

Texas House of Representatives Dan Huberty

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To whom it may concern:

As a local leader, I am writing this letter to express my support for the approval of Lake Houston Sports and Recreation Foundation (LHSRF) grant created by America's Conservation Enhancement Act (ACE) and through the National Fish Habitat Partnership.

Lake Houston has long been a valued hub for conservation and recreational activities like fishing and boating, and it additionally serves as the city of Houston's main municipal water supply. As a result of the damage inflicted by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent floods, significant detriment to nearby vegetation, shorelines and the wildlife habitat have been observed, manifesting into the palpable issues of erosion and water clarity.

The LHSRF grant could aid in covering the cost to plant 1500 acres of native vegetation near strategic shorelines in the next 5 years. The LHSRF's partnership with NCL Kingwood, a local youth volunteer group that dedicates over 200 hours a year to the conservation of Lake Houston, will provide the manpower and expertise necessary to the success of this project over the long-term. In addition, the grant will aid in strengthening the LHSRF's network with members of the community, allowing it to further educate the public about the conservation of fishing and vegetation habitats near Lake Houston.

Considering the potential positive impacts of this grant, it is more clear than ever that our community has a vital responsibility to conserve our invaluable natural resources and light the path for the next generation to follow.

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty