

PARK SECTOR 6 SUMMARY

PARK SECTOR 6 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. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas
4. Develop partnerships with the school system and other entities
5. Acquire new park land
6. Develop new park facilities

RECOMMENDATIONS

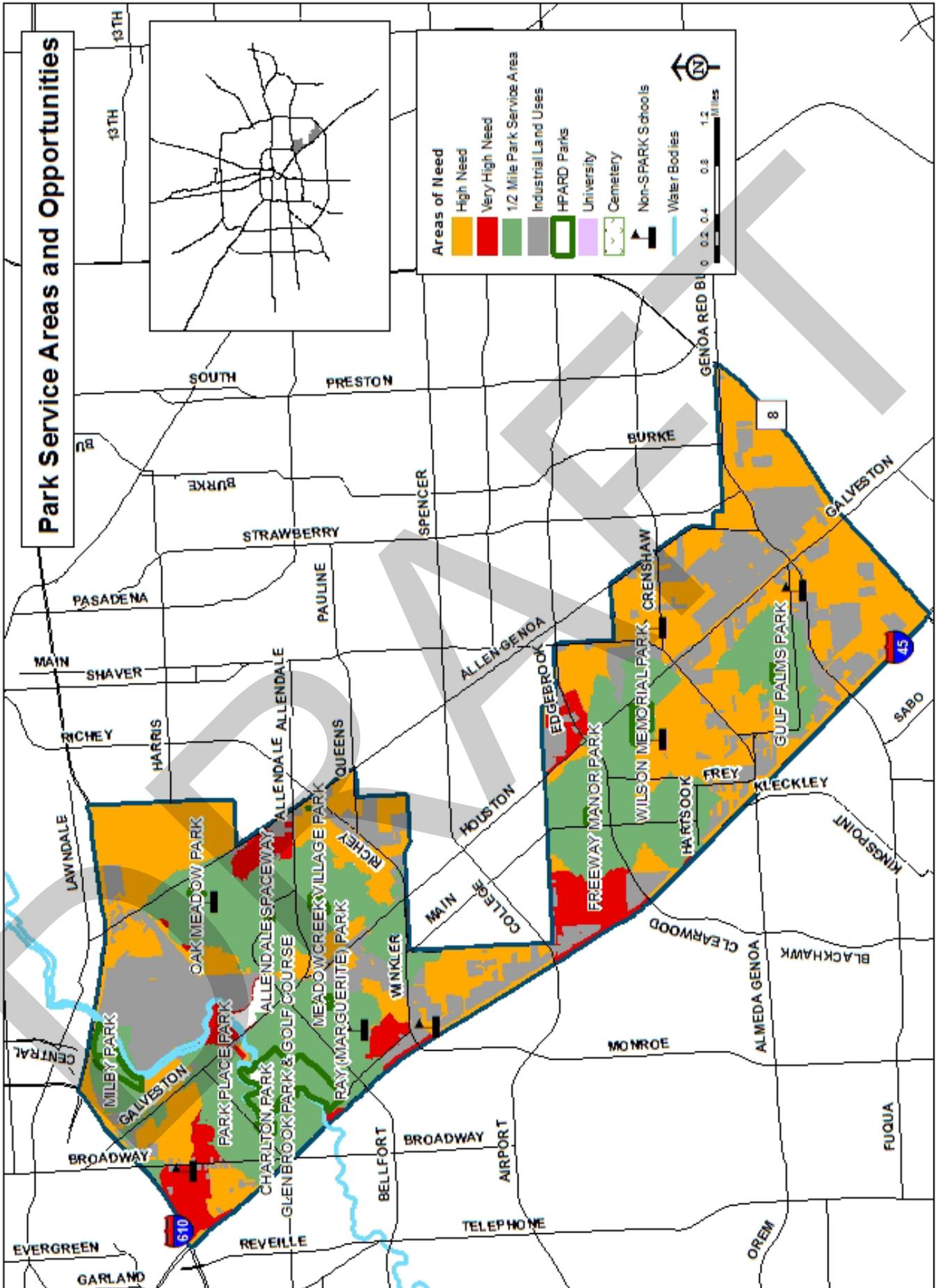
The parks in Park Sector 6 that have the highest need for redevelopment are from greatest to least: Gulf Palm Park, Park Place Park, and Ray (Marguerite) Park.

