

EIH's outreach efforts include the creation and dissemination of information via public education displays, lay-language reports and environmental systems data

analyses.

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Pollution Prevention  
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Societal Issues

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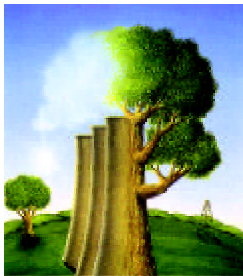
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# Research

The Houston region is a microcosm of global issues. Its ever increasing urban population density poses many challenges for environmental health and quality of life. The human population co-exists with ecologically sensitive bays, marshes, forests and wildlife, which are impacted by a host of human activities.

The Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH) was created to address issues of environmental concern and has become a leader in building partnerships in research, education and outreach. EIH conducts and funds research on regional environmental issues. It encourages academic activities and public discussion on natural resource conservation, pollution prevention, public policy, and



societal issues. EIH supports environmental solutions that balance environmental health and related social issues with economic well being.

EIH is making a difference through environmental education. EIH's environmental education goal is to increase the environmental literacy of the citizens of the greater Houston-Galveston area.

EIH provides technical assistance and professional development opportunities for educators

emphasizing environmental and science education. Educator workshops and credit courses are offered through public and private schools, higher education, nature centers, parks, and other environmental education providers.

Our staff also provides the community with a source of knowledge oriented to the conservation of biodiversity and non-renewable and renewable resources. EIH offers research, consultation, workshops, technical assistance, internships, and access to environmental information to objectively expand the knowledge base of Houston's diverse communities.

# Community

EIH's Public Participation and Outreach Program has two major focuses. EIH staff work to incorporate public input into the formal decision making process through stakeholder facilitation. This facilitation enhances the public's ability to access, understand and utilize technical and policy information. It enables citizens to effectively communicate their views to the scientific community and policy-makers.

# Education