Bayou Preservation Association is delighted to announce its 17th Annual Symposium will be going virtual this year, spanning two days to reach a wider audience than ever before!

Taking place on the mornings of Thursday, October 1 and Friday, October 2, this year’s theme—Bayou-Diversity: Celebrate, Protect & Restore—will address the expanding importance of diversity in all its forms — physical, geomorphological, biological, socioeconomic, and conceptual.
Stay tuned for more details on this exciting, one-of-a-kind event. In the mean time, check out past Symposium presentations [here](#).

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES VIRTUAL FORUM**

with
Diana Martinez Alexander & Michael Moore
Democratic Party Run-Off Candidates for Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 3

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On Wednesday, June 24, Bayou Preservation Association co-sponsored the [Virtual Environmental Issues Forum](#) with Diana Martinez Alexander and Michael Moore, the two Democrats in the July 14 run-off to be their party’s candidate for Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 3. Watch a recording of the forum [here](#) and for a copy of the questions asked in English and Spanish, click [here](#).

Republican candidate Tom Ramsey has agreed to participate in a general election Environmental Forum with the run-off winner.

Bayou Preservation was honored to be among the 75 engaged citizens and organizations who participated in this critical forum on pressing environmental issues impacting our community.

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On Thursday, June 25, Bayou Preservation Association co-sponsored the [Citizens’ Environmental Coalition’s](#) (CEC) *Trivia Night: Stump the Treehugger.*

The fun-filled night highlighted the integral work of many of our region’s thriving environmental organizations and focused on topics including: air quality, bayous, Houston ecology, and environmental justice.

With the growing concerns surrounding COVID-19, Bayou Preservation Association was delighted to co-sponsor and participate in such an engaging, fun, and educational virtual event in our community.
The Rain Dance: How to go from Bare to Lush Landscapes with Betsy Ross

From floods to droughts, the extremely inconsistent water cycles our soils have to endure in Texas can be relentless. So, how can we hold onto our rain water? Is this possible? Join us as Betsy Ross of Sustainable Growth Texas shares her ‘Rain Dance’ secrets for greater soil health. Learn how the plants energy cycle and the soils carbon cycle interact to accelerate soil health. As a result, improved soils will lead to greater control with sustaining rain water.

Wednesday, July 1st • 5:00 PM (CST) Central Time
Via Zoom!

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84164105364
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Learn more about the webinar by visiting OHBA’s Facebook event page here or by joining the webinar live below. This is FREE event.
06.17.2020  GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT  Passes the Senate

Spring Creek

On June 17, 2020, The Great American Outdoors Act passed the U.S. Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support. If the bill successfully passes through the U.S. House of Representatives and the President's desk, it will fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at $900 million per year.

"Created by Congress in 1964, the LWCF was a bipartisan commitment to safeguard natural areas, water resources and our cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans...as a simple idea to use revenues from the depletion of one natural resource - offshore oil and gas - to support the conservation of another precious resource - our land and water."

Learn more about LWCF

Read LWCF's full press release
In a recent Conversation article, Political Science Research Professor Heidi Peltier's "recent research shows that conservation and park development create far more jobs than oil and gas" and that "stimulating the environment helps the economy." Check out the full article below.

Read the full article

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MOMENT OF ZEN

Video: courtesy of Tom Douglas

Check out this month's Moment of Zen captured on a tranquil paddle through the still, quiet waters of a cypress forest in the Trinity watershed.

Watch the video

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Bayou Preservation Association is currently working with partner organizations and interested community volunteers to adopt sites listed on Trash Free Texas's website.

Check out current listings here or reach out to us if you know someone interested in listing or adopting a site.

E-mail us

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