Houston Tomorrow Receives Sustainability Grant from Mitchell Foundation

September 7, 2011 – Houston, Texas... Houston Tomorrow has received a three-year, $150,000 grant from the Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation to support the organization’s work on sustainable development in the Houston region. Houston Tomorrow is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all the people of the Houston region through research, education, and discussion.

A major purpose of the grant is to support Houston Tomorrow’s role to inform and help guide the 13-county Houston region’s three-year effort to create a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. The initiative is hosted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council using a $3.75 million grant from the federal Sustainable Communities Partnership of the Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Houston Tomorrow is a leading member of the management consortium consisting of eight major policy-making entities, including City of Houston and several counties, as well as 12 area nonprofits working in a variety of fields.

“Sustainability requires a balanced approach to the economy, the community, and the environment. It is only through such a holistic public and private approach to these issues that the people of the Houston region can thrive,” said David Crossley, Houston Tomorrow founder and president. “ We are honored that the Mitchell Foundation has recognized our 13 years of research and education on quality of life issues and thank the trustees for their continued leadership in sustainable development.”

Houston Tomorrow will establish the Mitchell Fellowship for Sustainability, a position that will be responsible for research, education, and discussion into the dynamics of sustainability as they relate to the Houston region's six million people and hundreds of political jurisdictions.

Houston Tomorrow founder and president David Crossley will be the first Mitchell Fellow. He has led the Sustainable Houston Initiative in the region since 1998. Crossley has written countless documents about sustainable development and delivered more than 700 presentations over 13 years.

The Mitchell Foundation gift is in the form of a challenge grant. Houston Tomorrow will seek 1:1 matching funds equal to $50,000 each year for three years.

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