

# PARK SECTOR 2 SUMMARY

## PARK SECTOR 2 PRIORITIES

These priorities were developed by using condition assessment information from site visits, standard-based needs analysis (NRPA standards and data from 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. Develop partnerships with the school system and other entities
4. Acquire new park land
5. Develop new park facilities
6. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas

## RECOMMENDATIONS

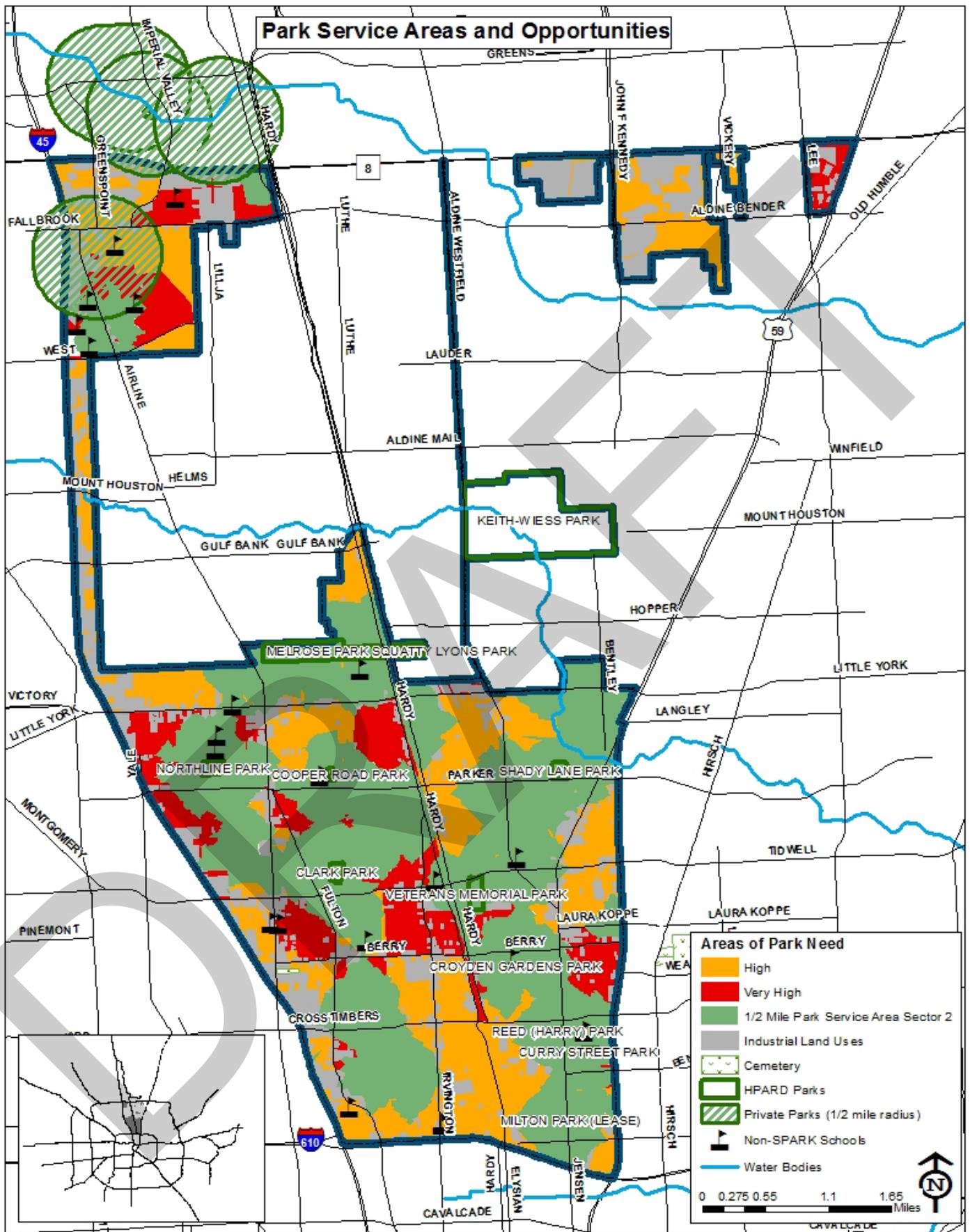
The parks in Park Sector 2 that have the highest need for redevelopment are listed from greatest need to least need: Cooper Road Park, Curry Street Park, Milton Park, Croyden Gardens Park, and Squatty Lyons Park.

An additional 17.5 acres of park land are needed in this Park Sector. Schools not participating in the SPARK School Park Program (Non-SPARK schools) should be explored as potential future partnerships for park space. There is also a high percentage of undeveloped land in this Park Sector which could be conserved for future park use. There is one utility corridor running north-south, south of Veterans Memorial Park and east of the Hardy Toll Road that could be explored for future trail development. As there are few portions of this Park Sector that are traversed by bayous, trail development should be explored along existing utility corridors. In addition, both the Antoine Corridor and the Harris County-Airline Improvement District Livable Center Studies have identified some areas of potential future connections to the current park system which should be explored to address future park space and trail connections.

