Houston Parks And Recreation Department

Annual Report

FY2009

Lee And Joe Jamail Skatepark
Buffalo Bayou Park

LAKE HOUSTON WILDERNESS PARK
11 MILES OF WATERFRONT

KEITH - WIESS PARK - TAKE ME FISHING
NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION GRANT

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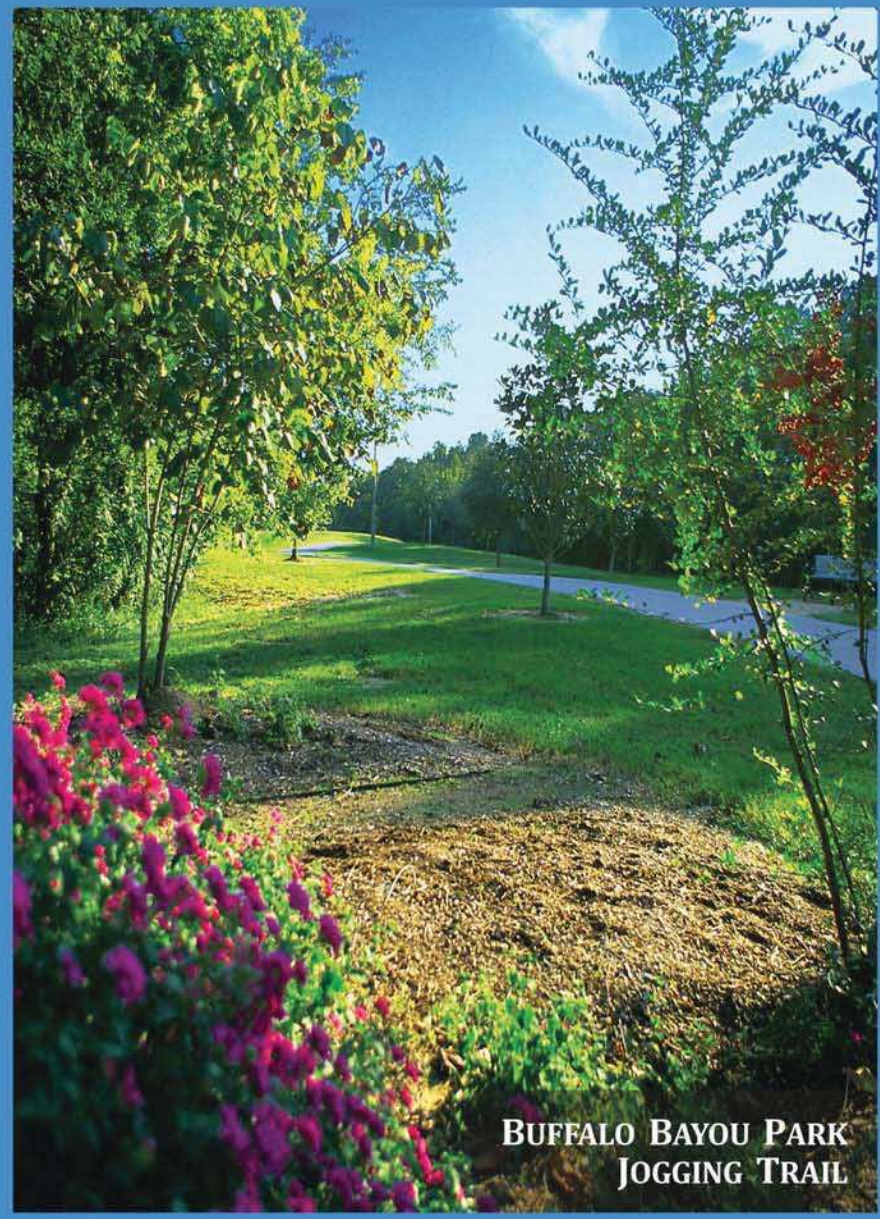


BUFFALO BAYOU PARK JOGGING TRAIL

AGNES MOFFITT PARK
MAYOR'S TREE PLANTING EVENT

Director's Message

I'm pleased to offer you this message describing another year in the ongoing evolution of the HPARD. In my fifth year as Director of this great team, I feel we've accomplished some especially notable goals. These achievements speak to our outstanding team and our commitment to making Houston a better place to work, to play . . . to live.

For the very first time, our efforts and dedication to providing quality customer service has received national recognition when The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) granted our department CAPRA Accreditation.

This best practices accreditation award, issued by an organization that is itself formed of people from parks systems, is one of the most prestigious recognitions that any parks and recreation agency can receive. The accreditation process measures a park system's daily operations against 155 quality standards and is an external recognition of a quality governmental service to the public, confirming assurance and validation of well administered service in accord with approved national standards. For HPARD, it validates the work we do every day to be responsive to our visitors' needs by providing quality parks, facilities and greenspaces which we believe are a vital part of our civic infrastructure.

We thank all of our many partners and volunteers who have helped and supported us and shared our belief that an investment in parks not only benefits and improves the quality of life for today's Houstonians; but, is part and parcel of the legacy we leave to those who come after us. We hope you agree and we encourage you to come visit a Houston Park or Community Center near you.

Joe Turner, Director
Houston Parks and Recreation Department

MacGregor Park
Redbud Tree

NRPA CAPRA Accreditation
Washington D.C.

The Houston Parks And Recreation Department

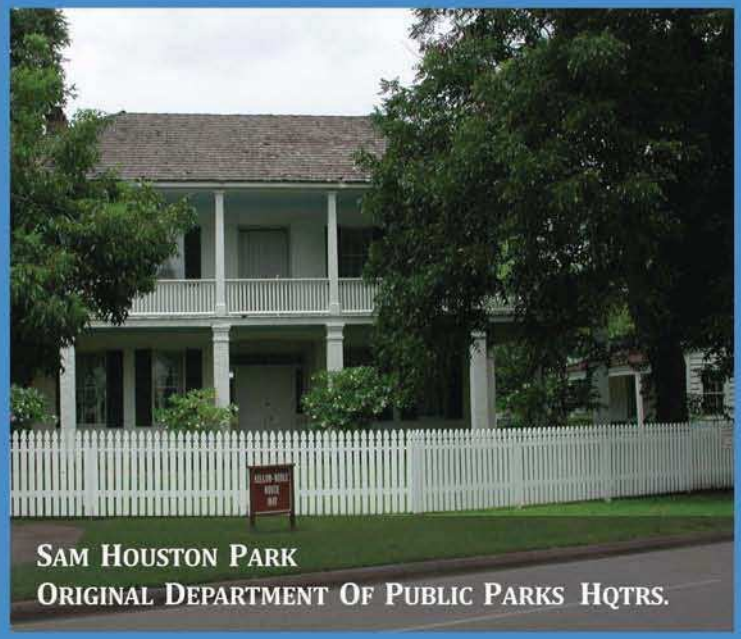
Mission Statement

"To enhance the quality of urban life by providing safe, well-maintained parks and offering affordable programs for the community. "

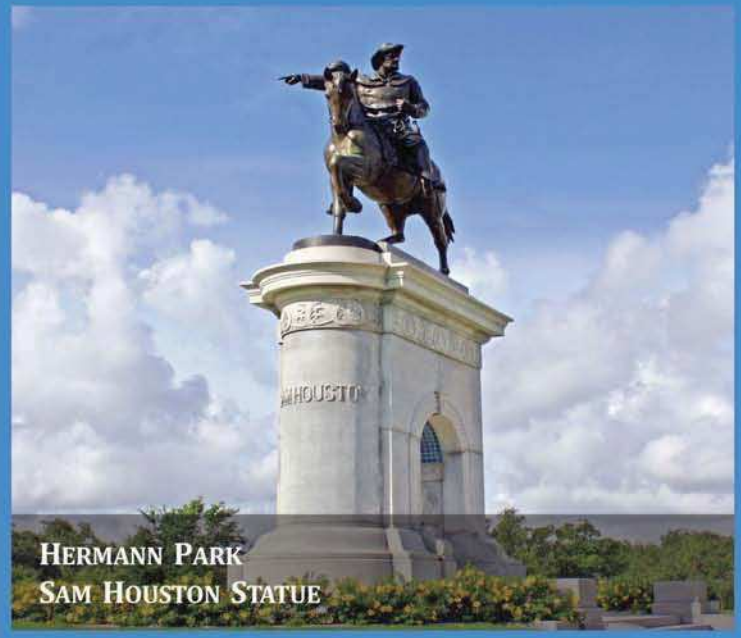
Overview

The Houston Parks And Recreation Department was created by city ordinance on March 15, 1916. The Department of Public Parks, as it was called at that time, began with two facilities - Sam Houston Park and Hermann Park. Today, the department, under the leadership of Director Joe Turner, manages a budget of approximately $78,444,341 and oversee the management of approximately 38,969 acres of parkland greenspaces and park facilities as well as the development of recreational programming for Houston's citizens and visitors.

