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2025 Q1 - Q2 **IMPACT REPORT**



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YOUR DEDICATION IS HELPING SHAPE A STRONGER FUTURE FOR OUR BAYOUS



Dear Bayou Supporter,

Thank you for your continued support of Bayou Preservation Association. Your partnership is instrumental in sustaining our work, both in the community and in protecting the health of our bayous.

As we reflect on the first two quarters of 2025, I'm excited to share the progress that your generosity has made possible. From advancing conservation efforts to expanding educational outreach, your support continues to fuel meaningful and lasting impact.

Together, we're safeguarding vital natural spaces, equipping residents with knowledge and tools, and building a more resilient and connected future for our region.

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for being an essential part of this mission.

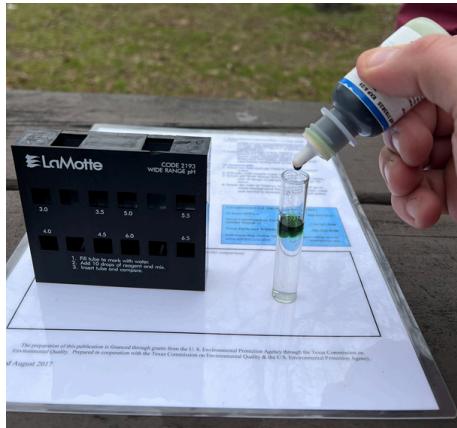
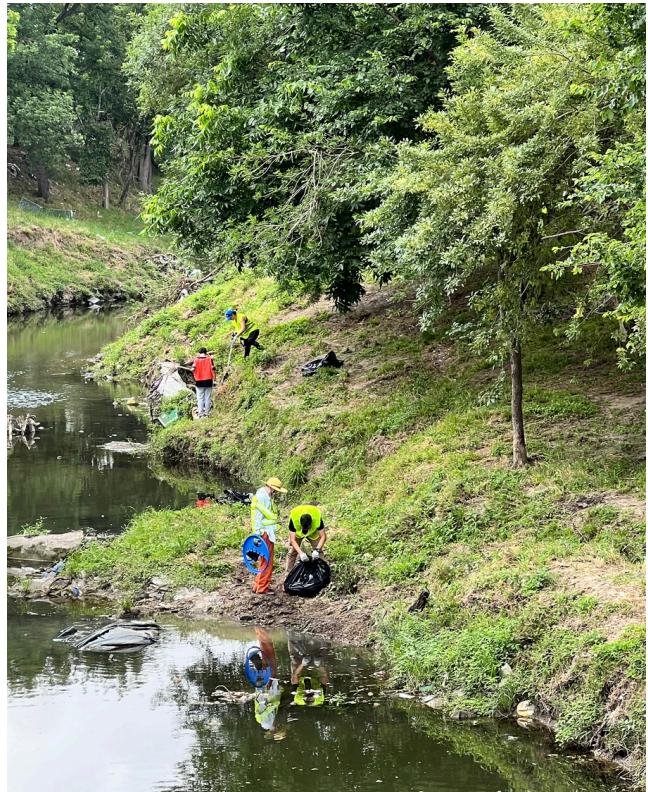
With gratitude,

Ryan Francisco

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Senior Engagement Manager

"The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share."

— Lady Bird Johnson



2025 Q1 IMPACT REPORT

BAYOU CITIZEN SCIENCE

- **Ongoing Water Monitoring:** BPA conducted monthly water quality sampling and reporting along various segments of the most impaired locations of Sims Bayou to track the health of the watershed.
- **Watershed Explorer Kits:** A total of **12 classroom kits** were distributed in partnerships with **YMCA D. Bradley McWilliams** and **Wesley Community Center**, benefiting over **270 students**. Additionally, **59 individual kits** and **4 teacher kits** were provided to facilitate both at-home and classroom-based watershed education.
- **Citizen Scientist:** **9 community members** have been trained and certified to collect water data across our region.

