

# HOUSTON PARKS MASTER PLAN

## PHASE II

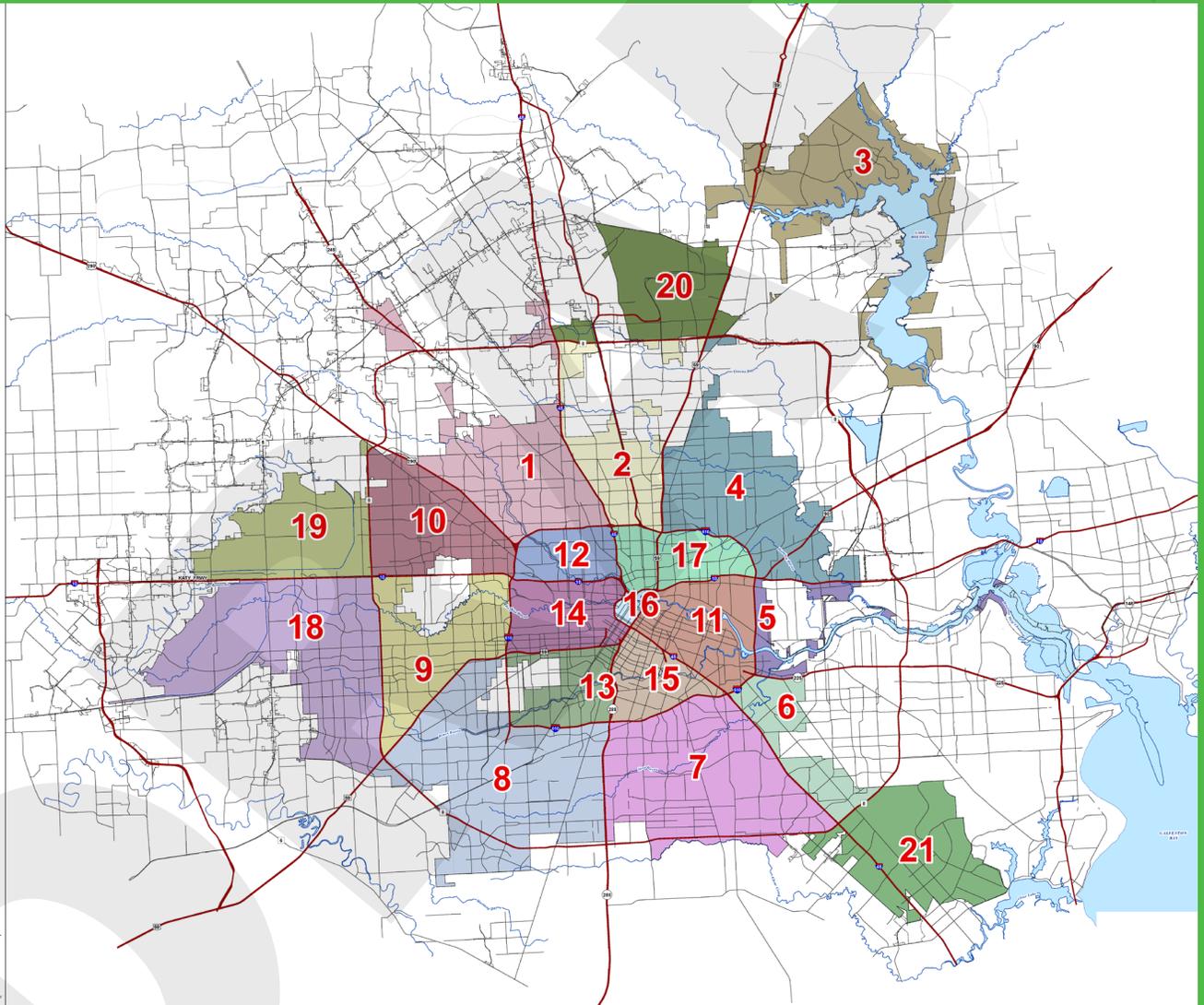


The Houston Parks and Recreation (HPARD) Parks Master Plan presents the vision of the residents of Houston and the goals, or Big Moves, to be made by the Department in the next 20 years. An online survey was conducted from March 2014 through July of 2014. Approximately 1,800 responses were received. 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

