



Environmental Institute of Houston



The University of Houston System established the **Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH)**<sup>1</sup> in 1991 to address regional issues of environmental concern. Since then, the institute has become a leader in **building partnerships in research, education, and outreach**. EIH is funded by the Texas Legislature as well as grants, interagency contracts, service agreements, and donations from agencies, corporations, foundations and individuals. EIH's affiliation with the University of Houston-Clear Lake, an institute of higher education, can facilitate rapid interagency agreements and contracts with state agencies. EIH has a long history of partnering with local and state agencies through interagency agreements. EIH possesses state of the art instrumentation and experienced staff with comprehensive training and skills who support the institute's three primary programs.

## MISSION

Advance understanding of the environment through interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach.

## PROGRAMS

- **Research.** EIH conducts research on environmental issues with an emphasis on developing and implementing real-world solutions. EIH research activities are focused on water resources, wetlands, fisheries, and wildlife conservation and management. EIH scientists apply their diverse backgrounds to conduct research and monitoring projects that address a wide range of environmental issues and information needs statewide and throughout the Gulf of Mexico.
- **Education.** EIH offers programs for adults and children that are designed to encourage individuals to connect to nature, increase access to the environment, and provide education for both personal and environmental health. Programs include summer nature camps, classes for elementary grade school students, teacher training workshops, and family events on the UHCL campus.
- **Outreach.** The public outreach component of our projects includes the creation and dissemination of information via public presentations, educational displays, lay-language reports, and environmental data analysis. Additionally, EIH provides seminars and workshops to interested citizens, teachers, and technical audiences on subjects ranging from water quality to environmental education.

## CONTACT

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<sup>1</sup>EIH was originally called the “Environmental Studies Partnership” to emphasize the importance of academic and public partnerships involved in the creation of the institute to solve regional environmental issues. It is still referred to as this partnership in state legislative appropriation language.