

PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES

The Mission Statement for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department is “to enhance the quality of urban life by providing safe, well-maintained parks and offering affordable programs for the community.” This mission is accomplished through the maintenance, operation and expansion of the Houston Park System. Consequently, the Department’s overall strategy for capital improvements and the use of all available funding, including bond funds, is to improve the quality of life for individual neighborhoods and the city at large.

The Department is upgrading existing parks, developing unique systems of natural waterways into a linear park system, developing and expanding existing park properties, and adding new community centers.

The FY 2007-2011 Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvement Program totals \$155 million and is funded by several funding sources. The significant funding sources include: \$25 million in authorized available bond funds; \$9.5 million in grant funds; \$76.8 million in undetermined funding as preparation for the next (2007) bond election; and \$43.5 million in resources leveraged from other agencies and/or private contributions. This five-year program continues Phase I of the Master Plan. The current 2001 Parks Master Plan is to be updated in FY2007.

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PARKS MASTER PLAN SUMMARY

I. Introduction

- Completed in 2001, the Master Plan promotes redevelopment and expansions of the park system. Specifically, the focus was on the required funding and the prioritization for projects that should occur over 10-15 years.

II. Overview of the Plan Development Process

- Categorize parks by pocket, neighborhood, community, regional and metro; inventory existing City, County, and Private Facilities; establish criteria for identifying needs (demand based, standard based, and resource based); and identify gaps in the parks, facilities and services.
- Public Process – Public meetings were held in every city council district. Additionally, surveys and questionnaires were utilized. The objective was to involve the community in establishing priorities regarding renovations, land acquisitions, new park development, and construction of specific facilities – swimming pools, community centers, and/or maintenance facilities.

- Adoption by City Council was achieved on October 3, 2001.

III. Master Plan Findings

- 79 new land acquisitions with an additional 20 expansions.
- Continued implementation of the Parks-to-Standard (PTS) program;
- Continued expansion of the linear park system along our bayous;
- 68 Community, 16 Regional, and 9 Metro sized parks to accommodate sports fields;
- Addition of 10 new recreation centers; and
- Relocation of certain park maintenance facilities

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Department	Council District	CIP No.	Project	FY Planned Appropriations (\$ Thousands)							Project Total
				Through 2005	Estimated 2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Parks	A	F-0504A1	Parks Master Plan - Agnes Moffit Park				353				353
Parks	A	F-0504B1	Parks Master Plan - T.C. Jester Park				1,200				1,200
Parks	A	F-0504B2	Parks Master Plan - West Little York Park	2,546	401						2,947
Parks	A	F-0504C1	Parks Master Plan - Forest West Park		98						98
Parks	A	F-0504C2	Parks Master Plan - Various Park Improvements				1,145				1,145
Parks	A	F-0504C22	Parks Master Plan - Nellie Keyes Park		120						120
Parks	A	F-0504C3	Parks Master Plan - Freed Park		349						349
Parks	A	F-0504C4	Parks Master Plan - Haden Park			512					512
Parks	A	F-0530	West 11th St.		4,100	5,000					9,100
Parks	A	F-0620	Freshmeadow Park			100					100
Parks	A	F-0650	Playgrounds without limits			330	660				990
Parks	ALL	F-0504A17	Parks Master Plan - Relocation of Memorial Maintenance Facility				1,628				1,628
Parks	ALL	F-0509	Environmental Services	275	306	537	214				1,332
Parks	ALL	F-0515	The Hill at Sims Greenway			389					389
Parks	ALL	F-0519	Houston Parks Master Plan Upgrade			350					350
Parks	ALL	F-0520	Master Plan Implementation - Phase II					25,000	25,000	25,000	75,000
Parks	ALL	F-0585	Job Order Contract (JOC)		800		500				1,300

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Parks	ALL	F-0590	Natatorium		3,748						3,748
Parks	ALL	F-0600	Playground, skate and site furnishings on Houston HOPE areas	1,757		450					2,207
Parks	ALL	F-SAL	Salary Recovery		578	500	544	500	500	500	3,122
Parks	ALL	F-0244	Neighborhood Partnerships				100				100
Parks	B	F-0504A4	Parks Master Plan - Hobart Taylor Park				1,246				1,246
Parks	B	F-0504A5	Parks Master Plan - Tidwell Park			2,050					2,050
Parks	B	F-0504A6	Parks Master Plan - Keith Wiess Park			1,084					1,084
Parks	B	F-0504B4	Parks Master Plan - Stuebner Airline Park				1,429				1,429
Parks	B	F-0504C6	Parks Master Plan - Scenic Woods Park			519					519
Parks	C	F-0504A7	Parks Master Plan - Godwin Park			977					977
Parks	C	F-0504A8	Parks Master Plan - Westbury Park			902					902
Parks	C	F-0504C11	Parks Master Plan - Westwood Park		617						617
Parks	C	F-0504C28	Parks Master Plan - Linkwood Park - Skate Feature - Mangum Manor Park		321						321
Parks	C	F-0504C7	Parks Master Plan - Reeves (Gail) Park			477					477
Parks	C	F-0504C8	Parks Master Plan - Meyerland Park			477					477
Parks	C	F-0504C9	Parks Master Plan - Willow Park		556						556
Parks	C	F-0655	Levy Park - Phase II		650						650

