

# HOUSTON PARKS MASTER PLAN

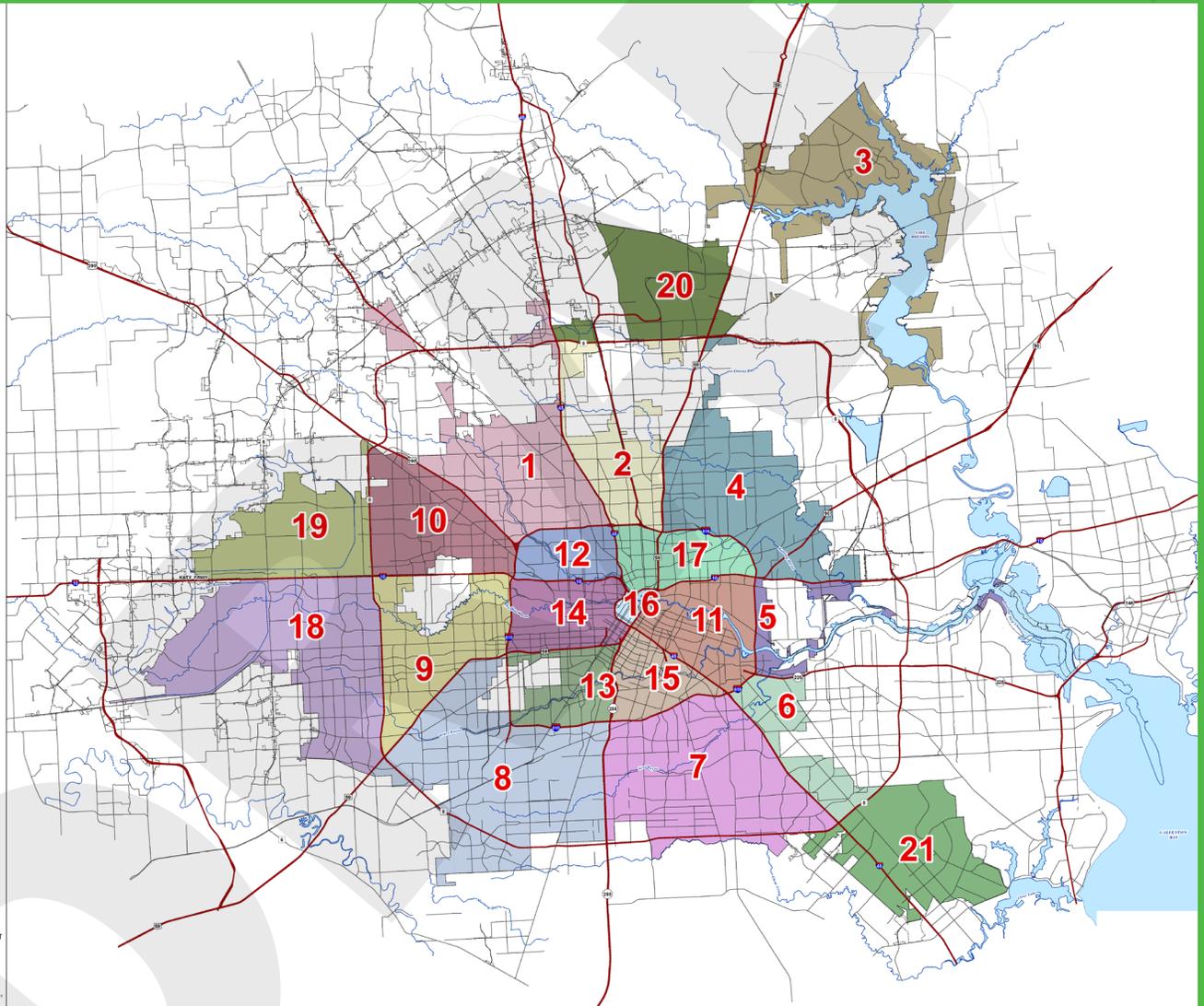
## PHASE II

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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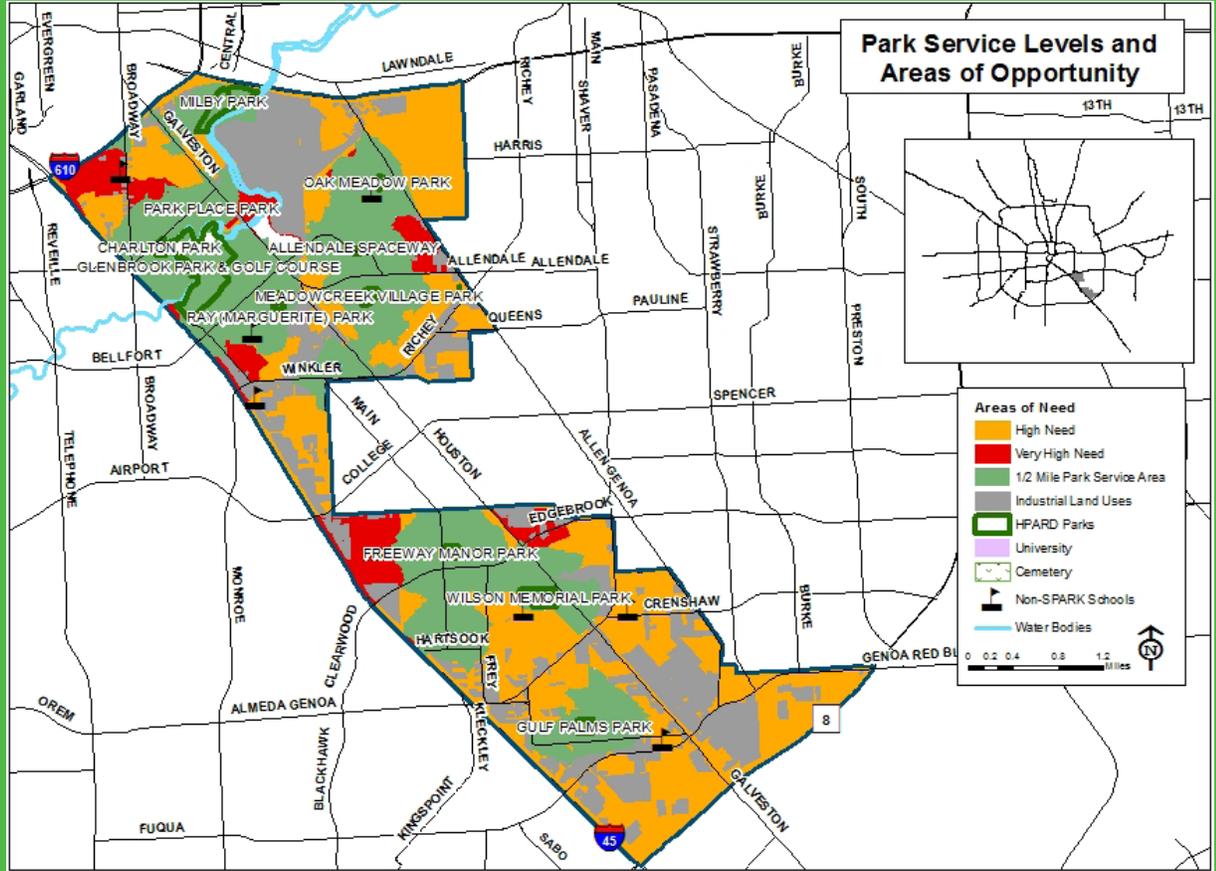


HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the 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 6:

This Park Sector contains 280 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). There are approximately 62,000 residents, almost 80% Hispanic (higher than the 43.8% in the City of Houston). An additional 13.5 acres of park land are needed in this Park Sector. This map shows high need in the northwest portion of the sector close to 610 and I-45 and in the southern area close to Beltway 8.

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. Approximately 45% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within 1/2 mile, which is lower than the City of Houston as a whole (55%).



### OPPORTUNITIES

The Sims Bayou trail west of I-45 South is planned to be over 13 miles long. Additional north-south connections need to be explored in this Sector. Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park 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	16	6	13	6	14	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	4	8
EXISTING	14	5	5*	6	14	2	0	0	2	2	0	3	4	8
NEEDED	2	1	8	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

\* This number includes 2.5 miles of trails currently planned along Sims Bayou from SH225 to I-45 South under the Bayou Greenways Initiative, BG2020.