HPARD's nine divisions work together to ensure that park visitors receive quality services, programs and responsible stewardship of the parkland and facilities entrusted to the department's care. HPARD facilities include 369 parks; $2 billion trees; 57 community centers; the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at West Gray plus 1 indoor pool for people with disabilities; 38 outdoor pools; 16 spraygrounds; 7 municipal golf courses and 1 first tee junior golf center; 3 staffed tennis centers and 205 neighborhood tennis courts; 184 baseball/softball fields; 129 football/soccer/rugby fields; 143 basketball courts (covered and uncovered); 110 miles of nature/hike/bayou trails; the Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark and 6 above ground skateparks; 7 gardens; 239 playgrounds; 3 dog parks and Lake Houston Wilderness Park. In addition, the department manages the greenspace areas for the Houston Public Library and the Houston Health Department.



Sam Houston Park
Original Department Of Public Parks Hqtrs.



Hermann Park
Sam Houston Statue

On October 15, 2008 the Houston Parks and Recreation Department became the 74th of only 79 agencies in the U.S. to receive national accreditation from the National Recreation and Parks Association's (NRPA) Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

The NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies provides quality assurance of accredited park and recreation agencies throughout the United States. CAPRA is the only national accreditation of park and recreation agencies and is a valuable measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management, and service to the community. Houston currently ranks as the largest city among park and recreation agencies to receive National Accreditation. CAPRA Accreditation requires park and recreation agencies to respond to 155 standards representing elements of effective and efficient park and recreation operations. To become accredited, agencies must demonstrate their ability to meet 138 standards, 36 of which are designated as fundamental to quality operations and are required of all agencies.

CAPRA Accreditation benefits Houston by requiring HPARD to review its procedures and practices on a yearly basis to retain its accredited status. For citizens this provides an external measure that ensures quality governmental service to the public, confirming assurance and validation of well administered service in accordance with approved national standards.

In addition, CAPRA Accreditation increases the potential for community grants; fundraising; monetary contributions; federal, state and local funding assistance; and other external financial support and savings for the public.

The Recreation And Wellness Division

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department, through its Recreation and Wellness Division provides recreational and educational programs and services aimed at enriching the lives of Houstonians of all ages and abilities. The division is responsible for staffing and operating HPARD's 57 community centers; the Metropolitan Multi-Service Centerfor people with disabilities; 38 outdoor pool sites, 1 indoor pool site; 4 of the 7 city golf courses; 1 First Tee junior golf center; 3 staffed tennis centers; 205 tennis courts; the Lee & Joe Jamail Skatepark; the Summer Food Service Program; the Houston Garden Center and HPARD's Permits and Reservations Services.

The division's programming provides opportunities for all Houstonians to engage in a variety of activities. Youth sport programs offer youngsters the opportunity to play soccer, basketball, flag football, team handball, tee ball, baseball, tennis and golf. Organized leagues for adults interested in team sports for fun and relaxation are offered in softball, basketball, volleyball, and flag football. Wellness programs, for adults and seniors, include aerobics classes, dance classes, exercise classes, weight training, walking clubs and health seminars all geared towards encouraging healthy lifestyles. The Adaptive Recreation section offers programs for citizens with disabilities some activities include wheelchair basketball, wheelchair soccer, and wheelchair tennis, sitting volleyball, beep baseball, weight training, bowling, water exercise and cycling. Programming for seniors include walking clubs, exercise classes, field trips, Senior Olympics programs and crafts classes at various community centers. Additional recreational programming is offered to Houstonians at HPARD's 3 tennis centers and 8 outstanding golf courses.

All HPARD youth programs encourage achievement and wellness. A few noteworthy programs include the After School Enrichment Program, the After School Achievement Program, Athletes Seeking Knowledge, the 1st Tee of Houston Jr. Golf Program, the Summer Enrichment Program, Healthy Kids Houston, and the Summer Food Service Program which serves nutritious meals to youth in over 425 sites across Houston.

Robertson Stadium
Hershey Track And Field Event

Fonde Recreation Center
Aerobics Class

TRAPS Region IV Event
Wheelchair Rugby

Memorial Park
Houston Corporate Games

Godwin Park
Senior Olympics Football Throw

Lee & Joe Jamail Skatepark
Babes On Boards Event

Adult Sports
Softball League

Keith - Wiess Park
Take Me Fishing

Judson Robinson, Jr. Cmmty. Ctr.
Fitness Center

Wildcat Golf Course
Father Child Golf Tournament

Marian Park
Let's Play Carnival

Denver Harbor Park
Summer Swim Class

The Greenspace Management Division

The Greenspace Management Division works to preserve and maintain municipal parkland as well as esplanades and certain COH facilities greenspaces. The division is the visible encarnation of the department's dedication to the preservation and maintenance of the city's parklands, greenspaces and esplanades for today's park users and for future generations.

The division is composed of general grounds maintenance, urban forestry, horticulture, greenspace adoption programs, park volunteer coordination, the urban garden program, Houston Public Library and Houston Health Department Multi-Service Center maintenance, community restitution services and fleet maintenance.

The General Grounds Maintenance section mows and delitters all 369 HPARD parks and greenspaces across the City. Every 10 days this section mows over 5,000 acres of turf and picks up and removes an average of 27 cubic yards of trash and litter from HPARD parks and greenspaces.

The Urban Forestry section acts as the stewards of the city's Urban Forest which includes all trees on park property and municipal right-of-ways. In addition, foresters are involved in enforcing the city's tree ordinance.

The Horticulture section maintains HPARD's many flower beds located throughout the park system including the flower beds surrounding City Hall and other downtown parks, the Rose Garden and the Japanense Garden and the HPARD Greenhouse. In addition, this section oversees the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Planting Project and the Urban Garden Program.

The Greenspace Adoption and Volunteer Program coordinate citizens philantropic efforts and allow HPARD to redirect staff efforts and maximize funding. The Fleet Services section maintains and acquires the departmental fleet and related equipment.

Buffalo Bayou Park
Sodding Lee & Joe Jamail Skatepark

Gragg Park
Horticulture Class

Clay Road Esplanades
Arbor Day Volunteer Tree Planting

Buffalo Bayou Park
Landscaping Garden Beds

Hermann Square Park
Holiday Tree Recycling

Gragg Park
Forestry Tree Removal

Memorial Park
Volunteer Invasive Plant Removal

Clay Road Esplanades
Arbor Day Tree Planting

Sowden Forestry Building
Ribbon Cutting

Earth Day
Composting Demonstration

Urban Garden Program
Southwest Multi-Service Center

Gragg Park
New Mowing Equipment

The Facilities, Management And Development Division

The Facilities, Management and Development Division oversees the planning, park acquisition, design, construction, maintenance and repair of park facilities. It also administers the Parks Master Plan as well as individual Master Plans for specific parks, manages expenditures from the Capital Improvement Program budget, the Parks Special Fund Account and other funds for improvements and oversees the upkeep and management of HPARD's Gragg Park Campus and newly renovated HPARD headquarters facilities.