This Park Sector is deficient in playgrounds, trails, volleyball courts, dog parks, skate parks, community centers, and pools. In the 2014 Online survey, the top four priorities of residents in Park Sector 2 when asked what recreational needs existed in their neighborhood were: hike, bike and walk trails, upgraded community centers, playground areas, and picnic areas and pavilions. Other services and amenities that residents asked for in the write-in portion of the survey were: a swimming pool at Melrose Park, Zumba and aerobics classes, spraygrounds, walking trails, natural areas, fitness and nutrition programs, swim lessons, dance and theater programs, and senior programming.

As there is little redevelopment occurring in this Park Sector, although some is anticipated close to I-610 and along the light rail line, this Park Sector should be targeted for CIP and bond funds for future development and land acquisition. In addition, because 72% of the population in this Park Sector has low to moderate incomes, there is an opportunity to pursue Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Because of the health profile (obesity, 35.6%, and diabetes, 16.8%, levels higher than the city as a whole of 30.8% and 11.4% respectively) of this Park Sector, partnerships focused on increasing physical activity levels and programming for healthy living should be explored.

**Sources:** 2010 Census, 2010 Houston Health Survey, American Community Survey 2013, Houston Parks Board, HPARC 2014 Online 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
<b>Pocket Parks</b>				
Milton Park (Lease)	6150	Jensen/Caplin	0.94	N/A
<b>Total Pocket Park Acreage</b>			<b>0.94</b>	
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>				
Clark Park	9718	Clark	12.74	0.36
Cooper Road Park	200	Cooper Rd	3.64	N/A
Croyden Gardens Park	8400	Millicent	2.70	N/A
Curry Street Park	7201	Curry	6.00	N/A
Northline Park	6902	Nordling	13.63	0.42
Reed (Harry) Park	7500	Jensen	1.88	N/A
Shady Lane Park	10220	Shady Lane	12.40	0.70
<b>Total HPARD Neighborhood Park Acreage</b>			<b>52.99</b>	
<b>Community Parks</b>				
Melrose Park	1000	Canino Road	92.44	0.25
Squatty Lyons Park	1701	Chamberlin	19.79	N/A
Veterans Memorial Park	1800	Tidwell	21.54	0.36
<b>Total HPARD Community Park Acreage</b>			<b>133.77</b>	
<b>Regional Parks</b>				
Keith-Wiess Park	12300	Aldine-Westfield	499.46	2.85
<b>Total HPARD Regional Park Acreage</b>			<b>499.46</b>	
<b>Total HPARD Park Acreage</b>			<b>687.20</b>	
<b>Total HPARD Trail Length</b>				<b>4.94</b>

## EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTERS AND POOLS

Community Centers and Pool Facilities	Address	Zip Code	Agency Responsible
Clark Community Center	9718 Clark	77076	HPARD
Melrose Community Center	1000 Canino Road	77076	HPARD
Northline Park Pool	6902 Nordling	77076	HPARD
Shady Lane Community Center	10220 Shady Lane	77093	HPARD

## PARK SERVICE AREAS

The Park Service Area map was produced using data provided by the Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ Project to identify areas of park need. The green areas represent a ½ mile service area of 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 40% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within a ½ mile, as compared to the 45% 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 743 acres of parkland (Harris County, HPARD and other providers). Of the 13,166 acres in this Park Sector, 6% of this acreage is parkland.
- There are approximately 100,000 residents. Over 81% of the population is Hispanic or Latino (higher than the City of Houston at 44%).
- Growth for this Park Sector is expected along the light rail and closest to 610 freeway.
- An additional 17.5 acres of park land are needed in Sector 2. This is based on the current population (2010 US Census) of the Park Sector and needs assessment completed for Pocket, Neighborhood and Community parks (number of acres per 1,000 people).
- There is a total of 8 miles of existing trails serving this Park Sector.
- H-GAC population projections estimate that this area will add over 10,000 residents by 2040. To meet the park land needs for the estimated 2040 population an additional 11 acres 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 School 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	24	12	19	11	12	2	1	1	4	2	2	14	4	15
2015 Existing	22	12	8	9	12	1	0	0	3	1	2	14	4	15
2015 Needed	2	-	11	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
2040 Needed	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

## 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 and 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 and 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	\$18,000,000	17.5 Acres \$3,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$6,000,000
2040	\$9,000,000	11 Acres \$2,000,000	\$44,000,000	\$700,000
TOTAL 2040	\$27,000,000	28 Acres \$5,000,000	\$62,000,000	\$6,700,000