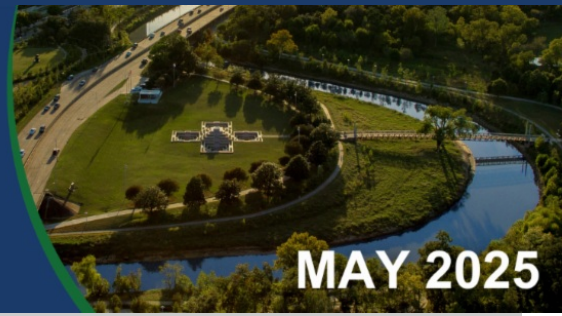




HARRIS-GALVESTON
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DISTRICT NEWS

BIANNUAL E-NEWSLETTER



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1975 - 2025

In 1975, the Texas Legislature established the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District to safeguard the lives and property of residents in Harris and Galveston counties from the devastating effects of subsidence. Since then, the District has successfully paved the way to achieve this mission through its internationally recognized regulatory planning, advanced science and research, dedication to regional collaboration, and award-winning water conservation programs. We take great pride in the progress already achieved; however, there is still much work to do to prevent further subsidence. As Texas' Gulf Coast population grows, the demand for water increases. Our goal is to support this growth by protecting our groundwater resources with reasonable and effective groundwater regulations backed by the best available science, and ensure a sustainable water future free from the impacts of subsidence.

Follow along throughout this year as we celebrate 50 years of service to the community and save the date for our 50th Anniversary Celebration Reception on September 18, 2025. If you'd like to join us at the reception, [sign up here!](#)

TEXAS LEGISLATURE COMMEMORATES HGSD'S 50th ANNIVERSARY ADOPTING HCR 128



The Texas Legislature commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District by adopting a bipartisan bill, [HCR 128](#).

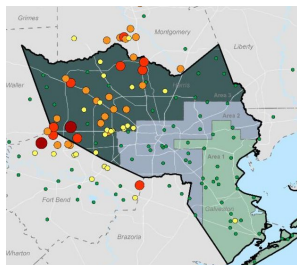
- April 17, 2025 - Adopted by the Texas House of Representatives
- May 6, 2025 - Adopted by the Texas Senate
- May 20, 2025 - Signed by Governor Greg Abbott

Thank you to Representative Dennis Paul and Senator Carol Alvarado for this honor and recognition. It is through the support of our Texas Legislators that we are able to protect our groundwater resources with reasonable and effective groundwater regulations backed by the best available science to ensure a sustainable water future that is free from the impacts of subsidence.

[Learn more here...](#)

SCIENCE & RESEARCH PROGRAM

2024 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER REPORT



Each year, the District combines groundwater withdrawal reports collected from permittees, precipitation data, total water demand, groundwater levels in the Gulf Coast Aquifer System, and additional aquifer and subsidence data in collaboration with several agencies to create the Annual Groundwater Report.

A public hearing was held on April 29, 2025, to review the findings of the 2024 Annual Groundwater Report. On May 14, 2025, the HGSD Board of Directors approved the report, which is now available on our website. Additionally, an interactive subsidence map featuring the most recent data is now available. [Click here to access the Annual Groundwater Report and/or the new interactive subsidence map!](#)

ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLIES IN NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY FEASIBILITY STUDY

In alignment with the regulatory framework and associated objectives outlined in HGSD's Science and Research Plan, and considering HGSD's Regulatory Plan, the timely development of alternative water supplies is necessary to maintain compliance and minimize further subsidence. The District will work with Carollo Engineers, Inc., Civitas Engineering Group, and Intera for a new study to determine the feasibility of the development of alternative water supplies, not sourced from groundwater, in northeastern Harris County.

This study will:

- Investigate sources of alternative water

- Consider the timing of delivery
- Identify potential collaborations and partnerships

The anticipated completion date is Summer 2026.

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

2025 GULF COAST WATER CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM



The District presented the 2025 Gulf Coast Water Conservation Symposium on May 21, 2025, in Houston, TX, bringing together over 150 local water utility and resource managers, engineers, architects, educators, communicators, and community members to learn about water resource management and water conservation. Thank you to our sponsors, speakers, attendees, and staff for making this year a total success!

HGSD WINS BLUE LEGACY AWARD



The Texas Water Foundation presented HGSD with a Blue Legacy Award at the Texas Water Development Board's Water for Texas Conference in Austin earlier this year. This award celebrates innovators who champion the preservation of the state's most precious resource: water. HGSD's Water Conservation School Program was recognized under the "Legacy of Awareness" category for instilling the public with passion and a drive to understand, preserve, and conserve water resources.

WATER CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM



Congratulations to the City of West University Place for the completion of its water conservation project utilizing HGSD's Water Conservation Grant Program. Their smart irrigation project stemmed from the recommendation made by the city's Sustainability Task Force to consider smart irrigation systems for residential and municipal use. The city partnered with Weathermatic for their smart controller products and installation. Weathermatic completed a water use analysis at one of the city's largest greenspace, Colonial Park, and estimated 35% of water savings with smart irrigation technology. [Learn more by clicking here!](#)

Do you have a water conservation project that needs funding assistance? We are here to help. [Learn about our water conservation grant program by clicking here!](#)

SMARTER ABOUT WATER

Join the "Your Better Yard" campaign, created by EPA WaterSense, and make your yard better fit your lifestyle while enhancing your landscape with water-saving techniques. Whether you are a master gardener or someone who wants a low-maintenance garden, [try out some of these tips and ideas for your garden and lawn!](#)

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Join us in celebrating the following staff anniversaries:

January 2025

- Ashley Greuter - 5 years
- Stephanie Lafranca - 2 years

February 2025

- Vanson Truong - 9 years

March 2025

- Casey Hughes - 3 years
- Ana Scheffler - 6 years

April 2025

- Eloy Gonzalez - 12 years
- Jordan Zeller - 7 years

June 2025

- Dylan Jones - 12 years
- Denise Ma - 2 years

July 2025

- Daniel Newcomb - 12 years



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