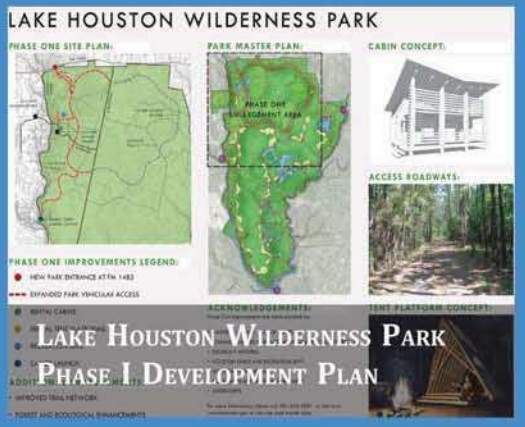
To more efficiently and cost effectively accomplish these tasks the division maintains an internal Carpentry/Light Construction/Paintingshop, a Pool and Plumbing section, an Electrical and HVAC section, a Playground Inspection Section, a Fencing Section and a Grafiti Abatement Section.

The division in coordination with the General Services Department implements the development of new facilities for the department. This year's two major projects were the renovation of the department's main campus and the implementation of the federally mandated Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.

The Gragg Campus renovation and development project involved the preservation of a historically significant building while renovation it to meet today's "green" standards and creating an office environment that would serve the city and HPARD for the next 50 years.

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, which went into affect on December 19, 2008. The law required all public pools and spas install new ASME/ANSI A112.19.8-2007 drain covers and a second anti-entrapment system installed prior to opening. The Facilities and Management Division took the lead in bringing all HPARD pools into compliance in time for a smooth summer swim season opening.

Gragg Park Campus
Master Plan



Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Phase I Development Plan

Sowden Greenspace Management Complex
Renovated PWE Warehouse

Townwood Park Center
Remodeling Project

Virginia Graham Baker Pool & Spa Safety A
Two Phase Opening

Memorial Park
Living Bridge Ground Breaking

Alief Park
Playground Without Limits

Gragg Park Campus
Historic Renovation

Eastwood Park
New Jogging Trail

Houston Gardens
New Park Trail

Reveille Park
Phase II Renovation

Sowden Forestry Building
Renovated PWE Facility

The Management And Finance Division

The Management and Finance Division is responsible for handling the budgeting and accounting functions for HPARD. The division's staff accounts for expenses and revenues and forecasts financial needs. Purchasing for the department is also carried out through this division, and Management and Finance staff members provide support services vital to the accomplishment of the department's service-delivery objectives.

The Management and Finance Division is responsible for many other staff functions. The hiring and selection of department personnel are handled through the division's Human Resources staff, as is the training of new staff and ongoing training all employees undergo. The division's Information Technology services group is tasked with maintaining the department's IT and phones systems. During the recent remodeling of the Gragg Building the IT staff was responsible for keeping the department's IT infrastructure in operation as HPARD moved into temporary headquarters at 601 Sawyer. They will also take the lead in moving the department's IT infrastructure back to the Gragg Park Campus in the fall when renovations are completed.

Cheryl Johnson, Deputy Director
Management & Finance Division

IT Staff
Gragg Builiding Move Phase I

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Management & Finance Division
Administrative Staff

Management & Finance Division
Payroll Staff

Management & Finance Division
Purchasing Staff

Management & Finance Division
IT Staff

Management & Finance Division
Human Resources Staff Training

Management & Finance Division
Payroll Staff

Management & Finance Division
Human Resources Staff

Management & Finance Division
Financial Services Staff

Management & Finance Division
Administrative Staff

Park Administration Division

The Park Administration Division directs and coordinates all planning, design, construction, maintenance and events in HPARD's most popular signature parks, Hermann and Memorial Park. It also works on projects as assigned by the Director, to assist park groups and citizen advisory boards in achieving funding and planning goals.

The division works as the HPARD liaison for citizens groups to assist them in the development of specific park master plans and projects, Groups include the Hermann Park Conservancy, the Memorial Park Conservancy, the Houston Parks Board, the Botanic Garden of Houston, the Garden Center Advisory Board and others.

With the Hermann Park Conservancy, it has overseen over $30 million in development projects including the renovation of McGovern Lake, the 'Heart of the Park' reflection pool area, the Lake Plaza Area, the Kinder Train Station, $2 million in trail improvements (underway), a Lake Picnic Area (underway) a Park Gateway (planning stages) and the Houston Garden Center Renovation (planning stages). With the Memorial Park Conservancy it has overseen the development of the Memorial Park Living Bridge, the Tennis Center Plaza, the creation of an outer running loop and the Runners Center (both in planning stages).

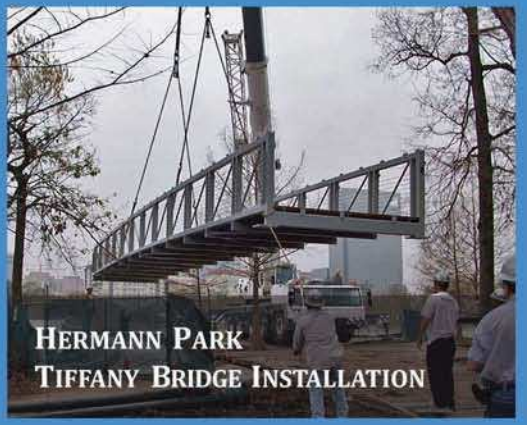
Additionally, it coordinates with other governmental agencies whose scope of responsibility borders parkland. Recent collaboration with PWE, the HCFCD and Texas Medical Center have included: the Richard Wainerdi Bridge spanning Brays Bayou, the realignment of North and South MacGregor and Project Brays, and the planning of Lake Houston Wilderness Park and its Master Plan.

Hermann Park Lake Plaza
Preliminary Architectural Sketches

Houston Rose Garden
Preliminary Concepts

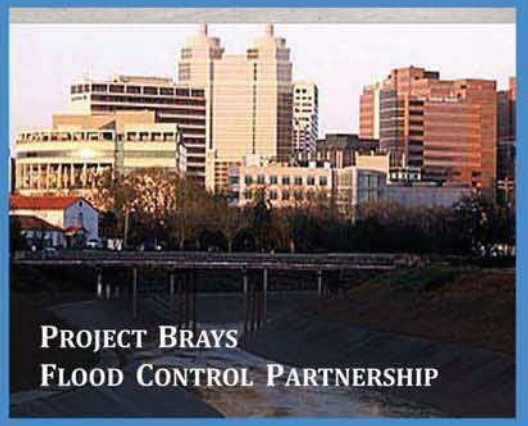
Memorial Park Living Bridge
Conceptual Sketch

HERMANN PARK
NEW MINI TRAIN DELIVERY



HERMANN PARK
TIFFANY BRIDGE INSTALLATION

HERMANN PARK
JAPANESE GARDEN RENOVATION



PROJECT BRAYS
FLOOD CONTROL PARTNERSHIP

BRAYS BAYOU - MEDICAL CENTER
RICHARD WAINERDI BRIDGE

LAKE HOUSTON WILDERNESS PARK
MASTER PLAN

MEMORIAL PARK
LIVING BRIDGE GROUND BREAKING

MEMORIAL PARK
INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES REMOVAL

CULLINAN PARK
HOUSTON BOTANIC GARDEN PROJECT

The Lake Houston Wilderness Park Division

The Lake Houston Wilderness Park Division oversees the daily operation and management of the department's largest park. This 4,986 acre wilderness park is approximately 30 minutes north of downtown Houston off of Highway 59 near the town of New Caney was transferred to the City by the State on August 25, 2006. HPARD, in partnership with Montgomery County Precinct 4 Commissioner Ed Rinehart and the Houston Parks Board are working together to develop Lake Houston Wilderness Park into an urban preserve where visitors of all ages can experience the forest environment and develop an appreciation for the wilderness, ecosystem and inhabitants.

