

H-GAC PRIORITY CONSERVATION PROJECTS LIST

For consideration by the H-GAC Board of Directors on August 16, 2022

August 2022 Addition:

Level 2 – 57-Acre Park: This project is the 57-Acre Park near State Highway 146 in Kemah, south of Kemah Oaks subdivision. The area is largely undeveloped with a hike-bike trail on the perimeter. The land belongs to Galveston County, and Kemah maintains it with the restriction that it must be used as park space. Kemah Community Development Committee (KCDC) will oversee the project to develop the site into a nature park with trails, ponds, pavilions, an outdoor learning center, birding towers, and bathrooms. KCDC, the city's Type B economic development corporation, will provide funding for development of the park with this year's budget at \$500,000 with a total project approval amount of \$1.5 million. This project aligns with the goals and strategies in Kemah's Parks Master Plan (2009). While the project is budgeted, additional grant funding would expedite the project and allow the inclusion of more features.

Summary of Projects by Level and Recommended H-GAC Action(s)

Level 1	Local Government Partner(s)	Recommended Action(s)
1093 Rails to Trails	1093 RTT Local Government Corporation	H-GAC has been supporting as a regional coordinator and the group would like H-GAC to continue in that capacity and as a grant writer.
Katy Prairie Conservancy's Nine-Square-Mile Priority Area	Not Applicable	H-GAC can help connect the project with federal and state agencies for funding and help provide outreach to improve understanding of the value of nature-based mitigation solutions.
Conservation and Natural Areas Plan (Parks Master Plan Update)	City of Houston	H-GAC would prepare the conservation plan, which could feed into parks master plan. Create guide/model for others.
Sargent Beach Nourishment	Matagorda County	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking.
Acquisition of Exxon Mobile property	Harris County – Precinct 2	H-GAC can help broker with ExxonMobil and help with funding matchmaking.
Boardwalk, Trail System, and Nature Center	City of Seabrook	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking.
Eagle Lake Municipal Park Nature and Birding Area	City of Eagle Lake	H-GAC can assist with research and funding matchmaking.

Level 2	Local Government Partner(s)	Recommended Action(s)
City of Houston's Riparian Restoration Initiative	City of Houston	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking.
Preston-Crenshaw Park	City of Pasadena	H-GAC can provide outreach to increase public awareness of multiple benefits of the project and help with funding matchmaking.
Vince Bayou Greenway	City of Pasadena	H-GAC serves on the steering committee and can help facilitate relationships with industry partners.
Brazos River Corridor Trailheads and Land Acquisition	City of Sugar Land	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking for land acquisition and costs surrounding trailheads.
Cypress Creek Greenway	Harris County, Precinct 4	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking.
Houston Audubon RESTORE Act Effort	Not Applicable	H-GAC can help address funding gaps and conduct outreach.
Coastal Prairie Initiative	Not Applicable	H-GAC is a stakeholder in this project and has an interest in continued support, including helping provide outreach to improve understanding of the value of the project.
January Planting (Texas A&M Forest Service Reforestation in Riparian Areas)	Not Applicable	H-GAC serves on the steering committee and can help facilitate relationships with industry partners.
Mobile ArcGIS Tools to Monitor Restoration Projects	Not Applicable	H-GAC can provide training and data support for the project.
Lake Houston Watershed Conservation Easements	Not Applicable	H-GAC can provide data support and help with funding matchmaking.
East End Lagoon Nature Park and Preserve	City of Galveston	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking to fill funding gaps.
57-Acre Park	Kemah Community Development Committee & City of Kemah	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking to fill funding gaps, developing stakeholder engagement plans and facilitate relationships with non profit organizations.

Level 3	Local Government Partner(s)	Recommended Action(s)
Developing Policy for City of Houston's Legacy Tree Program	City of Houston	H-GAC can help identify funding sources.
Clear Creek Riparian Reforestation	City of Pearland	H-GAC can support the project by funding matchmaking.
Gannoway Lake Park	City of Sugar Land	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking.
Cullinan Park Improvements	City of Sugar Land	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking
Fort Bend County Hike and Bike Master Trail Plan	Fort Bend Green	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking.
Tree Strategy Implementation Group	City of Houston	H-GAC can provide information-sharing and coordination.
Hawkins Ranch in Matagorda County	Not Applicable	H-GAC can help to build relationships with local officials and provide letters of support.
Schlipf Road Transfer to Waller County	Not Applicable	H-GAC can support this project through research and by bringing partners to the table.
Headwaters to Baywaters	Not Applicable	H-GAC can help to build relationships with involved municipalities and counties.
Trees for Houston - Education	Not Applicable	H-GAC can support this project by funding matchmaking.

Non-Leveled / Tracking*	Local Government Partner(s)	Recommended Action(s)
City of Houston - Historic Prairie Restoration	City of Houston	No active projects, tracking for future support.
Linear Forest Program	City of Houston	No active projects, tracking for future support.
City of Houston Policies and Ordinances	City of Houston	No active projects, tracking for future support.
Trees for Houston - Native Trees	Not Applicable	No active projects, tracking for future support.

Piney Point Village Trail Network	Piney Point Village	Tracking this effort. H-GAC can potentially support by matchmaking with cities who have done this before, researching best practices.
City of Houston Green Stormwater Infrastructure	City of Houston	Tracking this effort. H-GAC can support in the future with funding matchmaking.
Lake Creek Greenway	Not Applicable	Tracking this effort.
Katy Prairie Bike Route	Not Applicable	Tracking this effort.
Harris County - Precinct 2 Project #2	Harris County - Precinct 2	Tracking this effort.
Prana: Essence of Life Riparian Restoration	Not Applicable	Tracking this effort.

* Submitted projects that don't meet criteria and / or don't have a current role for H-GAC are being tracked separately from the levels.