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



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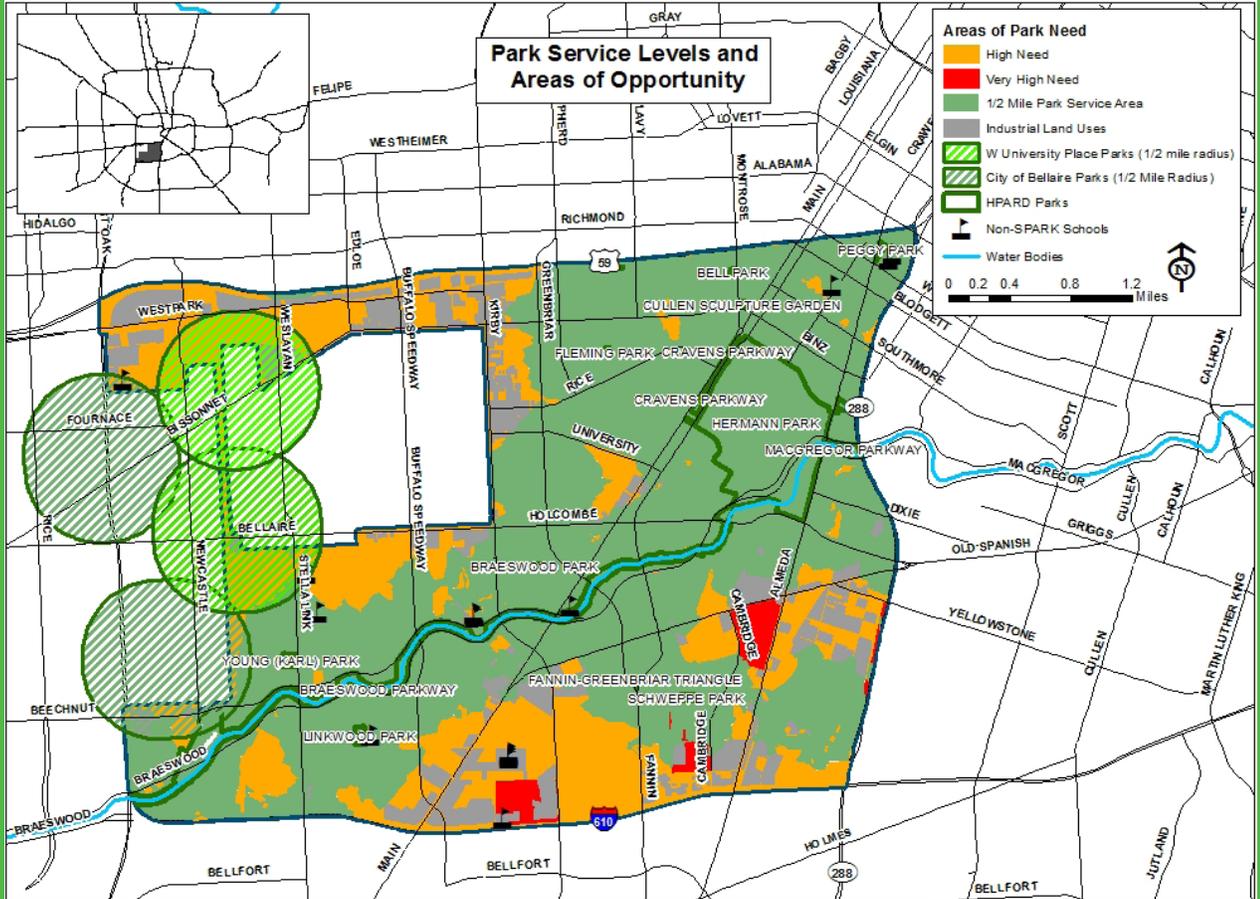


HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the 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 13:

This Park Sector contains 705 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers) and 15 miles of trails. There are approximately 75,000 residents, the highest percentage of Asians (18.75%) and the second highest percentage of adults between the ages of 20-54 years old in the entire city. Growth for this Park Sector is expected to continue around the Medical Center, Rice University, and Hermann Park areas. An additional 30 acres of land (neighborhood parks) is needed in this sector. The map shows high need in southern 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). The office and industrial land uses are represented in grey, so as to specifically highlight residential and commercial areas of need. Approximately 27% 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. Brays Bayou is planned to span over 20 miles. A connection from the Brays Bayou trail to a north-south route should be explored; there is a north-south utility corridor east of Newcastle that may serve as a connector.

### 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	19	10	15*	6	8	2	1	1	3	2	1	3	3	8
EXISTING	14	10	15	6	5	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1
NEEDED	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	1	1	-	2	2	7

\* This number includes 0.5 mile of trail currently under construction between Fannin and Main Streets.