



NEWS RELEASE

Hope for Texas Sea Turtles

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (March 2, 2010) – *Walk in the Woods* Nature Lecture Series presents *Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle: Conservation of a Rare Texas Treasure* with Carole Allen on Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at McCullough Jr. High School.

Mrs. Allen was recently recognized as a “New Eco Role Model” by *O Magazine* for her conservation work as founder of HEART, *Help Endangered Animals-Ridley Turtles*. The non-profit organization focused attention on the heart-shaped turtle that nests on the Gulf Coast.

Kemp's Ridley turtles are smallest of the ocean-dwelling species. Citizen scientists have documented increased nesting activity on the Texas Coast each year for the past six years, according to reports.

“Public education is the key to its recovery,” Mrs. Allen explained. Currently the Gulf Office Director of Sea Turtle Restoration Project, Mrs. Allen is working on a documentary about the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle.

Mrs. Allen's presentation on March 11 chronicles the perilous journey of the rare Texas treasure, celebrating conservation efforts.

A free program of The Woodlands Township, *Walk in the Woods* Nature Lecture Series is held in the L.G.I. Lecture Hall at McCullough Jr. High School, 3800 S. Panther Creek Drive. Sponsors include The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N., Waste Management, Hilton Courtyard Inn and The Pineywoods Nursery. For more information, visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov or call Environmental Services at 281-210-3900.

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Photo: Satellite monitoring and conservation efforts on the Texas coast are giving new hope for the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. Learn more about the endangered species at a free program on Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at McCullough Jr. High School.



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