

# ExxonMobil

On this Planet and Probably the Next





# Baytown

## A Letter from a Lone Star Environmentalist

To the residents of Baytown,

I want to express my gratitude to those who took the time to speak with me. I've come to learn that Baytown has a complicated and nuanced relationship with ExxonMobil. There is no denying the impact on the community and the thousands of employees that they employ.

I wonder, though, if that truly outweighs their detrimental impact on our environment, on our health.

The broad reach ExxonMobil has across Texas, the impact they have on our waterways, our ecosystem, and our air, truly cannot be ignored. The closer of proximity you are to these refineries, the worse it only gets. All of what ExxonMobil gives, your community deserves. And you should demand more. We should all demand more.

We deserve clean air and clean water. We deserve stricter regulations to ensure those very things. ExxonMobil is a large presence in Texas, in Baytown, but that should not allow for accountability to be swept aside.

The fight is not with ExxonMobil alone, and it certainly won't end here, but I hope this marks first steps for some, continuing steps for others, for us as Texans to demand for clear, concise accountability.





## **Big Profits, Small Fines**

ExxonMobil reported record breaking profits of \$55.7 billion for 2022. Since 2000, they have accumulated roughly 432 environmental violations which resulted in roughly \$2,181,414,959 in fines.

However, in comparison to just their 2022 profits alone, those fines pale in comparison. It is approximately 3.9% of their 2022 profits. With such high profits, environmental fines are essentially a slap on the wrist.

## **Lawsuits Are All The Same**

Lawsuits are not exactly different from violations, most stemming from environmental violations. ExxonMobil has a history of excessive flaring, worker injuries, and explosions. In 2023, five workers were awarded \$28.5 million due to their injuries in a plant explosion. A small dent in comparison to their massive profits for 2022. ExxonMobil is also currently still in a legal battle with environmental groups and residents of Baytown that began in 2010 that does not seem to have an end in sight. However, with how much ExxonMobil can afford to pay, a longstanding legal battle does not mean much to them.

*Sources: NPR, CNBC, Houston Press, Washington Post*





**“Leading Carbon Capture” by Capturing  
Less than 2% per Year of the 730 Million  
Tonnes of the 2019 Annual Emissions  
Released by ExxonMobil Alone.**



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"When all the water  
is gone, you can't drink  
Record Breaking profits"  
- Some old Exxon employee  
I really wish the  
TEQ would impose  
more stringent punishments  
towards the petrochem  
industry. Having better  
Environmental management  
would guarantee future  
generations the right to  
clean water.

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I'm a big nature lover and it is  
important to me to protect the  
earth and its natural spaces so  
that not only I can enjoy them,  
but future generations as well.

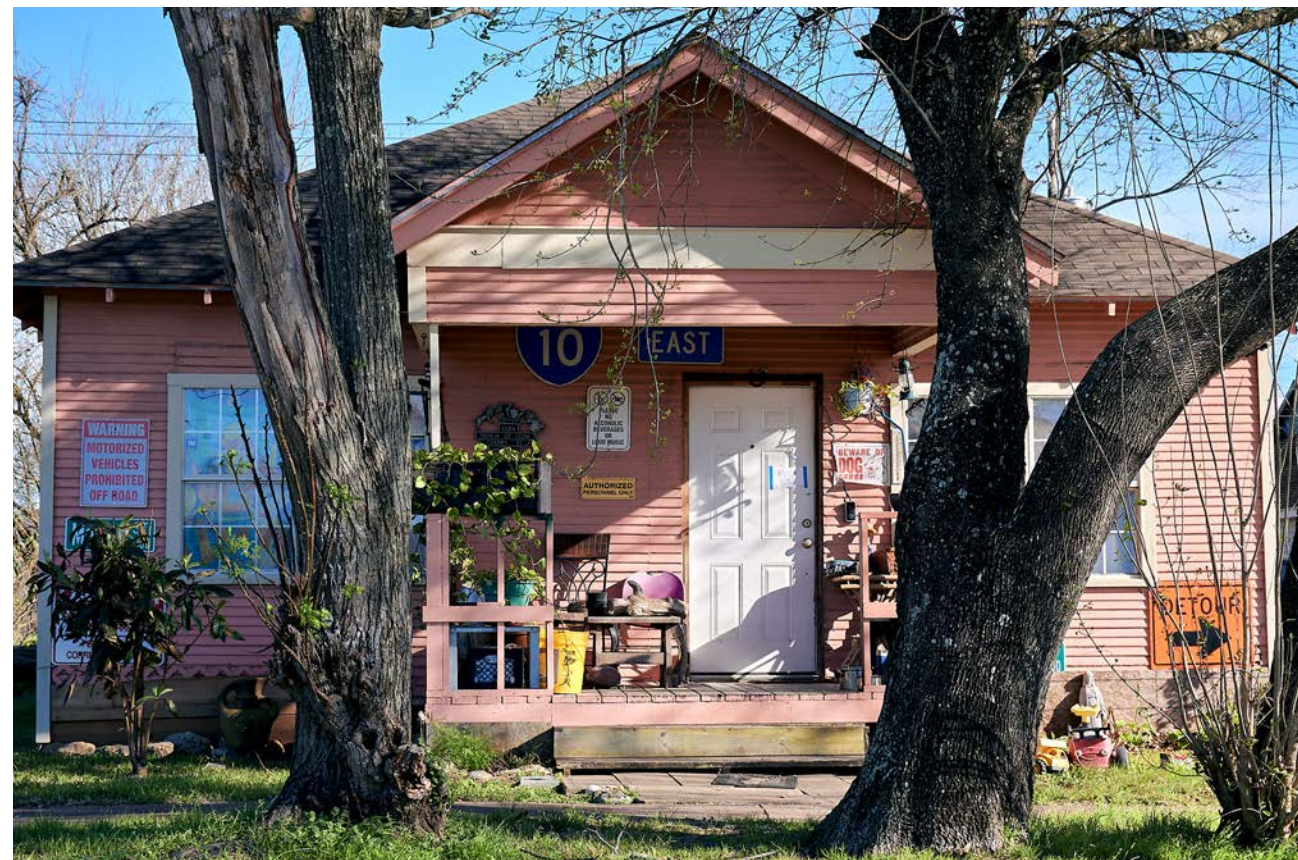
## Little Regulation, and Still Violating Permit Limits