In this Park Sector 13.5 acres of parkland are needed. The areas with the most need in this Park Sector are those closest to I-610 and I-45 and in the southern area by Beltway 8. Schools not participating in the SPARK School Park Program (Non-SPARK schools) should be explored as potential future partnerships for park space. Additionally, almost 60% 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 to add park space to the system and provide improvements at non-SPARK schools. As there is little redevelopment occurring in this sector, this Park Sector should be targeted for CIP and bond funds for future development and land acquisition. This Park Sector is deficient in playgrounds, picnic shelters, trails, dog parks, skate parks, and spraygrounds.

A trail along Sims Bayou west I-45 South is planned to be almost 14 miles long. Additional north-south connections need to be explored in this Park Sector. In the 2014 survey, the top three priorities of residents in Park Sector 6 when asked what recreational needs existed in their neighborhood were: upgraded community centers, hike, bike and walk trails, and playground areas. In the write-in portion of the survey residents also asked for senior programming, fitness classes, swim lessons and arts and crafts programs, adult tennis programs, and dance and theater programs. The Houston Health survey revealed that 40.3% of the population is obese in this Park Sector (the City of Houston level is 30.8%). Based on this health profile, partnerships focused on increasing physical activity levels and programming that promote healthy living should be explored.

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

Park Service Areas and Opportunities



EXISTING HPARD PARKS

Facility Name	Address	Street	Total Acres	Trail Length
Pocket Parks				
Park Place Park	8600	Detroit	0.89	N/A
Total Pocket Park Acreage			0.89	
Neighborhood Parks				
Allendale Spaceway	9300	Howard	1.33	N/A
Charlton Park	8200	Park Place	8.70	N/A
Freeway Manor Park	2241	Bronson/2300 Theta	9.76	0.47
Gulf Palms Park	11901	Palm Springs	9.00	0.41
Meadowcreek Village Park	5333	Berry Creek	10.06	N/A
Oak Meadow Park	500	Ahrens	5.13	0.25
Ray (Marguerite) Park	8401	Elrod	4.85	N/A
Total HPARD Neighborhood Park Acreage			48.83	
Community Parks				
Glenbrook Park and Golf Course	8201	North Bayou Drive	135.00	0.51
Milby Park	2001	Central	65.88	N/A
Wilson Memorial Park	100	Gilpin	29.00	0.28
Total HPARD Community Park Acreage			229.88	
Total HPARD Park Acreage			279.70	
Total HPARD Trail Length				1.90

EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTERS AND POOLS

Community Centers and Pool Facilities	Address	Zip Code	Agency Responsible
Charlton Community Center	8200 Park Place	77017	HPARD
Glenbrook Park Pool	8201 North Bayou Drive	77017	HPARD
Meadowcreek Village Community Center	5333 Berry Creek	77017	HPARD
Wilson Memorial Park Pool	100 Gilpin	77034	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 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 45% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within a ½ mile, which is lower than the City of Houston as a whole of (55%). 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 280 acres of parkland (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). Of the 9,489 acres in this Park Sector, 3% of this acreage is parkland.
- There are approximately 62,000 residents; almost 80% are Hispanic (higher than City of Houston's percentage of 43.8%)
- An additional 13.5 acres of park land are needed in Park Sector 6. The map above shows high need in the northwest portion of the sector close to I-610 and I-45 and in the southern area close to Beltway 8. 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).
- H-GAC population projections estimate that this area will add over 7,000 residents by 2040. To meet the park land needs for the estimated 2040 population an additional 8 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 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 Master Parks 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	16	6	13	6	14	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	4	8
2015 Existing	14	5	5*	6	14	2	0	0	2	2	0	3	4	8
2015 Needed	2	1	8	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
2040 Needed	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* This number includes 2.5 miles of trails currently planned along Sims Bayou from SH225 to I-45 South under the Bayou Greenways, 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	\$13,000,000	13 Acres- \$1,000,000	\$14,000,000	\$4,000,000
2040	\$2,000,000	8 Acres- \$1,000,000	\$32,000,000	\$400,000
TOTAL 2040	\$15,000,000	21 Acres- \$2,000,000	\$46,000,000	\$4,400,000