

### **LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT AT BARONRIDGE PARK MOVING FORWARD**

At our annual meeting in May, 2008, the Galveston Bay Foundation (“GBF”) made a presentation to promote what they called a “Living Shoreline” at Baronridge Park. It was unclear at the meeting if CLFCA would be responsible for some of the funding or if GBF would be able to obtain funding. At our January, 2009 monthly meeting, members from GBF provided the Board with an update and indicated that the project could be funded by GBF.

The project would be a way to better preserve the waterfront area at the Park by creating a barrier roughly 20 feet out from the shoreline and planting an assortment of plants to thwart erosion to the shoreline instead of expanding the bulkhead. This type of project has been successfully implemented on various waterways in the Harris County area. The attached pictures are from GBF and reflect an example as to what is envisioned for the Park and various stages of other projects that GBF has done in the Clear Lake, Harris County area.

The Board has always sought to complete the bulkheading of the shoreline to preserve it or find a better way to accomplish this task at a lesser cost. The cost has always been a major stumbling block. After discussing the project and viewing “conceptual drawing”, the Board voted to move forward with the project allowing GBF to survey the shoreline enabling them to come up with a better idea of the dimensions involved in order to proceed with the next phase. The Board also agreed at the appropriate time to seek funds from the Pasadena “Neighborhood Network” grant program to assist GBF, but not to use funds from CLFCA.