



# PARK SECTOR 7 SUMMARY

## PARK SECTOR 7 PRIORITIES

These priorities were developed by using condition assessment information from site visits, standard-based needs analysis (NRPA standards and data provided by the Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ Project), and public input via an online survey, park user interviews, community events and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meetings.

1. Revitalize existing parks
2. Develop partnerships with the school system and other entities
3. Develop new park facilities
4. Develop Neighborhood connections to parks and trails
5. Acquire new parkland
6. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The parks in Park Sector 7 that have the highest need for redevelopment are listed from greatest need to least need: Andover Park, Golfview Park, Bricker Park, Cullinan JS and LH, Sims Bayou Park, and Jenkins (Margaret) Park (formerly Scottcrest Park).

In this Park Sector 45 acres of parkland are needed. Schools not participating in the SPARK School Park Program (Non-SPARK schools) should be explored as potential future partnerships for park space. Almost 63% of the population in this Park Sector has incomes considered to be low to moderate and pursuing Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for park improvements should be a priority. In addition, since several non-SPARK schools are located in very high park need areas, CDBG funding could be considered in partnership with the SPARK Park program to add park space to the system and provide improvements at non-SPARK school locations. The areas of highest need are in the northwest and central portions of the Park Sector. As there is little redevelopment occurring in this sector, this Park Sector should be targeted for CIP and bond funds for future development and land acquisition. There is a utility corridor in the southern portion of the sector that almost connects Sims Bayou and Clear Creek, opportunities to develop a north-south trail should be explored.

This Park Sector is deficient in playgrounds, picnic shelters, trails, volleyball courts, dog parks, skate parks, community centers, swimming pools, outdoor spraygrounds, and softball and soccer fields. The trail system will provide access to the residents of this Park Sector to a total of 14 miles of trails along Sims Bayou and over 6 miles along Clear Creek.

In the 2014 survey, the top three priorities of residents in Park Sector 7 when asked what recreational needs existed in their Neighborhood were: hike, bike and walk trails, upgraded community centers, and playground areas. Other services and amenities that residents asked for in the write-in portion of the survey were: fitness and nutrition programming, swim lessons, dance, theater and arts programs, and community gardens. The Health of Houston survey revealed that 12.5% of the population received a diagnosis of diabetes by a professional (City of Houston level was 11.4%). Based on this health profile partnerships focused on recreational options and programming that promote healthy living should be explored.

**Sources:** 2010 Census, 2010 Health of Houston Survey, American Community Survey 2013, Houston Parks Board, HPARD 2014 Online Survey, Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ Project, 2040 H-GAC population projections by Park Sector



## EXISTING HPARD PARKS

| Facility Name   | Address | Street               | Total Acres   | Trail Length |
|---|---------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Pocket Parks  |         |                      |               |              |
| Golfview Park   | 6201    | Cherryhill           | 0.76          | N/A          |
| Pershing Park   | 5500    | Pershing/St. Lo Road | 0.40          | N/A          |
| Sharp (Jerry) Park                                    | 3234    | Chaffin              | 0.50          | N/A          |
| <b>Total HPARD Pocket Park Acreage</b>                |         |                      | <b>1.66</b>   |              |
| Neighborhood Parks                                    |         |                      |               |              |
| Andover Park  | 6301    | Nunn                 | 4.85          | N/A          |
| Bricker Park  | 4548    | Bricker              | 2.17          | N/A          |
| Carter Park   | 7000    | Santa Fe             | 2.00          | 0.08         |
| Cloverland Park                                       | 11800   | Scott                | 12.04         | 0.25         |
| Crestmont Park  | 5200    | Selinsky Rd.         | 6.74          | 0.25         |
| Dow Park  | 7942    | Rockhill             | 14.04         | 0.58         |
| Edgewood Park   | 5803    | Belfort              | 10.97         | 0.50         |
| Garden Villas Park                                    | 6720    | South Haywood        | 11.55         | 0.49         |
| Grimes Park (Lease)                                   | 5150    | Reed Rd.             | 9.72          | N/A          |
| Hill (E.P.) Park                                      | 4800    | Gloryland            | 7.32          | 0.39         |
| King Estates Park                                     | 4801    | East Orem            | 2.56          | N/A          |
| Kingspoint Park                                       | 9100    | Kingspoint Road      | 10.00         | N/A          |
| Sims Bayou Park                                       | 9500    | ML King Blvd         | 9.96          | 2.50         |
| Southcrest Park                                       | 5842    | Southmund            | 6.21          | 0.29         |
| St. Lo Park   | 7335    | St. Lo Rd.           | 1.20          | 0.18         |
| Stewart Park  | 6700    | Reed Road            | 4.71          | 0.30         |
| Sunflower Park (PB 2)                                 | 5000    | Sunflower Street     | 1.50          | 0.16         |
| <b>Total HPARD Neighborhood Park Acreage</b>          |         |                      | <b>117.54</b> |              |
| Community Parks                                       |         |                      |               |              |
| Beverly Hills Park                                    | 10201   | Kingspoint           | 21.67         | 0.53         |
| Blackhawk Park  | 9401    | Fuqua                | 76.81         | N/A          |
| Cullinan JS and LH                                    | 6700    | Long Dr.             | 44.00         | 1.06         |
| Jenkins (Margaret) Park<br>(formerly Scottcrest Park) | 10700   | Rosehaven            | 19.00         | 0.51         |
| Jones (Walter) Park                                   | 8000    | Coastway Lane        | 21.50         | N/A          |
| Reveille Park   | 7700    | Oak Vista            | 20.04         | 0.32         |
| Schnur Park   | 12227   | Cullen Blvd.         | 39.00         | 0.50         |
| Stuart (Robert C. Park)                               | 7250    | Bellfort             | 27.14         | 0.75         |
| <b>Total HPARD Community Park Acreage</b>             |         |                      | <b>269.16</b> |              |
| Regional Parks  |         |                      |               |              |
| Law Park  | 6200    | Scarlet/6100 Vassar  | 313.57        | 0.41         |
| Sunnyside Park  | 3502    | Bellfort             | 206.01        | 0.48         |
| <b>Total HPARD Regional Park Acreage</b>              |         |                      | <b>519.58</b> |              |
| <b>Total HPARD Park Acreage</b>                       |         |                      | <b>907.94</b> |              |
| <b>Total HPARD Trail Length</b>                       |         |                      |               | <b>10.61</b> |



## EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTERS AND POOLS

| Community Centers and Pool Facilities                    | Address            | Zip Code | Agency Responsible |
|--|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Bessie Swindle Community Center and Cloverland Park Pool | 11800 Scott        | 77047    | HPARD              |
| Beverly Hills Community Center and Pool                  | 10201 Kingspoint   | 77075    | HPARD              |
| Crestmont Community Center                               | 5200 Selinsky Road | 77048    | HPARD              |
| Edgewood Community Center                                | 5803 Bellfort      | 77033    | HPARD              |
| Garden Villas Community Center                           | 6720 South Haywood | 77061    | HPARD              |
| Reveille Park Pool                                       | 7700 Oak Vista     | 77087    | HPARD              |
| Sunnyside Community Center and Pool                      | 3502 Bellfort      | 77051    | HPARD              |

## PARK SERVICE AREAS

The Park Service Area 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 a 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 gray, to specifically highlight residential and commercial areas of need. Approximately 41% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of parkland accessible within a ½ mile, as compared to the rest of the City of Houston (55%). Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park space.

## PARK SECTOR FACTS

- This Park Sector contains approximately 1,315 acres of parkland (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). Of the 34,300 acres in this Park Sector, 3% of this acreage is parkland.
- There are approximately 165,000 residents, 46% are Hispanic and 43% are African-American.
- An additional 45 acres of parkland are needed in Park Sector 7. This is based on the current population (2010 US Census) of the Park Sector and needs assessment done for Pocket, Neighborhood and Community parks (number of acres per 1,000 people).
- Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ shows high need in the northwest and central portions of the Park Sector.
- H-GAC population projections estimate that this area will add over 30,000 residents by 2040. To meet the estimated 2040 population an additional 33 acres of parkland will be needed.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR AMENITIES IN PARK SECTOR

The table below shows the total existing amenities (including, HPARD, County and SPARK Parks) as of 2015, the target goal per amenity, and the amenities needed based on population standards for each amenity using 2010 US Census Population. The last row shows the estimated number of amenities needed based on the H-GAC population projections for 2040 and standards used in the 2007 Parks Master Plan.



| AMENITY       | PLAYGROUNDS | PICNIC SHELTERS | TRAILS (MILES) | OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS | TENNIS | VOLLEYBALL | DOG PARKS | SKATE PARKS | COMMUNITY CENTERS | SWIMMING POOLS | OUTDOOR SPRAYGROUNDS | BASEBALL (LIT and UNIT) | SOFTBALL (LIT and UNIT) | SOCCER (LIT and UNIT) |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2015 Goal     | 41          | 16              | 33             | 21                        | 22     | 3          | 2         | 2           | 6                 | 4              | 2                    | 24                      | 5                       | 16                    |
| 2015 Existing | 34          | 15              | 29*            | 21                        | 22     | 1          | 0         | 0           | 6                 | 4              | 1                    | 24                      | 3                       | 14                    |
| 2015 Needed   | 7           | 1               | 4              | -                         | -      | 2          | 2         | 2           | -                 | -              | 1                    | -                       | 2                       | 2                     |
| 2040 Needed   | 8           | 4               | 6              | -                         | -      | 1          | -         | -           | -                 | -              | -                    | -                       | 2                       | 4                     |

\* This number includes miles of trails currently planned along Sims Bayou (7 miles) and Clear Creek Bayou (6 miles) under the Bayou Greenways (BG2020 Initiative).