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Parks	D	F-0504A11	Parks Master Plan - Macgregor Park	318	1,373						1,691
Parks	D	F-0504A12	Parks Master Plan - Cloverland Park - First Construction Amendment		79						79
Parks	D	F-0504C12	Parks Master Plan - Townwood Park			2,295					2,295
Parks	D	F-0508	Hermann Park		585		5,400				5,985
Parks	D	F-0525	Hermann Greenway		1,000						1,000
Parks	D	F-0550	Hermann Park - Trails Improvements			500	2,000				2,500
Parks	D	F-0560	Central Skate Park				1,866				1,866
Parks	D	F-0575	Wharton Ball Field Development		250		150				400
Parks	D	F-0625	Schnur Park - Sport Complex			1,600					1,600
Parks	D	F-0630	Scottcrest Park				938				938
Parks	DE	F-0580	Windsor Village Park and Beverly Hills Park Swimming Pool Re-plastering		108						108
Parks	E	F-0504A15	Parks Master Plan - Sagemont Park		958						958
Parks	E	F-0504B6	Parks Master Plan - Greenwood Park		1,205						1,205
Parks	E	F-0504B7	Parks Master Plan - Black Hawk Park		1,696						1,696
Parks	E	F-0504C13	Parks Master Plan - Kingwood Park				1,694				1,694
Parks	F	F-0504B10	Parks Master Plan - Boone Road Park		800						800
Parks	F	F-0504B8	Parks Master Plan - Alief Park		148		360				508

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Parks	F	F-0504C14	Parks Master Plan - Braeburn Glen Park				477				477
Parks	F	F-0605	Burnett Bayland - Phase II - Pavilion			600					600
Parks	G	F-0504B11	Parks Master Plan - Grady Park		395						395
Parks	G	F-0504B16	Parks Master Plan - Briar Bend Park			112					112
Parks	G	F-0504B17	Parks Master Plan - Bendwood Park			150					150
Parks	G	F-0504B21	Memorial West Pocket Park			150					150
Parks	G	F-0504C10	Parks Master Plan - Tanglewilde Park		252						252
Parks	G	F-0596	Memorial Park - Driving Range Upgrade		497						497
Parks	G	F-0643	Walter Rasmus Park			252					252
Parks	H	F-0504A19	Parks Master Plan - Dodson Lake - Additional Engineering Testing		11						11
Parks	H	F-0504B12	Parks Master Plan - Northline Park		1,206						1,206
Parks	H	F-0504D2	Parks Master Plan - Tony Marron Park		147	100					247
Parks	H	F-0540	Guadalupe Plaza			121					121
Parks	H	F-0555	Eastwood Skate Park		75						75
Parks	H	F-0636	Cliff Tuttle Park			200					200
Parks	I	F-0504B15	Parks Master Plan - Reveille Park		1,276	464					1,740
Parks	I	F-0504B20	Mason Park - Soccer Fields		650						650

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Parks	I	F-0504C18	Parks Master Plan - Fonde Park		616						616
Parks	I	F-0504C19	Parks Master Plan - Gutierrez Park		519						519
Parks	I	F-0504C26	Parks Master Plan - Diez Park		445						445
Parks	I	F-0504C27	Parks Master Plan - Law Park Pavilion		403						403
Parks	I	F-0504D1	Parks Master Plan - Gragg Park - PARD Campus		496		7,617				8,113
Parks	I	F-0556	Charlton Park		100						100
Parks	I	F-0610	Brookline Park Playground			100					100
Parks	I	F-0615	Mason Park - Pavilion			696					696
Parks	I	F-0616	Mason Park - Bridge				200				200
Parks	I	F-0635	Emancipation Park			100					100
Parks	I	F-0660	Brown (Hermann) Park				300				300
Parks	VAR	F-0504A18	Parks Master Plan - BP02 - Melrose, Montie Beach & Garden Villas	397							397
Parks	VAR	F-0504D	Parks Master Plan - Program Management	1,107	245	31	393	1,322			3,098
Parks	VAR	F-0513	Acquisition	1,665	1,595	1,000	6,000	6,000	2,740	6,000	25,000
Parks	VAR	F-0516	Water Playgrounds	250	250	250	250	100			1,100
Parks	VAR	F-0640	Pavilion Replacements			1,500					1,500
Parks	VAR	F-0645	ADA Chairs for Pools			250					250