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## HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGIONAL PLAN KICKS OFF

***Residents are Encouraged to Share their Ideas about what their Communities and the Region Should Look Like for Future Generations***

**COMMUNITY** (January 31, 2012) – Residents, business owners, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and local government representatives have teamed up in an unprecedented effort to develop a regional plan for the 13-county area. In addition to Fort Bend, the region includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Galveston, Liberty, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton counties.

More than 6 million people now live in the region and as many as 4 million new people could live in the 13-county area by 2040. This two-year planning project is the first step in answering questions such as “Where will those residents live?” “How will they move around the region?” and “How will change affect quality of life?”

Over the next two months residents will have an opportunity to give their feedback on what they think are the most pressing issues facing their communities and the region overall and share their hopes for what a better tomorrow may look like.

A very important goal of the planning process is to make sure that the plan reflects ideas from all parts of the region. Residents can share their ideas as part of upcoming public meetings to be held in each county, a survey, and an on-line forum. Community visioning sessions will kick off in early February. The following locations will be the most convenient for our Fort Bend County residents:

Tuesday, February 7, 6-8 p.m.  
George Memorial Library  
1001 Golfview Drive  
Richmond, Texas 77469

Wednesday, February 8, 6-8 p.m.  
City of Sugar Land City Council Chamber  
2700 Town Center Blvd., North  
Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.-Noon  
Hiram Clark Multi-Service Center  
3810 W. Fuqua  
Houston, Texas 77045

Public input will help set goals and priorities for the plan. The plan will explore opportunities to improve the region's most significant resources, including clean air and water, good jobs, safe and attractive neighborhoods, affordable housing, transportation choices, and open spaces and parks.

The first phase of the plan will focus on setting goals and a vision for the region and its communities. Later phases will look at different ways that the region can grow and develop implementation steps to encourage sustainable, economically competitive places for current and future residents. The final document will offer strategies and projects that local communities can voluntarily select. This menu will include different options appropriate for coastal, rural, suburban and urban areas.

For more information on the plan and a listing of all the upcoming meeting dates or to become a Community Ambassador Team volunteer, please visit <http://www.ourregion.org>. You can also email [ourregion@h-gac.com](mailto:ourregion@h-gac.com) or call 713-463-8200.

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Our Region Fort Bend County VISIONING SESSIONS

# Make a difference in the future of your community!

You are invited to share your ideas about what your community and region should look like for future generations during a public meeting on:

Tuesday, February 7, 6 to 8PM

GEORGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY - 1001 Golfview Drive, Richmond

Wednesday, February 8, 6 to 8PM

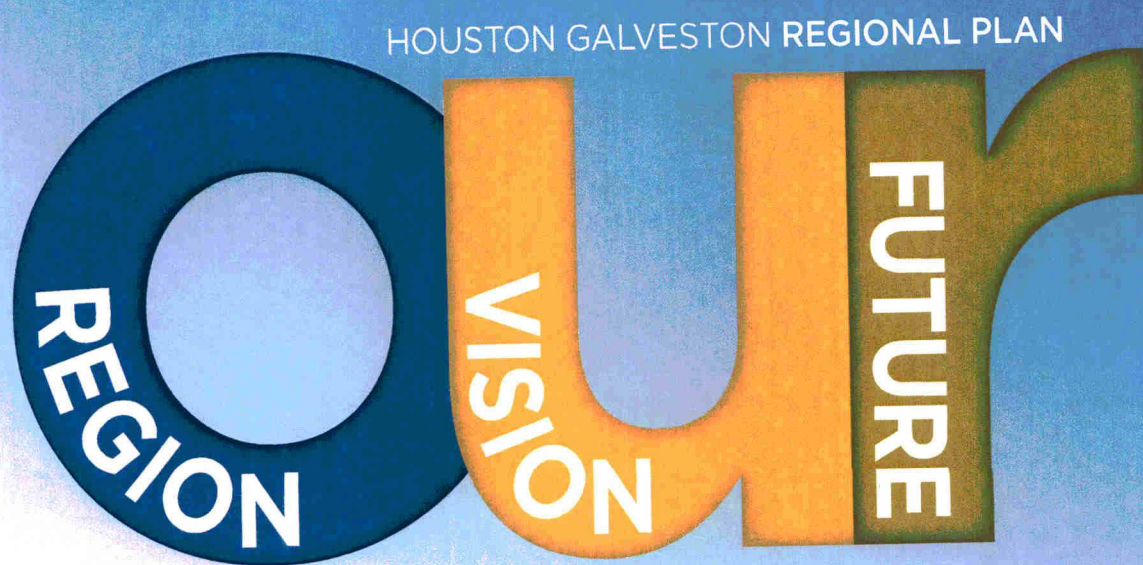
CITY OF SUGAR LAND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER - 2700 Town Center Blvd. North

Your input will help set goals and priorities for the Houston Galveston Regional Plan. This 13-County plan is an important opportunity to explore ways to strengthen our most significant resources, including clean air and water, good jobs, safe and attractive neighborhoods, affordable housing, transportation choices, and open spaces and parks.

Plan to attend and help make the vision for a better tomorrow a reality.

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