

HOUSTON PARKS MASTER PLAN

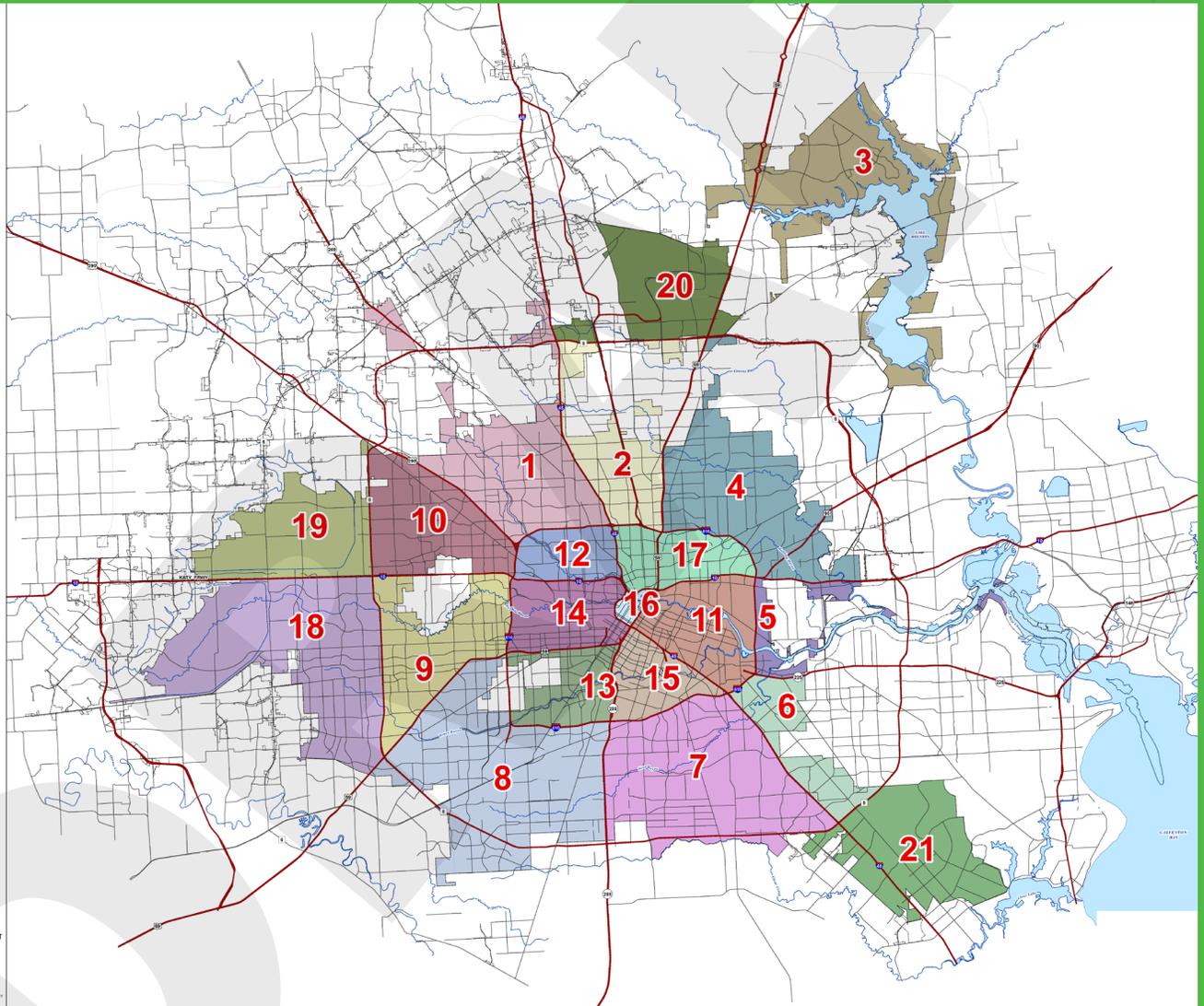
PHASE II



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.