## GUIDE FOR ESTIMATED COST OF NEW AMENITIES, PARKLAND, AMENITY RENOVATIONS AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR PARK SECTOR

The table below contains costs estimates (in 2015 dollars) based on the needs assessment using 2010 US Census population and population projections provided by H-GAC per Park Sector for 2040, for both amenities and land in this Park Sector. In addition, the cost estimates (in 2015 dollars) for renovation of existing facilities and operation and maintenance are listed. A general explanation of each figure and its source is listed below:

1. **Cost of New System Amenities:** This is the estimated cost for amenities based on the needs assessment above. Costs are estimated for 2015 and 2040 based on costs of 2014 HPARD projects. These costs are a guide and do not include site specific constraints such as utility extensions, flood mitigation or the purchase of land if expansion of the park was needed for these amenities.
2. **Cost of Park Land:** This is the land needed to meet the parkland standards for 2015 and 2040 based on the 2010 US Census and the H-GAC estimated population projections respectively. Land costs are based on land values by Park Sector, provided by H-GAC, from 2014 HCAD values for properties greater than 5,000 sq ft in size and with no structures.
3. **Cost of HPARD Amenity Renovation:** The 2015 cost estimate is based on the assessment that 30% of the existing facilities in this Park Sector need renovation. The 2040 cost estimate is based on the assessment that the remaining 2/3 of the facilities from 2015 and 30% of the new facilities will need renovation to meet the population growth. Costs are estimated for 2015 and 2040 based on costs of 2014 HPARD projects.
4. **Annual Operation & Maintenance:** This figure is based on the national average for parks and recreation operational spending amount (\$63) per resident in 2013 according the Trust for Public Land publication "2014 City Park Facts." Houston spent \$29 per resident on parks and recreation in 2013. This figure shows what the cost of spending this average amount per resident would be based on the current population and the projected population in 2040.

|            | 1                            | 2                     | 3   | 4  |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
|            | COST OF NEW SYSTEM AMENITIES | COST OF NEW PARK LAND | COST OF HPARD EXISTING AMENITY RENOVATION | ANNUAL COST OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE |
| 2015       | \$26,000,000                 | 45 Acres- \$3,000,000 | \$36,000,000                              | \$10,000,000                             |
|            |                              |                       |   |  |
| 2040       | \$13,000,000                 | 33 Acres- \$2,000,000 | \$84,000,000                              | \$2,000,000                              |
|            |                              |                       |   |  |
| TOTAL 2040 | \$39,000,000                 | 78 Acres- \$5,000,000 | \$120,000,000                             | \$12,000,000                             |



## PARK SECTOR PROFILE 7

### LOCATION AND POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

Park Sector 7 is located east of SH 288, west of I-45, north of Beltway 8, and south of IH 610.

Park Sector Size: 34,299.6 acres or 53.6 square miles

Population: 164,466 people, Density: 2,764 persons/sq. mi.

Political Boundaries within Park Sector 7:

- Council Districts: D and I
- Super neighborhoods contained in this Park Sector: Sunnyside, South Acres/ Crestmont Park, Southpark, Minnetex, Greater Hobby Area, Golfcrest/ Belfort/ Reveille, South Belt/ Ellington
- TIRZ: None
- Management Districts: Five Corners Improvement District, Harris County Improvement District 10-A, and Harris County Improvement District 9

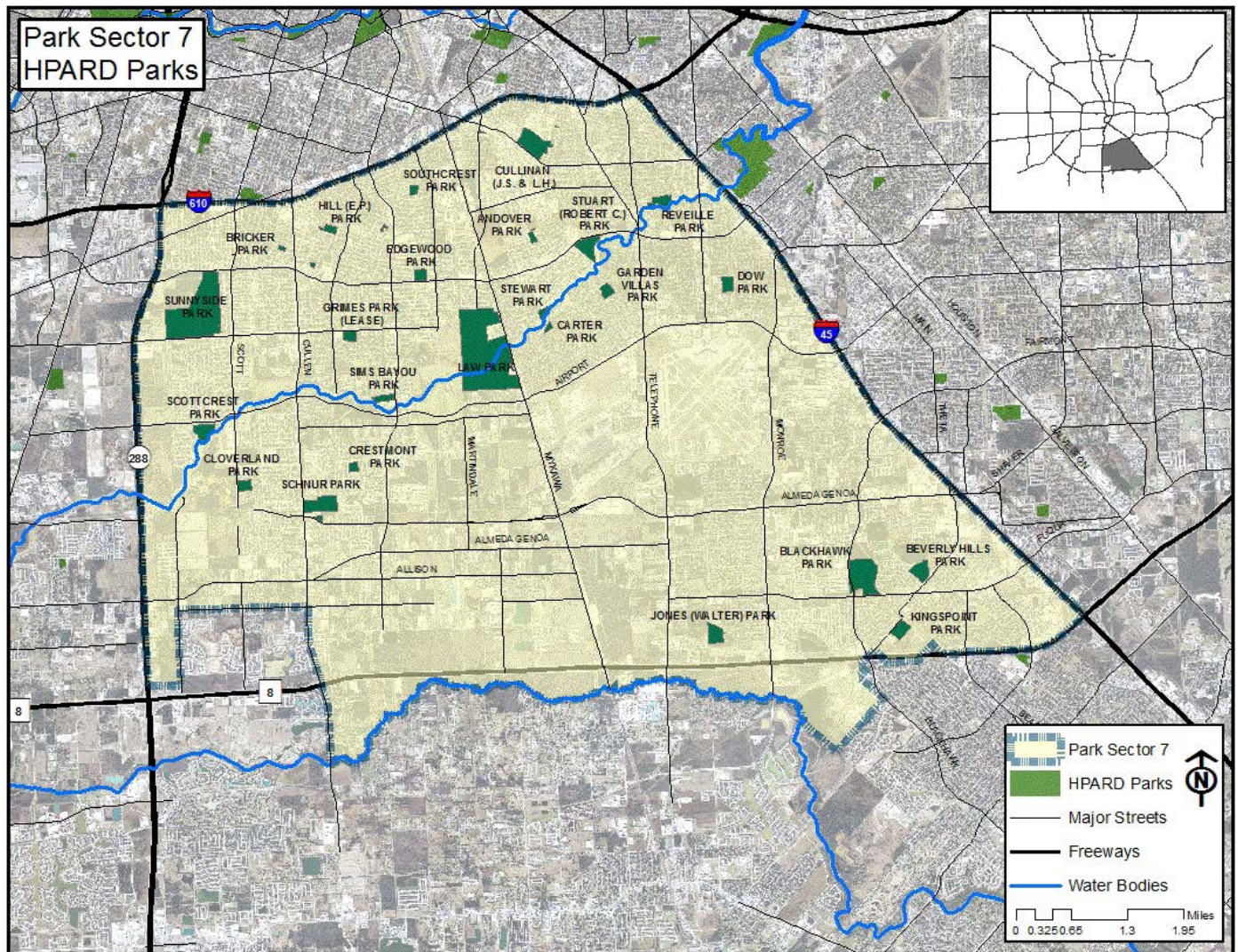


FIGURE 1. PARK SECTOR 7 BOUNDARY AND HPARD PARKS



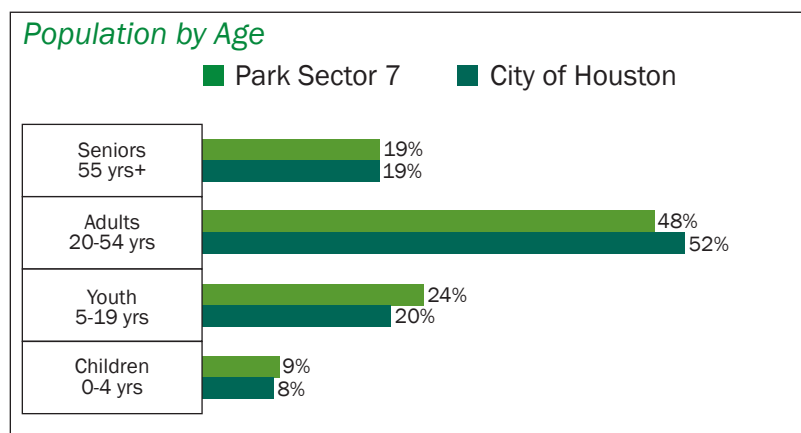
## DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

### Ethnicity

|   | Park Sector 7<br>Population | Park Sector 7<br>Percent of<br>Total | Houston<br>Population | Houston<br>Percent of<br>Total |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Total Population</b>                   | <b>164,466</b>              | -                                    | 2,119,831             | -                              |
| Hispanic or Latino                        | 75,741                      | 46.1%                                | 919,668               | 43.8%                          |
| Non-Hispanic White                        | 11,600                      | 7.1%                                 | 537,901               | 25.6%                          |
| Non-Hispanic Black                        | 70,607                      | 42.9%                                | 485,956               | 23.1%                          |
| Non-Hispanic American-Indian              | 211                         | 0.1%                                 | 126,098               | 6.1%                           |
| Non-Hispanic Asian                        | 5,014                       | 3.0%                                 |                       |                                |
| Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 37                          | 0.0%                                 |                       |                                |
| Non-Hispanic Some Other Race              | 1,256                       | 0.8%                                 | 26,828                | 1.3%                           |

TABLE 1. PARK SECTOR 7 ETHNICITY (2010 CENSUS & CITY OF HOUSTON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA)

This Park Sector contains about 7.7% of the population of Houston; the majority (46.1%) of the residents are Hispanic Latino, followed by Non-Hispanic Blacks (42.9%) and Non-Hispanic Whites (7.1%). The population distribution within the Park Sector is heavily skewed towards the areas closest to freeways. The least densely populated areas are in the central part of the Park Sector, closest to the industrial and undeveloped parcels in this Park Sector.



