



BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

GREATER INWOOD PARTNERSHIP

Greater Inwood Partnership

Representing a population of 80,000 in 16 neighborhoods, the Greater Inwood Partnership has been working aggressively since 1992 to transform this area and in doing so, instilled a new sense of pride in their neighborhoods.

The group's work has accomplished a great deal: 32 esplanades irrigated, 76 esplanades beautified with 697 trees and 3,323 shrubs, found sponsors to maintain 70 esplanades, picked up 148 tons of trash, filed 100+ trespass affidavits with the Houston Police Department, and removed thousands of bandit signs.

Volunteers devoted more than 30,000 hours and community service probationers added about 12,000 hours more. Help also came from dozens of businesses, four apartment complexes and six schools. A total of \$161,112 in cash and in-kind contributions also helped make the Inwood area bloom.

Each esplanade design varies yet maintains a common theme that enhances both the uniqueness and continuity of the project along various corridors in the area. The plant selection ensures color year-round as well as plenty of new shade trees to help cool the urban landscape. Leaves and mown grass from the community are used as mulch.

A commemorative tree program allowed for certain trees to be dedicated in honor of special community people. Two memorial esplanades have become so popular that residents now request contributions to the project in lieu of flowers for loved ones when they die. Seven more barren esplanades are being planted this fall, adding 70 shade trees and dozens of rose bushes to the area.

The Inwood Partnership is an outstanding example of neighborhood activism and transformation.