

## MEDIA ALERT

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## The Houston Parks and Recreation Department Opens New Nature Walk at Herman Brown Park

TheHouston Parks and Recreation Department will join U.S. Representative Gene Green and City Council Member RobertGallegos to cut the ribbon on the North Shore Community Nature Walk, a major new amenity at Herman Brown Park. Neighbors of the park, students from Furr High School, and members of the North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith Church will take part in the celebration and undertake volunteer projects at Saturday's event.

WHO:	Houston Parks and Recreation Department staff Gene Green, United States Representative, 29 <sup>th</sup> District of Texas Robert Gallegos, Houston City Council District I Furr High School Students Members of the North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith Church
WHAT:	North Shore Community Nature Walk Ribbon Cutting and Volunteer Activities
WHEN:	Saturday, August 22, 2015 Registration 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Volunteer activities 8:15 a.m. – 10:15a.m. Ribbon Cutting 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
WHERE:	East side of Herman Brown Park 444 Maxey Road Houston, TX 77013

The North Shore Community Nature Walk at Herman Brown Park was made possible through a National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) "Parks Build Community" grant sponsored by ABC, ESPN, and Disney. The grant funding has been used to create a 0.5 mile trail with a shade area and seating. The trail is equipped with way-finding signs that highlight natural ecosystems, such as prairie and floodplain forests. To date, a variety of plants and animals from the area have been documented, including 20 species of birds and over 50 plant species.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,859 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the HoustonParks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit <u>www.houstonparks.org</u>.