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## ABOUT THE COVER



Parks benefit public health in many ways, from improving stormwater management to mitigating disparities associated with physical and mental health. Parks and recreational areas can be adversely

impacted by disasters and perceptions of post-disaster environmental contamination of parks can limit resident willingness to use parks and thus their benefits. This month's cover article, "Resident Perceptions of Environmental Pollution in Recreational Areas Flooded by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas," surveyed residents in Houston who were using parks in the months following Hurricane Harvey. The study shows that residents desire more information about potential risks to health from environmental pollution in parks and are willing to take mitigating actions if made aware of their necessity and effectiveness.

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