The age profile for this Park Sector shows that the percent of population under 18 is higher (30.0%) than that of the rest of the city (26.6%). Further breakdown of the age groups reveals that the percent of children 5-19 years old is higher (23.9%) than for the rest of the city (20.0%). The amount of adults 20-54 years old is slightly lower (48%) than the City of Houston overall (52%). These demographic trends can help inform future programming and park improvements.

FIGURE 2. CITY OF HOUSTON VS. PARK SECTOR 7 AGE CITY OF HOUSTON ORTS BY HPARD PROGRAM AGES (2011 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, CITY OF HOUSTON PD)

| Program Group | Age Groups | PS 7<br>Population | PS 7<br>Percent of<br>Total | Program<br>Age Group | City of<br>Houston<br>Population | City of<br>Houston<br>Percent of<br>Total | Program<br>Age Group |
|---------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Children      | 0-4 yrs    | 14,741             | 9%                          | 9%                   | 166,066                          | 8%  | 8%                   |
| Youth         | 5-9 yrs    | 13,428             | 8%                          | 24%                  | 148,843                          | 7%  | 21%                  |
|               | 10-14 yrs  | 12,981             | 8%                          |                      | 24%                              | 7%  |                      |
|               | 15-19 yrs  | 13,048             | 8%                          |                      |                                  | 7%  |                      |
|               |            |                    |                             |                      |                                  |   |                      |
| Adults        | 20-34 yrs  | 37,513             | 23%                         | 48%                  | 539,348                          | 26%                                       | 52%                  |
|               | 35-44 yrs  | 21,132             | 13%                         |                      | 48%                              | 14%                                       |                      |
|               | 45-54 yrs  | 20,343             | 12%                         |                      |                                  | 13%                                       |                      |
| Senior        | 55-64 yrs  | 15,434             | 9%                          | 19%                  | 204,852                          | 10%                                       | 19%                  |
|               | 65 yrs +   | 16,635             | 10%                         |                      | 192,689                          | 9%  |                      |

TABLE 2. CITY OF HOUSTON VS. PARK SECTOR 7 AGE CITY OF HOUSTON ORTS WITH FURTHER BREAKDOWN FOR ALL PROGRAM AGE GROUPS



## Housing

There are a total of 60,551 housing units in this Park Sector. The percent of vacant housing in Park Sector 7 (11%) is slightly lower in this Park Sector than as compared to the vacancy rates for the entire city (12%). Home ownership rate for this Park Sector is higher (49%), which is higher than that of the City of Houston (40%).

## Income

The median household income for this Park Sector is \$34,711, which is lower than the median household income of \$48,322 for the rest of the city. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of households in this Park Sector have an income below the Houston median household income. According to income data over 62% of the population is in the low to moderate income category, making this are eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

## Educational Attainment

Within Park Sector 7 the percent (33%) of individuals 25+ years of age with a high school degree is significantly higher than the relative percent for the entire City of Houston (23%). However, the percent of the population 25 years and older without a high school diploma (34%) is also noticeably higher than the percentage for the rest of the city (26%).

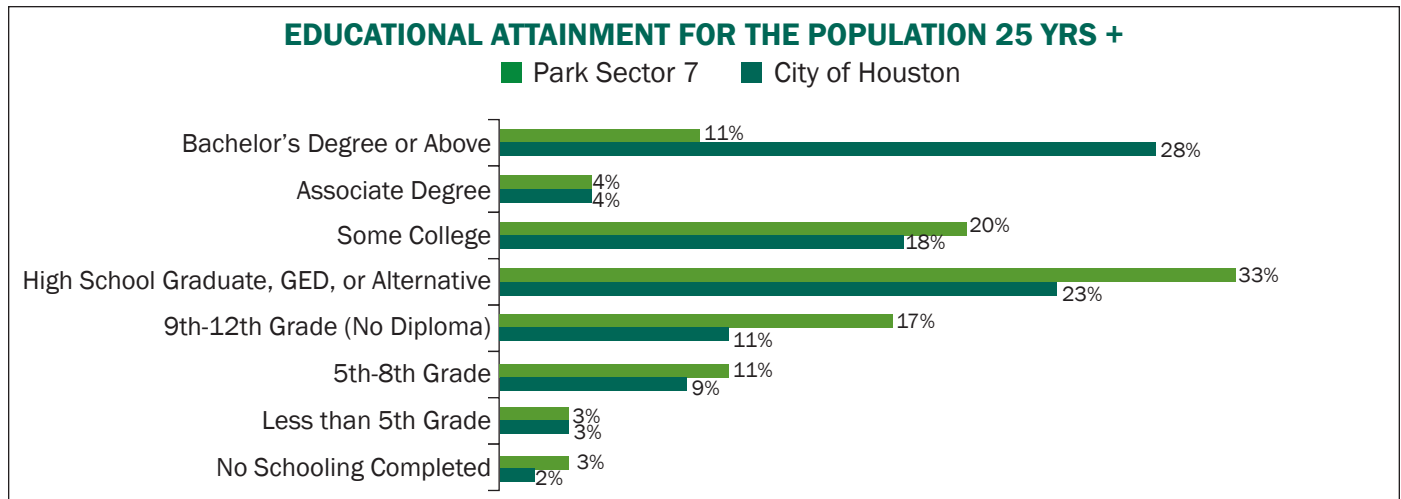


FIGURE 3. EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (2011 CITY OF HOUSTON PD)

## Community Health

The Health of Houston Survey 2010 data (aggregated by Park Sector by the Houston Department of Health and Human Services) shows that 33.6% of the adult population in this Park Sector is considered obese, as compared to 30.8% for the entire population of the City of Houston. The survey also showed that 12.5% of the adult population received a diagnosis of diabetes by a professional, which is slightly above the level for the entire city (11.4%). In addition, this survey inquired about physical activity level and the results indicate that about 27% of the respondents in this Park Sector engage in a moderate physical activity for 5 or more days a week, which is lower than that of the entire city (32%). The national initiative, Healthy People 2020, has a goal to increase the amount of adults who engage in moderate physical activity for at least 5 days a week for 30 minutes to 47.9% of the population. The current national average of adults engaging in this level of aerobic activity is 43.5%. Finally, the survey shows that almost a third of the population (31%) does not engage in moderate physical activity at all, which is higher than the rate for the entire city (21.2%). As HPARD plans and prioritizes investments for future parks and trails, it should take into account the accessibility of parks, amenities provided and the impact to the health of the community in the long term. HPARD is an active participant in the Healthy Communities Initiative, Community Transformation Initiative, Healthy Kids Houston, and the Sustainable Communities Houston-Galveston Regional Plan, among other efforts. This involvement should continue with an emphasis on partnerships, measurable outcomes, and engagement with the community to encourage physical activity and help identify physical barriers to park access.

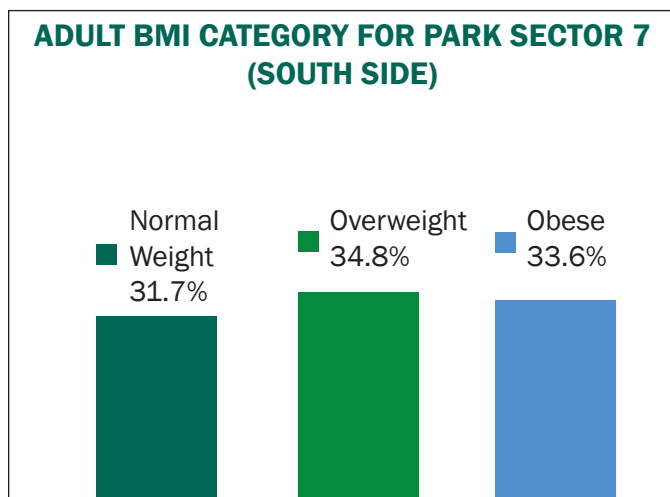


FIGURE 4. HEALTH OF HOUSTON SURVEY (2010)- ADULT BODY MASS INDEX

| Moderate Physical Activity in the Last Seven Days | Percentage (%) |
|---|----------------|
| 0   | 31.00          |
| 1   | 6.80           |
| 2   | 10.80          |
| 3   | 18.40          |
| 4   | 6.00           |
| 5   | 11.80          |
| 6   | 3.80           |
| 7   | 11.30          |

TABLE 3. HEALTH OF HOUSTON SURVEY (2010)- MODERATE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



