

"The distribution of open space must respond to natural process. This should hold true for any metropolitan area, ir respective of location."

-Jan McHarg, "Design With Nature"

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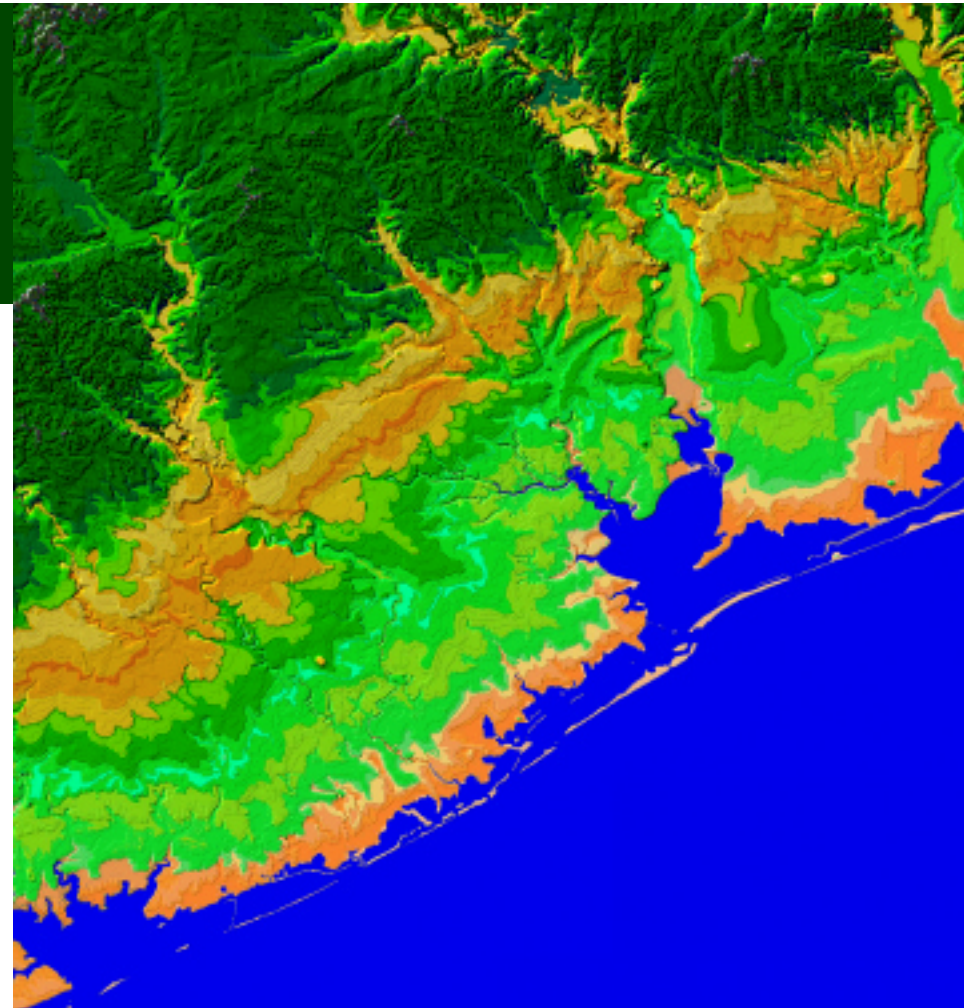
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A Watershed Event

Flooding, Development, and Habitat on the Houston Gulf Coast

A conference to be held November 14, 2001,
8:30-5, The University of Houston Hilton

The Houston Gulf Coast watersheds: The need to understand them – and to preserve their services

The watersheds of the Houston Gulf Coast form a vast network of hundreds of rivers, bayous, streams, and creeks that flow through the region – and sometimes into our buildings. Tropical Storm Allison was a “watershed event” that has made us squarely face the nature of flooding in the region. Are these waterways and their accompanying wetlands, hardwood forests, and bird-rich prairie marshes merely challenges to be tamed, or are they regional assets that provide important natural services, including flood protection, recreation, and beauty?



To reduce catastrophic damage and disruption such as we’ve experienced in the past will require exploring alternatives to the way we currently do business. Working together to include the use of our bayous and natural landscapes in the region’s planning, including urban and suburban development, is key to our future. Understanding how our watersheds work is fundamental to making rational decisions.

Abundant wetlands and floodplains will be damaged soon if current development patterns prevail. Can we afford to lose the services (flood detention, water quality enhancement, wildlife habitat, quality of life) of



this “green infrastructure?”

Developers and planners around the country are building profitable towns and neighborhoods that maximize livability and preservation of green space and natural services. This day-long conference will explore the

realities of our watersheds, the past and future methods of protecting property, and innovative ways to live and grow in a rich natural environment.

Speakers include:

Patrick Condon

James Taylor Chair in Landscape and Liveable Environments, University of British Columbia

Randall Arendt

Vice President of Conservation Planning, Natural Lands Trust

Robin Green

President, Hidden Creek, Ltd

Mike Talbott

Director, Harris County Flood Control District

Willard Baker

Dallas area developer

Van James

Flower Mound Town Manager

Mike Howard

Coordinator, State National Flood Plain Insurance Program

See www.watershedevent.org for complete program and list of speakers

Place: University of Houston Hilton Hotel, 4800 Calhoun
Date: November 14, 2001 **Time:** 8:30-5
Sponsors: Texas Sea Grant, Bayou Preservation Association, Terry Hershey, Legacy Land Trust, Gulf Coast Institute, Texas Floodplain Management Association, Turner Collie & Braden



For more information: www.watershedevent.org

Conference At A Glance

- **Flooding on the Gulf Coast: history and prospects**
- **Green Infrastructure: what it is and what it does for us**
- **Building a More Livable Houston: focus on quality of life**
- **Successful Green Developments: case studies**
- **Preserving Flood Plains: regulations and incentives**