

HOUSTON PARKS MASTER PLAN

PHASE II

The Houston Parks and Recreation (HPARD) Parks Master Plan presents the vision of the residents of Houston and the goals, or Big Moves, to be made by the Department in the next 20 years. An online survey was conducted from March 2014 through July of 2014. Approximately 1,800 responses were received. Two-thirds of survey respondents identified connecting their neighborhood to hike, bike, and walk trails and revitalizing existing parks as their highest budgetary priority for HPARD.



CITY OF HOUSTON PARK SECTORS

LEGEND

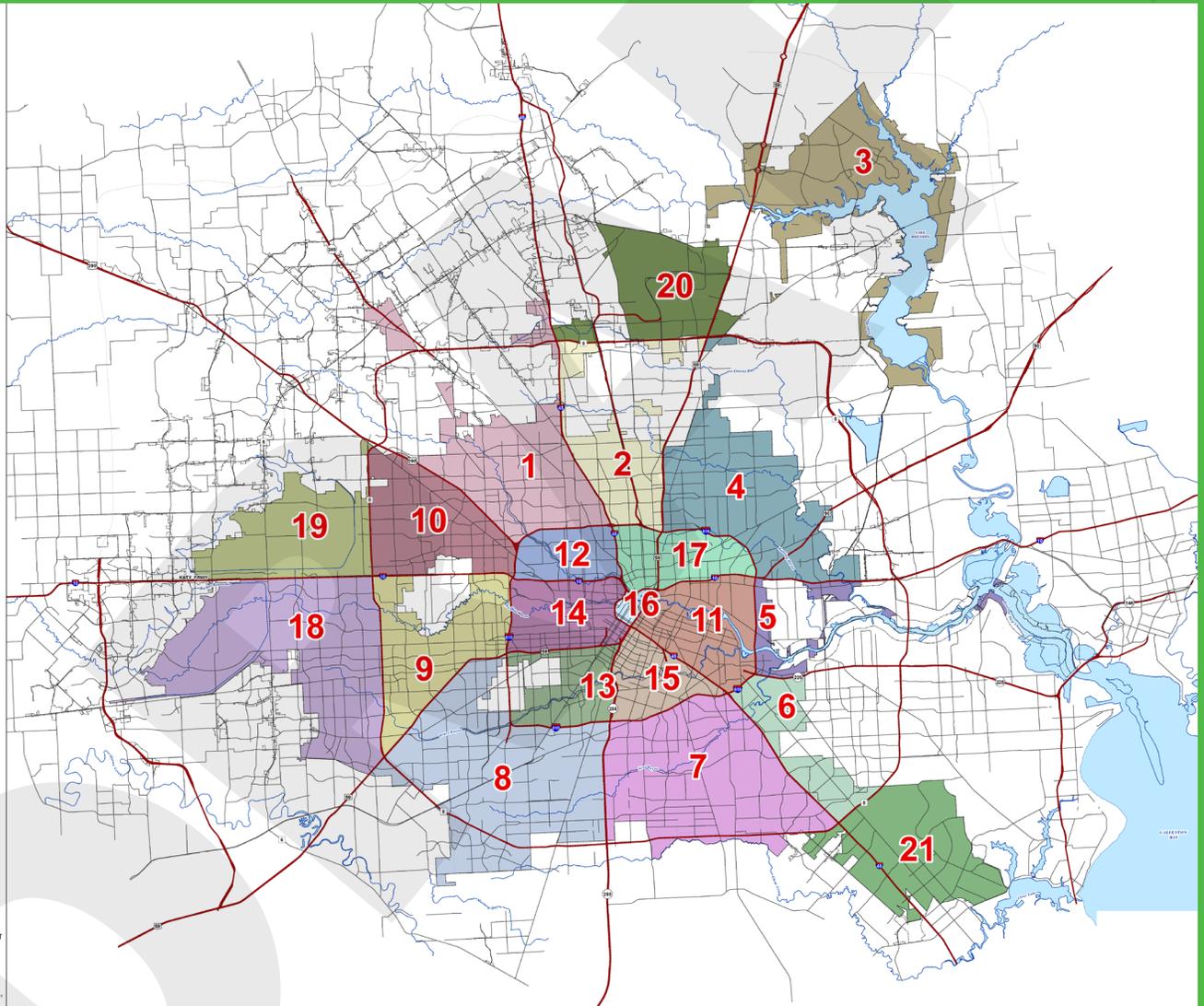
- FREEWAYS
- MAJOR ROADS
- LOCAL STREETS
- PROPOSED ROADS
- WATER LINES
- CITY LIMITS
- LAKES, BAYOUS, BAYS

