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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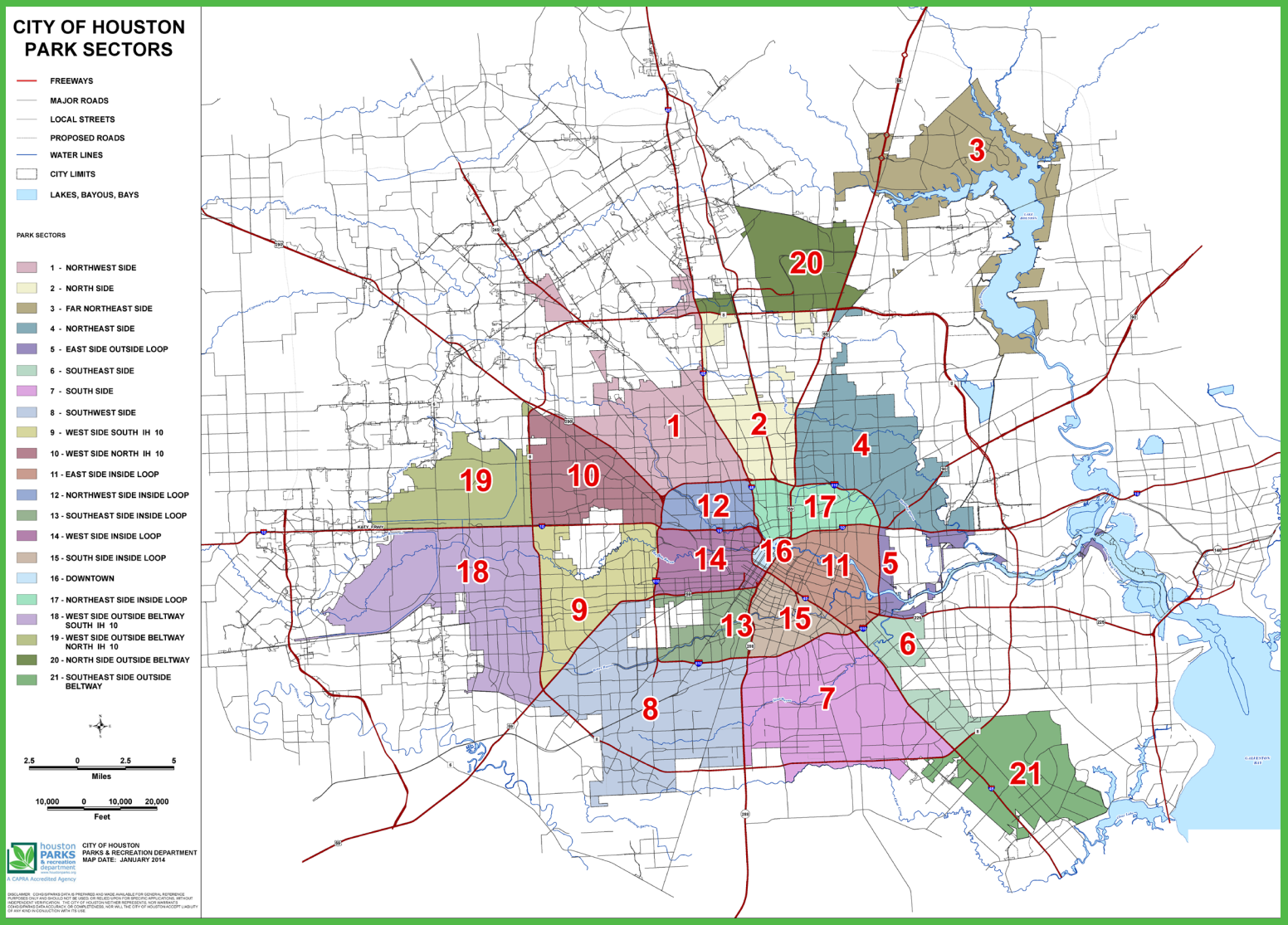

