

# PARK SECTOR 7 SUMMARY

## PARK SECTOR 7 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 partnerships with the school system and other entities
3. Develop new park facilities
4. Develop neighborhood connections to parks and trails
5. Acquire new park land
6. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The parks in Park Sector 7 that have the highest need for redevelopment are listed from greatest need to least need: Andover Park, Golfview Park, Bricker Park, Cullinan JS and LH, Sims Bayou Park, and Jenkins (Margaret) Park (formerly Scottcrest Park).

In this Park Sector 45 acres of parkland are needed. Schools not participating in the SPARK School Park Program (Non-SPARK schools) should be explored as potential future partnerships for park space. Almost 63% of the population in this Park Sector has incomes considered to be low to moderate and pursuing Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for park improvements should be a priority. In addition, since several non-SPARK schools are located in very high park need areas, CDBG funding could be considered in partnership with the SPARK Park program to add park space to the system and provide improvements at non-SPARK school locations. The areas of highest need are in the northwest and central portions of the Park Sector. 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. There is a utility corridor in the southern portion of the sector that almost connects Sims Bayou and Clear Creek, opportunities to develop a north-south trail should be explored.

This Park Sector is deficient in playgrounds, picnic shelters, trails, volleyball courts, dog parks, skate parks, community centers, swimming pools, outdoor spraygrounds, and softball and soccer fields. The trail system will provide access to the residents of this Park Sector to a total of 14 miles of trails along Sims Bayou and over 6 miles along Clear Creek.

In the 2014 survey, the top three priorities of residents in Park Sector 7 when asked what recreational needs existed in their neighborhood were: hike, bike and walk trails, upgraded community centers, and playground areas. Other services and amenities that residents asked for in the write-in portion of the survey were: fitness and nutrition programming, swim lessons, dance, theater and arts programs, and community gardens. The Houston Health survey revealed that 12.5% of the population received a diagnosis of diabetes by a professional (City of Houston level was 11.4%). Based on this health profile partnerships focused on recreational options 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 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>				
Golfview Park	6201	Cherryhill	0.76	N/A
Pershing Park	5500	Pershing/St. Lo Road	0.40	N/A
Sharp (Jerry) Park	3234	Chaffin	0.50	N/A
<b>Total Pocket Park Acreage</b>			<b>1.66</b>	
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>				
Andover Park	6301	Nunn	4.85	N/A
Bricker Park	4548	Bricker	2.17	N/A
Carter Park	7000	Santa Fe	2.00	0.08
Cloverland Park	11800	Scott	12.04	0.25
Crestmont Park	5200	Selinsky Rd.	6.74	0.25
Dow Park	7942	Rockhill	14.04	0.58
Edgewood Park	5803	Belfort	10.97	0.50
Garden Villas Park	6720	South Haywood	11.55	0.49
Grimes Park (Lease)	5150	Reed Rd.	9.72	N/A
Hill (E.P.) Park	4800	Gloryland	7.32	0.39
King Estates Park	4801	East Orem	2.56	N/A
Kingspoint Park	9100	Kingspoint Road	10.00	N/A
Sims Bayou Park	9500	ML King Blvd	9.96	2.50
Southcrest Park	5842	Southmund	6.21	0.29
St. Lo Park	7335	St. Lo Rd.	1.20	0.18
Stewart Park	6700	Reed Road	4.71	0.30
Sunflower Park (PB 2)	5000	Sunflower Street	1.50	0.16
<b>Total Neighborhood Park Acreage</b>			<b>117.54</b>	
<b>Community Parks</b>				
Beverly Hills Park	10201	Kingspoint	21.67	0.53
Blackhawk Park	9401	Fuqua	76.81	N/A
Cullinan JS and LH	6700	Long Dr.	44.00	1.06
Jenkins (Margaret) Park (formerly Scottcrest Park)	10700	Rosehaven	19.00	0.51
Jones (Walter) Park	8000	Coastway Lane	21.50	N/A
Reveille Park	7700	Oak Vista	20.04	0.32
Schnur Park	12227	Cullen Blvd.	39.00	0.50
Stuart (Robert C. Park)	7250	Belfort	27.14	0.75
<b>Total Neighborhood Park Acreage</b>			<b>269.16</b>	
<b>Regional Parks</b>				
Law Park	6200	Scarlet/6100 Vassar	313.57	0.41
Sunnyside Park	3502	Belfort	206.01	0.48
<b>Total Regional Park Acreage</b>			<b>519.58</b>	
<b>Total HPARD Park Acreage</b>			<b>907.94</b>	
<b>Total HPARD Trail Length</b>				<b>10.61</b>

## EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTERS AND POOLS

Community Centers and Pool Facilities	Address	Zip Code	Agency Responsible
Bessie Swindle Community Center and Cloverland Park Pool	11800 Scott	77047	HPARD
Beverly Hills Community Center and Pool	10201 Kingspoint	77075	HPARD
Crestmont Community Center	5200 Selinsky Road	77048	HPARD
Edgewood Community Center	5803 Bellfort	77033	HPARD
Garden Villas Community Center	6720 South Haywood	77061	HPARD
Reveille Park Pool	7700 Oak Vista	77087	HPARD
Sunnyside Community Center and Pool	3502 Bellfort	77051	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 41% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within a ½ mile, as compared to the rest of the of the City of Houston (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 approximately 1,315 acres of parkland (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). Of the 34,300 acres in this Park Sector, 3% of this acreage is parkland.
- There are approximately 165,000 residents, 46% are Hispanic and 43% are African-American.
- An additional 45 acres of park land are needed in Park Sector 7. 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).
- Trust for Public Land ParkScore shows high need in the northwest and central portions of the Park Sector.
- H-GAC population projections estimate that this area will add over 30,000 residents by 2040. To meet the estimated 2040 population an additional 33 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 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	41	16	33	21	22	3	2	2	6	4	2	24	5	16
2015 Existing	34	15	29*	21	22	1	0	0	6	4	1	24	3	14
2015 Needed	7	1	4	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	1	-	2	2
2040 Needed	8	4	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4

\* This number includes miles of trails currently planned along Sims Bayou (7 miles) and Clear Creek Bayou (6 miles) under the Bayou Greenways (BG2020 Initiative).

### 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 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	\$26,000,000	45 Acres- \$3,000,000	\$36,000,000	\$10,000,000
2040	\$13,000,000	33 Acres- \$30,000,000	\$84,000,000	\$2,000,000
TOTAL 2040	\$39,000,000	78 Acres- \$46,000,000	\$120,000,000	\$12,000,000