Bayou NewsStream

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“Anything is possible when there is a will. It was worth the nine-year wait.”

— Roland Gramajo
Community Activist

Bayou Preservation Association’s Trash-Free Bayous Committee has been diligently working with local government agencies and passionate partners like community activist Roland Gramajo, EBR Enterprises owner Eric Ruckstuhl and board member Dick Cate to address the decades-long litter problem in Bering Ditch. Finally our collective efforts have paid off! This long-awaited work will begin in Fall 2020.
Bering Ditch is one of six channels included in a sedimentation removal contract that was awarded by Harris County Flood Control District's Construction Department in December of 2019.

In the coming months, Bayou Preservation Association will be hosting clean-up events and working closely with local business owners and residents to adopt sections of Bering Ditch to ensure the community has a clean, safe and beautiful 'walkable waterway' for years to come.

Do you live in near Bering Ditch?
Do you know an area that needs special attention?

Reach out to us!

CHANGE OF PLANS

COVID-19 UPDATE

2020 TERRY HERSHEY BAYOU STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19 pandemic), associated Junior League venue closure, our desire to honor the 2020 Terry Hershey Bayou Stewardship Awardees in a meaningful way, and our desire to keep our partners and donors safe, we have made the necessary decision to postpone the luncheon.

A date will be selected and shared with our supporters as soon as we are able to confirm a new date.

City Nature Challenge 2020: Houston

City Nature Challenge is a great event happening April 24 through May 3, 2020 using the free iNaturalist app and can be done with social distancing, at your own home,
Prior to COVID-19, Bayou Preservation Association was partnering with Challenger Seven Memorial Park to host an exciting local City Nature Challenge tour. While we can no longer host the official event, we hope our followers that do get out and celebrate Earth Day in their own way and use safe social distancing, get to witness the vast wildlife diversity that our region is teeming with. Any data collected will be vital information supporting our ongoing stream corridor restoration project along Clear Creek.

**Taking Part is Easy**

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**HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED?**

The United Way of Greater Houston has partnered with Harvey Home Connect, the Greater Houston Community Foundation and other local entities to create a COVID-19 Community Impact Survey to measure the social and economic impacts of COVID-19 on our community members. Your participation will provide data that can be used to establish priorities as we move into the recovery phase of this crisis. Please respond to the survey yourself. We also encourage you all to share the survey widely and broadly.

Help non-profit, philanthropic, and educational organizations better understand the economic and social impacts of the virus in our community.

**TAKE THE SURVEY**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- **Bayou Citizen Science Committee**
  TUESDAY | APR 7 | 9:30 AM - 11 AM

- **Bayou Appreciation Committee**
  TUESDAY | APR 14 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM
Bayou Preservation Association is proud to partner with Mayor Turner’s Hire Houston Youth Initiative to provide internships to college students interested in green careers. In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, Bayou Preservation is working diligently to ensure these duties can be conducted remotely and/or digitally.

OPEN POSITIONS

- Environmental Communications Intern
- Environmental Public Relations & Marketing Intern
THE EARTH NEEDS US NOW MORE THAN EVER —
ON APRIL 22, EARTH DAY GOES DIGITAL

"Whether online or in person, the goal of Earth Day remains unchanged: to unite hundreds of millions of people around the world to pressure world leaders to act on environmental degradation and climate change."

- Kathy Rogers
  President, Earth Day Network

Looking to get involved locally? Check out the Citizens’ Environmental Coalition amazing environmental organization directory.

HOUSTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

Looking for Earth Day educational resources? Check out Citizens’ Environmental Coalition’s HERE (Houston Environmental Resources for Educators).
A dedicated Bayou Preservation board member since 2003, Elaine Finger is March's Bayou Board Member.

Learn what makes Elaine special

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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