## LAND USE ANALYSIS

|                        | Number of<br>Parcels | Percent of<br>Parcels | Acreage of Par-<br>cels | Percent of<br>Acreage |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Single-Family          | 40,022               | 74.6%                 | 8,694                   | 31.7%                 |
| Multi-Family           | 1,211                | 2.3%                  | 760                     | 2.8%                  |
| Commercial             | 1,211                | 2.3%                  | 1,338                   | 4.9%                  |
| Office                 | 99                   | 0.2%                  | 145                     | 0.5%                  |
| Industrial             | 1,425                | 2.7%                  | 3,017                   | 11%                   |
| Public & Institutional | 303                  | 0.6%                  | 1,460                   | 5.3%                  |
| Transportation         | 142                  | 0.3%                  | 1,800                   | 6.6%                  |
| Parks & Open Space     | 228                  | 0.4%                  | 393                     | 1.4%                  |
| Undeveloped            | 8,776                | 16.3%                 | 7,770                   | 28.3%                 |
| Agriculture Production | 266                  | 0.5%                  | 2,052                   | 7.5%                  |
| TOTAL                  | 53,683               | -                     | 27,429                  | -                     |

TABLE 4. LAND USE BY DESCRIPTION (2012 HCAD)

Park Sector 7, while having significant acreage of single-family parcels (31.7%), HCAD data shows that almost one-third (28.3%) of the acreage is undeveloped land. The third largest land use for this Park Sector is industrial (11%). Hobby Airport is located east of Mykawa and south of Airport; this area has undeveloped parcels which will be part of the future airport expansion. Aerial imagery for 2010 confirms that the large properties identified as undeveloped are correctly depicted. Nevertheless, additional research will have to be done to see if any general plans for development have been submitted to the Planning and Development Department of the City of Houston prior to counting on this land for possible acquisition. There is potential for land acquisition opportunities to expand parkland in this Park Sector.

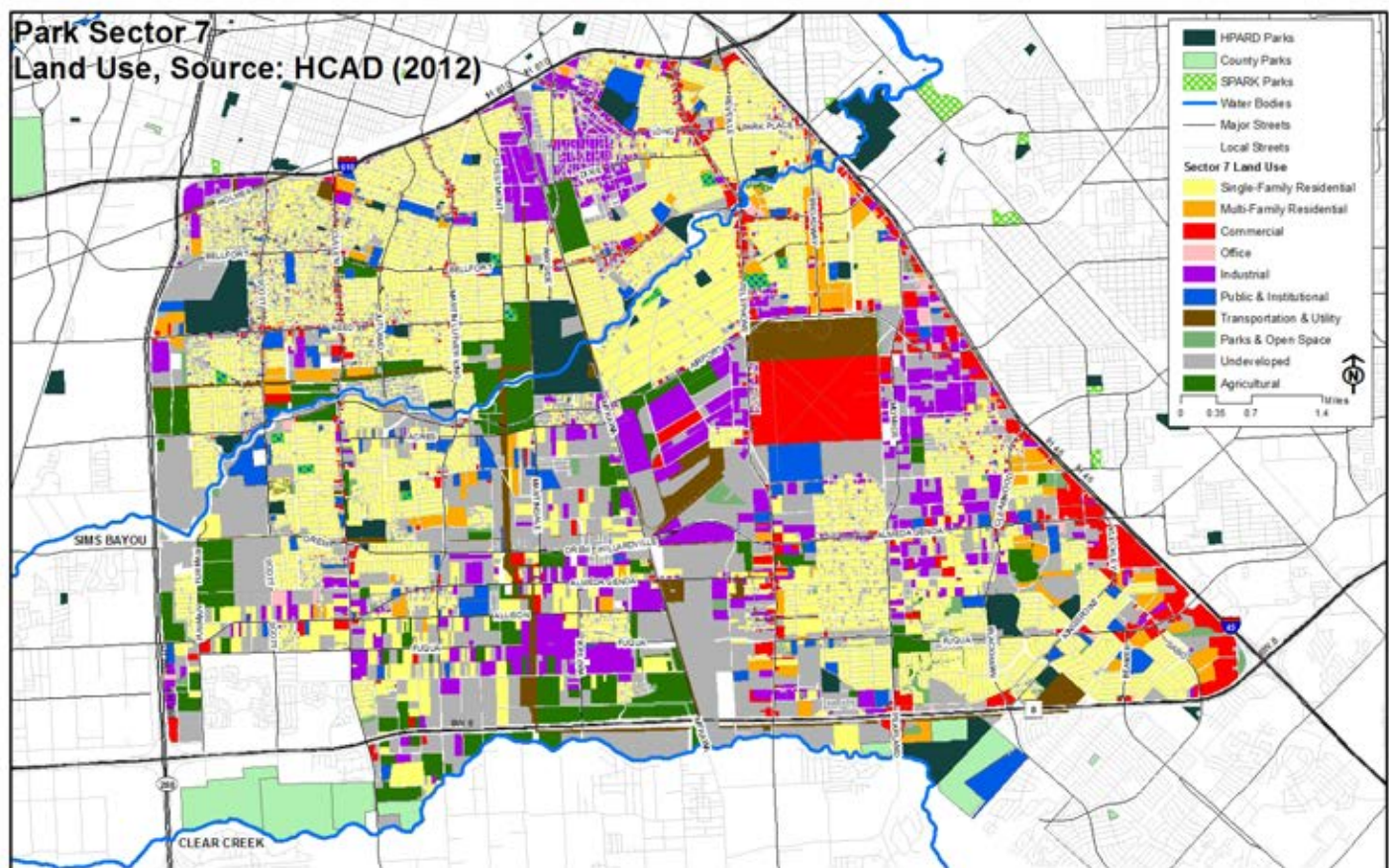


FIGURE 5. PARK SECTOR 7 LAND USE MAP (2013 HCAD) AND HPARD, COUNTY, AND SPARK PARKS

## HPARD PARKS AND TRAILS

| Facility Name   | Address | Street               | Total Acres   | Trail Length |
|---|---------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Pocket Parks  |         |                      |               |              |
| Golfview Park   | 6201    | Cherryhill           | 0.76          | N/A          |
| Pershing Park   | 5500    | Pershing/St. Lo Road | 0.40          | N/A          |
| Sharp (Jerry) Park                                    | 3234    | Chaffin              | 0.50          | N/A          |
| <b>Total HPARD Pocket Park Acreage</b>                |         |                      | <b>1.66</b>   |              |
| Neighborhood Parks                                    |         |                      |               |              |
| Andover Park  | 6301    | Nunn                 | 4.85          | N/A          |
| Bricker Park  | 4548    | Bricker              | 2.17          | N/A          |
| Carter Park   | 7000    | Santa Fe             | 2.00          | 0.08         |
| Cloverland Park                                       | 11800   | Scott                | 12.04         | 0.25         |
| Crestmont Park  | 5200    | Selinsky Rd.         | 6.74          | 0.25         |
| Dow Park  | 7942    | Rockhill             | 14.04         | 0.58         |
| Edgewood Park   | 5803    | Belfort              | 10.97         | 0.5          |
| Garden Villas Park                                    | 6720    | South Haywood        | 11.55         | 0.49         |
| Grimes Park (Lease)                                   | 5150    | Reed Rd.             | 9.72          | N/A          |
| Hill (E.P.) Park                                      | 4800    | Gloryland            | 7.32          | 0.39         |
| King Estates Park                                     | 4801    | East Orem            | 2.56          | N/A          |
| Kingspoint Park                                       | 9100    | Kingspoint Road      | 10.00         | N/A          |
| Sims Bayou Park                                       | 9500    | ML King Blvd         | 9.96          | 2.50         |
| Southcrest Park                                       | 5842    | Southmund            | 6.21          | 0.29         |
| St. Lo Park   | 7335    | St. Lo Rd.           | 1.20          | 0.18         |
| Stewart Park  | 6700    | Reed Road            | 4.71          | 0.3          |
| Sunflower Park (PB 2)                                 | 5000    | Sunflower Street     | 1.50          | 0.16         |
| <b>Total HPARD Neighborhood Park Acreage</b>          |         |                      | <b>117.54</b> |              |
| Community Parks                                       |         |                      |               |              |
| Beverly Hills Park                                    | 10201   | Kingspoint           | 21.67         | 0.53         |
| Blackhawk Park  | 9401    | Fuqua                | 76.81         | N/A          |
| Cullinan JS and LH                                    | 6700    | Long Dr.             | 44.00         | 1.06         |
| Jenkins (Margaret) Park<br>(formerly Scottcrest Park) | 10700   | Rosehaven            | 19.00         | 0.51         |
| Jones (Walter) Park                                   | 8000    | Coastway Lane        | 21.50         | N/A          |
| Reveille Park   | 7700    | Oak Vista            | 20.04         | 0.32         |
| Schnur Park   | 12227   | Cullen Blvd.         | 39.00         | 0.5          |
| Stuart (Robert C. Park)                               | 7250    | Belfort              | 27.14         | 0.75         |
| <b>Total HPARD Community Park Acreage</b>             |         |                      | <b>269.16</b> |              |
| Regional Parks  |         |                      |               |              |
| Law Park  | 6200    | Scarlet/6100 Vassar  | 313.57        | 0.41         |
| Sunnyside Park  | 3502    | Belfort              | 206.01        | 0.48         |
| <b>Total HPARD Regional Park Acreage</b>              |         |                      | <b>519.58</b> |              |
| <b>Total HPARD Park Acreage</b>                       |         |                      | <b>907.94</b> |              |
| <b>Total HPARD Trail Length</b>                       |         |                      |               | <b>10.61</b> |