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) both set limits on certain pollutants, provide permit limits, and penalize any violations. The TCEQ has penalty fines up to \$25,000 per day for water violations, while the EPA has penalty fines up to \$100,000 per day of pollution. By failing to set limits on pollutants that need them, failing to update their permits, and providing penalties that are nothing in comparison to profits, most water pollution, including ExxonMobil's contribution to the 55 million gallons of wastewater full of harmful pollutants being dumped into local waterways, goes without true regulation because companies are not incentivized to stop even when they are violating the already lax permit limits.



## Company Town, but Not Quite

ExxonMobil, formerly known as Humble Oil & Refining Company, has a history of providing housing for employees and even offering low-interest home loans. As they started building the refinery, employees would be set up in war-like tents. As the company grew, the infrastructure expanded into housing and offering of lots for employees to build. A company funding housing, especially in the early 1920's when Humble Oil & Refining was first being built, is edging dangerously close to a company town. While Humble Oil & Refining never created a company town, with such a large presence in aspects even outside of job opportunities, it opens the door for a long-standing reliance on the company where it matters most; financially.



*A company town is place where practically all stores and housing are owned by the one company that is also the main employer Without external competition, housing costs and groceries in company towns could become exorbitant, and the workers built up large debts that they were required to pay off before leaving.*

*"Houston's (and obviously lots of Gulf Coast communities) relationship with the O&G companies makes me think a lot of the relationship between massive coal companies & subcontracted mining companies and the Appalachian residents who have been working for those mining operations for a couple centuries. [...] The health and environmental damages due to coal mining are widely known, and while communities exist around coal mining, the companies that have profited immensely from those damages won't be sticking around to help rebuild a culture or community afterwards." -Reddit User compassion\_is\_enough*



