

PARK SECTOR 11 SUMMARY

PARK SECTOR 11 PRIORITIES

These priorities were developed by using condition assessment information from site visits, standard-based needs analysis (NRPA standards and data provided by the Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ Project), and public input via an online survey, park user interviews, community events and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meetings.

1. Revitalize existing parks
2. Develop neighborhood connections to parks and trails
3. Acquire new park land
4. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas
5. Develop new park facilities
6. Develop partnerships with the school system and other entities

RECOMMENDATIONS

The parks in Park Sector 11 that have the highest need for redevelopment listed are from greatest need to least need: Gregg Street Park, Japonica Park, Pleasanton Manor Park, and Ingrando Park.

In this Park Sector an additional 4 acres of parkland are needed. While the majority of the Park Sector is served by parks within half a mile, there are some areas of need in the northeast portion of the Park Sector. Furthermore, this Park Sector is expected to grow along the METRORail Green Line and in the areas closest to downtown. Schools not participating in the SPARK School Park Program (Non-SPARK schools) should be explored as potential future partnerships for park space. Over 73% of the population in this Park Sector has incomes considered to be low to moderate. Pursuing Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for park improvements should be a priority. In addition, CDBG funding could be considered in partnership with the SPARK program for to add park space to the system and provide improvements at Non-SPARK schools. Portions of this Park Sector are served by three Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZs) and two Management Districts, which have been partners in the past and should continue to be pursued as partners to help meet the need for park land acquisition and maintenance.

This Park Sector is deficient in trails and volleyball courts. However, Bayou Greenways 2020 (BG2020 Initiative) will fill key gaps along Brays Bayou and residents will be able to use over 20 miles of trail once the Brays Bayou Trail system is completed. In addition, the METRORail Green Line has opened and there are new opportunities for connectivity and require a wayfinding system for pedestrians and bicyclists in the area.

In the 2014 survey, the top three priorities of residents in Park Sector 11 when asked what recreational needs existed in their neighborhood were: hike, bike and walk trails, open space and natural areas, and dog parks. Other services and amenities that residents asked for in the write-in portion of the survey were: fitness programs, dance or theater programs, arts and crafts programs, swim lessons, community gardens, dog parks, and golf programming.

Sources: 2010 Census, 2010 Houston Health Survey, American Community Survey 2013, Houston Parks Board, HPARD 2014 Survey, Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ Project, 2040 H-GAC population projections by Park Sector

EXISTING HPARD PARKS

Facility Name	Address	Street	Total Acres	Trail Length
Pocket Parks				
Bollintom Future Park Site	7555	Elm Street	0.39	N/A
Brays Greenway Park	8001	Hockley	0.57	N/A
Broadmoor-Kretschmar Park	1500	Elliott	0.60	N/A
Cullinan (M.C.) Park (PB2)	5120	Polk	0.75	N/A
Fox Park	500	York/Fox	0.13	N/A
Gregg Street Park	605	Gregg	0.10	N/A
Japonica Park	6600	Japonica	0.37	N/A
Smith Future Park Site	7612	E. Elm Street	0.18	N/A
Sylvan Dells Park	1973	N MacGregor Way	0.38	N/A
Woodruff Park	8800	Woodruff	0.20	N/A
Total Pocket Park Acreage			3.67	
Neighborhood Parks				
Alvarez\Roark\Giraud Future Park Site		Nueces @ Brays Bayou	3.27	N/A
De Zavala Park	7520	Avenue J/907 76th St	2.60	N/A
Diez Street Park	4700	Diez/1800 Dumble	9.37	N/A
Eastwood Park	5020	Harrisburg	10.80	0.20
Elm Street Park	7600	Elm Street @ Brays Bayou	2.84	N/A
Garver Future Park Site		Buffalo Bayou/Lockwood	1.96	N/A
Guadalupe Plaza	2311	Runnels	6.46	N/A
Gutierrez (Siro) Park	7900	Flaxman	1.40	0.14
Hidalgo Park	7000	Avenue Q	11.60	N/A
Ingrando Park	7302	Keller	14.87	0.59
Japhet Creek Park	4700	Clinton Drive	4.76	N/A
Kellogg Street Future Park Site	0	Kellogg	1.10	N/A
McReynolds Mid Sch Park (Lease)	5905	Larimer	4.11	N/A
Park Drive Park	4600	Park Dr	2.60	N/A
Pleasanton Manor Park	8501	Guinevere	4.75	0.15
Robinson (J., Sr.) Park	1422	Ledwicke	4.79	0.10
Settegast Park	3000	Garrow	4.10	0.40
Spurlock Park	6700	Park Lane	3.44	N/A
Spurlock Parkway	1300	N. MacGregor Way	10.00	N/A
Swiney Park	2812	Cline	2.50	0.15
Taub Future Park Site		Buffalo Bayou/Lockwood	2.94	N/A
Total Neighborhood Park Acreage			110.26	
Community Parks				
Finnigan Park* (interlocal agreement)	4900	Providence	19.07	N/A
Gus Wortham Park & Golf Course	311	S. Wayside	150.77	0.30
Marron (Tony) Park	808	N. York	30.72	0.46
Mason Park	541	South 75th St/Tipps	108.08	1.40
Selena Quintanilla Perez/Denver Harbor Park	6402	Market	17.20	0.87
Total Community Park Acreage			325.84	
Total HPARD Park Acreage			439.8	

Urban Trails/Shared Use Parks/Bayou Trails	
Harrisburg/Sunset Trail	2.00
Columbia Tap Trail	1.10
Brays Bayou Trail	3.90
Buffalo Bayou Trail	3.00
Total HPARD Trail Length	14.26

EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTERS AND POOLS

Community Centers and Pool Facilities	Address	Zip Code	Agency Responsible
De Zevala Community Center and Pool	Avenue J/907 76th Street	77012	HPARD
Eastwood Community Center and Pool	2020 Harrisburg	77011	HPARD
Finnigan Community Center and Pool	4900 Providence	77020	HPARD
Ingrando Community Center	7302 Keller	77012	HPARD
Mason Community Center and Pool	541 S 75th Street/Tipps	77023	HPARD
Robinson (J., Sr.) Community Center and Pool	1422 Ledwicke	77029	HPARD
Selena Quintanilla Perez/Denver Harbor Community Center and Pool	6402 Market	77020	HPARD
Settegast Community Center	3000 Garrow	77003	HPARD
Swiney Community Center	2812 Cline	77020	HPARD

PARK SERVICE AREAS

The Park Service Area map was produced using data provided by the Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ Project to show areas of park need. The green areas represent a ½ mile service area from public parks (city or county) and SPARK Parks (school parks open to the public after school) or other publicly accessible non-HPARD Parks.

The orange and red represent areas where there is not access to a park within a ½ mile. The degree of need (red is very high need and orange is high need) is based on population density, household income (less than \$35,000), and presence of youth (19 yrs or younger). The office and industrial land uses are represented in grey, to specifically highlight residential and commercial areas of need. Approximately 13% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within a ½ mile, as compared to the 55% of the population of the City of Houston who need park access. Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park space.

PARK SECTOR FACTS

- This Park Sector contains 459 acres of parkland (Harris County, HPARD & other providers) and 16 miles of trails. Of the 13,914 acres in this Park Sector, 3% of this acreage is parkland.
- There are approximately 90,000 residents, 82% are Hispanic and there is a high percentage of children & youth.
- The Health of Houston 2010 Survey shows that 36% of the population is considered obese, as compared to 32% for the City of Houston as a whole.
- An additional 4 acres of park land are needed in this Park Sector. This is based on the current population (2010 US Census) of the Park Sector and needs assessment done for Pocket, Neighborhood and Community parks (number of acres per 1,000 people).
- The map shows need for park land in a few small pockets in this Park Sector.
- This Park Sector is expected to grow along the METRORail Green Line.
- H-GAC population projections estimate that this area will add over 6,000 residents by 2040. To meet the park land needs for the estimated 2040 population an additional 1 acre of park land will be needed.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR AMENITIES IN PARK SECTOR

The table below shows the total existing amenities (including, HPARD, County and SPARK Parks) as of 2015, the target goal per amenity, and the amenities needed based on population standards for each amenity using 2010 US Census Population. The last row shows the estimated number of amenities needed based on the H-GAC population projections for 2040 and standards used in the 2007 Parks Master Plan.

AMENITY	PLAYGROUNDS	PICNIC SHELTERS	TRAILS (MILES)	OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS	TENNIS	VOLLEYBALL	DOG PARKS	SKATE PARKS	COMMUNITY CENTERS	SWIMMING POOLS	OUTDOOR SPRAYGROUNDS	BASEBALL (LIT and UNIT)	SOFTBALL (LIT and UNIT)	SOCCER (LIT and UNIT)
2015 Goal	32	18	18	28	14	2	1	1	9	6	4	22	3	10
2015 Existing	32	18	17*	28	14	1	1	1	9	6	4	22	3	10
2015 Needed	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2040 Needed	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* This number include 1 mile of trail currently planned or under construction along Brays Bayou under the Bayou Greenways Initiative, BG2020.

GUIDE FOR ESTIMATED COST OF NEW AMENITIES, PARK LAND, AMENITY RENOVATIONS AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR PARK SECTOR

The table below contains costs estimates (in 2015 dollars) based on the needs assessment using 2010 US Census population and population projections provided by H-GAC per Park Sector for 2040, for both amenities and land in this Park Sector. In addition, the cost estimates (in 2015 dollars) for renovation of existing facilities and operation and maintenance are listed. A general explanation of each figure and its source is listed below:

1. **Cost of New System Amenities:** This is the estimated cost for amenities based on the needs assessment above. Costs are estimated for 2015 and 2040 based on costs of 2014 HPARD projects. These costs are a guide and do not include site specific constraints such as utility extensions, flood mitigation or the purchase of land if expansion of the park was needed for these amenities.
2. **Cost of Park Land:** This is the land needed to meet the park land standards for 2015 and 2040 based on the 2010 US Census and the H-GAC estimated population projections respectively. Land costs are based on land values by Park Sector, provided by H-GAC, from 2014 HCAD values for properties greater than 5,000 sqft in size and with no structures.
3. **Cost of HPARD Amenity Renovation:** The 2015 cost estimate is based on the assessment that 30% of the existing facilities in this Park Sector need renovation. The 2040 cost estimate is based on the assessment that the remaining 2/3 of the facilities from 2015 and 30% of the new facilities will need renovation to meet the population growth. Costs are estimated for 2015 and 2040 based on costs of 2014 HPARD projects.
4. **Annual Operation & Maintenance:** This figure is based on the national average for parks and recreation operational spending amount (\$63) per resident in 2013 according the Trust for Public Land publication "2014 City Park Facts." Houston spent \$29 per resident on parks and recreation per resident in 2013. This figure shows what the cost of spending this average amount per resident would be based on the current population and the projected population in 2040.

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	COST OF NEW SYSTEM AMENITIES	COST OF NEW PARK LAND	COST OF HPARD EXISTING AMENITY RENOVATION	ANNUAL COST OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
2015	\$1,400,000	4 Acres- \$1,500,000	\$44,000,000	\$5,700,000
2040	\$700,000	1 Acres- \$200,000	\$88,000,000	\$400,000
TOTAL 2040	\$2,100,000	5 Acres- \$1,700,000	\$132,000,000	\$6,100,000