The park is a wilderness park and is heavily forested with a variety of wildlife, including several species of snakes, can be found within the parks borders. To assist park visitors in learning about the wildlife that inhabit the park the division operates The Lake Houston Wilderness Park Nature Center. The center offers four ecosystem rooms with displays of forest and wetland habitats, amphibians, reptiles, and invertebrates, and a mural depicting the life cycle of butterflies. In addition, the Park Naturalist provides classes to educate and introduce visitors to some of the wildlife within the park borders. Classes include night hikes to through woodland trails to search for nocturnal creatures like raccoons, opossums, snakes and owls; swamp tromps for kids to find out about the creatures who inhabit the wetland areas of the park; bird watching and much more.

The division also oversees the operation of the parks lodges, cabins and campsites. Currently there are three lodges and eight campsites available for rental. An additional five enclosed campsites were added this past summer are also available for rental.

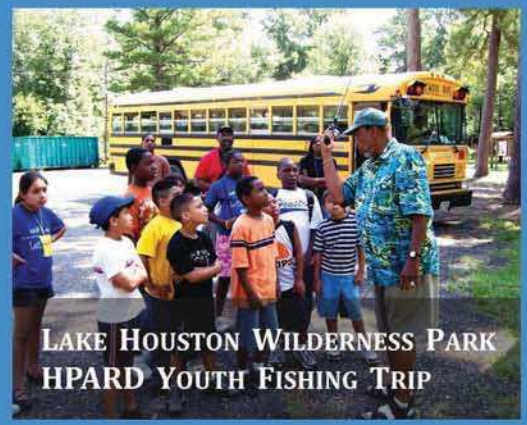
The Lake Houston Wilderness Park Master Plan was approved by City Council in January of 2009. This plan will serve as a guide for future development of HPARD's only Wilderness Park.

Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Approximately 5,000 Acres Of Forest

Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Nature Center

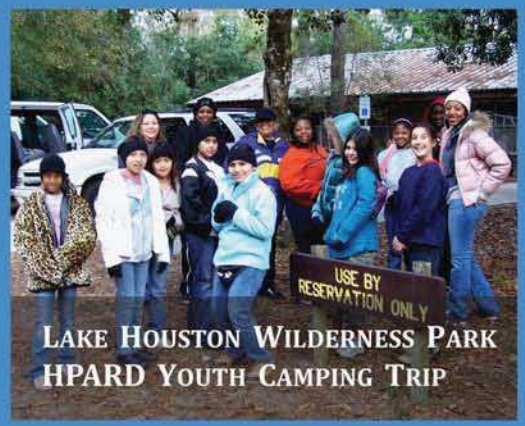
Lake Houston Wilderness Park
New Enclosed Camp Sites

Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Bird Watching Opportunities

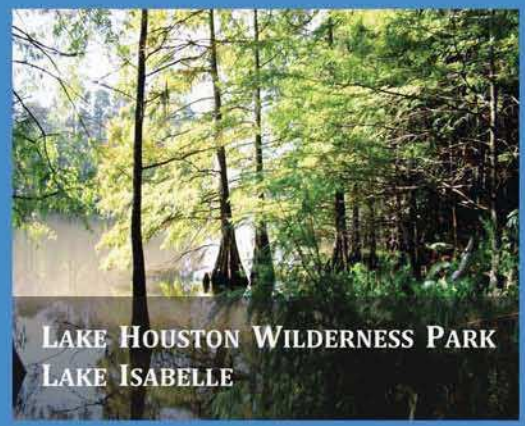


Lake Houston Wilderness Park
HPARD Youth Fishing Trip

Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Dewberry Plant Blossom



Lake Houston Wilderness Park
HPARD Youth Camping Trip



Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Lake Isabelle

Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Peach Creek White Sand Beach

Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Wildlife Viewing Opportunities

Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Fungus On Loblolly Pine

Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Adaptive Recreation Field Trip

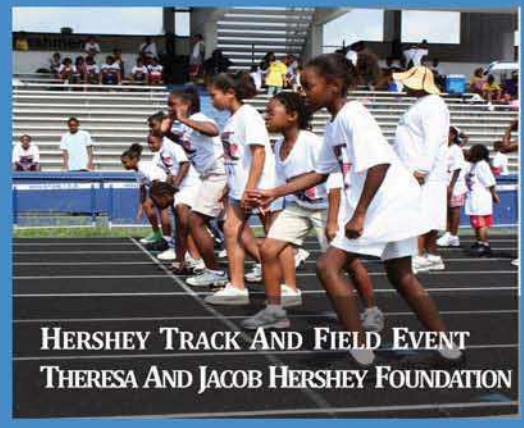
The Grants Legislation And Development Division

The Grants, Legislation and Development Division is responsible for seeking and developing alternate forms of revenue sources for the department through grant initiatives, partnerships and legislative opportunities. The division also reviews department related legislation and coordinates with the Mayor's Office of Government Affairs on grants, federal appropriations and legislation. G.L.A.D. also works with aligned support organization, including The Houston Parks Board and local environmental non-profit organizations. A quarterly news update called Glad Tidings communicates with these key partners.

The division, as part of its responsibilities, tracks, reviews and analyzes state and federal legislation and bills that could impact the department on a daily basis. This allows them to keep track of any potential funding sources the department could be eligible for along with regulatory impacts. In addition to tracking legislation for grant opportunities, the division works to keep the director aware of legislation that may affect parks and HPARD.

When a funding sources is identified the division works to research details and work with eligible division to produce and write grant applications to meet the grant guidelines within a given deadline. Similarly, a division may request assistance in developing a concept or program it wants to get funded, and so the process may be initiated from either end. When a grant is awarded, the division then works to ensure that the funding source parameters are met within the given time frame of the grant and all periodic reports are filed in a timely manner.

GLAD also searches for award opportunities for HPARD projects and personnel, researching criterion and writing award nominations. It is not uncommon for members of this group to represent the HPARD Director at community meetings, conferences or during special presentations.



Hershey Track And Field Event
Theresa And Jacob Hershey Foundation

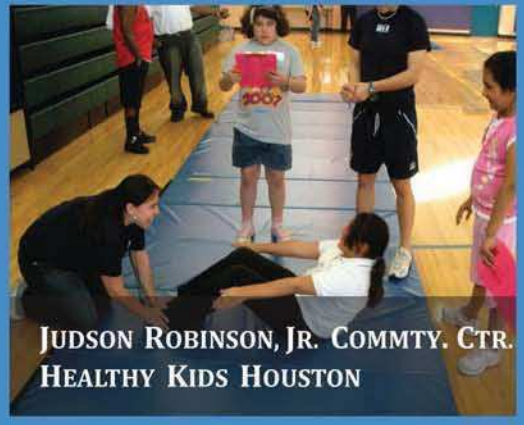
Houston Outdoor Program
TPWD Grant

Soccer For Success
U.S. Soccer Foundation

MAKE A SPLASH PROGRAM
CONOCO/PHILLIPS SPONSORSHIP

GUS WORTHAM PARK GOLF COURSE
1ST ANNUAL EAST END CLASSIC

HOUSTON CORPORATE GAMES
HUMANNA SPONSORSHIP



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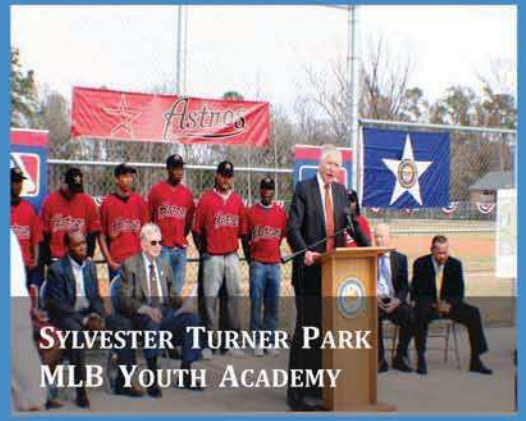
HEALTHY KIDS HOUSTON

