

# 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.

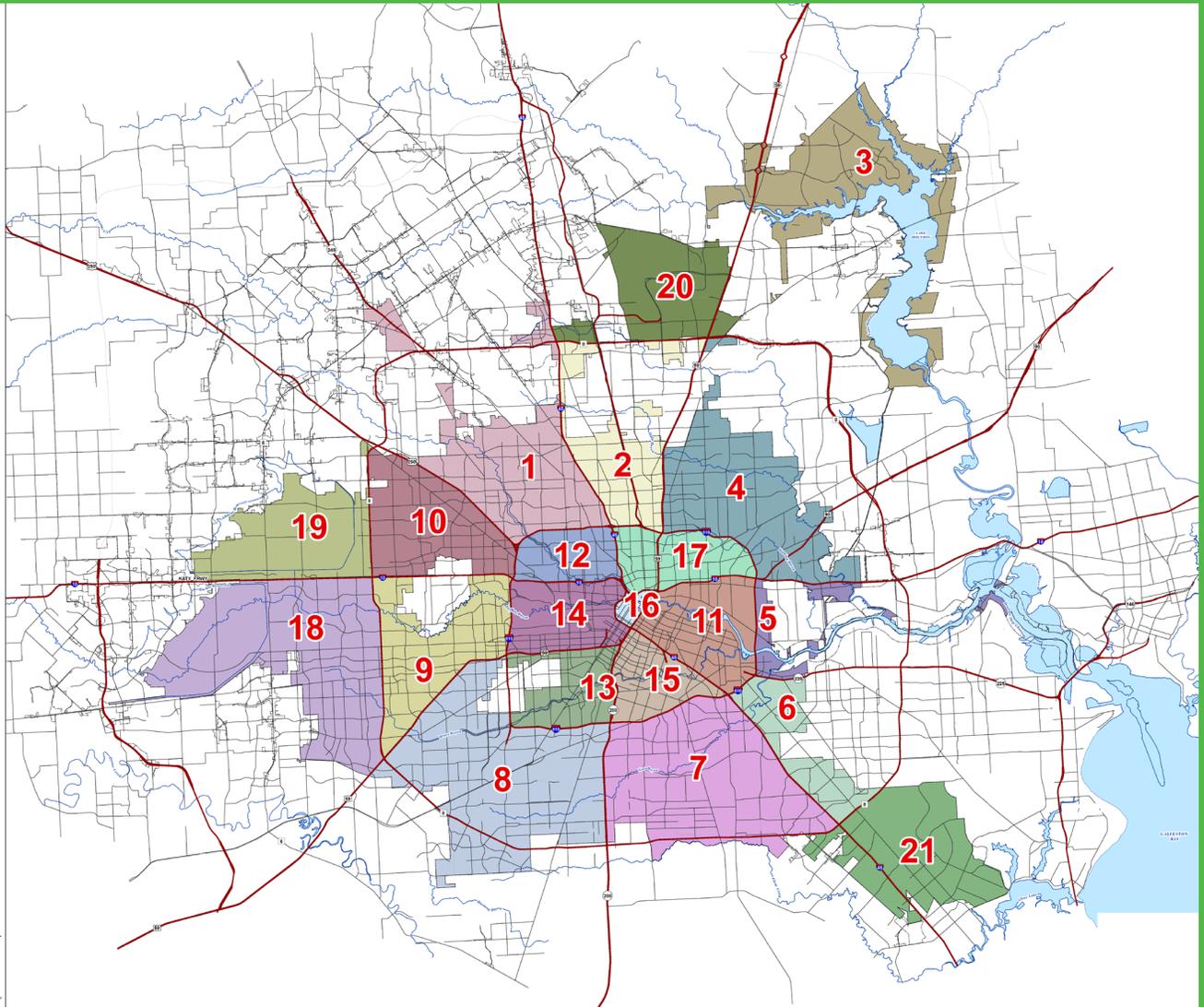
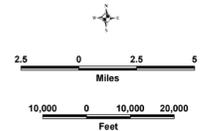


