CITY OF HOUSTON MOW-DOWN PROGRAM

Department of Neighborhoods
Quality of Life Committee
CITY OF HOUSTON MOW-DOWN PROGRAM OVERVIEW

• The program was initially created in the late 1990’s

• Pilot programs in District B (Booster Club Program), and District H (Independence Heights Community Lot Cutting Program) led to the current program’s foundation.

• Community groups receive a modest fee of $50 for the mowing of City-approved abandoned lots (5000 Sq. ft. average).

• Payment is made only after the work has been completed and verified.

• Each lot receives six to nine cuts annually.
CITY OF HOUSTON MOW-DOWN PROGRAM GOALS

• Address the problem of overgrown abandoned lots in Houston neighborhoods.

• Encourage civic groups and nonprofit organizations to make a commitment to maintain abandoned lots in their own neighborhoods.

• Enhance the neighborhood setting, protect the value of properties in the area, create unity and instill community pride.
MAYOR’S MOW-DOWN PROGRAM

The Mayor’s Mow-Down Program was created to address the problems of excessive, overgrown grass in Houston neighborhoods. By working with neighborhoods to solve issues of overgrown lawns, the city aims to improve neighborhood aesthetics and reduce the potential for mosquito breeding. The program was launched in 2004.

There are several ways to participate in this program:
- Phone in a complaint
- Report a case online
- Complete an inspection

Complete the form below to participate in the program.

Applicant:
- Street Address:
- City:
- State:
- Zip Code:

Organization:
- Name:
- Phone:
- Email:
- Address:

Fields are mandatory. Please complete all fields.

Under the terms of the program, if the case is not resolved within 48 hours, the city may take action to remove the overgrown lawn. Contact the city if you have any questions.

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# CITY OF HOUSTON MOW-DOWN PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

## Super Neighborhoods/ Civic Clubs
- Chadbury Place
- Heathercrest/ Post Oak Village Civic Association
- Independence Heights Super Neighborhood #13
- South Park Area 237 Civic Club
- Cloverland Civic Club
- Fifth Ward Civic Club
- Settegast Civic Club
- Ella Park Terrace
- Acres Homes Super Neighborhood Council #6

## Community Group Organizations
- Achieving Community Task Successfully
- Building Better Communities
- Global Force G. Five
- Jesus is Alpha And Omega Ministries
- Spirit of The World
- Generation One
- New Harvest
CITY OF HOUSTON MOW-DOWN PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS Cont’d
POTENTIAL COST AVOIDANCE WITH THE MOW-DOWN PROGRAM

493 (lots assigned in the Mow-Down Program which is 33% of the 1500 lots cut by contractors) x $50.00 = $24,650.00 (one cut)

493 (Lots assigned in the Mow-Down Program 2014-2015) + 250 (lots requested additional in FY 2015-2016) = 743 Total Lots for FY 2015-FY 2016 = $37,150.00 (One Cut)

743 x $350.00 (average contractor cost) = $260,050.00 (One Cut, per year)

743 x $50.00 (Mow Down Cost) = $37,150.00 (One Cut)

$260,050.00 - $37,150.00

$222,900.00 Cost Avoidance (One Cut, per year)