



# DISCOVERY GREEN

HOUSTON, TEXAS

## GREAT PUBLIC SPACE DESIGNEE—2019

Discovery Green was envisioned by several committed Houston philanthropists, who saw the space as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create an urban park that would redefine the landscape of Downtown Houston. After one of the first public-private partnerships of its kind, the belief that parking lots could become lush spaces filled with green grass, colorful art and people who reflect the fabric of Houston came to fruition.

A significant amount of public input was sought to help design the park and to better understand what kind of space was desired. This park had an opportunity to be all things to all people at all stages of life. In less than four years, the site that became Discovery Green was transformed from an undeveloped, concrete eyesore into a beautiful and vibrant destination that has been transformational to the lives of Houstonians and visitors. Since the opening of Discovery Green in 2008 more than 15 million people have explored, played, gathered and connected here. The park has access to nearby transit including bus stops and rail line, plus has three bike share docking stations around the perimeter of the park.

The park is programmed 24-7 with events, celebrations, active public art installations, kayaking and ice skating (at the same time), concerts, food trucks, and restaurants. It has become the heartbeat of Houston, the place where generations of family gather together to laugh, play, love and learn. It's a park that welcomes all people from all places. Discovery Green is a virtual reflection Houston, representing a wide swath of ethnicities and interests.

