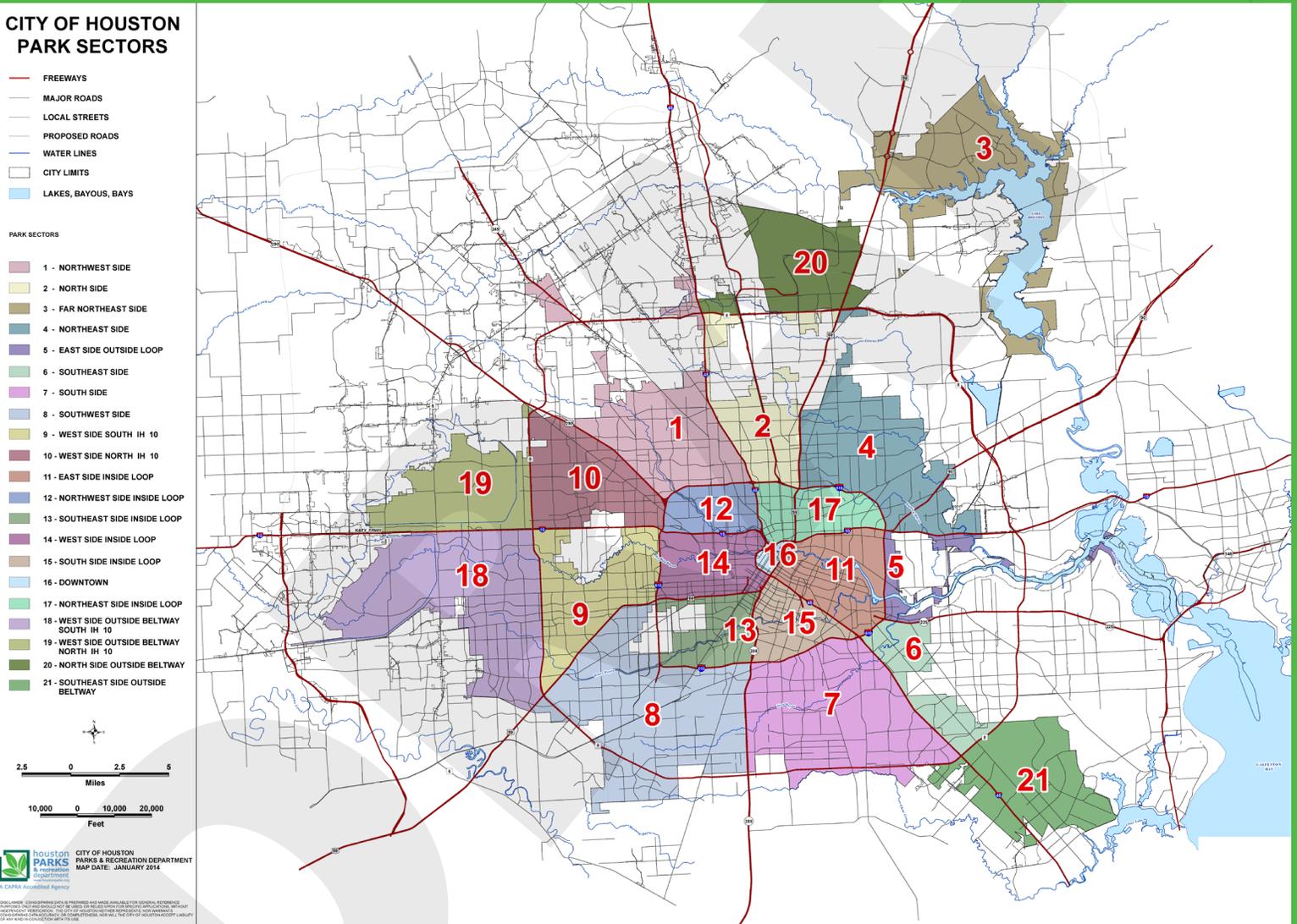


# HOUSTON PARKS MASTER PLAN

## 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 4:

This Park Sector contains 1,420 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers)

There are approximately 95,000 residents, 51% African-American and there is a high percentage of youth and seniors. Based on the standard of acreage of park land per 1,000 residents, this Park Sector has sufficient parkland; however, as seen on the map there are gaps in park land in some areas.

