# MONITORING & RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

RECENT SUCCESSES AND ONGOING PROJECTS



#### Long-term Monitoring of Living Shorelines





#### Living Shoreline Site





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#### Living Shoreline Drone Imagery





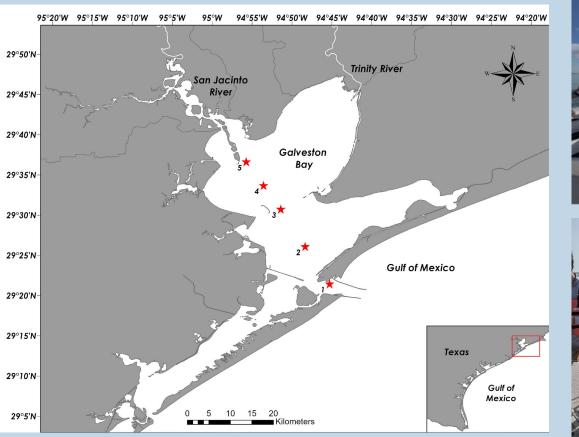


#### **Reference Drone Imagery**





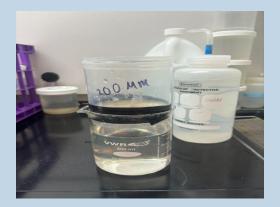
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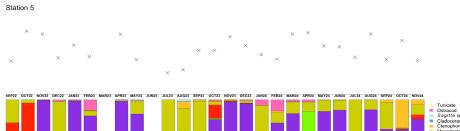


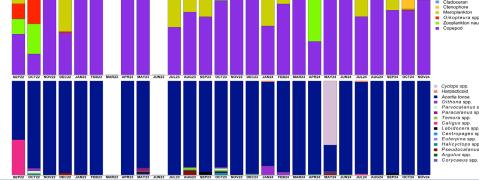


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#### Zooplankton community composition over time













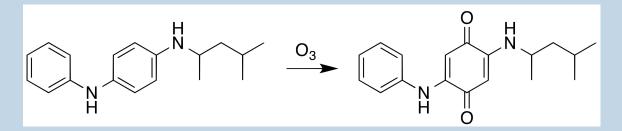
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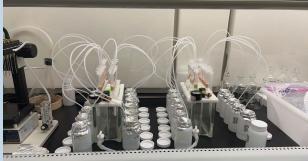
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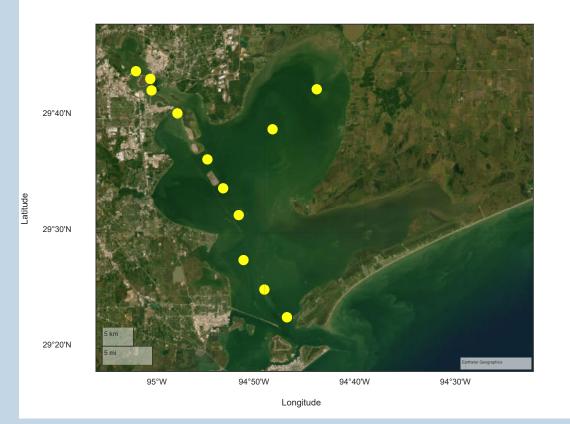






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## ONGOING M&R PROJECTS

Project	Amount	Ends
Long-term Monitoring of Living Shorelines	\$127,791	05/31/25
Galveston Bay Regional Monitoring Database	\$350,228	08/31/25
Monitoring Ecosystem Indicators for Science-Based Restoration and Enhancement	\$130,663	03/31/26
The Distribution and Fate of Tire Rubber-Derived Chemicals in Galveston Bay	\$98,312	05/31/26
Tracking Perkinsus Marinus (Dermo) Infection in Sun-Cured Oysters	\$166,898	08/31/26
Sentinel Program to Track Perkinsus Marinus in Oysters of Galveston Bay	\$297,404	12/31/26
Evaluating Galveston Bay's Resilience to Ocean and Coastal Acidification	\$278,800	05/31/27
Monitoring to Assess Long-term Restoration Success in Galveston Bay Wetlands	\$151,161	02/28/27

#### 8 projects, \$1,601,257 from GBEP/GBC



# UPCOMING M&R PROJECTS

- Developing Molecular Tools for Demographics and Distribution of Galveston Bay Estuary System Sea Turtles
   – TAMUG, \$99,826
- Regional Monitoring Database II
  - HARC/GTRI, \$281,123.29



## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS



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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE RECENT SUCCESSES AND ONGOING PROJECTS



# KPRC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 1. Riparian Restoration Project
- 2. Trash Bash
- 3. Oyster Shell Recycling Programs
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Addition to Coastal Heritage Preserve
- Drought and Water Conservation
  Outreach
- 6. SPLASh
- 7. Targeted Microplastics Monitoring





## KPRC COMMUNITY OUTREACH







www.gbep.texas.gov/kprc







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 30-second TV Spotlight – Galveston Bay Foundation's Oyster Shell Recycling Program

<u>GBF Oyster Recycling - GBEP on KPRC on</u>
 <u>Vimeo</u>



## TRASH BASH



#### TRASH BASH® 2025

You Came to "Clean It Like You Mean It !"®







2,414 volunteers removed

38.69 tons of trash &

119 tires from

58 miles of the Galveston Bay watershed!

Learn more at www.trashbash.org and join us next year!







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EARN 8 CREDIT HOURS FIELD & VIRTUAL COMPONENTS

#### PRAIRIE 101 TEACHER WORKSHOP

Art • Technology • History • Pollinators Coastal Prairie Ecosystem Services Native Plants, Peoples, Cowboys and Cotton Ecology • Hydrology • TEKS Alligned SAT., OCTOBER 15, 2022 9AM TO 3PM LAWTHER-DEER PARK PRAIRIE PRESERVE

+ VIRTUAL COMPONENT THU., NOVEMBER 3, 2022 6:30 TO 8:30PM ZOOM

Please bring your lunch and reusable water bottle.

Space is Limited Register & Questions: Della Barbato@TexasPrairie.org



## ONGOING PPE PROJECTS

Project	Amount	Ends
Water Quality Outreach Implementation for Vulnerable Rural Populations	\$40,000.00	05/31/2025
Resiliency in Education and Green Infrastructure	\$336,000.00	08/31/2026
Wetland Connections	\$173,300.00	08/31/2026
Drought and Water Conservation Outreach Campaign	\$50,000.00	08/31/2025
Mobilizing EE Community through Prairie Education Phase II	\$81,052.31	08/31/2026
Engaging Under-resourced Communities in Conservation Phase II	\$64,140.00	05/31/2026
Bay to Schools	\$107,937.00	08/31/2025
SPLASh in Houston's Bayous and Beyond	\$353,597.00	08/31/2026
UHCL (KPRC) Community Outreach	\$146,655.00	03/31/2026
Trash Bash	\$35,000.00	08/31/2026
Mobilizing EE Community though Prairie Education Phase I	\$\$92,515.60	05/31/2025

11 projects, \$1,480,196.91 from GBEP/GBC

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# UPCOMING PPE PROJECTS

- Texas Envirothon University of Houston Clear Lake Environmental Institute of Houston
  - \$90,972.00
- Nature Trails Master Plan Houston Parks and Recreation Department
  - \$90,000.00
- Trash Bash Houston-Galveston Area Council
  - \$10,000.00



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