# Member of Trade Associations with Histories of Lobbying Against Climate Measures





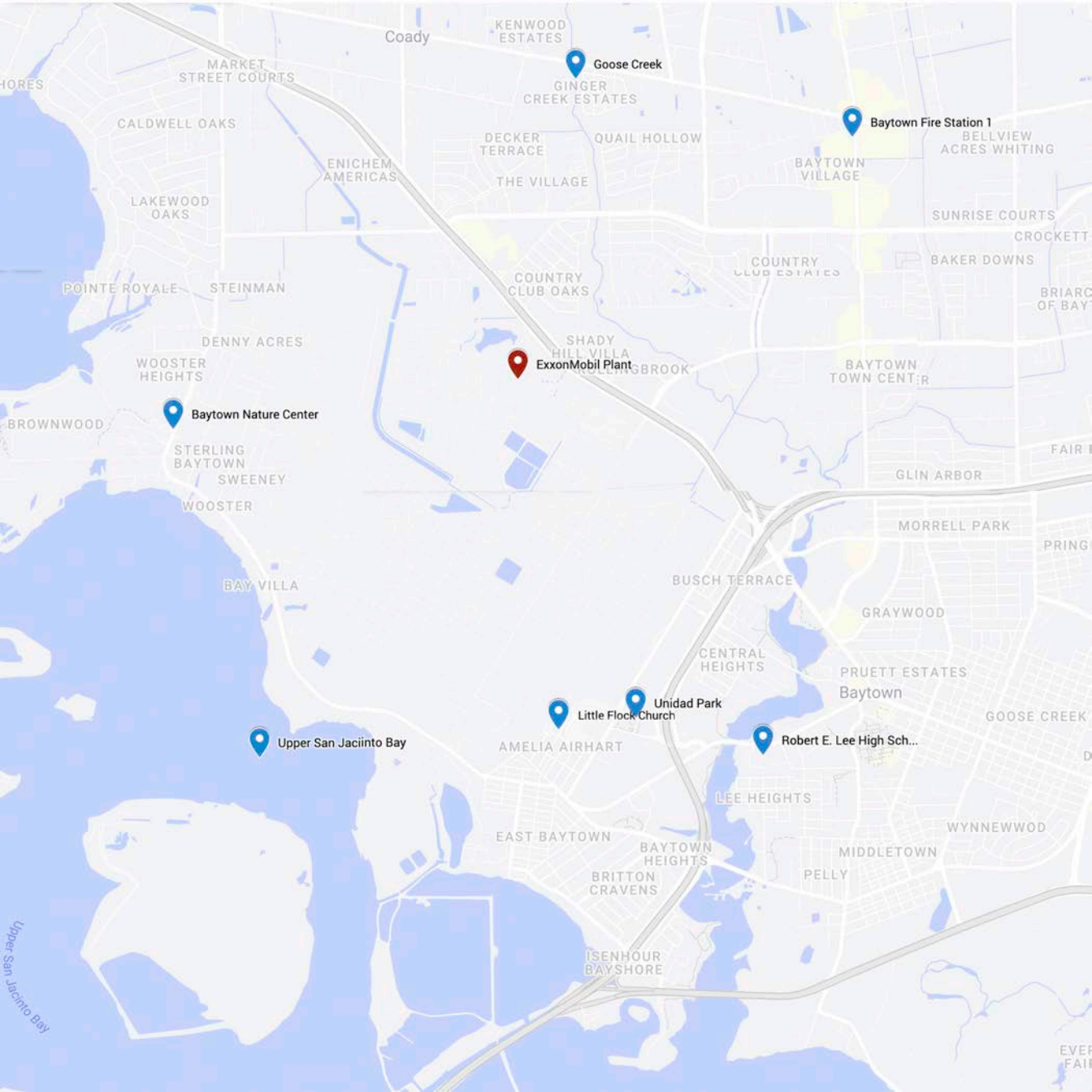


## Community is a Priority

ExxonMobil's Baytown refinery takes up about 3,400 acres of land along the Houston Ship Channel in Baytown. With that amount of land, they reported in their 2022 fact sheet that in 2021 they paid roughly \$104.3 million in taxes. They also reported across their Olefins Plant, the Technology and Engineering Complex, and their Mont Belvieu Plastics Plant they paid approximately \$268.9 million in collective wages and about \$2,550,000 in collective donations, including employee donations. In 2021 they had a profit earning of \$23 billion and their collective contributions from their 2022 fact sheet in total is about \$ 375,750,000, or roughly 1.6% of their yearly profit.







Coady

KENWOOD ESTATES

Goose Creek

MARKET STREET COURTS

GINGER CREEK ESTATES

Baytown Fire Station 1

CALDWELL OAKS

DECKER TERRACE

QUAIL HOLLOW

BELLVIEW ACRES WHITING

ENICHEM AMERICAS

THE VILLAGE

BAYTOWN VILLAGE

LAKewood OAKS

COUNTRY CLUB OAKS

COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES

SUNRISE COURTS

CROCKETT

POINTE ROYALE

STEINMAN

BAKER DOWNS

BRIAR OF BAY

DENNY ACRES

SHADY HILL VILLA

BAYTOWN TOWN CENTER

WOOSTER HEIGHTS

ExxonMobil Plant

Baytown Nature Center

GLIN ARBOR

FAIR

BROWNWOOD

STERLING BAYTOWN

SWEENEY

WOOSTER

MORRELL PARK

PRING

BAY VILLA

BUSCH TERRACE

GRAYWOOD

CENTRAL HEIGHTS

PRUETT ESTATES

Baytown

GOOSE CREEK

Upper San Jacinto Bay

Unidad Park

Little Flock Church

Robert E. Lee High Sch...

AMELIA AIRHART

LEE HEIGHTS

WYNNEWOOD

EAST BAYTOWN

BAYTOWN HEIGHTS

MIDDLETOWN

BRITTON CRAVENS

PELLY

ISENHOUR BAYSHORE

Upper San Jacinto Bay

EVER FAIR