

In Transparency We Trust Part 1 Transcript

Heather: What drew you to Ingleside on the Bay?

Kathryn: My husband and I had a love of the water, but we were living in the Denton area. So, I have a habit of looking on the map for places that are near that coast that might be attractive and, uh, this was an unusual community that popped up right there in Texas. And so, um, we decided to take a trip to the Corpus Christi area and I really had no idea how beautiful the coast was down there until we kinda came up over the horizon and saw the beautiful Corpus Christi Bay and Palm Trees, and just blue, beautiful water. And I was just, it just blew me away. And then my husband had some serious health issues and had to retire early. And so we bought this cottage and moved down there full time in 2018. Just a, living the dream, this small little 1,000 square foot cottage, but it was a dream that we had and shared about living on the water. And especially when you are faced with serious health challenges, life is just too short and you want to live the dream when you can.

Heather: And now?

Kathryn: What happened immediately after we bought the house, we noticed dredging going on for months. There was a dredger just steps from our house and that just stayed perched out there and was running 24/7 chugging smoke and noise. From then on, we just noticed that ship traffic increased and then it just seemed like, even driving to the community, you just noticed more smoke stacks along being built along 361. And then we heard that forest were being destroyed up near, past the Navy Base. It used to be that before you turned, you could see beautiful live oaks down at the end of the street of 1069, hwy 1069 and then one day it was like they were all good. All the forest that was there at the end was gone and you could see almost all the way to Port Aransas across Red Fish Bay. All this industry seemed to pop up almost overnight surrounding us and it was just very odd. So, in 2019 my neighbor across the street, Patrick Nye, happened to ask if there was something we could do about it.

Heather: In part two of our series, Kathryn will share what she, her husband Randy, and Patrick addressed their concerns about their changing community.

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