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BUFFALO BAYOU PARTNERSHIP
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friends

For nearly 40 years, Buffalo Bayou Partnership has been designing, building, activating, and stewarding beloved and award-winning public spaces. From Sesquicentennial Park, which opened in 1998, to plans for Buffalo Bayou East taking place today, the organization has worked diligently to create parks, trails, and vibrant destinations that all Houstonians and visitors to our city can enjoy.

Through our community engagement efforts, BBP's spaces reflect the desires of the neighborhood residents with whom we work. One of the most notable recent projects, Lockwood on Buffalo Bayou, responds to the community's need for affordable housing. Integrated into more than 10 acres of green space along the eastern stretch of Buffalo Bayou, the 80-unit apartment complex represents a new way of thinking about park development and community planning.

As we design Buffalo Bayou's parks and trails, we continually consider *who* will be using our spaces and *how* they will be using them. Whether for recreation, respite, or entertainment, we pay attention to every last detail. From slides and swings in Tony Marron Park's playground to lighting design for trail safety and visionary public art, we believe each element shapes the visitor experience.

Nevertheless, it's not enough to think only about how people use our spaces. BBP also considers what it takes to attract and protect wildlife. In 2023, our organization's conservation team spent hours surveying existing invasive and native species to inform the design of Buffalo Bayou East sites and collaborated with Harris County Flood Control District on a bank stabilization and restoration project in Buffalo Bayou Park.

In the year ahead, we look forward to activating existing spaces and bringing community events to new spaces in Buffalo Bayou East. With all BBP programming, volunteer activities, and tours, we are committed to creating spaces that can be experienced by people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Please join us as we continue making space for all.

Sincerely,

Gaynell Floyd Drexler
2023 BOARD CHAIR

Anne Olson
PRESIDENT

Mak ing Space

For Community

We build upon our legacy to make spaces that are foundational for the community.



We believe that the best way to make spaces unique and meaningful is through authentic and consistent community involvement. For decades, our dedicated team has woven the input of thousands of individuals into our plans. We continue to enlist community leaders once spaces are open, enabling those who use these amenities to help devise their programming and contribute to sustaining their natural environments.

We make spaces to reflect
and enhance the communities
they serve.

Buffalo Bayou Park

Buffalo Bayou Park is a vibrant, thriving space that draws visitors from around the Houston region and beyond, providing a true sense of belonging and offering opportunities for recreation, relaxation, inspiration, and connection. People from all walks of life can visit the park and

experience something unique each time – whether it is spotting river otters gliding through the bayou waters, joining a Wellness Walk, hosting a picnic in Eleanor Tinsley Park, grooving to music during Jazzy Sundays, or exploring the cathedral-like Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern.

Community Engagement

We broadened our horizons this year in community engagement efforts, expanding our reach to new audiences and media. To answer the needs of the community and strive for inclusivity across all spaces, BBP increased regular Spanish language Cistern and boat tours and Wellness Walks. We also unveiled a new visual identity and website to better reflect our mission, values, and goals. Our first virtual guide, through Bloomberg Connects, offers visitors from near and far the opportunity to explore Buffalo Bayou Park and enhance their experience through self-guided tours, deeper dives into history and design, and behind-the-scenes access.

Over the past year, our Buffalo Bayou Park Volunteer Program engaged more than 2,600 individuals in approximately 8,000 cumulative hours of service. Through these efforts, volunteers were instrumental in mitigating the spread of invasive species, planting new trees and plants, clearing trails of trash and debris, and ultimately improving the resiliency of our public spaces.

At BBP's annual KBR Kids Day in the fall, thousands of families participated in free activities at Tony Marron Park, a key site in the ongoing Buffalo Bayou East transformation. From an immersive butterfly exhibit to local performances, artisan vendors, and nature-based activities, this community event exemplified how public space can bring people of all ages together.



Buffalo Bayou East

We make spaces
for the future.



Transformational projects require sustained time, talent, and support to be realized. Buffalo Bayou East, spanning from US 59 to the Port of Houston, is a commitment to the future of Houston's historic waterway, providing increased connectivity across the 10 miles BBP stewards, enhancing public green spaces in the East End and Fifth Ward, and investing in these historic neighborhoods. Although progress may at times seem incremental, every milestone is a step toward a more connected, resilient, and community-driven future for Buffalo Bayou.

