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HOUSTON GALVESTON REGIONAL PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Be part of building a better future for your family!

The Houston Galveston Regional Plan is an important opportunity to explore ways to improve quality of life and economic competitiveness for residents over the next 30 years. This long-term plan looks at ways to build better communities through good jobs, safe and attractive neighborhoods, clean air and water, affordable housing, transportation choices, and open spaces and parks. A major theme of the plan is sustainability, which is a way of thinking about what kind of place we would like the children of today to live in.

The plan covers the 13 counties of the region and is being led by a partnership that includes city and county governments, the Houston-Galveston Area Council, residents, businesses, non-profit groups, and educational institutions.

The region is one of the largest, most diverse, and fastest growing in the nation. More than 6 million people live in the 13 counties now and as many as 10 million people could live here by 2040. The plan is a chance to look forward and find ways to keep the region and its residents thriving for generations to come.

A very important goal of the process is to make sure that the plan reflects ideas from communities across the region. Your input is important because it will help to shape the vision and goals of the

plan. We want to know what you think your community needs to be a better place to raise families and what kinds of opportunities residents need to be part of future economic success.

Draft goals of the plan include:

- Education and training opportunities
- Transportation options, including walking, biking, transit and driving
- Clean and plentiful water, air, soil and food
- Physically and mentally healthy lifestyles
- Coordinated investments in infrastructure, housing, and transportation
- Preserving ecosystems, working landscapes, parks, open spaces
- A range of quality housing choices
- Efficient use, reuse, and conservation of natural resources
- Diverse economy and skilled workforce
- Access to job opportunities
- Transportation and infrastructure that move goods and connect region to the world
- Embracing rich multicultural, historical, and natural assets

Which of these goals are most important to your community? What other goals do you think are important? Your input will help to build safer, healthier communities and a better region in the future.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and a consortium of community partners received a \$3.75 million Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant to develop a regional plan for sustainability for the 13-County Texas Gulf Coast Planning Region. The Regional Plan for Sustainable Development will be a high-level, long-range plan for enhancing the region's quality of life and economic opportunity for residents. This effort is being led by a partnership of 24 organizations, including H-GAC member governments, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and other partners. Learn more about the plan at www.ouregion.org.