



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: Office of the City Manager **DATE:** July 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Recognition - Governor's Community Achievement Award

PRESENTER: Kathy Luppy, Keep NRH Beautiful Chair

SUMMARY:

Ms. Kimberly White with Texas Department of Transportation, Fort Worth District Landscape Architect, will present the Governor's Community Achievement Award to the City of North Richland Hills.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) has recognized North Richland Hills as one of 10 winners of the 2016 Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA) for outstanding community improvement. The award is one of the most coveted annual environmental and community improvement honors in Texas. The winners will share \$2 million in landscape funding from the Texas Department of Transportation. North Richland Hills will receive \$250,000 for a landscaping project along a state maintained right-of-way.

Communities submitted materials to one of 10 population categories and judges selected winners based on their achievements in seven environmental and community improvement areas: community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, litter law and illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and community improvement, and solid waste management.

Keep NRH Beautiful has been a Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate for over 20 years. North Richland Hills previously won this award in 2005 and 2010. Those awards funded the Emerald Hills Bike Plaza and the median landscaping on Boulevard 26 at Loop 820.