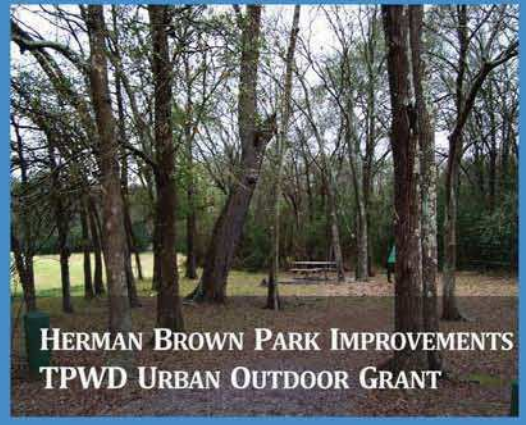


SYLVESTER TURNER PARK
MLB YOUTH ACADEMY

BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUNDS™

CVS BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND GRANT
EASTWOOD PARK

WILDCAT GOLF COURSE
FATHER CHILD CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



HERMAN BROWN PARK IMPROVEMENTS
TPWD URBAN OUTDOOR GRANT

AMERICORP TRAIL BUILDING
LAKE HOUSTON WILDERNESS PARK

The Urban Park Rangers Division

The Urban Park Rangers and Safety Divsion provides a visible source of information to the general public by assisting with park orientation and maintenance. Urban Park Rangers monitor trails, picnic areas, pavilions and similar park areas on foot, bicycle and motorized vehicle. Their visible presence helps deter vandalism, promotes visitor safety, and insures the proper use of parks and facilities. Park Rangers interact with the public.

Urban Park Rangers explain park rules and regulations. They give directions and handle complaints. They provide interpretive services and register visitors. They also control activity levels within the park by unlocking and securing gates, checking park usage and notifying visitors of operating hours. The Urban Park Rangers Dispatch Office operates on a 24 hour basis and advises the director and his immediate staff of emergency and/or safety concerns within parks on a daily basis. This division acts as the department's liaison to the Houston Police Department who is resposnible for enforcement of all laws and park rules and regulations for the department.

The Safety section of this division works to ensure workplace safety for HPARD employees.

Urban Park Rangers
Hermann Park

Urban Park Rangers
Marian Park

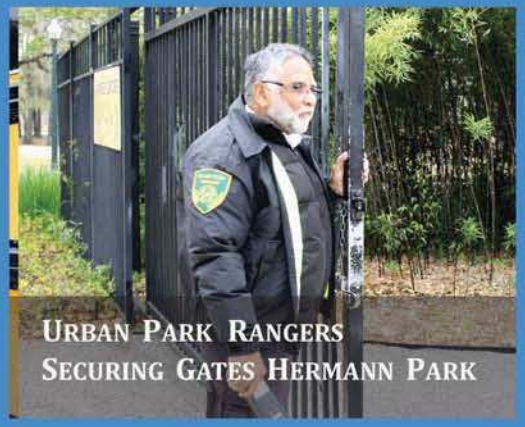
Urban Park Rangers
Gragg Park Dispatch

Urban Park Rangers
Traffic Control

Urban Park Rangers
Keith Wiess Park Opening

Urban Park Rangers
Work With HPD

Urban Park Rangers
Parking Assisstance



Urban Park Rangers
Securing Gates Hermann Park

Urban Park Rangers
Reporting To HPARD Dispatch

Urban Park Rangers
Park Patrol

Urban Park Rangers
Assisting Citizens

Urban Park Rangers
Bike Patrol

The Communications Division

The Communications Division is responsible for the branding, marketing web development, printing and communications functions of the department. The division, in the absence of an advertising budget, communicates the department's message through the use of promotional tools such as press releases, public service announcements and media alerts, journal articles, photo ops, and op-ed pieces to generate attention, interest, desire and action in our products and services.

The division works pro-actively to develop avenues of communication with media and the public to generate stories that highlight HPARD's programs. Communications also oversees the production of all HPARD printed material including the HPARD Activities and Class Catalog, which is produced 3 times a year, and the internal production of the department's Annual Report.

The division photographs and chronicles HPARD events for use by the department to promote its services, keep a historic archive and provide updates to the HPARD website. Other duties include serving as the department's liaison to the city's 3-1-1 program; the management and response to the department's AskParks email system which allows citizens to have direct contact with the department regarding its practices and services; the production of powerpoint presentations, speech writing, press releases, citizen correspondence and trade booth development.

With the advent of social media the Communications Division is actively involved in the exploration and use of various means of delivering information regarding HPARD programming to the public through the use of blogs, twitter, facebook and you tube.

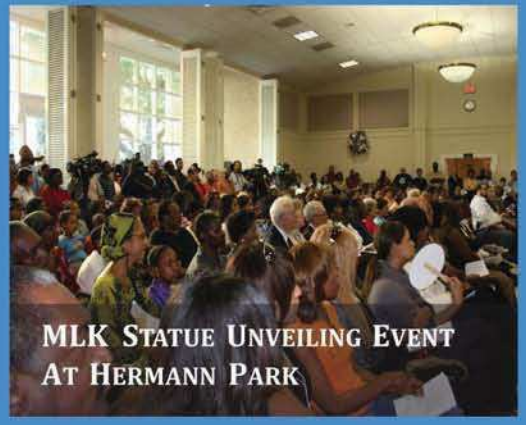
Growing Green In Houston
Urban Garden Program Channel 39

Memorial Park
Living Bridge Press Conference

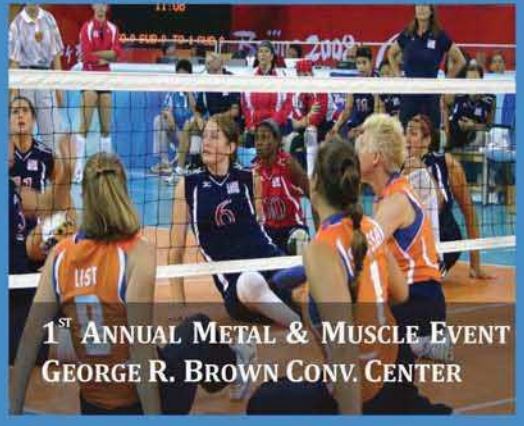
Keith - Wiess Park
Detention Basin Press Conference

MLB Urban Youth Academy
Sylvester Turner Park

HPARD Pools
Two Phase Opening



MLK Statue Unveiling Event
At Hermann Park



1st Annual Metal & Muscle Event
George R. Brown Conv. Center

Marian Park
Let's Play Carnival

Tiffany Bridge Ribbon Cutting
At Hermann Park

RL & Cora Johnson
Park Renaming

Hackberry Park
Grand Opening

Lady Bird Johnson
Wildflower Planting Volunteers

H.P.A.R.D. AWARDS

- **The Park People, Inc.**
  Visionary Award
  For: The Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Redevelopment
  Partners included: Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Houston, TX (TIRZ #7)

- **The Park People, Inc.**
  Synergy Award
  For: Keith-Wiess Park's Stormwaster Detention Basin Development
  Which blended a 112 acre stormwater detention basin into a predominately natural 500 acre park while developing outdoor recreational amenities.

- **The Park People, Inc.**
  George R. Brown Award
  Joe Turner, Houston Parks and Recreation Department

- **The Park People, Inc.**
  Public Policy Award
  For Tree and Shrub Ordinance

- **The Park People, Inc.**
  Urban Greenery Award
  For West 11th Street Park

- **Houston Galveston Area Council, Parks and Natural Areas**
  Best Practices Planning Award
  For HPARD Accreditation and Park Set Aside Ordinance

- **Houston Galveston Area Council, Parks and Natural Area**
  Best Practices Award Over $500,000
  For: Keith-Wiess Park's Stormwaster Detention Basin Development
  Which blended a 112 acre stormwater detention basin into a predominately natural 500 acre park while developing outdoor recreational amenities.