In 2023, BBP made significant strides in many areas of Buffalo Bayou East. After breaking ground on the Lockwood on Buffalo Bayou income-inclusive housing project in late 2022, construction accelerated rapidly. This 80-unit, multi-family building responds to the increased need for affordable housing in Houston. Nestled within 10 acres of green space, Lockwood on Buffalo Bayou will offer mixed-income housing with direct access to trails, parks, and spaces for play and gathering in a central location close to downtown Houston. Construction is slated for completion in summer 2024.

Behind the scenes, BBP was hard at work designing and planning for major Buffalo Bayou East projects, including Tony Marron Park; the green space at Lockwood on Buffalo Bayou; and the first phase of Turkey Bend, a post-industrial warehouse and waterfront wharf. Designs for trail connections on the north and south banks of the bayou just east of US 59 progressed, as well as Marron Park Way, a new street that will connect Lockwood on Buffalo Bayou to Tony Marron Park. BBP also succeeded in acquiring seven new properties and easements to secure connectivity between Buffalo Bayou East spaces.

← LOCKWOOD ON
BUFFALO BAYOU

Making Spaces

For Culture

We make spaces to
illuminate what makes
us unique.



The lush green spaces, expansive trail network, repurposed civic infrastructure, and the waterway itself all make what BBP offers unique. Our events and programs are geared toward connecting people with these spaces and animating them with one-of-a-kind experiences. Through nature walks, educational boat tours, film screenings, and more, visitors have an abundance of opportunities to engage with Buffalo Bayou.

← CISTERN ILLUMINATED

We make spaces that
showcase local artists
and inspire creativity.

Programs

In 2023, the Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern was activated with light and sound through a range of offerings. Regular Sound Healing Meditation classes provided a deeply immersive experience of resounding crystal bowls and chimes to allow participants to connect to themselves and find tranquility in the cool, cavernous space.

The Cistern was enhanced by *Underground Sounds*, an array of enchanting musical performances in collaboration with local performers, and *Cistern Illuminated*, a winter installation of colored lights that came alive with choral performances by the Schola Cantorum of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. With both programs, the angles, acoustics, reflections, and illusory qualities of this historic site were amplified.

Public Art

Public art is a key component of BBP's efforts to create vibrant and inclusive spaces. From landmark permanent sculptures within Buffalo Bayou Park and downtown to temporary, site-specific installations in the Cistern, and longer term creative collaborations with artists in residence, we seek to integrate art consistently and seamlessly into the bayou landscape.

2023 saw the return of *NIGHT LIGHT* to Tony Marron Park. Presented in partnership with Aurora Picture Show, this year's event featured video and multi-media installations by local Houston artists Chap Edmonson, Jamie Robertson, and INPUT OUTPUT. For one night only, this East End park was activated with immersive artworks inspired by and responding to the distinct infrastructural elements of the landscape for thousands of visitors to experience.

← NIGHT LIGHT



We make spaces that honor
history and culture.

Turkey Bend

In April, BBP hosted an open house at Turkey Bend, a dramatic waterfront site within Buffalo Bayou East that will become a cultural and recreational hub. The future of Turkey Bend will include a renovated warehouse for community retail space; an open plaza and graffiti art tunnel; a transformed wharf for gathering, performances, and events; and a new boating center on a protected oxbow.

of discussion included the role of graffiti and street art in similar adaptive reuse projects, the impulse behind the creation of graffiti, and the differences behind sanctioned and non-sanctioned street art. Through this dynamic program, we were able to highlight Turkey Bend's vibrant layers of graffiti with the public and share plans for the future of the site.

Focused on the massive amounts of graffiti at this former barge terminal, the event included a panel of architects, planners, and artists. Topics



Making Space

For Nature

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We make spaces for
people and nature.

Not only does BBP seek to make space for the community to connect with nature, we also preserve space for nature to thrive. Through removing invasive species, establishing and cultivating native plants and ecosystems, and monitoring wildlife habitat, our conservation team can evaluate the health of our urban landscapes and develop plans to bolster their long-term sustainability.



Conservation

One of our most significant conservation projects was the Buffalo Bayou Park Revegetation and Biostabilization

Project, conducted in collaboration with the Harris County Flood Control District. Embankments were seeded with native seed mixes and planted with a variety of grasses, shrubs, and trees whose root systems will stabilize the soil over time, reduce erosion, and foster a healthy riparian zone.

Planting was completed in 2023, and a

two-year monitoring period will follow to ensure successful establishment.