TABLE 5. HPARD PARKS, ACREAGE, AND TRAILS INTERNAL TO HPARD PARKS, BAYOU AND URBAN/SHARED USE TRAILS IN PARK SECTOR 7





FIGURE 6. PARK SECTOR 7 BAYOU TRAILS, ON- AND OFF-STREET BIKEWAY SYSTEM (PWE), HPARD, COUNTY, SPARK, PRIVATE PARKS, BIKE/PED BRIDGES AND LIGHT RAIL

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department operates 30 parks in the area accounting for 908 acres of parkland. Harris County operates 3 parks in the area accounting for 406.71 acres of parkland. Figure 5 (see below) shows the existing shared bike lanes/ shared routes, trails, and proposed extensions of the Sims Bayou trail from Reveille Park to across the bayou from Sims Bayou Park in accordance with the Bayou Greenway Initiative (BG2020). Currently, HPARD maintains 10.61 miles of trails, Harris County maintains 3.92 miles of trails, HISD maintains 0.85 miles (track) inside 10 SPARK Parks, and there is a 0.8 mile segment from I-45 to Reveille Park maintained by other entities in the Park Sector. Collectively, there is a total of 16 miles of trails within this Park Sector. According to the LOS analysis in Table 7, there is a need for an additional 17 miles of trails to meet current population standards for Park Sector 7. Trails will be built along Sims Bayou on a partnership between Houston Parks Board and the USACE to connect to the existing 0.8 mile tract of the trail to create a 14-mile trail system, under Bayou Greenway Initiative 7 miles of this would be inside Park Sector 7. In addition, the trails along Clear Creek that are planned through Bayou Greenway Initiative will add 6 miles to the existing 0.68 miles in Christia V. Adair Park. North-South connectors between Sims and Clear Lake Bayous should be considered perhaps along utility corridors or through adequate facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians on existing or proposed to be widened or improved streets.

### County Parks and Trails

| County Park                    |         |                  |               |              |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Facility Name                  | Address | Street           | Total Acres   | Trail Length |
| Christia V. Adair Park         | 15107   | Cullen Boulevard | 59.32         | 0.64         |
| El Franco Lee Park             | 9400    | Hall Road        | 345.59        | 0.28         |
| Sims Bayou Hike & Bike Trail 2 |         |                  | 1.80          | 3.00         |
| <b>Total HC Park Acreage</b>   |         |                  | <b>406.71</b> |              |
| <b>Total HC Trail Length</b>   |         |                  |               | <b>3.92</b>  |

TABLE 6. TRAILS INTERNAL TO COUNTY PARKS, BAYOU AND URBAN/SHARED USE TRAILS IN PARK SECTOR 7

## SPARK Parks

There are 8 Elementary Schools and 2 Middle Schools participating in the SPARK Program providing access to park space and a variety of amenities to the public.

| SPARK Parks                     |         |              |              |  |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Facility Name                   | Address | Street       | Total Acres* | Amenities  |
| Alcott Elementary School        | 5859    | Belfort St   | 7.26         | Playground   |
| Codwell Elementary School       | 5650    | Selinsky Rd  | 4.83         | Playground   |
| Cornelius Elementary School     | 7475    | Westover St  | 9.48         | Playground, 0.17 mi Trail                                    |
| Garden Villas Elementary School | 7185    | Santa Fe Dr  | 7.55         | Playground   |
| Lewis Elementary School         | 6745    | Tipperary Ln | 5.52         | Playground, Soccer field                                     |
| Mading Elementary School        | 8511    | Crestmont St | 7.80         | Playground, swing set  |
| Ortiz Middle School             | 6767    | Telephone Rd | 20.92        | 0.26 mi Trail, Basketball Court, Soccer Field, Tennis Courts |
| Reynolds Elementary School      | 9601    | Rosehaven Dr | 7.28         | Playground   |
| Rhoads Elementary School        | 4103    | Brisbane St  | 7.38         | Playground, 0.19 mi Trail                                    |
| Woodson Middle School           | 10720   | Southview St | 6.59         | 0.23 mi Trail, Soccer Field                                  |
| <b>Total Acres*</b>             |         |              | <b>84.61</b> |  |

TABLE 7. SPARK PARK ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS FOR PARK SECTOR 7 BASED ON DATA PROVIDED ON 2011 BY THE SPARK PROGRAM  
\*Acreage is overstated because it is based on the parcel corresponding to entire school and not the SPARK Park only.

## Open and Green Space

To determine the level of service. The 2007 Master Plan outlined standard distances based on park classification as well as population. Analysis in this section will be done based on population (acres/1,000 people) as well as park accessibility within a ½ mile radius using data provided by The Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ Project.

The table below shows the level of service (LOS) based on the 2007 HPARD Master Plan recommended standards of a number of acres per 1,000 people using the 2010 Census Population. If we include Harris County park acreage when calculating the LOS, then an additional 45.1 acres of Neighborhood Parks are needed in Park Sector 7. This Park Sector has sufficient acreage in Pocket Parks and Community Parks, based upon the LOS standards below. The regional park acreage is shown for this Park Sector; however, the level of service is not calculated since Regional Parks generally serve the entire city. The analysis for level of service and needs is shown on the table below.

| Park Type                      | HPARD Park Number | HC Park Number | HPARD Acreage | County Acreage | Other Providers | Total Park Acreage | HPARD Recommended Standard | Current HPARD LOS | Current Total Inventory LOS | HPARD NEED (2010 Population) | Total Inventory NEED 2010 Population |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Population                     |                   |                |               |                |                 |                    |                            |                   |                             | 164,466                      |                                      |
| Pocket Park (<1 acre)          | 3                 | 0              | 1.7           | 0              | 0               | 1.7                | 0.005 ac/1,000 people      | 0.01              | 0.01                        | -0.84                        | -0.84                                |
| Neighborhood Park (1-15 acres) | 17                | 1              | 117.5         | 2              | 0               | 119.3              | 1 ac/1,000 people          | 0.71              | 0.73                        | 46.93                        | 45.13                                |
| Community Park (16-150 acres)  | 8                 | 1              | 269.2         | 59.3           | 0               | 328.5              | 1.5 ac/1,000 people        | 1.64              | 2.00                        | -22.46                       | -81.78                               |
| Regional Parks (151+ acres)    | 2                 | 1              | 519.6         | 345.6          | 0               | 865.2              | 8.0 ac/1,000 people        |                   |                             |                              |                                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>30</b>         | <b>3</b>       | <b>907.9</b>  | <b>406.7</b>   | <b>0</b>        | <b>1,314.65</b>    |                            |                   |                             | <b>46.93</b>                 | <b>45.13</b>                         |

TABLE 8. HPARD LOS AND PARKLAND NEED ANALYSIS  
A negative number in the last two columns means there is a surplus, a positive number means there is a need.



Another way to measure the level of service provided by parks is by looking at a “walkable” distance (1/2 mile radius) from the park regardless of the size of this park. The Rice University Shell Center for Sustainability published the Houston Sustainable Development Indicators: A Comprehensive Development Review for Citizens, Analysts, and Decision Makers and used ¼ of a mile distance of persons living from a park as a sustainability indicator for quality of life and determined that 44% of residents have access to a public space (King 2012). The Trust for Public Land (Trust for Public Land (TPL) ParkScore™ Project mapped the park needs of the City of Houston based on accessibility by density, age, and income. The methodology used by Trust for Public Land (TPL) ParkScore™ Project factors in the accessibility to a public park within ½ mile considering freeways and major thoroughfares as barriers to park access. Trust for Public Land (TPL) ParkScore™ Project found that 45% of residents have access to public spaces (Trust for Public Land (TPL) 2012). The map was produced using data provided by Trust for Public Land (TPL) ParkScore™ Project. The areas in green on the map below represent the area within ½ mile of existing parks not blocked by freeways or major roads. Roughly 41% of the live/play areas (residential= yellow and orange and some commercial= red) in this Park Sector are not served by a park, lower than that of the entire city (55%). This percentage was calculated by subtracting the areas served, industrial areas, and acreage of private parks from the total acreage of the Park Sector.