PARK PEOPLE SYNERGY AWARD
KEITH - WIESS PARK

PARK PEOPLE URBAN GREENERY AWARD
WEST 11TH STREET PARK

HGAC BEST PRACTICES AWARD
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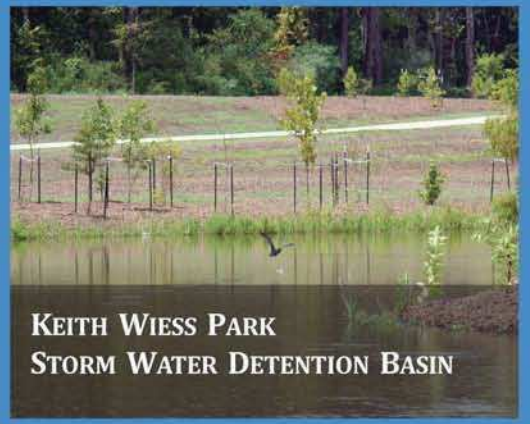
BEST PRACTICES AWARD
MASON PARK TIDAL MARSH BASIN

MAYOR'S PROUD AWARD
ON THE TRAIL OF TRASH



KEITH WIESS PARK
STORM WATER DETENTION BASIN

- **Houston Galveston Area Council, Parks and Natural Area Best Practices Award**
  For: Lake Houston Wilderness Park Master Plan
  Developed by the SWA Group for HPARD as a guide for park ecosystems management to generate revenue to sustain the park.

- **Houston Galveston Area Council, Parks and Natural Area Best Practices Award**
  For: Mason Park Tidal Marsh and Wetlands
  A 3.5 acre stormwater treatment facility built in an existing HPARD park which provides park amenities as well as flood control.

- **Texas Recreation And Park Society Region IV Lone Star Programming Award**
  For: Houston PARKS Adventure Program
  The Parks Adventure Program introduces inner city youth to Outdoor Recreational Opportunities and the Urban Wilderness.

- **Greater Houston Partnership Quality of Life Visionary Tree Planting Awards**
  In recognition of the Houston Rockets tree plantings at Emancipation Park.

- **Keep Houston Beautiful Mayor's Proud Partners Award**
  For: On the Trail of Trash
  A park cleanup volunteer event. Partners included: The Park People, Keep Houston Beautiful, Shell, Marathon Oil and Anheuser Busch.

- **Greater Houston Partnership Quality of Life Visionary Bayou Awards Bayou Beautification Award**
  For: Keith Weiss Park stormwater detention project
  The multi partnership project blended a stormwater detention facility into recreational features in a 500-acre park. Partners included HCFCD, HCPID and the Halls Bayou Greenway.

H.P.A.R.D. Achievements

- Increased summer pool attendance by 22% from previous year with 282,024 guests visited HPARD pools.
- Provided 316 children with FREE summer learn to swim classes with a USA Swimming Assoc. partnership for the Make A Splash Program.
- Implemented "Online Registration" for Adult Sports Leagues which increased revenue by 15% with a total of 999 teams registering for adult sports leagues.
- Fed 1, 247,306 young people, ages 1 to 18, through HPARD's Summer Food Service Program which operated a record 430 Service Sites.
- Recorded a 7.9% increase in golf rounds and a 7.3% increase in revenue.
- Increased Youth Tennis registration by 27.5 % and participation by 37.1% from 2008. A partnership with the HTA and funding from USTA and HCDE CASE helped HPARD introduce tennis to youth in 56 schools and in more than 45 parks.
- Hosted the CASE Grand Slam Tennis Jam.
- Initiated a new Mentoring Program at the 1st Tee of Houston at FM Law Park to assist "at risk youth" bridge the gap between life skills classes and life away from the facility.
- Held the 1st Annual Houston Corporate Games competition to promote fitness and benefit HPARD's Athletes Seeking Knowledge Program.
- HPARD's Athletes Seeking Knowledge Program awarded $25,000 in scholarships.
- Registered a record 4,900 youth for the Grand Slam for Youth Baseball.
- Raised $136,610 through the efforts of Dr. Norman Berkman and the Houston Parks Board through HPARD's Annual Father/Child Charity Golf Tournament.

Memorial Park
Lap Swimming

Summer Food Service Program
Sample Meal

Memorial Park
Youth Tennis

STUDE PARK POOL
NEW DRAIN SAFETY DEMONSTRATI

GRAGG PARK
HISTORIC BUILDING

WHITE OAK BAYOU
LBJ WILDFLOWER TRIBUTE PROJE

- Enrolled 15,139 new members to the Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark with a cumulative attendance of 75,678.
- $1.4 million U.S. Department of Agriculture and Cooperative State Research and the Education Extension Service Grant helps implement HPARD's Healthy Kids Houston Program.
- Partnered with Texas A&M University to introduce 71 area youth to opportunities offered by secondary education.
- Lake Houston Wilderness Park Master Plan approved by City Council on Jan. 28, 2009. The SWA Group produced plan for HPARD.
- Hosted Student Conservation Association Summer Work Crew to repair and rehab 6 heavily erroded trail areas at Lake Houston Wilderness Park.
- Replaced all HPARD pool drain covers to complie with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act which allowed the opening of HPARD pools by the start of summer swim season.
- Oversaw the renovation and preservation of the Historic Gragg Building and Gragg Park Campus to meet todays "green" standards.
- Developed the infrastructure and successfully launched the new Urban Gardening program as one of the Mayor's "green" initiatives.
- With additional funding from Mayor's Office and partnerships doubled the planting acerage of Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Planting Project.
- Developed Design Manual Provisions for tree protection in public and private construction in conjunction with PWE.
- Broke ground on the MacGregor pairing and the Cambridge Bridge. The project will return 10 acres of parkland to Hermann Park and provides better access to park from the Medical Center area.

H.P.A.R.D. Partnerships

Park partners and supporters are the driving force behind many successful HPARD projects. Without their vision, hard work and support we would not be able to bring so many wonderful park projects and initiatives to reality.

Our effort to protect the city's urban forest would not be possible without partners such as the Houston Parks Board, The Park People, Trees for Houston and the many neighborhood park friend groups. Their individual and combined dedication to protecting, creating and developing parkland results in a greener and more beautiful city.

Our partnerships with the Hermann Park Conservancy, the Memorial Park Conservancy and the Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park means that wonderful things are happening in three of our metro parks. These groups have raised millions of dollars for park projects that have transformed these greenspaces into premier parks that all Houstonians can be proud of.

Partnerships formed with governmental agencies such as Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District, Fort Bend County and Montgomery County help us maximize resources to maintain and/or develop parkland like Finnigan and Lansdale Parks, Willow Waterhole and Keith-Wiess Park and Blue Ridge Park, Lake Houston Wilderness Park and Project Brays.

The success of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department depends on the support of thousands of Houstonians who contribute to our partners both monetarily and through volunteer efforts. Without the grass root support of many individuals, families, organizations and corporations, we would not be able to create the kind of greenspaces Houstonians have come to expect and enjoy. We thank our partners for their support.

