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**Sprint Waste Gift Supports Urban Reforestation in Houston Parks  
in 'First of its Kind' Carbon Capture and Storage Exchange**

HOUSTON (March 18, 2022) — Sprint Waste Services LP, a leading regional provider of industrial and commercial waste management services, is pleased to announce 525 trees will be planted and maintained in five Houston parks thanks to an agreement between the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) and land preservation nonprofit Texas Coastal Exchange (TCX). In what is considered a “first of its kind” in the Houston region, the trees will be planted with a TCX grant funded in partnership with Sprint Waste, which will then be awarded nature-based carbon dioxide removal and storage credits.

TCX will pay for the trees to be planted and maintained by the City of Houston, with 20% of the trees being set aside as a buffer to offset tree loss over the term of the project. This way, the Houston Parks Department receives payment for trees it otherwise could not afford to plant and maintain, and Sprint Waste receives carbon credits to apply against the company’s carbon footprint.

In announcing the agreement, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said, “This project is a great example of how we are simultaneously advancing the City’s climate action and resilience goals outlined in the Houston Climate Action Plan and in Resilient Houston. The private sector investing in nature-based solutions helps our city in reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, while at the same time restoring, protecting and enhancing our urban greenspaces, and improving the quality of life of Houstonians.”

Joe Swinbank, Sprint Waste Services co-owner and partner, agreed and pointed to how creative, nature-based carbon solutions like this agreement can be an important path forward to model how companies, cities and environmental groups can work together to achieve their sustainability goals and benefit everyone involved. In June 2020, [Sprint Waste made a donation to TCX](#) to create the carbon dioxide removal and storage credits, as well as help expand TCX’s carbon sequestration program into both Texas coastal and urban areas.

“This tree-planting program is an example of how everyone wins when we all work together to embrace new and emerging decarbonization solutions to address climate change,” Swinbank said. “We are excited at Sprint Waste to unveil this urban forestry aspect of our partnership with the Texas Coastal Exchange and thrilled these Houston parks and underserved neighborhoods will also benefit.”

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The parks to receive trees this fall include Gragg, King Estates, Schnur, Beverly Hills and Glenshire. The trees will generate a total of 1,250 tons of carbon dioxide removal and storage over the 25-year term of the deal, according to the TCX, which developed the methodology for establishing the value of the carbon storage of trees planted from U.S. Department of Agriculture-published data. The tree plantings will be a mix of native species (red maple, sugarberry, sweet gum, loblolly pine, laurel oak and live oak) with an expected lifespan of more than 50 years.

Sprint Waste President and CEO Dave Nelson said he is pleased the company's work with TCX will add needed trees in these parks and maintain them for the long term. "As more businesses and industries come to see the mutual advantages of these creative carbon credit programs, we hope companies across our region will join us in similar partnerships that make our cities and communities better places to work and live."

With origins in an ecological research project at Rice University, TCX was formed in 2018 to compensate landowners for the services their natural ecosystems provide, such as removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing storm water, buffering hurricane surge, and providing habitat for fish and wildlife. TCX works with corporations, foundations, churches and civic organizations regarding large-scale, carbon-capture projects along the Texas coast.

### **About Sprint Waste Services**

Sprint Waste Services LP is a premier, full-service provider of waste and environmental services to industrial, commercial and large manufacturing companies along the Gulf Coast. Since 2006 the company has provided waste collection, equipment rental, hauling and turnkey managed solutions across enterprises from small industrial centers and construction sites to the world's largest energy companies. Today the company's more than 600 employees at 14 locations help customers handle their entire waste stream in safe, efficient, cost-effective and more sustainable ways. For more information, please visit [www.sprintwaste.com](http://www.sprintwaste.com).

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