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Greens Bayou Corridor Coalitions Wins Prestigious Houston Endowment Grant

The recently-formed Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition has marked an extraordinary milestone by winning a \$70,000 grant from the Houston Endowment. The grant will be used to develop mapping technology and hire a development director for the organization.

“We are thrilled,” said Regina Lindsey, executive director of the Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition. “Many notable organizations apply for this grant, so it is very exciting that our organization received it. We’ve made tremendous progress this past year and this grant will help us continue our mission to improve the lives of people who live and work along Greens Bayou.”

With the help of the National Park Service (NPS), The Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition (The Coalition) is currently working on a master plan for the 45-mile watershed. The Coalition will use \$30,000 of the Houston Endowment grant to develop a Geographic Information System (GIS), which is crucial to creating an accurate and detailed master plan. Engineers will research all known information about trails, parks and property in the area and input it into the GIS, which then creates a detailed and interactive map of the watershed.

This February, the NPS and The Coalition will hold a series of public hearings to gather public input and ideas about the proposed master plan. The GIS map will also be turned into an interactive Web site, giving people who can’t attend the public hearings the ability to log in and leave suggestions about specific property near the bayou.

The Coalition won support from the National Park Service’s Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program this year. The program provides The Coalition with the technical assistance needed to create the master plan, link existing recreational facilities, plan for a linear trail system and identify future opportunities.

The Coalition will use the remaining \$40,000 from the Houston Endowment to hire a development director to oversee fundraising and outreach for the organization. The Coalition has hired Jill Boullion for the position. Boullion has deep experience working with non-profits and most recently worked in fundraising for the Northwest Chamber of Commerce. She also lives on the bayou.

The Houston Endowment supports nonprofit organizations and educational institutions that produce and maximize enduring benefits for the people of the greater Houston area.

The Greens Bayou watershed meanders approximately 45-miles throughout Houston, Jersey Village, Jacinto City, Galena Park, Humble and Harris County.

The Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition is a non-profit organization that addresses quality of life issues along the 45-mile watershed including, flood mitigation, park and trail improvement projects and economic development.