### OPPORTUNITIES

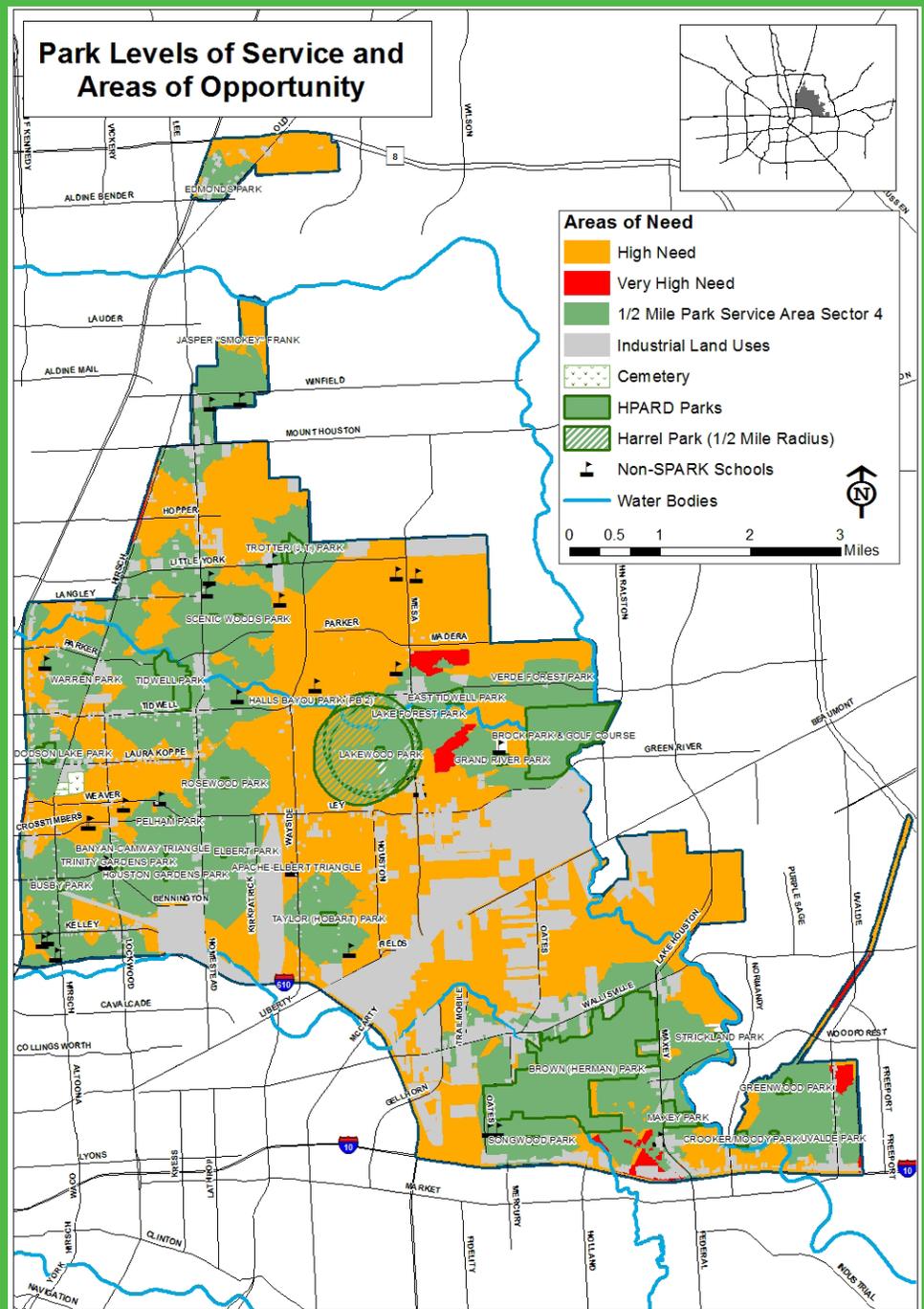
Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park space. In addition to existing 17 miles of existing trails in this Park Sector, there are approximately 18 miles of trails planned for these bayous through the BG2020. While many amenity needs are met based on population, existing amenities should be considered for renovation. There are large tracts of undeveloped land as well as land classified as agricultural (according to HCAD) in this Park Sector.

### 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.

\* This number includes miles of trails currently planned along Greens Bayou (9 miles), Halls Bayou (5 miles) and Hunting Bayou (4 miles) under the Bayou Greenways Initiative (BG2020).

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	30	13	34	16	16	2	1	1	3	3	2	20	9	10
EXISTING	30	13	34*	16	16	0	1	0	3	3	2	20	9	10
NEEDED	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-



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 31% of the live/play areas in this Park Sector are not served by a park, significantly lower than that of the entire city (55%) .