

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

ROADS

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

PARK SECTORS

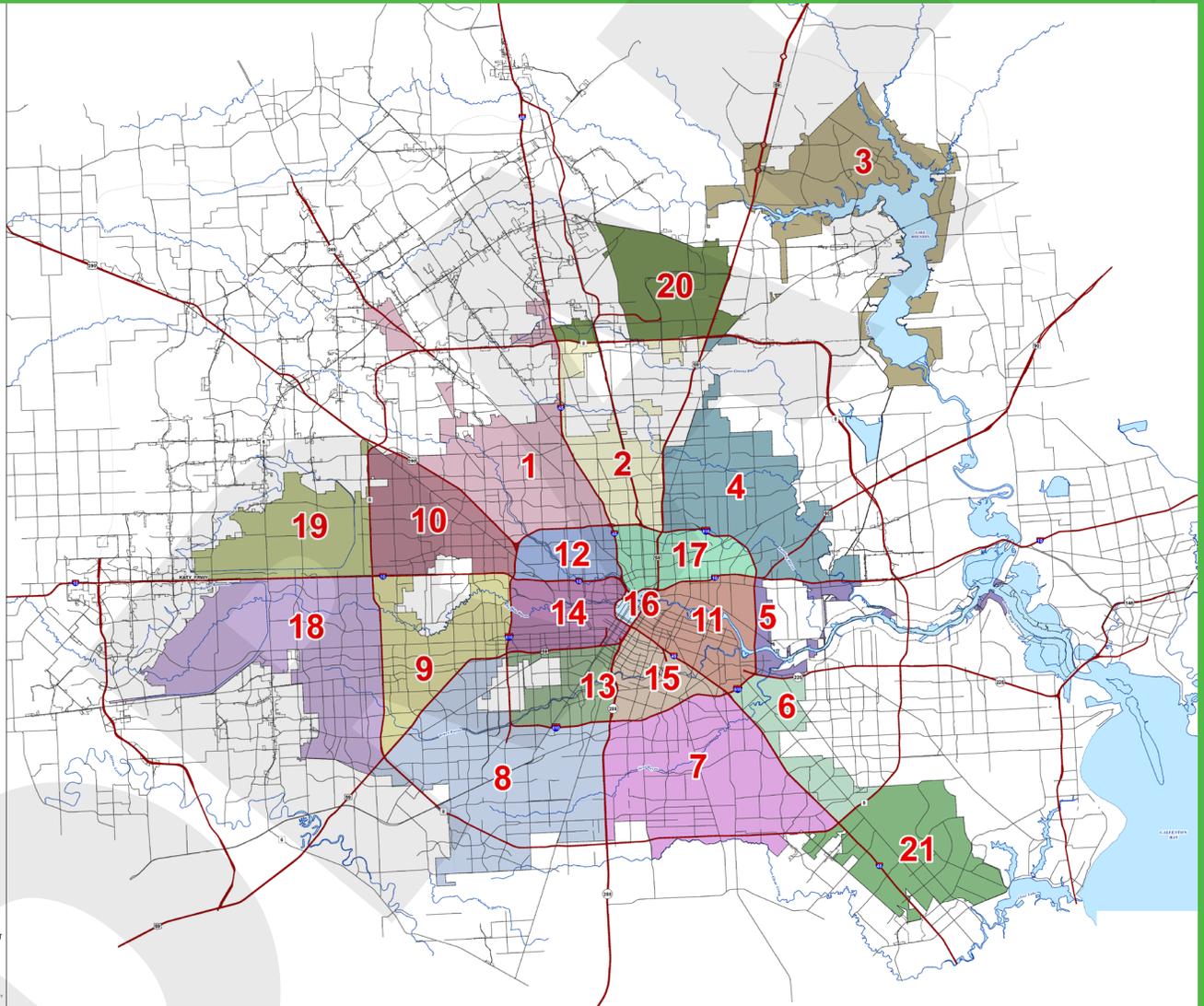
- 1 - NORTHWEST SIDE
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- 3 - FAR NORTHEAST SIDE
- 4 - NORTHEAST SIDE
- 5 - EAST SIDE OUTSIDE LOOP
- 6 - SOUTHEAST SIDE
- 7 - SOUTH SIDE
- 8 - SOUTHWEST SIDE
- 9 - WEST SIDE SOUTH IH 10
- 10 - WEST SIDE NORTH IH 10
- 11 - EAST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
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- 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

