

HOUSTON PARKS MASTER PLAN

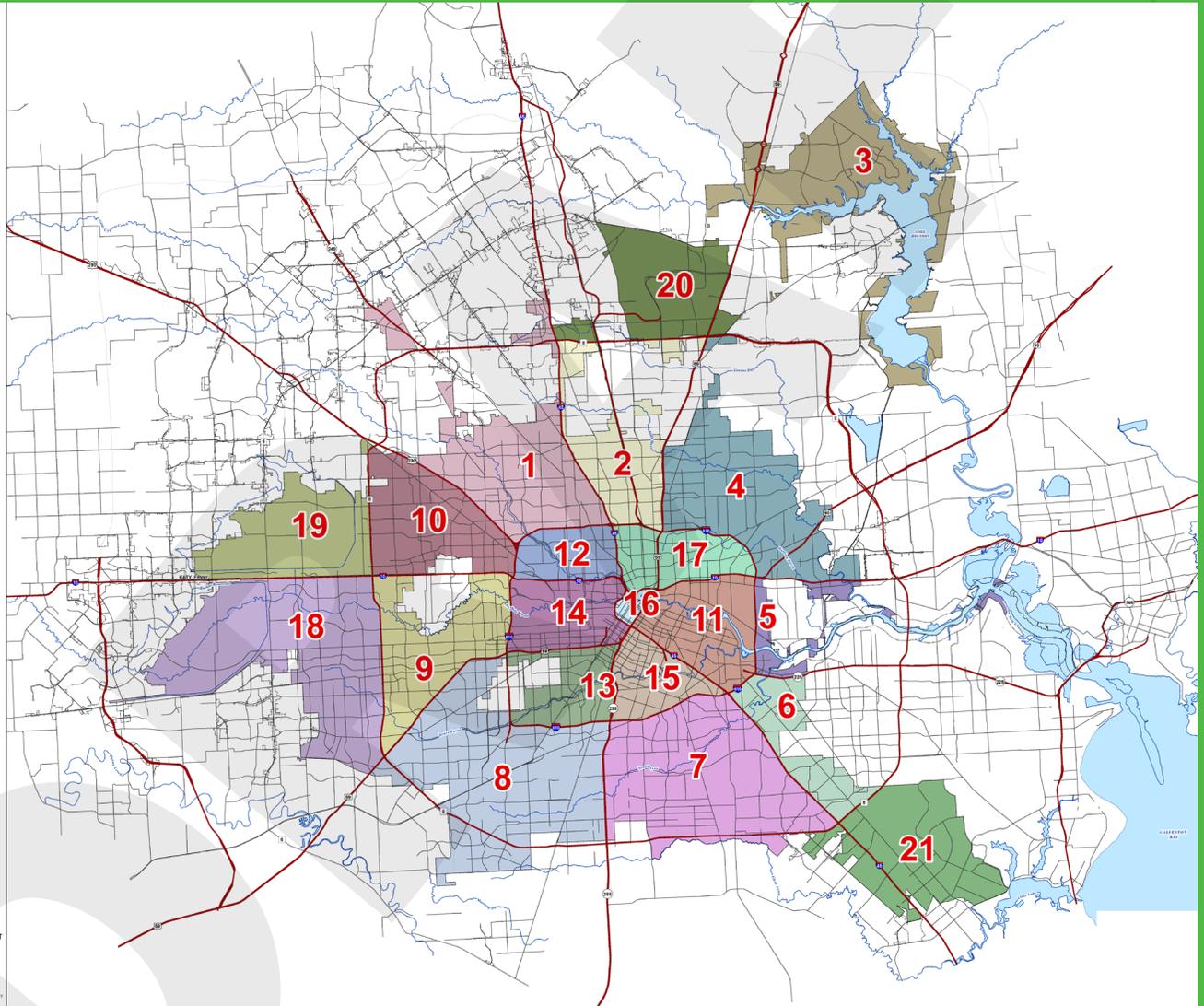
PHASE II

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
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- 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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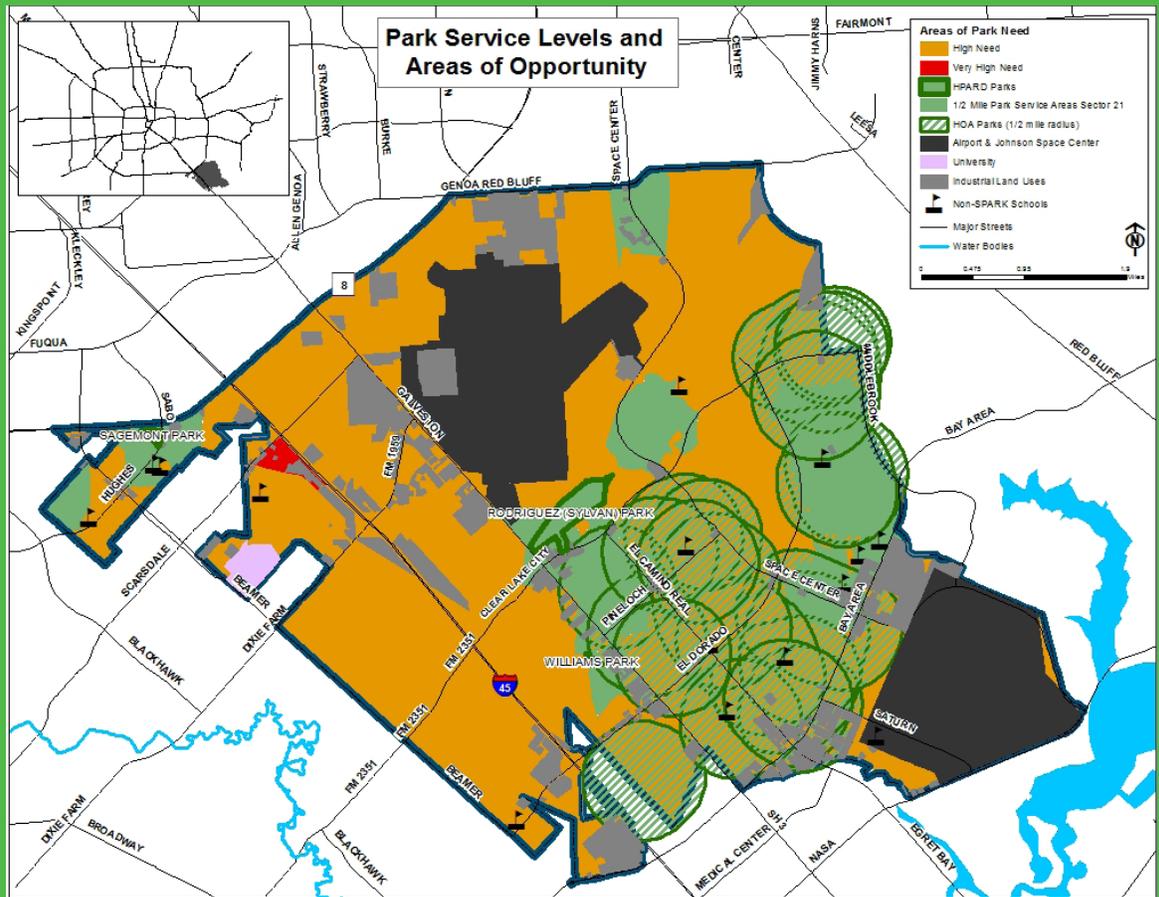


HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the 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 21:

This Park Sector contains 506 acres of parkland (Harris County, HPARD, and other providers). There are approximately 72,000 residents. Almost 55% of the population is Non-Hispanic White. According to the park land standards of people per 1,000 acres of park land, there is no need for additional park land because of the low population in the area. While areas of need are shown in the map, many of these areas have little residential development. The areas of need are closest to Beltway 8 and around I-45 and Scarsdale. This Park Sector has a total of 7 miles of trails. There are four trails maintained by the HOAs.

This map (right) 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. Because of the development of private parks, most of the single family residential areas have access to park maintained by the HOAs.



OPPORTUNITIES

Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park space. Areas west of I-45 and north of Dixie Farm Road would seem to particularly benefit from additional Spark Parks. There is a high percentage of undeveloped and agricultural land (according to HCAD) in this Park Sector which could be conserved for future park use. The development of private parks seems to be keeping up with the demand for park land. Encouraging developers to continue to provide private parks in the new development would help to maintain the balance as this area grows.

PARK AMENITIES

The table below shows the total existing amenities (including, HPARD, County, SPARK Parks and Private 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	18	7	14	6	32	2	1	1	1	13	1	8	2	10
EXISTING	15	3	7	6	32	0	0	0	1	13	0	8	1	10
NEEDED	3	4	7	-	-	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-