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Lady Bird Johnson 2nd Annual Wildflower Planting Event

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will hold its Second Annual Lady Bird Johnson Tribute Planting project beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 25. The project follows in the footsteps of Lady Bird Johnson and her work to educate and inform the country of the beauty of the natural world.

"We hope Houstonians will continue to honor the Lady Bird Johnson's early vision of the benefits of conservation and beautification," said Joe Turner, Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Last year we began this project and the response was wonderful. This year we've increased the acreage and anticipate many more volunteers."

Fifty plus acres of parkland and bayou areas have been selected at sites across Houston and have been prepared for planting. They include Memorial Park, Jackson Hill Area, Allen Parkway Corridor, Stude Park, Will Clayton Intercontinental Airport Area, Hobby Airport Entrances, Allen Parkway (Montrose/Studemont Esplanade), Willow Waterhole, Mason Park and the Braeswood Esplanade.

Volunteers are needed at all eleven sites to help sow wildflower seeds.

"We'll be planting Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrushes, Primroses, and a Drummond Phlox mix." said T.J. Marks, HPARD Division Manager of Horticulture Section. "It's not a strenuous project and should be a fun one for families to participate in."

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Seeds and instructions will be provided at each site on planting date. Volunteers are asked to dress for the outdoors and wear closed toed shoes. Children are welcomed as long as they are accompanied by a parent. Registration is encouraged prior to the event but not required. Site maps are available on line at www.houstonparks.org To register contact Oneika McCarthy at (713) 865-9348 or oneika.mccarthy@cityofhouston.net.

For more information on the Lady Bird Johnson Tribute Planting project or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, please call (713) 845-1135 or visit us online at www.houstonparks.org.