

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.

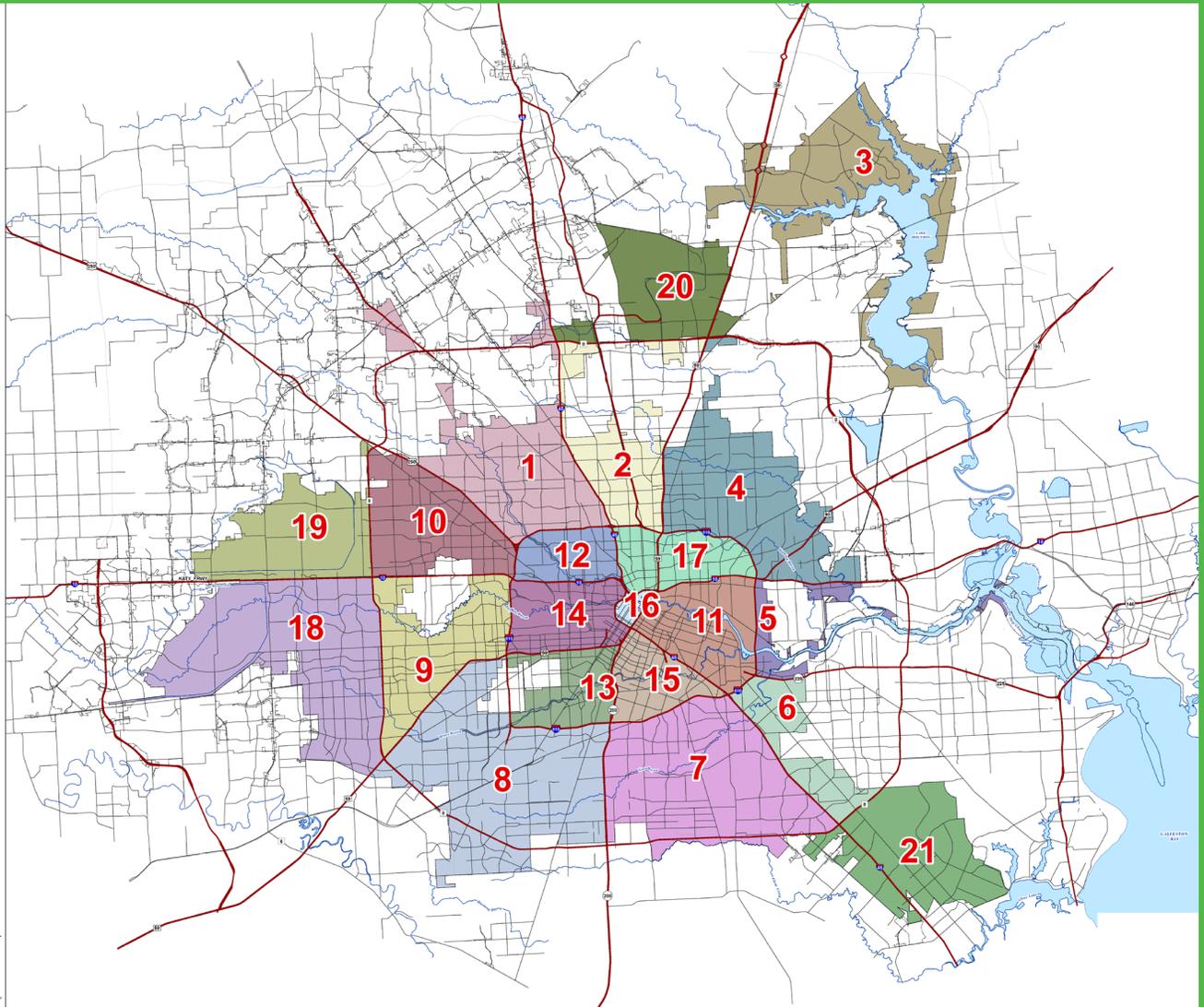
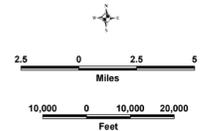


