

Merriwood Ferguson was a builder, resident and activist in Brownsville.

Here, Ferguson recalls how a passing conversation with a fellow community leader led to a decade of volunteer work against the Vulcanus seaborne waste incineration proposal. She notes how the campaign united the community, bringing Lower Rio Grande Valley environmentalists, shrimpers and businesses together to fend off concerns about hazardous waste leaks in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Conservation History Association of Texas recorded the interview with Ms Ferguson in Brownsville, Texas for the Texas Legacy Project on February 26, 2000. This interview excerpt comes from Reel 2087, starting at Time Code 27:56.