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At-Large, Position 5

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TPWD State Park Recreational Grants
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744

Greetings,

Please accept this letter of support for Houston Parks Board's application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for new drinking water fountains to be installed along six Bayou Greenways throughout City of Houston.

Houston Parks Board's mission is to expand, improve, and protect parks and greenspace in the Houston region. Since 1976, Houston Parks Board has leveraged over \$300 million, supporting over 250 parks and creating more than 14,000 acres of new parks and trails. Through Bayou Greenways, the organization will connect 150 miles of trails along Houston's major bayous to bring 1.5 million people within 1.5 miles of a greenway.

From 2014 through today, Houston Parks Board and our public partners have invested more than \$225M to add approximately 80 miles of trail and 2,000 acres to the Bayou Greenways system. Additionally, Houston Parks Board is responsible for maintenance of most of the Bayou Greenways system, which includes routine greenspace/landscape care, flood clean up, and repair/replacement of site amenities such as drinking fountains, trails, pedestrian bridges, trash cans, benches, etc.

Through the organization's routine maintenance care of the greenways, staff has seen and heard a need for additional amenities, such as drinking fountains, to help create a more comfortable user experience. This project would add drinking fountains at key locations along the Brays, Halls, Hunting, San Jacinto, Sims, and White Oak Bayou Greenways, ensuring people have access to potable water.

Millions of people use the Bayou Greenways annually and the greenways truly are considered jewels within the Houston recreational trail network. I appreciate your consideration of Houston Parks Board's application to the TPWD Recreational Trails program to add this amenity that would mean so much to so many different Houston neighborhoods.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sallie Alcorn".

Sallie Alcorn