

## Area Contacts for Conservation-related Eagle Projects

### Harris County Precinct 4 Parks

Precinct 4 has put together a listing of potential scouting or community service projects for many of its parks.

Access the list at

<http://www.hcp4.net/parks/scoutproj.htm>.

### Harris County Flood Control District

9900 Northwerst Freeway

Houston, Texas 77092

713.684.4000

Tree Planting Program - <http://www.hcfcd.org/trees.html>

Storm Water Inlet Marking (S.W.I.M.) - <http://cleanwaterways.org/swim/>

Trails and Our Bayous - <http://www.hcfcd.org/trailsnbayous.html>

### Houston Arboretum & Nature Center

A 155 Acre Non-profit Nature Sanctuary

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### Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center

Harris County Precinct 4

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Service projects that benefit the local environment and are inline with Jones Park's mission statement can fulfill the requirements for scouts working on their Eagle or Hornaday Awards. These service projects can also satisfy scout groups general service projects. Project ideas need to be presented to the park staff at least six months prior to the due date.

### The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to –

Be Clean in my outdoor manners,

Be Careful with fire,

Be Considerate in the outdoors, and

Be Conservation-minded.

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### Legacy Land Trust

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Legacy Land Trust is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to protecting natural areas in the Houston region. We work to protect stream and river corridors, flood buffer zones and provide wildlife with a home – places where they can be undisturbed by traffic, lights and noise. We do this by working with willing landowners who agree to permanently protect their lands from future commercial development. As of 2007, we are proud to announce that we have preserved more than 5,000 acres of land in the surrounding Houston area.

### Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens

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Humble, Texas 77338-1071  
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E-mail: [merceraarboretum@hcp4.net](mailto:merceraarboretum@hcp4.net)

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens is one of the 28 leading botanical gardens and arboretums in the United States that maintains the National Collection of Endangered Plants for the [Center of Plant Conservation](#).

Over three fourths of the endangered plants in the United States occur in the highly diverse ecosystems of Texas, California, Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Mercer shelters over [24 rare plants](#) and several of the plants are on display in the [Endangered Species Garden](#).

### Texas Forest Service

The Texas Forest has a new program on the W. G. Jones State Forest south of Conroe that may be of interest to some Boy Scout troops. The Adopt-a-Cluster program gives scouts and other interested people an opportunity to learn about an endangered species, the red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW), while actively helping to improve the habitat of the species. It makes its nesting and roosting cavities in live pine trees. An area that contains these cavity trees and surrounding trees is called a cluster. RCWs prefer their cluster area to be open and park-like, not crowded with mid-story trees and tall brush. Work that groups could do within these cluster sites would entail clearing mid-story trees and brush next to the cavity trees and within the cluster area, marking cluster boundaries with flagging, and possibly other activities approved by the RCW biologist. Occasional visits to the adopted cluster sites to maintain these sites would be a part of the program. This type of work will benefit the red-cockaded woodpeckers by making the habitat suitable for them to live and raise young. If you would like more information on the Adopt-a-Cluster program, please contact John Ross, District Forester, Texas Forest Service, at (936) 273-2261 in Conroe, or Donna Work, RCW Coordinator, Texas Forest Service, at (936) 639-8180 or [dwork@fs.tamu.edu](mailto:dwork@fs.tamu.edu).