

HOUSTON PARKS MASTER PLAN

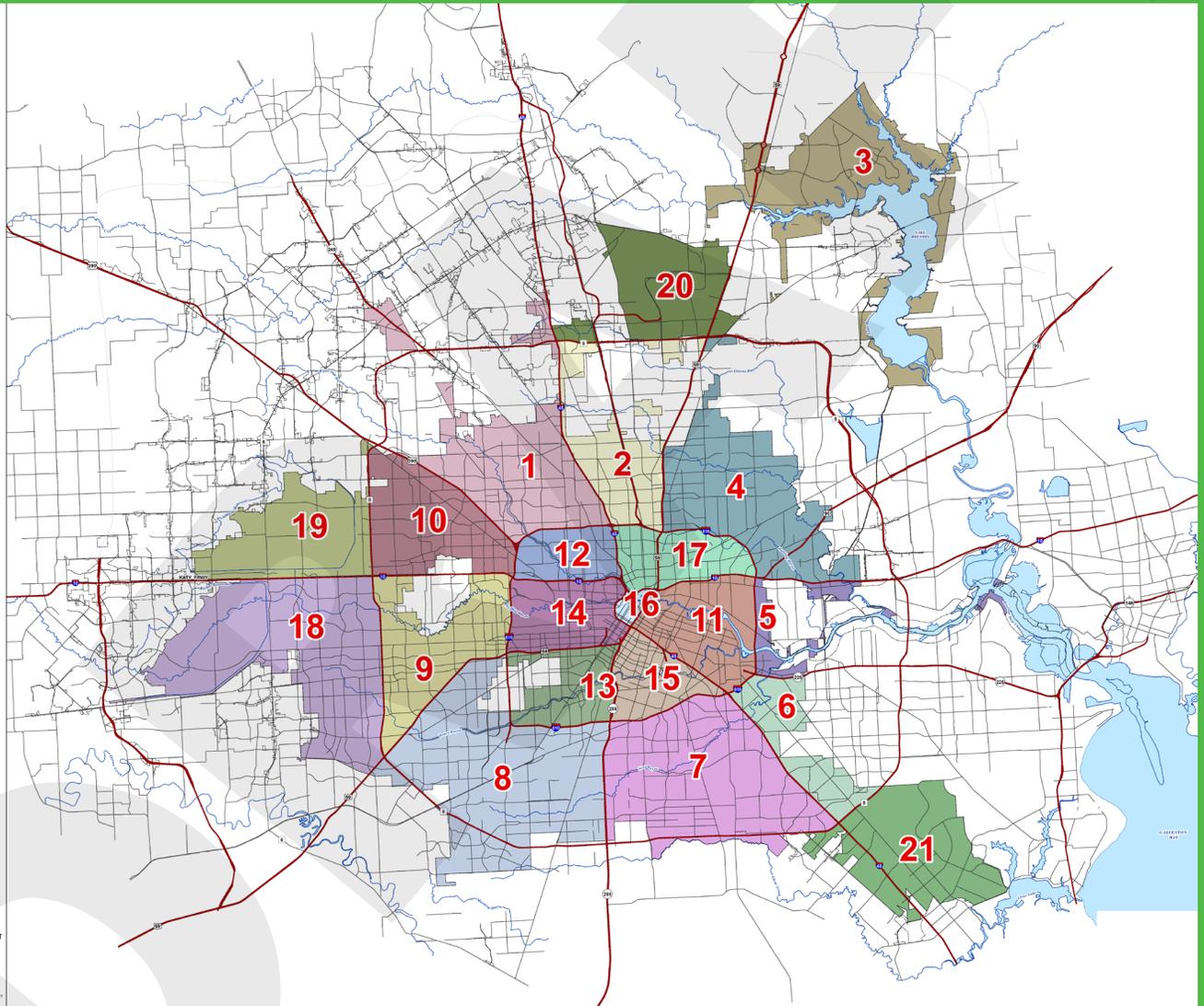
PHASE II



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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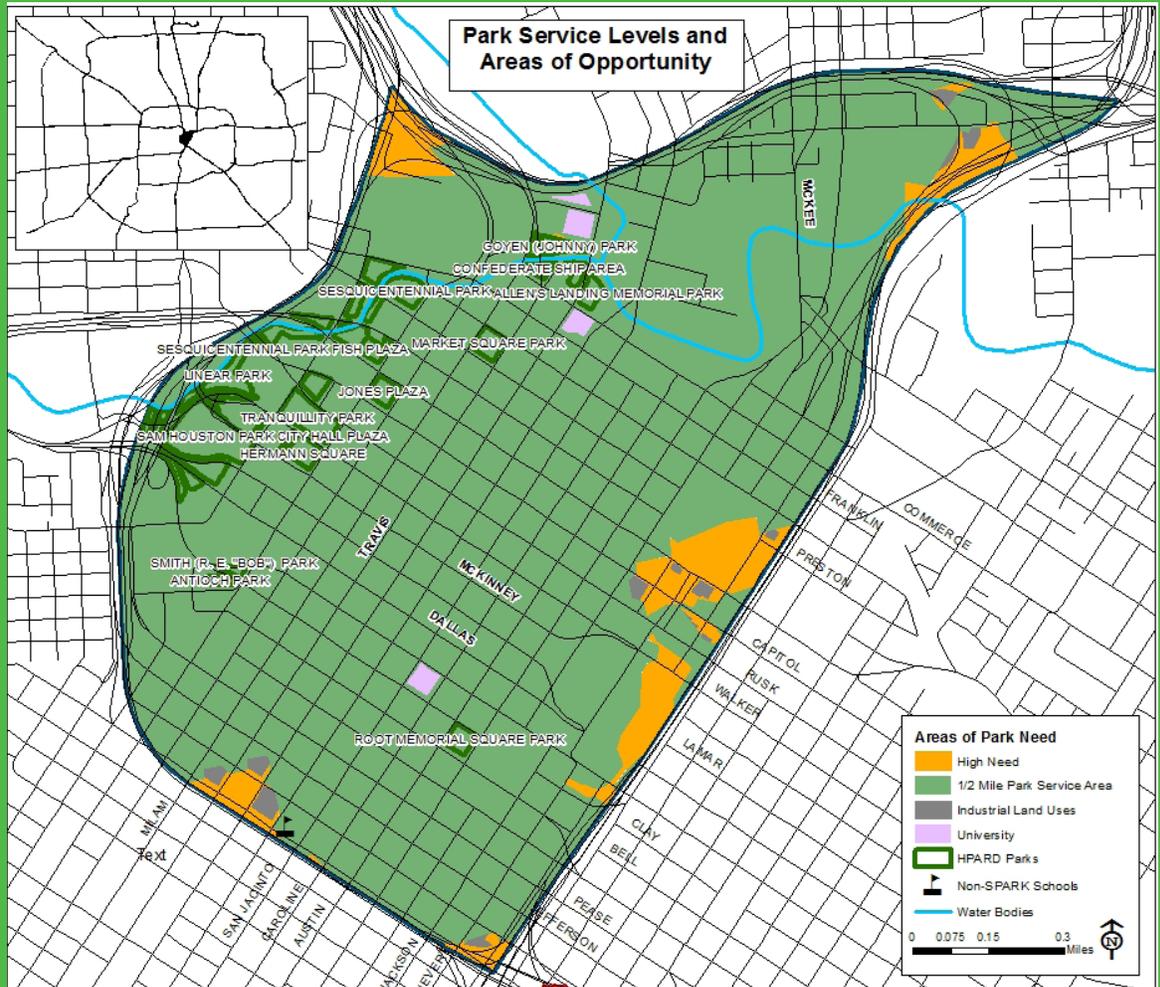


HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the 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 16:

This Park Sector contains 58.5 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). There are approximately 14,000 residents (including population in group quarters; 83% of residents are adults. Residential multifamily is expected to increase. An additional 1.3 acres of park land are needed in this Park Sector.

The 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 5% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within ½ mile, as compared to the 55% 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. In addition to the existing 3.2 miles of trails, there is a proposed 1.3 mile shared use path along Buffalo Bayou which would close a gap in the trail and complete a total of 7 miles of trails along the south side of Buffalo Bayou. There are few parks in the southern and eastern portions of the Park Sector and land acquisition should be pursued in these areas.

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	4	2	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
EXISTING	4	2	5*	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
NEEDED	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1

* This number includes miles of trails currently planned along Buffalo Bayou.