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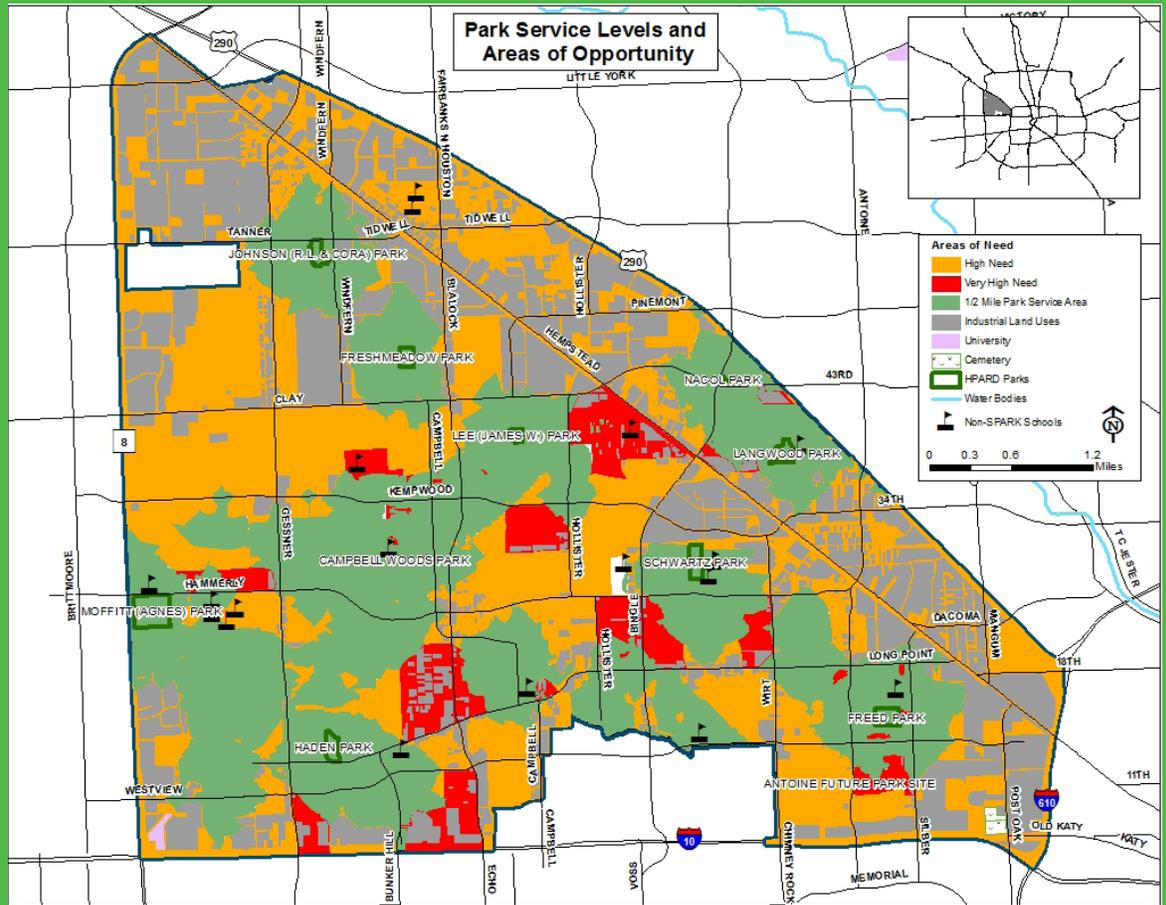


HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the 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 10:

This Park Sector contains 168 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers) and 7 miles of trails. There are approximately 121,412 residents, 65% are Latino and there is a slightly higher percentage of children & youth. The Health Houston Survey shows that 31.8% of this Park Sector is obese (compared to 32% for the City of Houston); however 42.2% of the population is overweight. An additional 142 acres of park land (community parks) are needed in this Park Sector. The Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ map shows high and very high need in the areas south of Clay and in the central portion of the Park Sector.

The map above 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 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). Approximately 38% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within ½ mile, as compared to the 45% of the population of the City of Houston who need park access.



OPPORTUNITIES

Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park space. According to the 2000 Census income data from the COH Housing and Community Development, over 58% of the population is below low/moderate income levels, which could qualify this area for CDBG funds. There are some short east-west utility corridors close to 13th street that could present an opportunity for the development of recreational trails. A portion of the Memorial City TIRZ is located in the boundary of this Park Sector along I-10 and BW-8 and partnering for park land acquisition in this area would be beneficial for residents.

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.

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	33	12	25	10	12	2	1	1	4	3	2	5	4	12
EXISTING	33	9	7	10	4	1	0	0	2	2	0	5	1	3
NEEDED	-	3	18	-	8	1	1	1	2	1	2	-	3	9