BAYOU APPRECIATION

- Engaged a total of **65 Houstonians** across **4 interpretive guided walks and tours**, led by staff in partnership with the FCC Recycling Facility, Bridgeland, Mason Park, and Fonteno Park.
- Engaged **2,429 attendees** during the Bayou Blues Festival with the **Houston Botanic Garden** and at Nature Fest in partnership with **Harris County Precinct 3**.

CLEAN BAYOUS

- **Shady Lane Park Cleanup:** In partnership with **GNMD**, **14 volunteers**—including students from the **Klein Forest High School Interact Club**—removed **76 tires** and nearly **2 tons of trash** from Shady Lane Park, preventing debris from entering Hall's Bayou.
- **Trash Bash 2025:** At Little White Oak Bayou and Moody Park, BPA educated **203 participants** on watershed-friendly practices. The cleanup resulted in the removal of **3 trailers of trash**, including **699 bags**, **8 shopping carts**, **6 mattresses**, and more, thereby improving bayou health and safety.

CLEAN BAYOUS

- **Reclaim the Drain:** BPA promoted storm drain awareness through outreach and social media. **Maverick Water Group** adopted **5 drains**, and **2 kits** were distributed at Shady Lane Park Cleanup. Community groups received drain markers and kits to support neighborhood stormwater stewardship.
- **Pots for Plots:** BPA's **5 drop-off sites** continue to divert plastic pots from landfills by repurposing them for community gardening projects. Locations include **Hope Farms**, **Quality Feed & Garden Co.**, **Dirt Bag**, **Reuse Warehouse**, and the **5th Ward Community Garden**.

2025 Q2 IMPACT REPORT

SPRING SYMPOSIUM

- Nearly **65 attendees** participated in presentations by **Jason Radcliff, Principal, Director of Technical Design at TBG Partners**, and **Jack Fitch, Project Manager at RES**, who shared insights on soil health, restoration, and sustainable green infrastructure practices.
- **40 professionals** attended the morning Coffee & Bites Mixer, engaging with special guests **Dr. Tina Petersen, Executive Director of the Harris County Flood Control District**, and **Audrey Jones, Conservation Planner at the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board**, in a conversation-rich environment.

SPRING SYMPOSIUM

- The event brought together environmental practitioners, engineers, and community leaders to explore the connection between soil and broader environmental outcomes.
- Planning is underway for the **Fall Symposium**, scheduled for **November 2025**.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Wild & Scenic Film Festival Panel:** Morton Sager, Project Manager, attended the Wild & Scenic Film Festival hosted by the Citizens' Environmental Coalition (CEC), which focused on water conservation and environmental advocacy. He represented BPA on a post-screening panel alongside other local leaders, sharing insights into community-led environmental efforts.
- **Gulf Coast Green Conference:** Brittani Flowers, President & CEO, presented on "Stream Corridor Restoration Principles," fostering dialogue with industry professionals on sustainable community development at the 19th Annual Gulf Coast Green Conference at TMC Helix Park, which focused on climate-resilient infrastructure. The session elevated the importance of integrating stream corridor restoration into Houston's urban planning strategies.

CLEAN BAYOUS

- **Texas Stream Team Training:** BPA hosted a public Texas Stream Team (TST) training to educate participants about water pollution and how to perform proper water quality testing. **7 participants** became certified citizen scientists after completing the training. Jari McCoy, Engagement Coordinator, completed Phase II of the certification process to become an official TST Trainer.
- **Little White Oak Bayou Cleanup:** In collaboration with **Greater North Management District** and **Council Member Mario Castillo, Clean and Green, Houston ToolBank, and Love's Travel Stops**, BPA organized a community cleanup along Little White Oak Bayou. **61 volunteers** removed **150 bags of trash, 5 large carpets, 6 tires, 4 bumpers, and 7 shopping carts**. BPA distributed **6 Reclaim the Drain kits** to encourage ongoing community involvement in protecting storm drains.

MOVING AHEAD

Your partnership makes this work possible. As we look ahead, we remain committed to advancing community-based conservation, building resilience, and stewarding the health of our region's waterways. With your support, we are shaping a future where healthy bayous and informed, engaged communities thrive together. Thank you for standing with us in this mission, we look forward to continuing this vital work with you in the coming months.

THANK YOU!



MISSION

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