To engage the public with our conservation efforts, Buffalo Bayou Partnership hosts a program series called *Summer Species* focusing on the different flora and fauna that can be found along the bayou. This year, we explored the exciting world of birds. In partnership with Houston Audubon, we flocked together to discover the birds that call Buffalo Bayou home through birding walks, boat tours, lunch and learns, children's story time, and an outdoor film series.



← SUMMER SPECIES BIRDING BOAT TOUR

→ BAYOU-VAC

Green Space and Waterway Maintenance

On land, BBP's maintenance team was at work daily in Buffalo Bayou Park, downtown, and on the trail network. Over the year, with the support of many volunteers, we planted 39,500 trees, 5,000 plants, and installed more than 560 cubic yards of mulch. In addition, the BBP team worked tirelessly to keep our green spaces clean, clear of debris, and open for the public to enjoy.

On the water, the BBP waterway cleanup team collected and removed more than 2,000 cubic yards of floatable trash from the

bayou: enough to fill approximately 167 commercial dump trucks.

Over the past 20 years, this hard-working team has observed, learned, and responded to the changing needs of trash management and mitigation on Buffalo Bayou. Today, they can be found on the water in an innovative custom-built boat known as the Bayou-Vac, removing trash and debris and ensuring the bayou's resiliency for years to come.



Japhet Creek Park

We make spaces clean, safe,
accessible, and resilient.



An exciting development this year was commencement of construction at Japhet Creek, improving this City of Houston park and historic Buffalo Bayou tributary. The Fifth Ward pocket park, located along Clinton Drive on the north side of the bayou, will feature a new entry plaza, expanded trailways for increased accessibility and recreation, native grasses and wildflowers, and enhanced lighting for safety and programming.

In late 2023, BBP's maintenance and conservation teams began work within Japhet Creek Park to ensure plants, trees, and landscaping were successfully established. In the coming years, this park will be connected to the waterfront by way of a trail following along the path of the creek and to Tony Marron Park with a bayou-crossing pedestrian bridge.

Making Space

In Partnership

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Together, we make
spaces for Houston.



Our organization's work is comprehensive and takes the support of many—from community members and governmental officials to volunteers and generous donors. BBP appreciates all the partners who have joined with us this year to safeguard Buffalo Bayou and invest in transformational spaces for a stronger, healthier, and more livable Houston.

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BUFFALO BAYOU PARTNERSHIP REGATTA

On March 11th, more than 400 paddlers joined the 51st Annual Buffalo Bayou Partnership Regatta, the largest canoe and kayak race in Texas. There were many firsts this year, including a new route, which began and finished at Allen's Landing and allowed paddlers to see a different side of Buffalo Bayou.



COCKTAILS IN BLOOM

In June, BBP supporters gathered for the second annual *Cocktails in Bloom*. The venue was The Water Works in Buffalo Bayou Park on the covered terrace where over 100 guests enjoyed refreshing cocktails, tasty bites from M Express Thai Kitchen, live music, and tours of the Cistern.



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BUFFALO BAYOU PARTNERSHIP GALA

More than 400 guests participated in our annual gala held in Buffalo Bayou Park on November 2nd and co-chaired by Gaynell Floyd Drexler and Leigh Smith, pictured above with BBP President Anne Olson. The evening celebrated our organization's efforts of *Branching Out Along Buffalo Bayou* as we continue working east of downtown to deliver vibrant parks, hike and bike trails, pedestrian bridges, and unique waterfront destinations to the Greater East End and Fifth Ward neighborhoods.

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\$10,000-25,000
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Enbridge
The Wortham Foundation, Inc.

\$1,000-9,999
BILL
Crowe LLP
EarthShare of Texas
Enterprise Holdings Foundation
Goldman Sachs
Charlotte Horowitz and Josue R. Maymi *in memory of Lara Dolnik*
NDT Global LLC
NRG
Pickering Energy Partners
John E. Walsh, Jr.

