

## Achieving Community Tasks Successfully (ACTS)

Achieving Community Tasks Successfully (ACTS) is focused on action. After years of community service and grassroots capacity building in the Houston, Texas area, the goal of ACTS is to share information with current and future community leaders.

ACTS board members' experiences are used to assist the communities they live in or support to improve the quality of life. ACTS provides education and training, makes and leverages connections to drive social and environmental change, and empowers residents through citizen science. ACTS has been able to network with academia, NGOs and other community based organizations for collaborations.

ACTS has raised awareness and documented their community environmental history. They have also conducted community outreach on issues of environmental justice around pollution in their community, the impacts of flooding, and food insecurity.

ACTS has engaged the community to fight for healthy air quality. As an organization, ACTS sees benefits of citizen science to communities resulting in empowerment and an opportunity for inter-generational engagement. ACTS has led a GIS (geographic information systems) mapping of community amenities and disamenities, flooding vulnerabilities, and trained residents in human-subject research and community-led air monitoring.