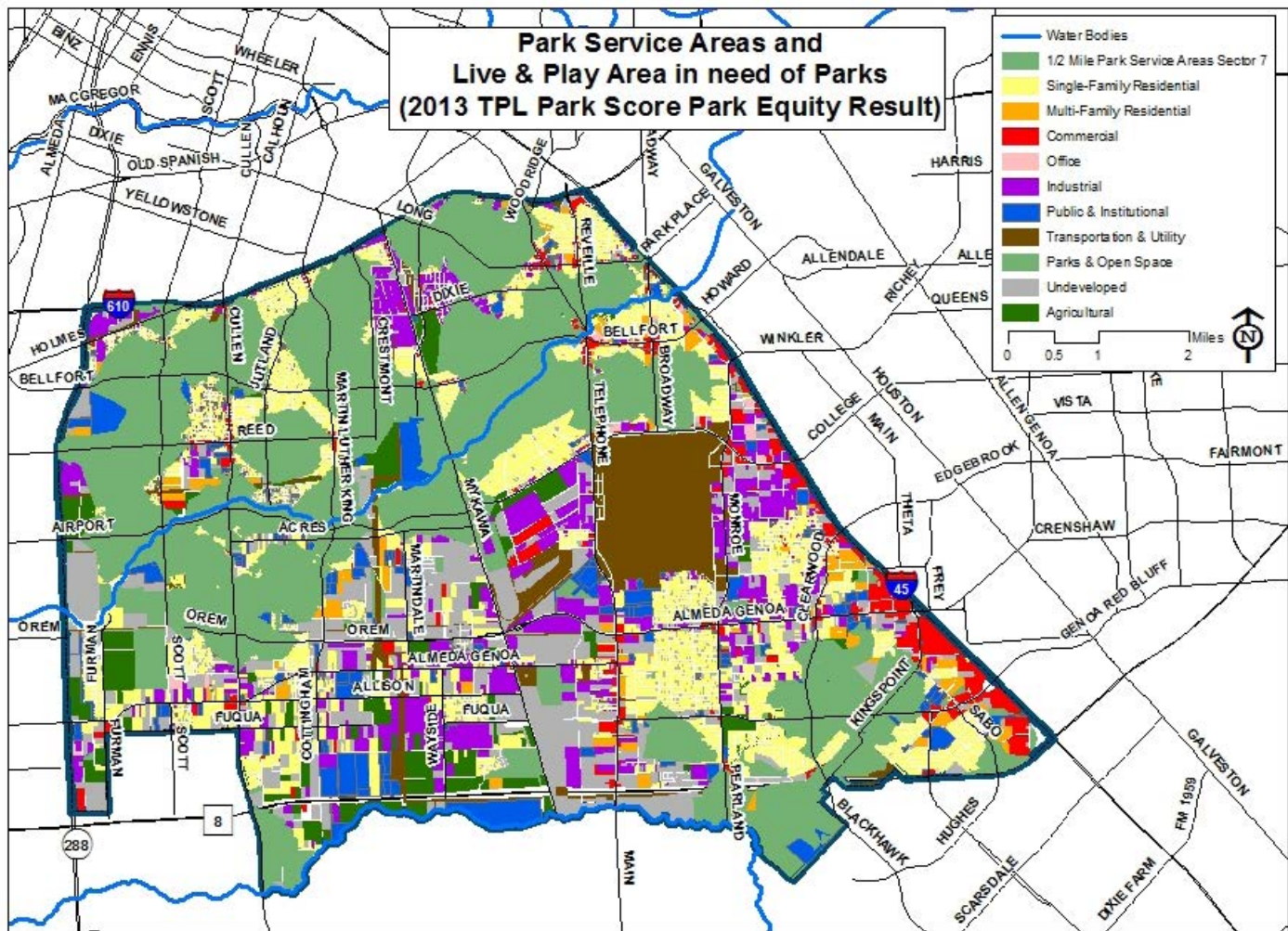


FIGURE 7. PARK SECTOR 7 PARK SERVICE AREAS (1/2 MILES ACCESS) AND LIVE/PLAY AREAS OF NEED

## AMENITIES AND SERVICES

The following map shows some of the community services available in this Park Sector: community centers, a Boys and Girls Club, libraries, and transit centers. There are five HPARD community centers located in this Park Sector: Bessie Swindle, Beverly Hills, Crestmont, Edgewood, Garden Villas, and Sunnyside Community Centers.

The Sunnyside Multi-Service Center is located in this Park Sector. It provides Women, Infant, Children (WIC) nutrition services, Harris County juvenile probation services, a YWCA seniors program that includes activities and free lunch, Houston Community College (HCC) programs, and a ‘Kids Village’ program that offers case management and social service referral for families with children aged 0-16 years. The Sunnyside Health Center is located next door to the multi-Service center and offers family planning, pregnancy testing, STD and TB testing, and immunizations for children. The YWCA Kingspoint Senior Center in the southeastern corner of the Park Sector provides group and home delivered meals. Transportation, exercise classes, health screenings, grocery and medical trips are also available through this Senior Center. This map shows a gap in services immediately south of Hobby Airport and north of Fuqua where there is a concentration of single-family residential homes. The libraries in this Park Sector provide computer access, community meeting space, and educational programs.



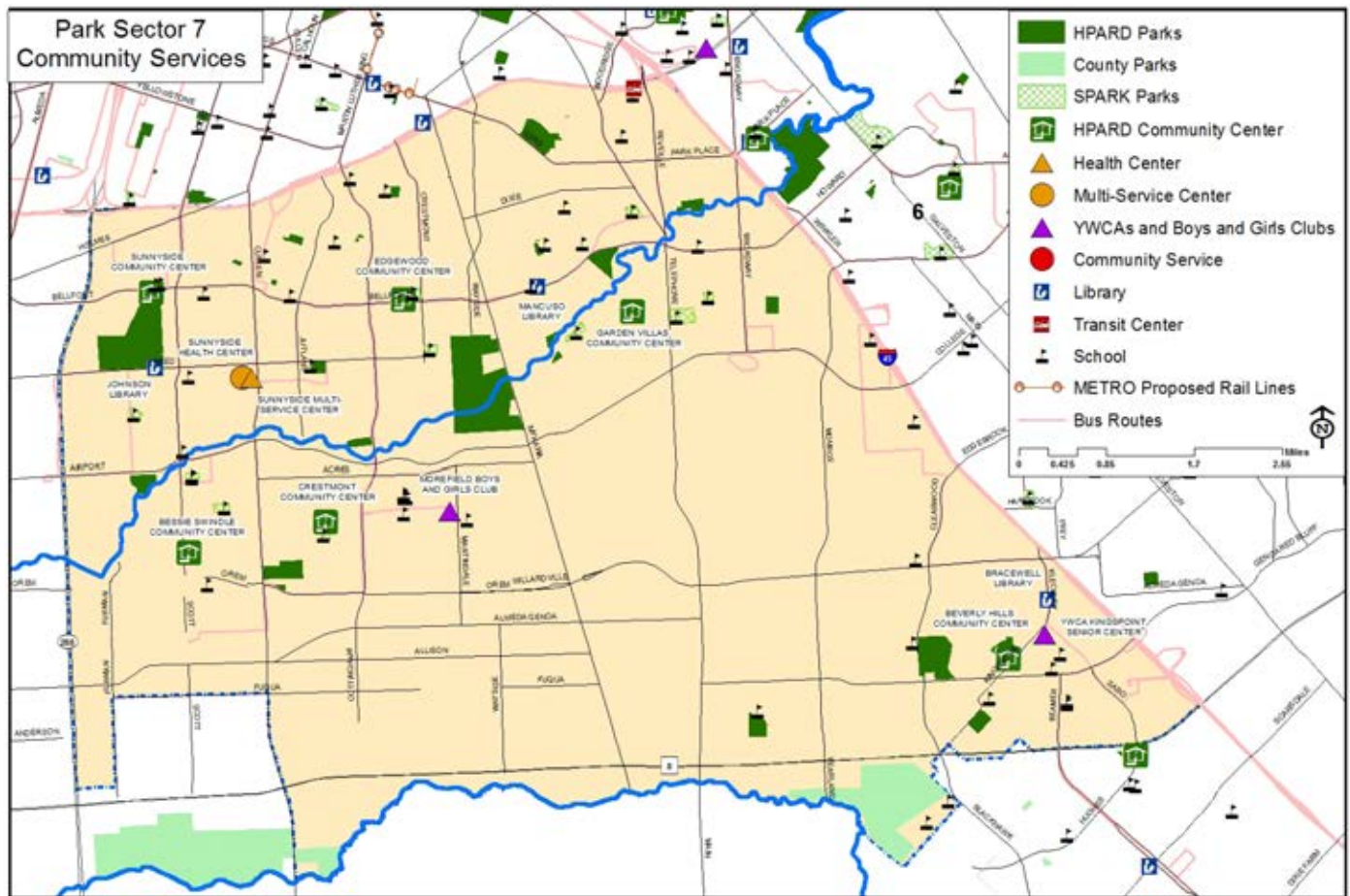


FIGURE 8. PARK SECTOR 7 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC TRANSIT

### Amenities - Level of Service

The 2007 HPARD standards by amenity have been applied to the amenities in Park Sector 7. The first column after the recommended HPARD standards indicates the level of service (LOS) accounting for HPARD facilities only, the total inventory standard accounts for facilities from all providers. The standard for each amenity is then compared to the 2010 Census population data for this Park Sector to determine if the standard has been met or if more amenities are needed. The last two columns show the number of facilities needed to meet the standard using HPARD inventory only and using all providers in the Park Sector. According to these recommended HPARD standards, Harris County and other providers are meeting the needs of the residents for outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, community centers swimming pools, and baseball fields. This Park Sector is deficient in playgrounds (7), picnic shelters (1), trails (17 miles), volleyball courts (2), dog parks (2), skate parks (2), outdoor spraygrounds (1), softball fields (2), and soccer fields (2).