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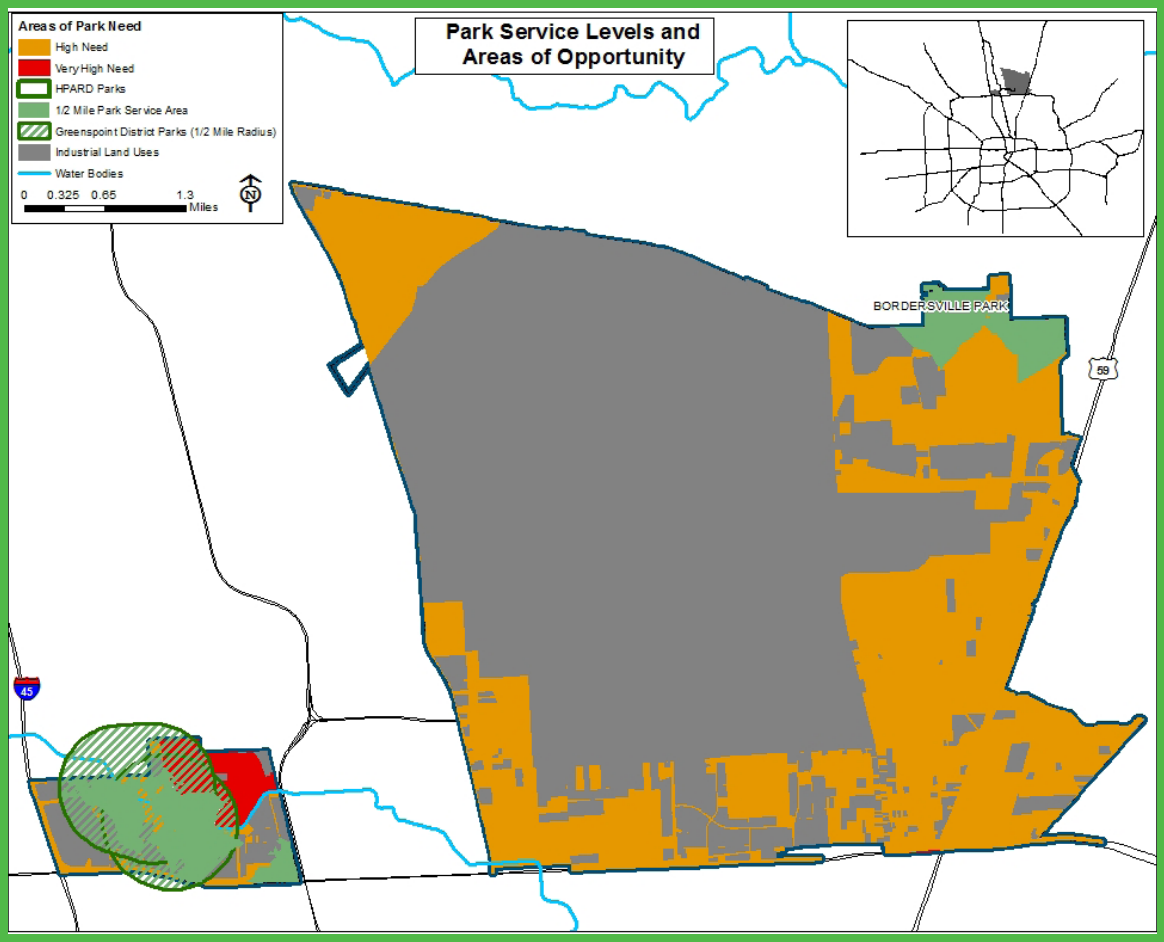
HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the 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 20:

This Park Sector contains 15 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD, and other providers). There are approximately 19,000 residents. The residential development is mostly located south of Rankin and east of Victory since over 60% of the land use in the area is either industrial or related to the airport. An additional 35.5 acres of park land are needed. The map shows high need in western and eastern portions of the Park Sector.

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. Roughly 33% of the live/play areas (residential= yellow and orange and some commercial= red) in this Park Sector are not served by a park, which is lower than that of the entire city (45%).



OPPORTUNITIES

Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park space. Park Sector 20 has a total of 3 miles of existing trails. There are approximately 1.5 miles of trails planned along Greens Bayou for this area through the Bayou Greenways Initiative (BG 2020). As there is no space in the only park in this Park Sector for further amenities, land acquisition should be prioritized in the residential areas east of the airport.

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	5	2	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
EXISTING	3	1	4*	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
NEEDED	2	1	-	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1

* This number includes 1.5 miles of trail currently planned along Greens Bayou included in the Bayou Greenways Initiative, (BG2020).