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And the Houston-area water conservation champions are...

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Houston, TX – October 15, 2018 – Galveston Bay Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the *2018 Houston Cities H2O Challenge*: City of Houston won first place, City of Galveston came in second place, and City of Pearland took third place. City representatives will accept awards at the official Challenge announcement during Galveston Bay Foundation's [Bike Around the Bay](#) dinner at 5:30pm on October 20, 2018 at Moody Gardens in Galveston, Texas.

The *2018 Houston Cities H2O Challenge* was a three-month water conservation competition to raise awareness about the need to conserve water for Galveston Bay. The challenge ran from June 4, 2018 to September 28, 2018 and residents and businesses representing more than 30 cities in the Houston-area to took an online [pledge](#) to conserve water. Each pledge submitted earned points for the city where the resident/business/organization was located.

"The health of Galveston Bay depends on adequate amounts of fresh water from our rivers mixing with saltwater from the Gulf of Mexico," said Paula Paciorek, Galveston Bay Foundation Water Resources Manager. "With rapid population growth in our region and the increased demand on water from our rivers, it is imperative that we strengthen water conservation practices. This will ensure that our rivers don't run dry and that we meet the needs of Galveston Bay and the people who live and work here."

The *Houston Cities H2O Challenge* is a product of the Texas Living Waters Project and is made possible by funding from the Houston Endowment. The City of Pearland, the Woodlands Joint Powers Agency and the Gulf Coast Water Authority are partners of Galveston Bay Foundation in this program.

Galveston Bay Foundation is committed to continuing this water challenge and looks forward to launching the next *Houston Cities H2O Challenge* in June 2019.

About 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

About Texas Living Waters Project

The Texas Living Waters Project is a collaboration between National Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club the Lone Star Chapter and Galveston Bay Foundation – to transform the way we manage water so there will be enough for our wildlife, our economy and our kids. Forever. Through this partnership we advocate for balanced, science-based approaches to managing our limited supplies of fresh water. For more information, visit www.texaslivingwaters.org

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