

## Appendix A: Index of Actions

#	ACTION	WHO	START	TIME	FUNDING	PRIORITY
1.1	Define the natural resources systems	<i>Minding Our Natural Resources</i> Focus	now	completed		must
1.2	Map, maintain, and update a natural resources inventory	City of Houston (CoH), Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)	now	long-term	existing funding	must
2.1	Create a regional natural resources protection plan which describes how to protect natural resources	CoH, Harris Co. (HC), Harris Co. Flood Control District (HCFCD), H-GAC, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD), Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), Metropolitan Transit	now	long-term	through involved agencies	must
2.2	Encourage, develop, promote and expand recycling and recycling programs, including: developing markets for recycling products, curb-side recycling programs, recycling of building materials, methods of re-using gray water and <del>advancing recycling locations</del>	Houston Advanced Research Center, Paper re-processors, petrochemical companies, Chemical Society, Houston Engineering & Scientific Society, City of Houston, private waste disposal companies, Engineer's Council, <del>American Institute of Architects, etc.</del>	now	long-term	private/public	should
2.3	Discourage urban sprawl onto outlying agricultural and natural areas by encouraging development of the inner-city that includes: open space and a combination of new, historic and restored <del>residential developments</del>	City of Houston, Harris County, private developers	now	long-term	private/public, tax increment financing districts	should
2.4	Encourage and inform the public about conservation easements for natural resources protection	Non-profit organizations, private builders, tax accountants, stock brokers, American Planning	now	long-term	private	should
2.5	Require some form of an environmental impact analysis as appropriate for each CIP project which identifies environmental	City of Houston, Harris County, Houston-Galveston Area Council	now	long-term	current CIP funding source	should
2.6	Meet, and possibly exceed, all EPA standards for air quality	TNRCC, H-GAC, City of Houston	now	long-term		should
2.7	Encourage energy conservation and diversity in power generation including alternatives such as solar power,	Utility companies, Department of Energy, Public Utilities Commission	now	long-term	private	should
2.8	Encourage universities (and others) to develop green chemicals and products to expand on our current economic base	universities, chemical companies	now	long-term	private	should

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3.1	Develop a watershed-based management plan for bayous which includes several functional elements related to watersheds (see Action Plan for list of elements)	Harris County Flood Control District, US Army Corps of Engineers, City of Houston	now	long-term	City/County budgets or special levies	must
3.2	Create a master plan for bayous setting standards for their multi-use, based on citizen consensus. (See Action Plan for more details)	Harris County Flood Control District, US Army Corps of Engineers, City of Houston	now	short-term		must
4.1	Establish an Action Task Force of representatives from various agencies who will develop methods for improved coordination in regards to natural resources and enforce intergovernmental coordination (see Action Plan for more details)	City of Houston, Houston-Galveston Area Council, non-governmental organizations, the <i>Minding Our Natural Resources</i> Focus Group and others listed in Action 2.1	now	long-term	existing funding through agencies	must
4.2	Create an authority which consolidates agencies responsible for all aspects of watershed-based planning, implementation, and enforcement. This consolidation includes stormwater drainage, water supply, water quality, and floodplain management agencies	same as Action 4.1(above)	now	long-term	H-GAC local funds, TNRCC, stormwater utility	must
4.3	Enable and empower regional comprehensive planning which will accomplish the goals identified by this focus group	City of Houston - Planning & Development with other city departments; Harris County - Housing & Community Development, Houston-Galveston Area Council, other applicable local government agencies	now	long-term	City, Harris County, H-GAC local funding	must
5.1	Establish standards to be implemented through the City or a separate City-Beautiful Commission or an "Appearance Commission," concerned with the visual environment, dealing with such topics as: sign/control/billboards, urban design....	City of Houston	now	long-term	City's general fund	must
5.2	Enact a tree protection ordinance to protect existing stands of trees and encourage the planting of new trees	CoH, Trees for Houston, American Society for Landscape Architects (ASLA), Houston Homebuilders Association, Texas Association of Nurserymen, private developers, The Park People	already started	short-term	n/a	must