Hermann Park
Tiffany Bridge Ribbon Cutting

Memorial Park
Living Bridge Ribbon Cutting

Keith-Wiess Park
Flood Ctrl. & Recreation Project

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CONSERVANCY

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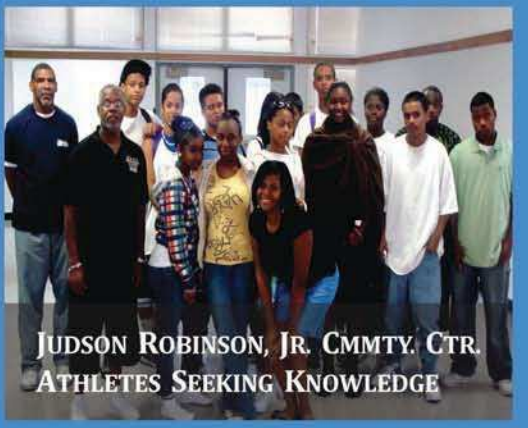
H.P.A.R.D. Grants

$1,400,000	U.S. Department of Agriculture & the Cooperative State Research, & the Education Extension Service Grant to implement Healthy Kids Houston Project
$1,000,000	Urban Outdoor Grant from the TPWD to be used for Herman Brown Park Improvements
$1,000,000	Urban Indoor Grant from the TPWD to be used for Sagemont Community Center
$1,000,000	Outdoor Recreation Grant from TPWD for Townwood Park Improvements
$600,000	Outdoor Recreation Grant from TPWD for Sylvester Turner Park
$300,000	Major League Baseball Grant for the development of a MLB Urban Youth Academy at Sylvester Turner Park
$300,000	Houston Astros Grant for the development of a MLB Urban Youth Academy at Sylvester Turner Park
$225,000	Boundless Playground and CVS Pharmacy Grant for a Boundless Playground for Eastwood Park
$136,610	8th Annual Father Child Charity Golf Tournament Funding (sponsored by Dr. Norman Berkman through the HPB) to be used forHPARD's First Tee of Houston at FM Law Park & Athletes Seeking Knowlege Programs
$108,672	Americorp's National Civilian Community Corps Grant to provide volunteers to established 4.5 miles of new trails and repaired and rehabbed six heavily eroded trail areas at Lake Houston Wilderness Park
$80,000	Criminal Justice Division Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities Grant fy09 to fund the "After-School Matters!"for Middle Schools (ASAP)
$60,000	U.S. Soccer Foundation Grant for Moody Park Field Improvements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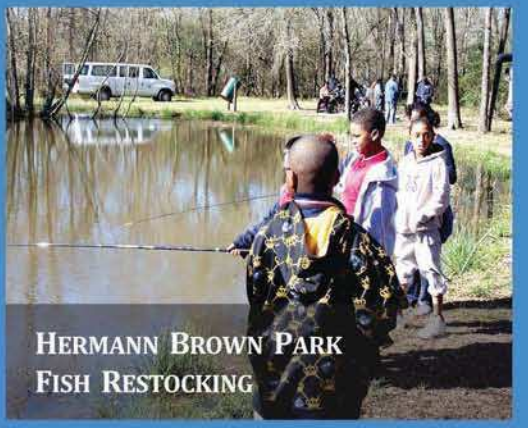
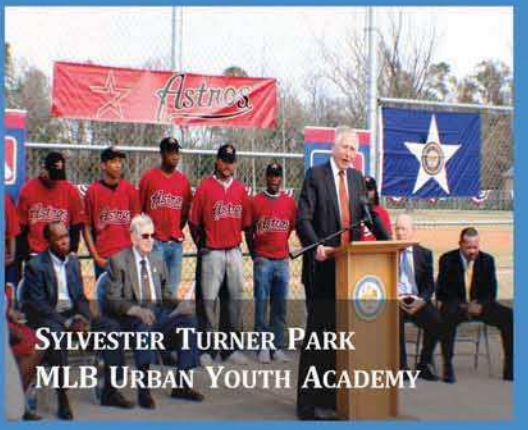
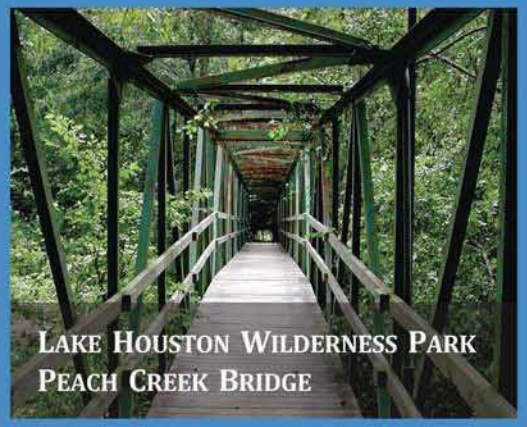
Athletes Seeking Knowledge

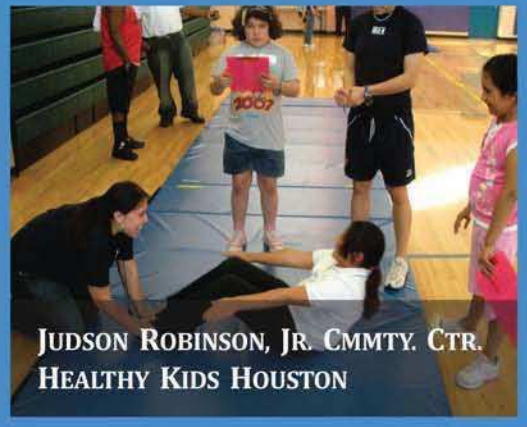

Hermann Brown Park
Fish Restocking



Sylvester Turner Park
MLB Urban Youth Academy



Lake Houston Wilderness Park
Peach Creek Bridge



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Healthy Kids Houston

Wildcat Golf Course
Father Child Golf Tournament

$51,433	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant Hou.-Galv. Area Council Clean Cities/Clean Vehicles to replace Forestry Bucket Truck & Chipper Dump Truck
$33,577	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant Hou.-Galv. Area Council Clean Cities/Clean Vehicles for HPARD Prius fleet
$36,000	Sponsorship from Conoco/Phillips to fund USA Swimming Foundation Make A Splash Program
$15,000	KBR, Inc. Grant for Habitat Improvement at Stuart & Herman Brown Parks
$10,000	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services Grant for Invasive Species Removal at Stuart Park
$10,000	Fiesta Mart Inc. Grant to support HPARD Youth Soccer
$10,000	Presenting sponsorship for Hou. Corp. Games by Humana
$5,000	Jacob & Terese Hershey Foundation Grant for the Hershey Track and Field Program
$5,000	Gold sponsorship for Hou. Corp. Games by Minute Maid
$2,500	Silver sponsorship for Hou. Corp. Games by Silver Eagle Distributors
$1,050	Soccer Marketing and Promotions, Inc. Grant for Melrose Park Soccer Field Improvements
$1,000	Bronze sponsorship for Hou. Corp. Games by Methodist Hospital
$1,000	Bronze sponsorship for Hou. Corp. Games by The Wristband Connection

HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - GENERAL FUND FY 2009

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department's budget is composed of two funds, the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund which taken together comprise the total FY 2009 budget of $78,444,341.

General Fund - FY2009

Fund	Cost Center Group	CCG Name	FY2009 Budget	Allocation Percentage
General - 1000	360001	Director's Office	$447,730	0.64%
General - 1000	360002	Management and Finance Division	$5,755,534	8.20%
General - 1000	360002	Utilities (Fuel, Natural Gas, Electricity & Sewer)	$7,453,145	10.61%
General - 1000	360003	Park Administration Division	$153,590	0.22%
General - 1000	360004	Communications Division	$615,513	0.88%
General - 1000	360005	Grant, Legislation and Development Division	$266,225	0.38%
General - 1000	360006	Urban Park Rangers Division	$2,837,083	4.04%
General - 1000	360007	Facilities Management and Development Division	$8,420,736	11.99%
General - 1000	360008	The Houston Zoological Gardens	$8,151,684	11.61%
General - 1000	360009	Recreation and Wellness Division	$14,816,932	21.10%
General - 1000	360013	Greenspace Management Division	$20,851,366	29.69%
General - 1000	360014	Lake Houston Wilderness Park Division	$456,965	0.65%
		General Fund Total	$70,226,503	100%

