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**Keep Houston Beautiful, HSBC-North America, Republic Services, Embark Tree and Landscape Services, and Marathon Oil will Beautify Spring Shadows Elementary School**  
Project goal is to engage parents with their children's school and education

**HOUSTON** - On Saturday October 20, 2007 Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) in conjunction with HSBC-North America's Beneficial branches, Republic Services, Embark Tree and Landscape Services, and Marathon Oil will work together to re-landscape the front entrance of Spring Shadows Elementary School, located at 9725 Kempwood in Spring Branch. The landscaping project will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will last until 2:00 p.m. Parents and teachers as well as volunteers from Cypress Ridge High School National Honor Society will participate.

To help with the beautification project, HSBC is contributing \$2,000 in financial support for landscaping materials. "HSBC is interested in funding opportunities to improve communities and engage its volunteers in experiences to network with others," says District Sales Manager, Richard Rink. "HSBC is strongly committed to encouraging students and teachers to get out and garden".

James M. Del Greco, with Embark Tree and Landscape Services, is the project manager for volunteer crews. Lunch is being provided by Republic Services. Keep Houston Beautiful is facilitating the project and loaning gardening tools for the event. Marathon Oil and Republic Services employee volunteers will lend a helping hand.

"I can't think of a better way to welcome children and parents to school than to have a beautifully landscaped front door. On behalf of the teachers and Spring Branch Elementary, I would like to thank all of the volunteers for enhancing the appearance of our school", said Cathie Erickson, Spring Shadows Elementary School Principal.

For additional information about the **Spring Shadows Elementary Landscaping**, please visit the Keep Houston Beautiful website at [www.houstonbeautiful.org](http://www.houstonbeautiful.org) or click [here](#) to download the flyer.