2.5 0 2.5 5 Miles

10,000 0 10,000 20,000 Feet

CITY OF HOUSTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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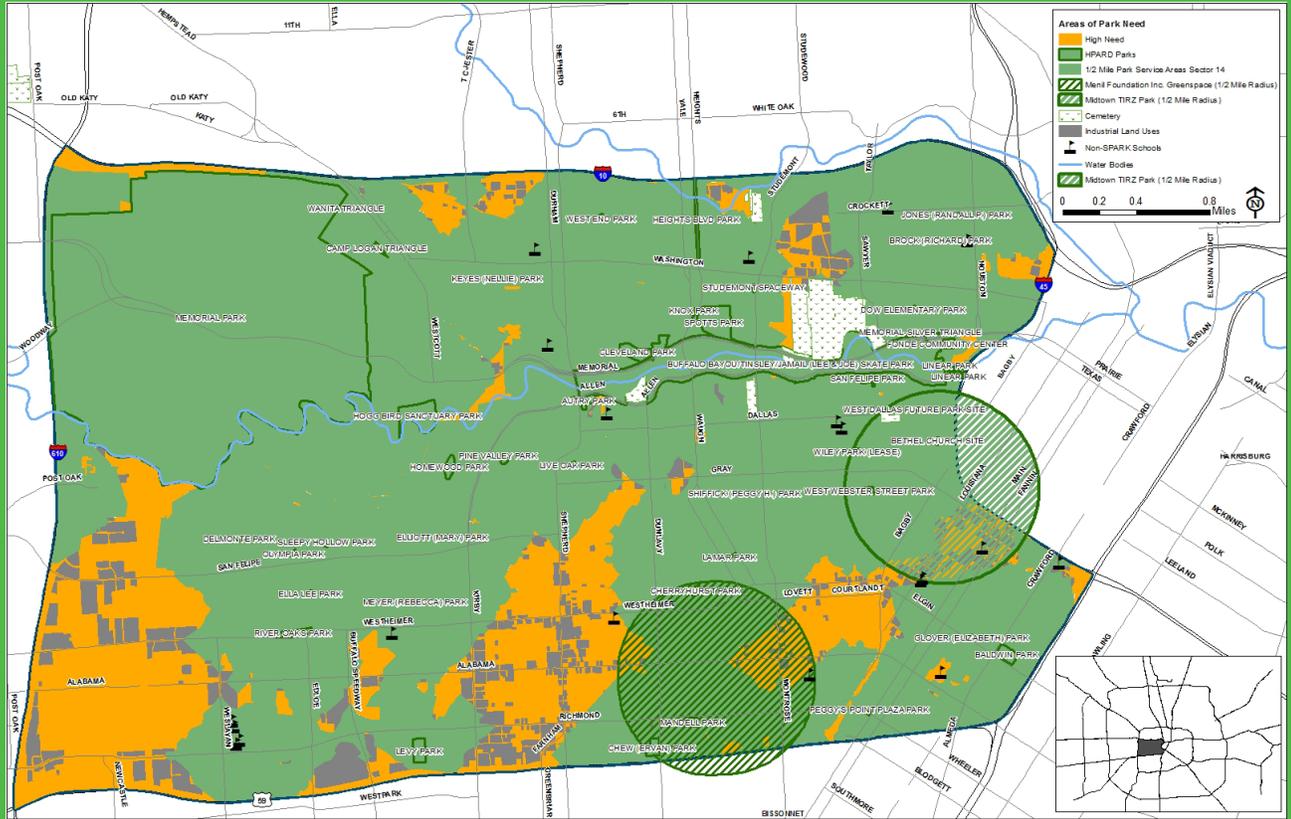


HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the 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 14:

This Park Sector contains 1,681 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers) and has a total of 39 miles of trail. There are approximately 91,105 residents, 65% are White and there is a high percentage (68%) of adults (20-54yrs) and seniors (55+yrs). An additional 37 acres of land is needed in this Park Sector. The map shows high need in southwest and south central portion of the Park Sector. In addition, higher density residential development is occurring along the Washington corridor and there is increasing usage of existing parks.

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 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 18% 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. There is a north-south utility corridor, between US-59 and Memorial Park that runs through the middle of the largest area in this Park Sector that has been identified as needing park and open space access. Trail development should be explored in this corridor to increase connectivity. Buffalo Bayou Park is being redeveloped and it will be a tremendous asset not only to the residents in this immediate area but also to the region. Additional connections from the south and west into Buffalo Bayou trail system should be explored.

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	23	12	40	21	29	8	6	1	3	2	2	6	7	9
EXISTING	22	12	40*	21	29	8	6	1	3	2	2	6	7	2
NEEDED	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7

*This number includes 1 mile of connector trail between along Buffalo Bayou and Memorial Park currently planned under the Bayou Greenways Initiative, BG2020.