



## Brays Bayou Marsh at Mason Park Fact Sheet

### OVERVIEW

The Brays Bayou Marsh at Mason Park is a gently-sloped freshwater marsh that provides a habitat for native plants, wildlife and fish while simultaneously cleaning stormwater before it empties into Brays Bayou. The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) was primarily responsible for the overall engineering design and construction of the project. This marsh is a pilot project for additional wetland areas that may be constructed in Harris County.

### BENEFITS

Approximately 3.5 acres of wetlands, or marsh, were created from existing land that was altered for its current purpose. Construction included creating a wetland that catches stormwater runoff and improves water quality by removing pollutants, such as phosphates, nitrates and bacteria from water entering the main channel.

### LOCATION

Located in southeast Houston, the Brays Bayou Marsh at Mason Park is two miles north of the Loop 610 and IH-45 interchange. The project is bounded by Mason Park to the north and west, Brays Bayou to the west and south and to the east by the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

### STATUS

HCFCD completed construction in January 2006.

### COMMUNITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Project Brays partners have been actively involved with students from Chavez and Austin high schools to teach the important role wetlands play in their community. These students have joined with the Texas Cooperative Extension/Texas Sea Grant to help restore the bayou along Mason Park and conserve wetlands and habitat.

### A MODEL PARTNERSHIP

Partners for the Brays Bayou Marsh at Mason Park Project include:

- HCFCD
- Texas Agrilife Extension/Texas Sea Grant
- Texas Parks and Wildlife
- City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department
- Galveston Bay Estuary Program
- NRG Energy, Inc.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Coastal Program
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Texas Master Naturalist
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Chavez and Austin High Schools
- Texas Coastal Management Program/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information on the Brays Bayou Marsh at Mason Park, please visit our [www.projectbrays.org](http://www.projectbrays.org) or call the Project Brays Hotline at 713-316-4820.