### CITY OF HOUSTON PARK SECTORS

- 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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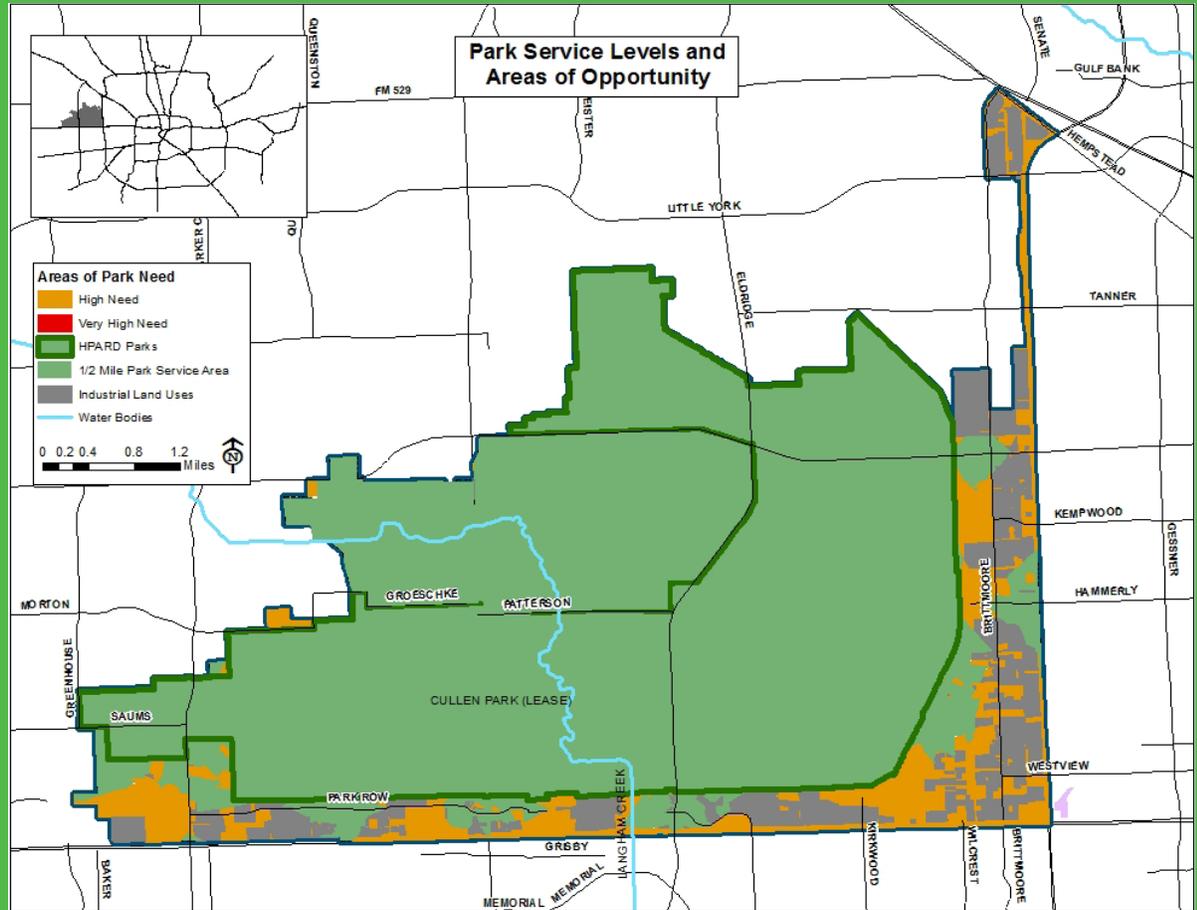


HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the 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 19:

This Park Sector contains 12,350 acres of parkland (Harris County, HPARD, and other providers). There are approximately 15,000 residents. Based on the standard acreage for park land per 1,000 residents, this Park Sector has sufficient parkland; however, as seen on this map there are some gaps.

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). The orange represents areas where there is not access to a park within ½ mile. The degree of need (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 10% of the live/play areas in this Park Sector are not served by a park, which is dramatically lower than that of the entire city (55%).



### OPPORTUNITIES

There are 13 miles of trails in this Park Sector. The West Houston Trails Master Plan identified the need for several trail connections on the western portion of Cullen Park where some of the amenities of Cullen Park are located, as well as along South Mayde Creek and Langham Creek. With the extension of Terry Hershey trail and the trail to Cullen Park there are more opportunities for connectivity and additional trails around the Reservoir. Existing equipment at Cullen Park should be targeted for renovation or replacement, such as the sprayground and playgrounds.

### 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	7	14	13	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	4	33
EXISTING	7	14	13	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	16	4	33
NEEDED	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-