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Galveston Bay Foundation to host two volunteer events this weekend to celebrate National Estuaries Week: A beach cleanup in Morgan's Point and an oyster reef restoration event in Galveston

Houston, TX – September 20, 2017 – This week is National Estuaries Week, a week dedicated to highlighting the importance of healthy estuaries, and Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) is celebrating the Bay with a beach cleanup and an oyster reef restoration event.

Galveston Bay is America's seventh largest estuary and the second most productive bay in the country trailing Chesapeake Bay, which is eight times its size. Inflows of fresh water from rivers, bayous, and streams are the lifeblood of an estuary, bringing in nutrients that fuel the food chain and sediments to replenish our wetlands. However, due to Harvey, that healthy mix of fresh water and saltwater is off balance as large amounts of fresh water poured into the Bay during the storm.

GBF has hosted several post-Harvey cleanups and will continue its post-storm work to remove debris at its Texas General Land Office [Adopt-A-Beach site](#), in partnership with Port Houston this Saturday, September 23rd from 8:30am – 12pm in Morgan's Point with the help of nearly 200 volunteers.

Additionally, GBF will host an oyster reef restoration event led by Venture Scouts this Saturday at its Sweetwater Preserve in Galveston from 7:30am – 4pm. Congressman Weber (R-TX 14th District) will come out to the reef restoration event at 9am to speak to the Scouts and help them make oyster shell bags that will be used to construct the oyster bar breakwaters later that day.

For additional information about either event, please contact Claire Everett at ceverett@galvbay.org or call her at 281-332-3381.

This National Estuaries week, we know we have a lot of work to do to get our estuary back on track, but Harvey has reaffirmed the importance of restoring its natural barriers like we will be doing on Saturday, and our mission to keep our Bay a healthy and productive place for generations to come.

About the Galveston Bay Foundation

Established in 1987, the Galveston Bay Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to preserve and enhance Galveston Bay as a healthy and productive place for generations to come. It implements diverse programs in land preservation, habitat restoration, water quality and quantity, youth education, and advocacy. For further information, contact the Foundation at (281) 332-3381, visit www.galvbay.org, like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on twitter @GBayFoundation.