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Houston Parks Board Appoints New Member to Board of Directors *Local leader joins efforts to create, improve and protect parkland in Houston*

Houston, TX (April 9, 2015) – Houston Parks Board, the non-profit organization leading the Bayou Greenways 2020 project and significant parkland improvements in the Greater Houston region, recently welcomed a new member to join the organization’s Board of Directors. The new leader, Joseph C. Dilg, began his term on the board as of January 1, 2015.

“We are excited to welcome Joe to our board. His experience as a community leader will be invaluable in furthering our mission to create, improve, protect and advocate for parkland in the Greater Houston region,” said Roksan Okan-Vick, executive director of Houston Parks Board. “Joe is committed to transforming and enhancing our city’s natural resources, and we are privileged to have his unique input based on his background as an industry leader.”

BIOGRAPHY:

Joseph C. Dilg is the Vice Chairman of Greenhill & Co., LLC, an independent global investment banking firm focused on mergers and acquisitions, financial restructuring and merchant banking. Prior to joining Greenhill & Co, Dilg served as partner at Vinson & Elkins LLP from 1976 until 2002 when he became Managing Partner. Dilg graduated from Southern Methodist University with a B.A. in Economics. Dilg earned his J.D. from University of Texas Law School and later served on the school’s foundation as a member of the Board of Trustees. Dilg has previously served on the boards of several Houston-area non-profits including St. John’s School of Houston, Greater Houston Partnership, Business Committee for the Arts and Houston Arts Alliance. In addition to serving Houston Parks Board, Dilg is a current member of the Board of Directors at Houston Zoo Inc.

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The **Houston Parks Board** is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to create, improve, protect and advocate for parkland in the Greater Houston region. Since its inception in 1976, the organization has raised and leveraged millions of dollars and touched at least 75 percent of the City’s parkland either through acquisitions and/or capital improvements. For more information, visit www.houstonparksboard.org.

Bayou Greenways 2020 will create a continuous park system along Houston’s major waterways. The project will establish an interconnected system of parks and trails linking people, places and green space while enhancing air and water quality, reducing flooding and stimulating economic development. The Houston Parks Board will lead the private fundraising of \$120 million and manage acquisition, design and construction of the Bayou Greenways 2020 Project over the next five years. Bayou Greenways 2020 was made possible by Houston voters who supported the “Parks by You!” city bond referendum of 2012. For more information, visit www.bayougreenways.org.