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THE PROJECT FILES
a place for project history, updates, & announcements

In our newsletter’s newest feature *The Project Files*, Bayou Preservation Association hopes to introduce our followers to an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at some of our past, current, and future projects that celebrate, protect, and restore our community’s waterways.

Clear Creek Riparian Restoration Project

This month's featured project is an introduction to the Clear Creek Riparian Restoration Project, which is currently restoring over 31 acres of vital riparian corridor in Harris
The impetus for this project began in 2017, when Bayou Preservation made a commitment to expand our collaborative efforts to bring healthy bayous to everyone. Thanks to our amazing partners Harris County Precinct One, Galveston Bay Estuary Program, Fight Flooding PAC, River Oaks Garden Club, Union Pacific, The Garden Club of Houston, Student Conservation Association, Texas Conservation Corps, and Brown Foundation, we are able to do just that, and we look forward to updating our followers on progress and exciting opportunities to get involved.

Read the full project summary here

MAKING HEADLINES

On May 3, Bayou Preservation Association was featured on Country Legends 97.1 FM’s Chuck Akers radio show, where he
On May 10, Bayou Preservation Association chatted with 104.1 FM KRBE's Freddy Cruz on his Around H-Town segment, where he interviewed President & CEO Dr. Sarah P. Bernhardt on the Bayou Preservation’s ongoing work and 2020 Terry Hershey Bayou Stewardship Awardees.

Harris County to cities: Update building standards or miss out on flood bond money

Tyrone Camel of the Harris County Flood Control District talks about a Harvey repair project at Fry Road and Bear Creek Friday, Nov. 30, 2018, in Katy. Photo: Steve Gonzales, Houston Chronicle / Staff photographer

Bayou Preservation Association was pleased to see last week's Houston Chronicle report: "Harris County Commissioners Court voted to restrict flood bond projects to municipalities that meet its floodplain development standards, effectively forcing the 34
Cities within its borders to adopt stricter rules to access the $2.5 billion pot approved by voters two years ago."

Bayou Preservation is hopeful these restrictions will play an integral role in maintaining the delicate balance between development and the ever-growing need for flood mitigation.

NEW BOARD MEMBER WELCOME

Bayou Preservation Association welcomed two new members and one returning member to its Board of Directors this month. We are honored by their commitment to our mission and look forward to achieving great things. Check out their short bios below to learn more.

LAUREN LINDSAY, CFP

Bayou Preservation Association is delighted to welcome Lauren to our board of directors. In addition to her 21 years of professional financial planning and management experience and a lifelong passion for protecting the environment, Lauren also brings a history of commitment to volunteerism and civic engagement through coordinating annual Clean-Up Days with San Jacinto Girl Scout Council and Friends of Woodland Park, which have removed hundreds of pounds of trash from our bayous.

BLAKE COLEMAN, PLA

Bayou Preservation is excited to tap into Blake’s 14 years of experience providing invaluable leadership in landscape design process, as well as all aspects of project management and design responsibilities, from conceptual phases through construction. He balances an array of projects with a passion for community engagement efforts, working with entities like the Urban Land Institute and Central Houston Inc. to improve quality of life and the built environment locally.

THOMAS POWERS

As a former board member, Bayou Preservation Association is honored to have Tom rejoin our board in 2020 as a passionate professional with over 35 years of experience in worker health & safety, environmental compliance, and solid waste/recycling operations management. Known for his high level of integrity, attention to detail, consistency, and ability to deliver results, Tom is a proven leader, mentor, and trainer with diverse and strong skill sets.
Can you use your eagle eye to spot the bird in this tributary of Brays Bayou?

**Hint:** After a fierce competition put on by Houston Audubon Society, this species was proclaimed the 'Bird of Houston' in 2019 by Mayor Sylvester Turner.

![A native bird lurks in a tributary of Brays Bayou in west Houston.](image)

**Think you have the right answer?**

**E-mail us your answer to be entered into a contest to win a free Bayou Preservation Association custom fridge magnet.**

**Contest rules:**

- Submissions must include either an image with the bird circled or a valid description of the bird's location in the photo.
- One winner will be selected at random from all participants with correct answers.
- Answers must be submitted by Friday, June 5, 2020 by 12 p.m. noon CST.
- The winner will be notified within one week of their submission and contacted for an address to mail the prize.

**Note: Answers must be spelled correctly to be entered to win. Many will enter, only one will win.**

E-mail us your answer
Community Resources

Check out some fantastic resources from both Texas Living Waters Project and Texas Water Development Board.

This summer, Texas stakeholders will start the multi-year task of developing Regional Flood Plans. The Flood Planning Regions, delineated by the Texas Water Development Board, correspond with 15 major Texas rivers and coastal basins. The Regional Flood Plans will help to create the State Flood Plan, which will change the way Texas plans for and protects against future floods. Find out how you can participate.

The Texas state and regional flood planning process is a momentous opportunity to serve Texas communities. Regional Flood Planning Groups (RFPG) will collaborate with a suite of regional stakeholders and technical consultants to determine the most-appropriate and effective flood protection strategies for their region, including low impact development, non-structural solutions, comprehensive buyouts, and green infrastructure. Would you or someone you know make a strong RFPG member?

No matter what size or shape, all floodplains have one thing in common—they flood. Floodplains are not always easily detected. Generally, they are low-lying areas near streams, dry creek beds, or drainage ways, but not always. To find out if your home or business is located in a floodplain, check with your local floodplain administrators. They should have a detailed map showing the flood-hazard areas in your community.

Learn more on RFPG’s blog  Get added to the list  Check out the full handout

Harris County Precinct Three

Adopt-a-Waterway
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.

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