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5.3	Enact a site clearing ordinance which sets guidelines and establishes policies to address environmental degradation and runoff during construction (vegetation, habitat, etc.)	City of Houston, Trees for Houston, ASLA, Houston Homebuilders Association, Texas Association of Nurserymen, private developers, The Park People, Harris County Soil	now	short-term	n/a	must
5.4	Increase bayou maintenance and clean-up programs for small and large-scale projects	citizen groups, volunteers, criminal justice system, govt. agencies, Harris County Flood Control District	now	long-term	private/public - reallocation of building permit fees	must
5.5	Create a Greenbelt and Open Space Master Plan	City of Houston, Harris County	now	mid-term	ISTEA, Land trust organizations, TPWD, NPS, NSFS, Rails-to-Trails	must
5.6	Continue the Neighborhoods-to-Standards Program	City of Houston	already started	long-term	general fund, capital improvement bonds	must
5.7	Require TXDOT to spend its 1% set aside money on beautification and forestation along urban freeways	Civic Associations, Texas Department of Transportation, elected officials, Trees for Houston, City of Houston	now	mid-term	TXDOT, ISTEA and CMAQ, and Statewide Transportation Enhancement Funds	must
5.8	A separate division of urban forestry within the City, with its own allocated budget, in order to foster the planting and maintenance of street trees and other plantings	City of Houston	now	long-term	general fund	must
5.9	Maintain, enforce, and enhance programs to eliminate billboards and appropriately restrict on-premise signs	City of Houston, Harris County	now	long-term		must
5.10	Acquire more land for all types of parks (man-made/developed, natural, and reconstructed), especially more metro (200 or more acres) and regional parks (50-200 acres)	Houston Parks Board, City of Houston, Harris County, private developers	immediate-ly	long-term	Designated tax on specific items, TPWD, NPS-UPPAR, ISTEA, private	should
5.11	Provide incentives for developers to give additional land for greenspace use	Land trusts, Houston Parks Board, City of Houston, Harris County				should

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5.1 2	Designate open spaces restricted to passive recreation within City and County parks to provide more natural areas for nature watching, walking, and green space	City of Houston, Harris County	now	long-term	n/a	should
5.1 3	Support and assist neighborhoods who want to acquire land for parks(to be owned by the neighborhood associations)	City of Houston, Harris County	now	long-term	n/a	should
5.1 4	Encourage neighborhoods to develop a landscape "vision" plan which defines how the neighborhoods should look	Neighborhood groups with assistance from City of Houston	now	long-term	n/a	should
5.1 5	Establish landscape standards for public right-of-ways and publicly-owned properties	City of Houston, Metro, Harris County	now	long-term	increase allocation for landscaping of public lands from 1% to 3 or 5 %	should
5.1 6	Create urban wildlife habitat corridors to support a diverse cross section of the Gulf Coast flora & fauna	Texas Park & Wildlife Department	intermediate	long-term		should
5.1 7	Implement a litter control masterplan for eliminating litter in all areas (including natural areas in parks) of the City and County which will include: signage indicating fines for littering/dumping, enforcement of penalties. (See action	City of Houston, Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District	intermediate	long-term	existing funding	should
5.1 8	Research cost-effective ways to screen storm sewer inlets to entrap floatables	City of Houston, Engineer's Council	now	intermediate		should
5.1 9	Provide appropriate and safe places for bicycle transportation and recreation, establish a process to update the Comprehensive Bikeway Plan, and provide methods for long-term maintenance for bikeways and trails	City of Houston, Harris County, Houston-Galveston Area Council	has already been started	long-term	ISTEA	should
6.1	Involve children and adults in on-going education programs about natural resources/the environment in formal and informal training settings....	school districts, colleges and universities, water bill flyers, community forums, TNRCC, City Departments, museums and nature	now	long-term	City, County, Schools, Private Sources	must