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### **SPI receives Governor's Community Achievement Award**

**South Padre Island, TX, April 16, 2020:** Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) has recognized the City of South Padre Island for winning 1st place in Category 1 in the 2020 Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA) for outstanding community improvement. KTB, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), has awarded the GCAA to Texas communities for more than 50 years. This year, ten winning communities will share \$2 million in landscape funding from TxDOT, and the City of South Padre Island will receive \$90,000 for a landscaping project.

The award is one of the most coveted annual environmental and community improvement honors in Texas. A community's environmental program is judged by a group of diverse, multi-sector judges on achievements in seven environmental and community improvement areas: public awareness and outreach, environmental education, beautification and community improvement, litter prevention and cleanup, solid waste management, litter law and illegal dumping enforcement.

"It's a true honor to accept this distinguished award that recognizes the hard work of Parks & Keep South Padre Island Beautiful, our community and City staff," said J. Victor Baldovinos, Environmental Health director. "It is very rewarding to see that our peers along with Keep Texas Beautiful notice our commitment to sustainable living that has a positive impact on our delicate environment."

The GCAA program has recognized outstanding communities since 1969, with TxDOT providing landscaping award funding since 1985. To learn more about GCAA and this year's winners, visit [ktb.org/gcaa](http://ktb.org/gcaa).

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