PARK SECTORS

- 1 - NORTHWEST SIDE
- 2 - NORTH SIDE
- 3 - FAR NORTHEAST SIDE
- 4 - NORTHEAST SIDE
- 5 - EAST SIDE OUTSIDE LOOP
- 6 - SOUTHEAST SIDE
- 7 - SOUTH SIDE
- 8 - SOUTHWEST SIDE
- 9 - WEST SIDE SOUTH IH 10
- 10 - WEST SIDE NORTH IH 10
- 11 - EAST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 12 - NORTHWEST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 13 - SOUTHEAST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 14 - WEST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 15 - SOUTH SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 16 - DOWNTOWN
- 17 - NORTHEAST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 18 - WEST SIDE OUTSIDE BELTWAY SOUTH IH 10
- 19 - WEST SIDE OUTSIDE BELTWAY NORTH IH 10
- 20 - NORTH SIDE OUTSIDE BELTWAY
- 21 - SOUTHEAST SIDE OUTSIDE BELTWAY

Scale: 0 to 5 Miles, 0 to 20,000 Feet

CITY OF HOUSTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MAP DATE: JANUARY 2014



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HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Center for Sustainability at Rice University. Volunteer Interns from St. Thomas University, Texas A&M University, Lone Star College, and Texas Southern University were indispensable in this effort. Maps of areas of park need were created using data provided by the Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ Project; HPARD continues to partner with the Trust for Public Land to improve the methodology and assess park needs specific to Houston.

PARK SECTOR 1:

