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Baytown Receives

Prestigious State Environmental Award

Community One of Only 10 Governor's Community Achievement Award Winners

Baytown, Texas— Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) has recognized Baytown as one of 10 winners of the 2018 Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA) for outstanding community improvement. The award is one of the most coveted annual environmental and community improvement honors in Texas. The winners will share \$2 million in landscape funding from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Baytown will receive \$270,000 for a landscaping project along a local state right-of-way.

Communities submitted materials in one of 10 population categories and judges chose the winners based on their achievements in seven environmental and community improvement areas: community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, litter law and illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and community improvement, and solid waste management.

Keep Texas Beautiful and TxDOT first began working together in the late 1960s and have shared the common goals of making Texas roadways more attractive and safe for motorists and encouraging tourism. Since 1985, KTB has partnered with TxDOT to support its anti-litter and beautification programs such as Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off and the Governor's Community Achievement Awards. The GCAA program has recognized outstanding communities for more than 50 years, with TxDOT providing landscape funding since 1986.

"We're so thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with TxDOT on the GCAA Awards. Congrats to each of the award winners on their hard work beautifying communities across Texas!" says Suzanne Kho, Executive Director of Keep Texas Beautiful.

Baytown will receive its award on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in Georgetown, Texas during KTB's 51st Annual Conference.

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About Keep Texas Beautiful

Keep Texas Beautiful is a network of dedicated Texans working together to make our state the best place to live, work and play. We equip local partners and affiliates with the tools they need to build vibrant, engaged communities. Founded in 1967, Keep Texas Beautiful has over 50 years of experience deploying resources for local clean-up, recycling and youth engagement efforts. Everything we do is focused on mobilizing volunteers to take action across the state. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, we lead nearly



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