



# Community Service and Leadership – Top Priorities at SJRA

By: Ronda Trow

Over the years, the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) has found that engaging in community service gives our employees the opportunity to become active members of our community, and that outreach has a lasting, positive impact on both the community at large and our employees. Volunteerism enables SJRA employees to get to know our neighbors and provide a service to those who need it.

Participating in these events not only makes a difference to the organization and people being served, but also impacts those serving. It also helps our employees become more aware of what their community needs.

SJRA most recently participated in the following events:

## Village Tree Planting

Volunteers from young children to retired folks can make a difference at the annual Tree Planting event. As an important part of Montgomery County's Reforestation Program, volunteers help to plant thousands of trees.

## Earth Day GreenUP

This is an annual community-wide stewardship project. Employees were able to spend time outdoors by joining a cleanup crew bagging trash from the streets, pathways, and streams.

## Texas Wildlife & Woodland Expo



SJRA employees had a booth at the annual Texas Wildlife & Woodland Expo. It affords families, youth, and adults a chance to get outdoors – learn about the natural environment – and recognize the significance healthy forests, trees, wildlife, and pollinators have on clean air, clean water, and our overall health. We were able to educate the community on the many functions of Lake Conroe.



## Leadership at Work

And last, but definitely not least, we are very proud of our Leadership SJRA team who recently installed storm water inlet markers in April Sound. In one day, the group of employees were able to place approximately 450 medallions. These markers serve as a reminder that anything that is put down the storm water inlets eventually ends up in Lake Conroe.

Leadership SJRA is a professional development program designed to offer SJRA employees an opportunity to expand their knowledge of SJRA operations, gain a broader understanding of the water industry, grow their leadership skills, and deepen their relationships with other employees across our organization. ♦

