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PRESS RELEASE

Houston Parks Board Celebrates New Segment for Halls Bayou Greenway

Segment completes important link between Lake Forest Park and Brock Park

HOUSTON – October 10, 2022 – Houston Parks Board, City of Houston, Harris County Precinct One, and other key project partners celebrated the completion of a new segment along Halls Bayou Greenway on Saturday, October 8. The recently completed hike-and-bike trail spans one mile from Lake Forest Park to the existing greenway at the intersection of Talton Street and Monterrey Street. Greenway users can now walk or bike five miles along Halls Bayou from Tidwell Road to Brock Park (owned by the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department) and travel north on Greens Bayou Greenway.

“The Bayou Greenways are all about connecting communities across Houston. These corridors are more than just places for rest and recreation. This new segment offers safe, off-street transportation from Brock Park to Lake Forest Park and beyond,” said Mayor Sylvester Turner. “Park space is a key component to healthy, thriving neighborhoods, and the partnership between Houston Parks Board, the City, Harris County, the Kinder Foundation, and others is a testament to our commitment to building Houston forward.”

Notable new features of this new segment of Halls Bayou Greenway include:

- Connection into Lake Forest Park (owned by the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department)
- Neighborhood connections onto Forest View Steet, Forest Dale Street and Talton Street
- 14.5 new acres of greenspace to be preserved as permanent parkland
- 10-foot-wide concrete trail
- Planting of native trees and meadows
- Interpretive and directional signage
- Trash cans and recycling containers

“We are delighted to continue our progress on Halls Bayou Greenway. Big or small, every new segment of hike-and-bike trail is an important step in fulfilling Houston Parks Board’s vision for the Bayou Greenways,” said Beth White, President and CEO of Houston Parks Board. “We thank all our project partners for making this connection a reality as we continue to work together to bring all Houstonians closer to vibrant, active greenspaces.”

The project cost including design, land acquisition, and construction was \$4,287,316.70. Precinct One provided a commitment of \$1.8 million for the construction.



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“The Halls Bayou Greenway includes greenspace and hike-and-bike trails connecting surrounding communities to parks, nature, and one another. Parks and quality greenspaces are essential for all communities, no matter what ZIP Code you come from. That’s why I’m so proud of Harris County Precinct One’s investment in Bayou Greenways, a transformational project for communities of color along our Bayous who lack access to quality greenspaces,” said Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis.

Kinder Foundation has invested nearly \$9 million along Halls Bayou as part of its \$50 million transformational gift made to Bayou Greenways in 2013. The Kinder Foundation made conscious decisions on how the \$50 million investment would be applied to the bayou segments that form the heart of the Bayou Greenways project. Of this, \$2,362,755.10 went toward design, land acquisition, and construction management of this new segment of Halls Bayou Greenway.

“The creation and expansion of green space along our bayous not only enhances the health of our city, but it also promotes park equity for all Houstonians,” said Nancy Kinder, President and CEO of Kinder Foundation. “We are proud to support the Bayou Greenways initiative as it improves park access for all Houstonians.”

Houston Parks Board will continue ongoing maintenance of Halls Bayou Greenway through its Conservation and Maintenance Program. This includes weekly trash pickup, bi-weekly mowing of grass along the concrete trail, upkeep of the trail and amenities, and any necessary flood cleanup.

“The transformative projects of Bayou Greenways continue to enhance our city and connect our parks,” said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. “This new segment of Halls Bayou completes an important link in the interconnected park system, and we are glad to partner with Houston Parks Board on this initiative to bring more greenspace to Houstonians.”

Halls Bayou Greenway is one of nine bayous being transformed as part of [Bayou Greenways](#), a public-private partnership between the nonprofit Houston Parks Board, the City of Houston, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department. The initiative is implemented in close collaboration with the Harris County Flood Control District, which manages the county’s bayous and creeks for drainage and flood risk reduction. Bayou Greenways will transform 3,000 acres of underutilized land along nine major waterways and create a 150-mile network of connected parks and trails along Houston’s major waterways.

Thanks to Kinder Foundation’s visionary leadership and transformational gift, as well as the extraordinary generosity of the Hildebrand Foundation, Houston Endowment, The Brown Foundation Inc. and many other Houstonians, Houston Parks Board has surpassed its goal of assembling more than \$225 million to invest in Bayou Greenways. The fundraising journey began in 2012 when Houston voters resoundingly approved a bond to provide \$100 million in funds to the Bayou Greenways initiative. Houston Parks Board has since more than matched this number through a \$125 million capital campaign.

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Houston Parks Board creates, improves, protects, and advocates for parks for everyone. Since 1976, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization has utilized public-private partnerships and its extensive philanthropic, government, and community relationships to provide equitable access to quality parks and green space to the Greater Houston region. In addition to leading the transformational Bayou Greenways initiative, Houston Parks Board cares for more than 2,600 acres of green space and supports park projects large and small. For more information on Bayou Greenways and Beyond the Bayous, visit www.houstonparksboard.org.

The **Houston Parks and Recreation Department** (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages 381 parks and over 39,501 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.