- Management and Finance Division
- Utilities (Fuel, Natural Gas, Electricity and Sewer)
- Park Administration Division
- Communications Division
- Grants Legislation and Development Division
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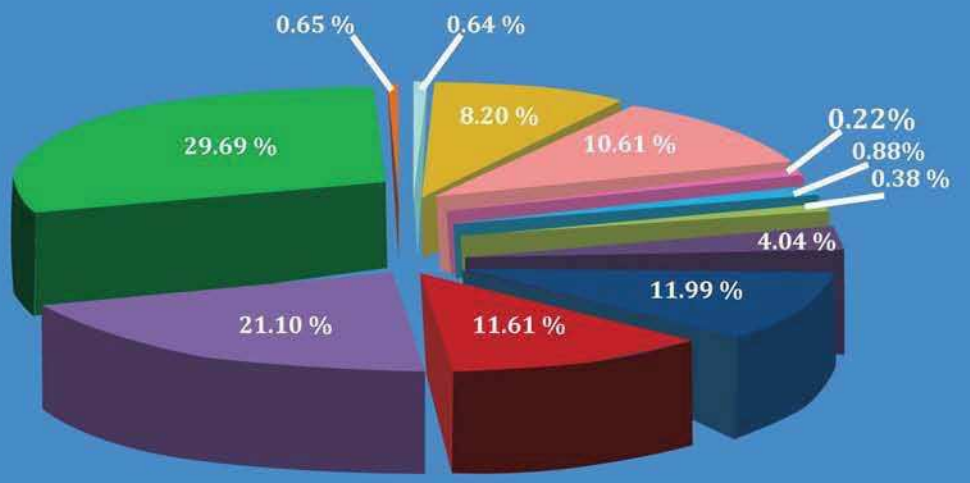
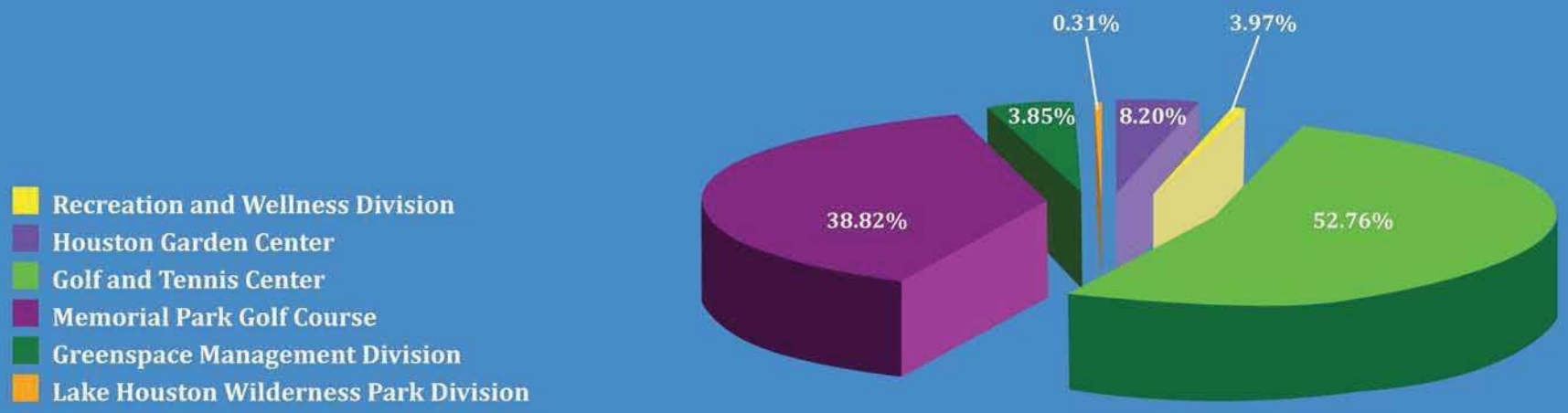


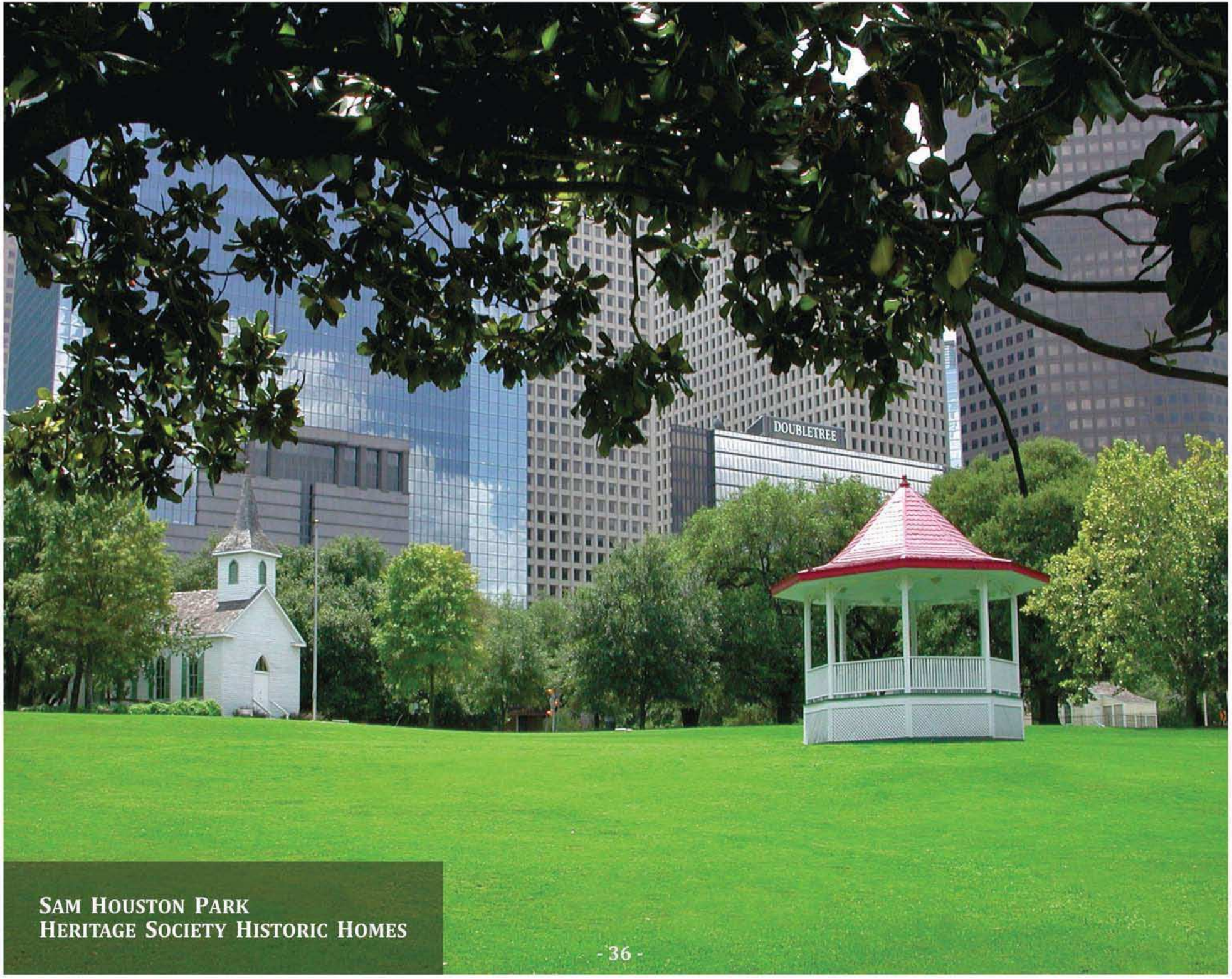
THE HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FY 2009

The Special Revenue Fund comprises funds generated by facilities and/or programs for which a cost is associated.

Special Revenue Fund - FY2009

Fund	Cost Center Group	CCG Name	FY2009 Budget	Allocation Percentage
Special Revenue - 2100	360009	Recreation and Wellness	$326,000	3.97%
Special Revenue - 2100	360010	Houston Garden Center	$24,200	8.20%
Special Revenue - 2100	360011	Golf and Tennis Center	$4,336,104	52.76%
Special Revenue - 2100	360012	Memorial Park Golf Course	$3,190,034	38.82%
Special Revenue - 2100	360013	Greenspace Management	$316,400	3.85%
Special Revenue - 2100	360014	Lake Houston Wilderness Park	$25,100	0.31%
		Special Revenue Fund Total	$8,217,838	100%





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HERITAGE SOCIETY HISTORIC HOMES

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