratitude,

Ryan Francisco

Ryan Francisco, Senior Engagement Manager



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RESILIENCY AT HOME PROGRAM-WIDE IMPACT

Across the Pollinator Gardens, Yard Waste and Composting, and Rainwater Harvesting workshops, BPA:

- Engaged 127 residents in hands-on, climate-smart education
- Distributed 193 resiliency tools, including rain barrels, compost bins, installation kits, yard waste supplies, and storm drain kits
- Leveraged cross-sector partnerships with Harris County Master Gardeners, Harris County Pollution Control Services, and Galveston Bay Foundation
- Increased household adoption of nature-based solutions that reduce runoff, conserve water, and support pollinators
- Expanded long-term community stewardship by connecting residents to our programs like Reclaim the Drain and Bayou Appreciation

BAYOU CITIZEN SCIENCE YMCA SUMMER DEMO IMPACT

During a summer demonstration with YMCA MD Anderson, BPA:

- Engaged 36 children (ages 6–11) in hands-on watershed science
- Led field observations and in-class water quality testing using our Watershed Explorer Kits
- Strengthened early environmental literacy through age-appropriate, interactive learning
- Expanded BPA's presence in the Near Northside, supporting YMCA's ongoing off-season STEM programs

WSQ PROJECT CLEAR CREEK WATERSHED IMPACT

Across the Clear Creek Watershed, BPA:

- Developed educational materials and signage on pet waste and water quality
- Coordinated the installation of 5 new pet waste stations with Friendswood Parks & Recreation and League City Parks & Recreation
- Planned Texas Stream Team training at Challenger 7 Memorial Park to foster local stewardship
- Expanded neighborhood outreach efforts to reduce bacteria and pollution caused by pet waste

Looking ahead: Finalize materials and install pet waste signage in high-traffic areas.

4 PARKS PROJECT WATER QUALITY MONITORING IMPACT

Across Townwood Park and FM Law Park, BPA:

- Completed 8 monthly water quality tests at each site, establishing a reliable long-term dataset
- Engaged new EDCC stewards in September, expanding community-led monitoring
- Established baseline water quality data to monitor pollution sources and ecological changes

Looking ahead: BPA will continue monthly monitoring and train new stewards and TXCC crews to become certified citizen scientists, strengthening long-term local stewardship.

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HERITAGE PRESERVED DAWSON LUNNON CEMETERY

- Through a partnership with Friends of Dawson Lunnon and the Houston Bar Association's Day of Service, BPA:
- Engaged over 60 volunteers in a 3-hour community cleanup at Dawson Lunnon Cemetery
- Restored .65 acres through trash removal, deweeding, and trail maintenance
- Held a ceremony to mark the installation of the site's official historical marker

Looking ahead: BPA will continue site maintenance in partnership with TXCC and landscaping crews.

CONFLUENCE: WHERE IDEAS AND PRACTICE MEET – FALL 2025

Theme: The Space Between: Designing Corridors for Connection and Purpose

Through BPA's Fall 2025 Confluence Symposium, BPA:

- Convened 94 attendees representing planners, engineers, ecologists, designers, and civic leaders
- Advanced cross-sector dialogue on the intersections of mobility, ecology, and equity through Houston's linear landscapes
- Featured a keynote presentation by Cassie Hoeprich of Downtown Houston+ and a moderated panel led by Christopher Browne of EHRA Engineering
- Engaged regional leaders from Houston Parks Board, Texas Department of Transportation, and Houston Parks and Recreation Department
- Strengthened professional collaboration through the VIP Coffee & Bites Networking Mixer, connecting sponsors, speakers, and practitioners

TEXAS STREAM TEAM TRAINING

Through a Texas Stream Team Standard Core Training, BPA:

- Trained 5 Clear Creek residents in watershed protection and water quality monitoring
- Provided hands-on instruction in nonpoint source pollution, field observations, and testing procedures
- Improved community understanding of the Clear Creek Watershed Protection Plan

Looking ahead: The next Clear Creek training is scheduled for February, expanding the pool of certified community water stewards.

CLEAN BAYOUS: LITTLE WHITE OAK BAYOU

Moody Park | TBG Partners Big Give Volunteer Event

In partnership with TBG Partners, BPA:

- Engaged 37 corporate volunteers in a focused bayou cleanup
- Removed 600 lbs of debris and collected over 60 bags of trash
- Hauled large obstructions: including an above-ground pool and couch, and completed tree pruning along the bayou corridor
- Enhanced waterway flow, safety, and habitat conditions at Little White Oak Bayou

THANK YOU FOR THE DIFFERENCE YOU MADE IN 2025

Thank you for your partnership and trust in this work. Together, we are building momentum for an even stronger year ahead, one where Houston's bayous and the communities they support continue to thrive.

THANK YOU!



MISSION

Bayou Preservation Association's mission is to celebrate, protect, and restore the natural richness of our bayous and streams.