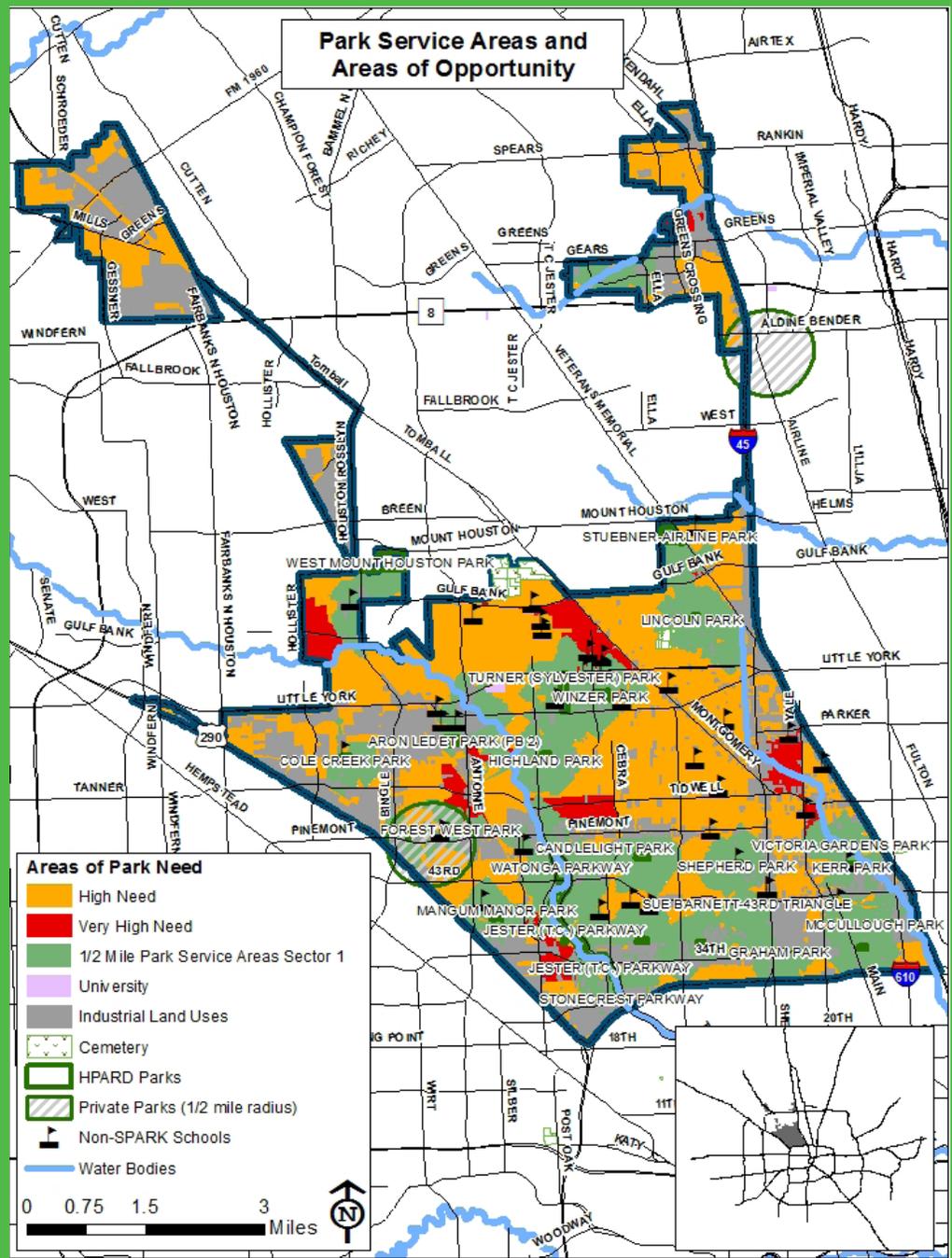
This Park Sector contains 370 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). There are approximately 150,000 residents. Over 34% of the population is African American (higher than the 23% in the City of Houston). Houston Health Survey shows that 34% of the population is obese compared to 31% for the City of Houston as whole. An additional 32 acres of park land are needed in this Park Sector. This map shows high need in the north and central portion of the Park Sector. Growth for this Sector is occurring closest to I-610.

OPPORTUNITIES

Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park space. In addition to the existing 12 miles of trails, the BG2020 will add 8.3 miles to the White Oak Bayou trail system which will provide access to the residents of this area to a total of 16 miles of trails on White Oak Bayou, over 3 miles on the MKT trail and over 7 miles along Buffalo Bayou. There is a high percentage of undeveloped land in this Park Sector which could be conserved for future park use.

PARK AMENITIES

The table below shows the total existing amenities (including, HPARD, County and SPARK Parks), the target goal per amenity, and the amenities needed based on population standards for each amenity.



This 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 1/2 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 1/2 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, so as to specifically highlight residential and commercial areas of need. Approximately 50% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within 1/2 mile, as compared to the 45% of the population of the City of Houston who need park access.

AMENITY	PLAYGROUNDS	PICNIC SHELTERS	TRAILS (MILES)	OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS	TENNIS	VOLLEYBALL	DOG PARKS	SKATE PARKS	COMMUNITY CENTERS	SWIMMING POOLS	OUTDOOR SPRAYGROUNDS	BASEBALL (LIT & UNIT)	SOFTBALL (LIT & UNIT)	SOCCER (LIT & UNIT)
GOAL	37	15	30	12	15	3	1	1	5	4	2	9	5	15
EXISTING	22	7	18*	9	15	1	1	1	4	4	2	9	4	0
NEEDED	15	8	12	3	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	15

*This number includes miles of trails currently planned along White Oak Bayou to Beltway 8 under the Bayou Greenways Initiative ().