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## Trash Bash Invites Volunteers to Its 30th Annual Cleanup on March 23, 2024

Thousands of volunteers to clean area waterways

The River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash® (Trash Bash®) will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> annual litter cleanup this year, and invites volunteers to come out and "Clean It Like You Mean It!"® on Saturday, March 23, 2024. Trash Bash® is proud of its heritage as the largest, single-day, waterway cleanup in Texas. Over three decades, more than 119,000 volunteers have removed over 2,400 tons of trash, 22.9 tons of recycling, and 12,184 tires from the Galveston Bay watershed.

The cleanup is open to all ages and welcomes individuals, families, scouts, industry, and other groups. Multiple cleanup sites are available across the greater Houston area, and registration is now open for all sites. Cleanup supplies, event t-shirts and lunch are provided to volunteers, and commemorative patches are available for scouts and collectors.

"We are excited to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Trash Bash® cleanup with our wonderful volunteers this March. Whether this is their first cleanup or if they have been joining us for decades, they are the reason Trash Bash® has become such a successful cleanup event helping to keep our waterways clean and beautiful," said Lori Traweek, president of the nonprofit Texas Conservation Fund, which manages Trash Bash® with administrative support by the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Gulf Coast Authority, and a volunteer steering committee.

Trash Bash® would also like to thank the sponsors who continue to show their support for the event and commitment to a cleaner Galveston Bay watershed. "The financial catalyst for Trash Bash's® continued success is our committed sponsors," said Traweek. "They believe in what we are trying to accomplish with our message that prevention is key to controlling litter and we are all responsible to do our part." Trash Bash® 2024 Platinum level sponsors include Blue Triton, Celanese, Chevron Phillips Chemical, Encore Dredging Partners LLC, the Galveston Bay Estuary Program, Harris County Flood Control District, H-E-B, Harris County Precinct 2, Indorama Ventures, Lubrizol Corporation, LyondellBasell, PEMEX Deer Park, Port Houston, Republic Services, Skyward Specialty Insurance, Targa Resources, and TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.

For more information on the 2024 Trash Bash®, including public safety guidelines and online registration links, visit TrashBash.org, email WaterResources@h-gac.com, or call 281-486-9500.

Photographs of past Trash Bash events can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.trashbash.org/photogallery.html">https://www.facebook.com/TrashBash.org/photogallery.html</a> or at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TrashBash/">https://www.facebook.com/TrashBash/</a>.