\$100-999
Anonymous *in memory of Lara Dolnik*
Barbara Cooney
Episcopal High School
Knox Interests LLC *in memory of Lara Dolnik*
KR Moore & Associates Inc. *in memory of Lara Dolnik*
Leadstyle LLC *in memory of Lara Dolnik*
Medalist Fitness LLC *in memory of Lara Dolnik*
Mark Andrew Morris
Nathaniel Ng
Rice University
Sempra LNG
Cynthia Weil

IN-KIND
Apache Corporation

PUBLIC ART/PROGRAMMING

\$25,000-80,000
Houston Arts Alliance
The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation
Matt Mullenweg
Alana R. Spiwak and Sam L. Stolbun

\$10,000-20,000
H-E-B
Hobby Family Foundation

Emily Keeton
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Lisa Young and Matt Assiff
Dillon Kyle and Sam Lasseter *in honor of Winifred Riser*
Judy and Scott Nyquist
Winifred and Carleton Riser
Jerome Schultz

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\$435,000
Harris County Flood Control District

\$20,000-75,000
Cheniere
Port Houston
TotalEnergies

\$5,000-10,000
Keep Houston Beautiful
Redwood Capital Management
SM Energy
TPC Group

\$100-1,000
Alliance to End Plastic Waste
Christopher Foyt
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Lisa Lee
State Farm and State Farm Companies Foundation
Triton Container International

IN-KIND
HOW Water
Texas Iron & Metal

HIKE AND BIKE TRAILS

\$100-1,000
Belinda and Christopher Beale
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DiFilippo Family
Wendy and Trent Foltz
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Shirley and Greg Rosin

NORTH CANAL

\$143,000
Kinder Foundation

BUFFALO BAYOU EAST

\$15,000,000
The Brown Foundation, Inc.

\$1,500,000-2,750,000
The Elkins Foundation
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\$100,000-300,000
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MEMBERS AND PATRONS

Throughout 2023, BBP Members enjoyed sunset yoga, wellness walks, and happy hours while learning about conservation, avian ecology, and environmental stewardship. In addition to unique perks from our community partners, members were invited to an exclusive breakfast with BBP President Anne Olson.

By 2032, Buffalo Bayou Partnership and its partners will realize the Buffalo Bayou East 10-Year Plan, bringing parks, trails, bayou-crossing bridges, affordable housing, cultural destinations, and infrastructure improvements to the Greater East End and Fifth Ward. This visionary plan is made possible by a \$100 million catalyst gift from the Kinder Foundation to Buffalo Bayou Partnership, which leveraged significant public support from Harris County and the City of Houston, including Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone funds.

Donors listed include gifts and pledges of \$100 or more made during the fiscal year January 1 to December 31, 2023. Commitments are recognized in full at the time of the pledge. Every effort was made to ensure that the information published is accurate and reflects the requests of individual donors. Should you wish to report a concern regarding information listed, please email giving@buffalobayou.org.

Statement of Financial Position

as of December 31, 2023

ASSETS	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 55,369,746
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	580,230
Contributions receivable	2,506,839
Endowment investments	12,573,908
Property, net	32,157,062
Note receivable	9,700,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 112,887,785

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2023
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 879,063
Deferred revenue	145,000
Deferred land lease	1,453,846
Note payable	2,352,229
Deferred payment loan	9,700,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	14,530,138
NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	35,853,765
With donor restrictions	62,503,882
TOTAL NET ASSETS	98,357,647
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 112,887,785

Statement of Activities

as of December 31, 2023

REVENUE	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
Fees and program revenues:			
Contract service fees	\$ 3,902,275		\$ 3,902,275
Park rentals and fees	1,179,274		1,179,274
Contributions:			
Nonfinancial assets	3,000	\$ 178,072	181,072
Other	732,326	34,465,994	35,198,320
Special events	747,880		747,880
Cost of direct donor benefits	-206,925		-206,925
Investment income	1,196,732	1,301,169	2,497,901
Other income	301,638		301,638
TOTAL REVENUE	7,856,200	35,945,235	43,801,435
Net assets released from donor restrictions	7,496,400	-7,496,400	
TOTAL	\$ 15,352,600	\$ 28,448,835	\$ 43,801,435

EXPENSES		
Buffalo Bayou development, maintenance and park programming	11,549,876	11,549,876
Management and general	735,528	735,528
Fundraising	406,914	406,914
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,692,318	12,692,318

OTHER CHANGES		
Donation of land to City of Houston	-746,840	-746,840

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS			
Changes in net assets	1,913,442	28,448,835	30,362,277
Net assets, beginning of year	33,940,323	34,055,047	67,995,370
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 35,853,765	\$ 62,503,882	\$ 98,357,647

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Buffalo Bayou Partnership creates and stewards welcoming parks, trails, and unique spaces, connecting Houstonians with our city's most significant natural waterway.

VISION

We envision Buffalo Bayou as a unifying and transformative force for Houston.



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