CITY OF HOUSTON PARK SECTORS

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

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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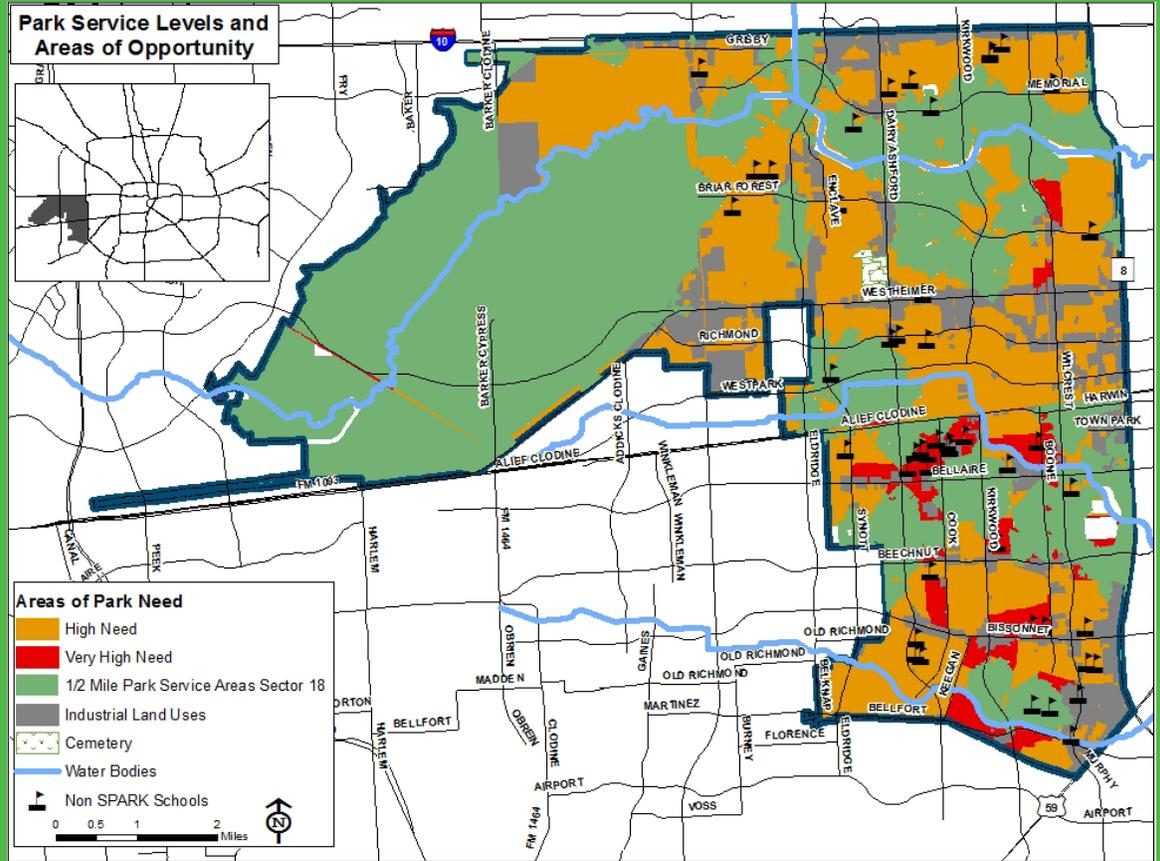


HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the 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 18:

This Park Sector contains 9,060 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). There are approximately 240,000 residents, making this the second most populous Park Sector that carries 11.3% of the total population in the City of Houston. It also has the second largest concentration of Asian-Americans (14%) in the city. Even though this Park Sector is served by George Bush Park there is a need for 401 acres of Neighborhood and Community parks. Trust for Public Land ParkScore shows high need in northwest and central portion of the Park Sector. This Park Sector has a total of 32 miles of trails.

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 of 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. Roughly 39% of the live/play areas in this Park Sector are not served by a park, which is lower than that of the entire city (55%).



OPPORTUNITIES

Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park space. Schools are prevalent in many of the areas of need and opportunities seem ubiquitous. Three bayous, Buffalo, Brays and Keegans Bayous flow through this Park Sector and there are approximately 18 miles of trails planned for these bayous through the Bayou Greenways Initiative (BG 2020). The West Houston Trails Master Plan (WHTMP) proposes a north-south 8.7 mile spine trail along a utility corridor (Wycliff Highline Spine Trail) which would begin north of I-10 and connect the trail along Buffalo Bayou inside Terry Hershey Park to Brays Bayou and would fill a gap in need for park and open space.

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	60	24	50	20	25	5	2	2	8	5	2	8	8	55
EXISTING	24	18	37*	3	7	0	0	0	3	1	1	8	0	55
NEEDED	36	6	13	17	18	5	2	2	5	4	1	-	8	-

* This number includes 5 miles of trails inside the city limits currently planned along Brays Bayou under the Bayou Greenways Initiative, BG2020.