|                           | HPARD | Harris County | Other Providers | Total | Recommended HPARD Standard |         | Current HPARD Level of Service |         | Current Total Inventory Level of Service |         | HPARD NEEDS<br>Over/<br>Under Service | Total Inventory NEEDS<br>Over/<br>Under Standard |
|---------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|--|---------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Population                |       |               |                 |       |                            |         |                                |         | 164,466                                  |         |                                       |  |
| Playgrounds               | 23    | 3             | 8               | 34    | 1                          | 4,000   | 1                              | 7,151   | 1  | 4,837   | 18                                    | 7  |
| Picnic Shelters           | 11    | 4             | 0               | 15    | 1                          | 10,000  | 1                              | 14,951  | 1  | 10,964  | 5                                     | 1  |
| Trails                    | 10.6  | 3.9           | 1.9             | 16    | 0.2                        | 1,000   | 0.06                           | 1,000   | 0.10                                     | 1,000   | 22                                    | 17   |
| Outdoor Basketball Courts | 20    | 0             | 1               | 21    | 1                          | 12,000  | 1                              | 8,223   | 1  | 7,832   | -6                                    | -7   |
| Tennis                    | 16    | 2             | 4               | 22    | 1                          | 10,000  | 1                              | 10,279  | 1  | 7,476   | 0                                     | -6   |
| Volleyball                | 1     | 0             | 0               | 1     | 1                          | 50,000  | 1                              | 164,466 | 1  | 164,466 | 2                                     | 2  |
| Dog Parks                 | 0     | 0             | 0               | 0     | 1                          | 100,000 | 0                              | 164,466 | 0  | 164,466 | 2                                     | 2  |
| Skate Parks               | 0     | 0             | 0               | 0     | 1                          | 100,000 | 0                              | 164,466 | 0  | 164,466 | 2                                     | 2  |
| Community Centers         | 6     | 0             | 0               | 6     | 1                          | 30,000  | 1                              | 27,411  | 1  | 27,411  | -1                                    | -1   |
| Swimming Pools            | 4     | 0             | 0               | 4     | 1                          | 50,000  | 1                              | 41,117  | 1  | 41,117  | -1                                    | -1   |
| Outdoor Spraygrounds      | 1     | 0             | 0               | 1     | 1                          | 100,000 | 1                              | 164,466 | 1  | 164,466 | 1                                     | 1  |
| Baseball (Lit & Unlit)    | 13    | 10            | 1               | 24    | 1 field                    | 30,000  | 1                              | 12,651  | 1  | 6,853   | -8                                    | -19  |
| Softball (Lit & Unlit)    | 3     | 0             | 0               | 3     | 1 field                    | 30,000  | 1                              | 54,822  | 1  | 293,586 | 2                                     | 2  |
| Soccer (Lit & Unlit)      | 7     | 4             | 3               | 14    | 1 field                    | 10,000  | 1                              | 23,495  | 1  | 11,748  | 9                                     | 2  |

TABLE 9. LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR AMENITIES IN PARK SECTOR 7

A negative number in the last two columns means there is a surplus, a positive number means there is a need.

### Status of Projects (POS/CIP/CDBG/Grants)

- Dow Park's basketball pavilion roof, purlins, gutters and downspouts, goals, lights, benches and a portion of the existing sidewalk and trail were replaced in 2013. The column bases were repaired and the structure painted. The electrical service panel was upgraded and a new enclosure installed. The disturbed areas around the pavilion were graded and sodded.
- Sunnyside Park has a new trail that was completed in September 2013 that runs along the eastern section of the park and connects to the Johnson Neighborhood Library. In partnership with the Houston Astros MLB team, three baseball fields have been renovated to competitive league standards, which includes: field grading, new sod, irrigation, dugout repair, and new fences.



