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Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens and The Mercer Society (TMS) present their first Annual Sustainable Landscape Conference on **Friday, October 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** “*Go With the Flow: Stormwater Management in a Challenging Environment*”. The Greater Houston region is experiencing wild swings in rainfall that are generating both raging floods and severe drought, leading to catastrophic loss of property and productivity. How can we build our infrastructure to protect ourselves from these disasters while conserving a precious resource?

This conference, led by engineers, landscape architects, and public park and infrastructure managers, will offer first-hand insight into, and examples of, cutting-edge solutions being implemented in a diverse range of local projects.

This timely and informative event is geared for a wide audience, from professionals working with planning and land development, to the average homeowner. A total of 5.5 professional continuing education credits will be available to attendees who request them.

The conference takes place at the Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center, 1300 Riley Fuzzell Road, Spring, Texas. Speakers include Charles Penland from Walter P. Moore, Christopher Browne and Katie Golzarri from EHRA, and David Batts of Construction EcoServices. Special lunchtime keynote addresses will be presented by Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, Montgomery County Precinct 4 Special Counsel Robert Collins, and Harris County Public Infrastructure Department Team Leader Nick Russo. The conference finishes with a visit to Mercer Arboretum to tour a new stormwater retention demonstration area.

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R. Jack Cagle, Commissioner

General Conference fee: \$112 for TMS members, \$125 for non-members. Professional CEU Credit seekers: \$135 for TMS members, \$150 for non-members. For more information call: (281) 443-8731, email: msociety@hcp4.net, or visit www.themercersociety.org.

This event is made possible via a collaborative sponsorship by Greater Houston Partnership, Houston Land/Water Sustainability Forum, EHRA, Walter P Moore, American Planning Association Texas Chapter and Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center.

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, a Harris County Precinct 4 facility under the leadership of Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, is located at 22306 Aldine Westfield Road, one mile north of FM 1960. Harris County Precinct 4 programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, sex, religion, national origin, or physical ability. Anyone requiring special assistance to participate in any program should contact Mercer at (281) 443-8731. Information can also be found online at www.hcp4.net/merc.