## SUPPLEMENTAL MAPS:

### Park Sector 7 Council Districts

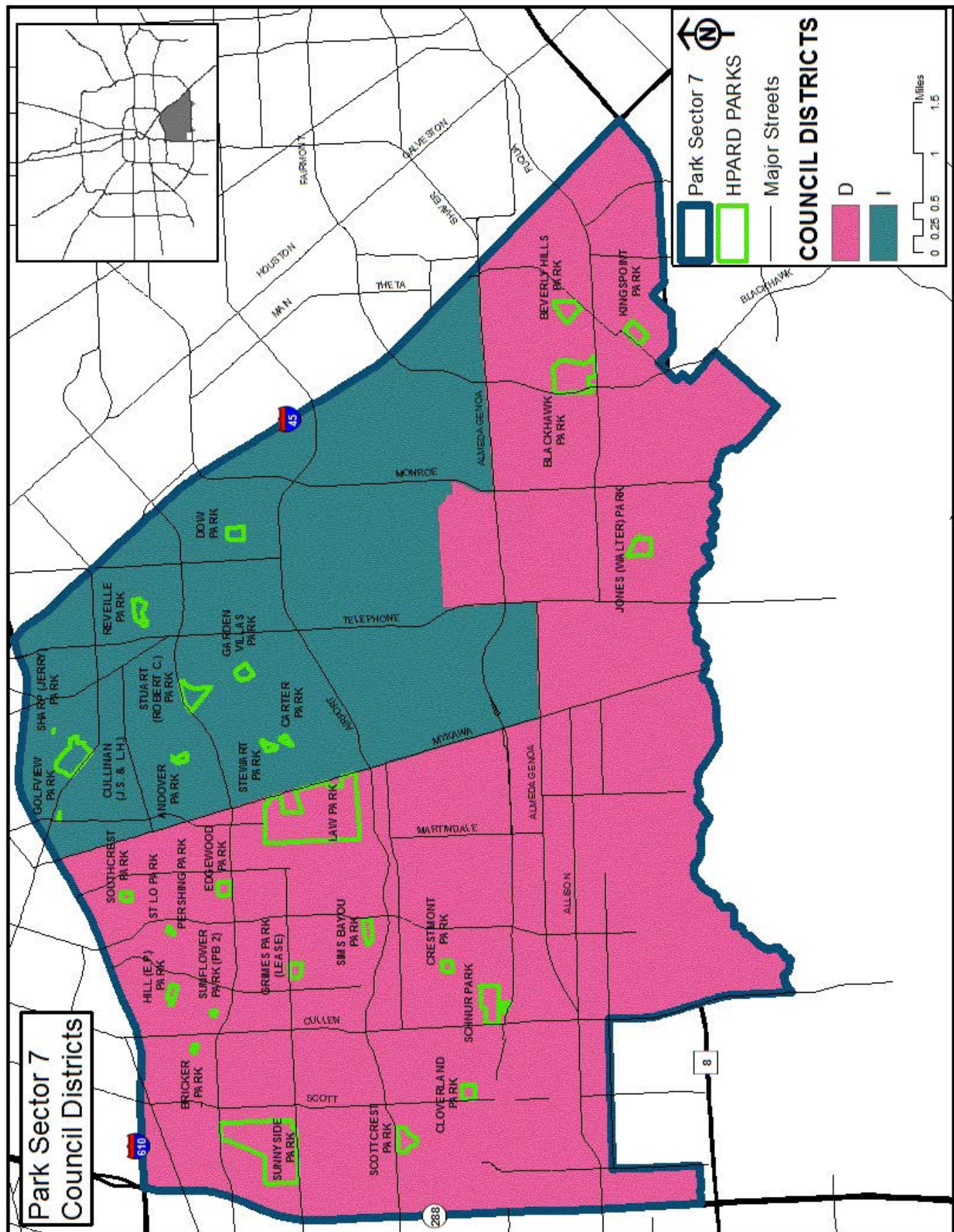


FIGURE 1: PARK SECTOR 7 COUNCIL DISTRICTS





## Park Sector 7 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZs) and Management Districts

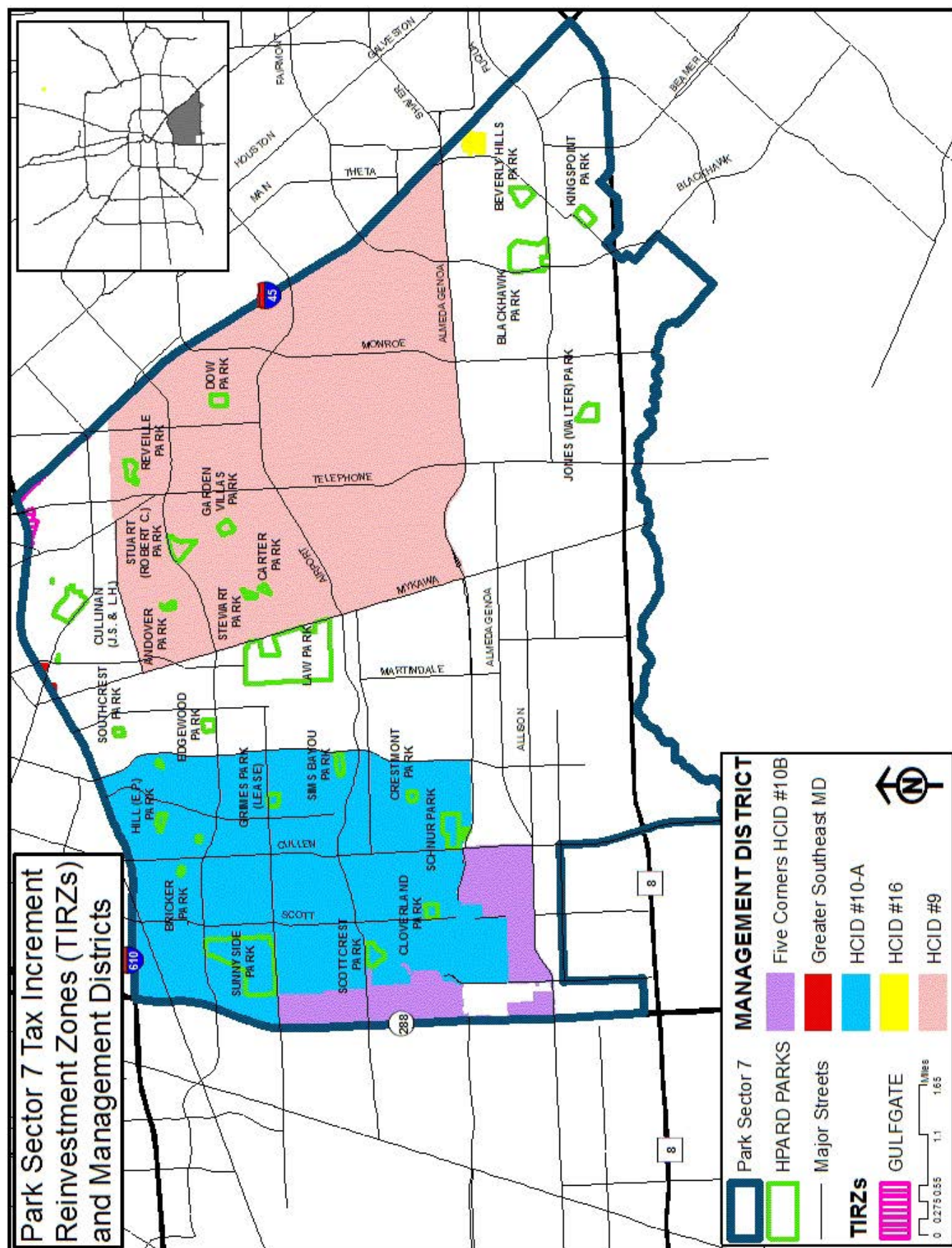


FIGURE 2: PARK SECTOR 7 MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS AND TIRZS



## Park Sector 7 Super neighborhoods

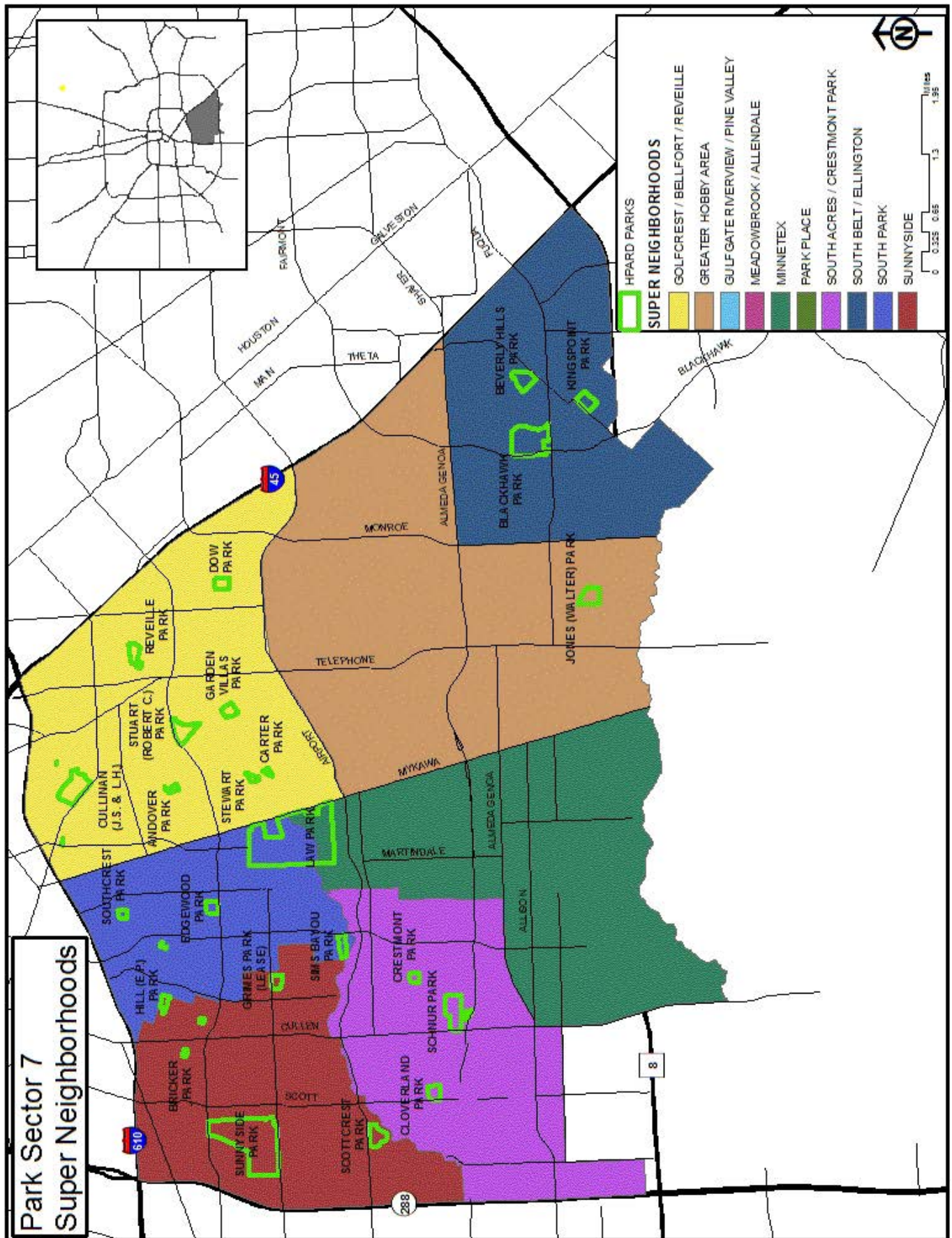


FIGURE 3: PARK SECTOR 7 SUPER NEIGHBORHOODS





## Park Sector 7 Floodplain Areas

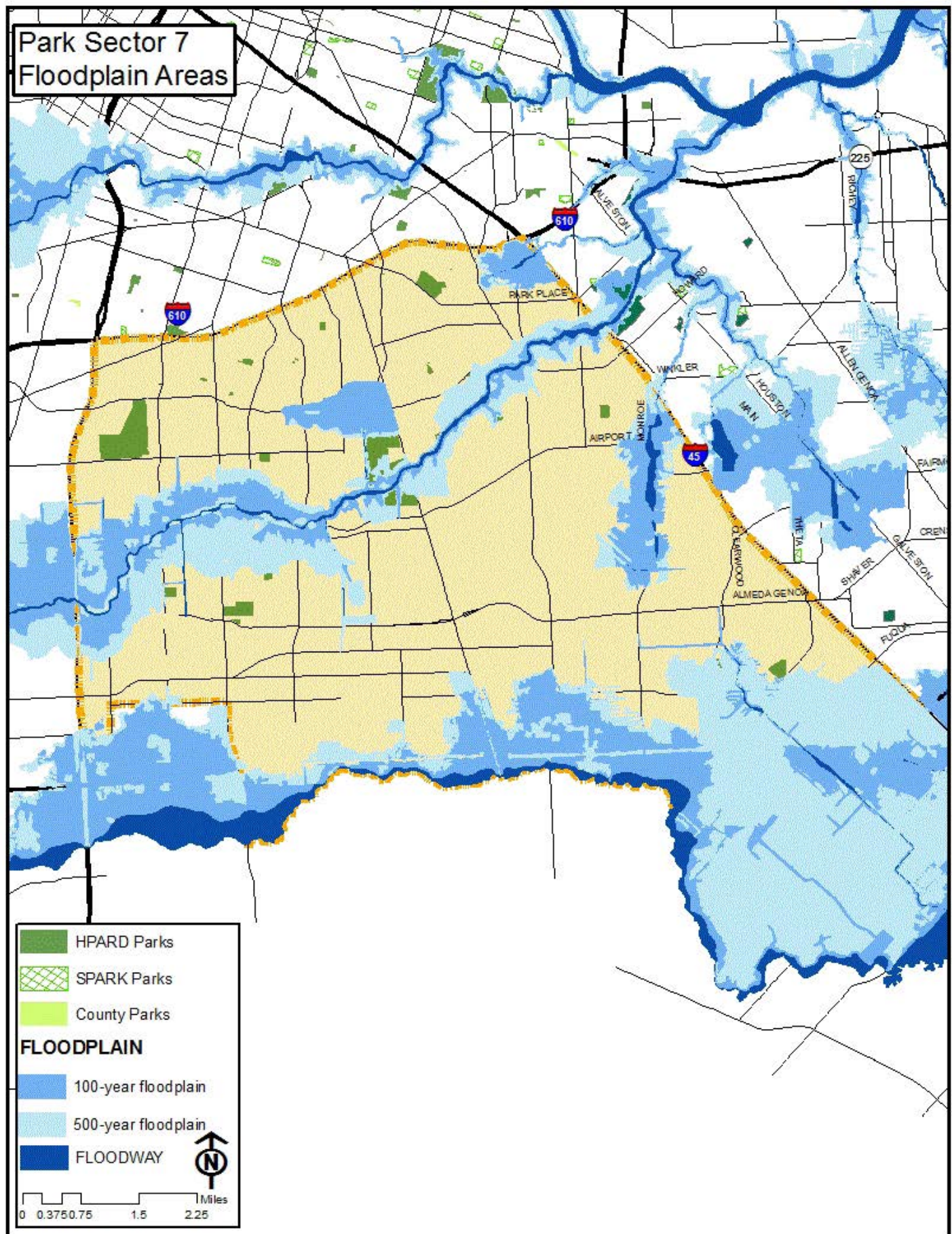


FIGURE 4: PARK SECTOR 7 FLOODPLAIN AREAS