

PARK SECTOR 14 SUMMARY

PARK SECTOR 14 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. Acquire new park land
2. Revitalize existing parks
3. Develop neighborhood connections to parks and trails
4. Develop partnerships with the school system and other entities
5. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas
6. Develop new park facilities

RECOMMENDATIONS

The parks in Park Sector 14 that have the highest need for redevelopment are listed from greatest need to least need: Live Oak Park, Dow Elementary Park and Cleveland Park.

Thirty-seven (37) acres of parkland are needed in this Park Sector. While the majority of the Park Sector is served by parks within half a mile, there are some areas of need in the southern portions of the Park Sector. Higher density residential development has increased throughout most of this Park Sector. Schools not participating in the SPARK School Park Program (Non-SPARK schools) should be explored as potential future partnerships for park space. Buffalo Bayou Park, as part of a very successful private-public partnership, is being redeveloped and it will be a tremendous asset not only to the residents in this immediate area but also as a regional asset. Additional connections from the south and west into Buffalo Bayou trail system should be explored. There is a north-south utility corridor, between US-59 and Memorial Park, which runs through the middle of the largest area in this Park Sector that has been identified as needing park and open space access. Trail development should be explored in this corridor to increase connectivity.

The Management Districts and non-profits in the area have actively engaged in acquisition, redevelopment and or maintenance of parks. This is an ongoing effort that should continue in order to keep up with the demands of a fast growing population in this area of the city.

This Park Sector is deficient in playgrounds and soccer fields. In the 2014 survey, the top three priorities of residents in Park Sector 14 when asked what recreational needs existed in their neighborhood were: hike, bike and walk trails, open space and natural areas, and upgraded recreation centers. Other services and amenities that residents asked for in the write-in portion of the survey were: fitness programs, dance or theater programs, arts and crafts programs, adult tennis programs, outdoor environmental education and camping, yoga and tai chi, community gardens, and adult sand volleyball.

Sources: 2010 Census, 2010 Houston Health 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				
Bethel Church Site	801	Andrews	0.47	N/A
Brock, Richard Park (formerly Jones, Randall Park)	1709	Bingham	0.45	N/A
Camp Logan Triangle	6401	Coppage/Rodrigo	0.98	N/A
Crockett Street Future Park Site	1900	Crockett	0.12	N/A
Dow Elementary Park	1919	Kane	0.25	N/A
Ella Lee Park	2030	Larchmont	0.30	N/A
Heiner Street Future Park Site		Heiner Street	0.18	N/A
Glover (Elizabeth) Park	3118	Elgin	0.29	N/A
Jones (Randall P.) Park (formerly Summer Street Park)	1600	Summer St	0.34	N/A
Keyes (Nellie) Park	801	Lester	0.50	0.12
Kirby Park	900	Kirby	0.40	N/A
Knox Park	229	S. Heights	0.35	N/A
Lamar Park	1400	Hyde Park/Waugh Dr	0.40	N/A
Live Oak Park	2000	Brentwood	0.60	N/A
Naeem Choudhri (Jetall) Park	6415	Taggart/Minola	0.50	N/A
Olympia Park	3600	Olympia	0.30	N/A
Peggy's Point Plaza Park	4240	Main	0.44	N/A
Pine Valley Park	2431	Pine Valley	0.40	N/A
Shiffick (Peggy H.) Park	700	Bomar	0.08	N/A
Sleepy Hollow Park	3400	Sleepy Hollow	0.20	N/A
The Park on San Felipe	1702	Post Oak Lane	0.10	N/A
Wanita Triangle	6600	Wanita	0.50	N/A
West Dallas Future Park Site	1706	W Dallas	0.14	N/A
West End Park	1418	Patterson	0.49	0.13
Total Pocket Park Acreage			8.60	
Neighborhood Parks				
Autry Park	911	Shepherd/Allen Parkway	2.84	0.17
Baldwin Park	1701	Elgin	4.88	0.32
Cherryhurst Park	1700	Missouri	1.90	0.20
Chew (Ervan) Park	4502	Dunlavy	3.40	0.21
Cleveland Park	200	Jackson Hill	10.20	0.35
Delmonte Park	3750	Delmonte	1.10	N/A
Elliott (Mary) Park	3000	Chevy Chase	1.40	N/A
Homewood Park	2943	Lazy Lane	3.00	N/A
Levy Park	3801	Eastside	5.60	0.24
Mandell Park	1500	Richmond Ave.	1.24	N/A
Memorial-Silver Triangle	1901	Memorial Way	1.10	0.23
Meyer (Rebecca) Park	3200	Reba	1.80	N/A
River Oaks Park	3600	Locke Lane	5.10	0.25
West Webster Street Park	1501	West Webster Street	1.14	N/A
Wiley Park (Lease)	1414	Gillette	1.00	N/A
Total Neighborhood Park Acreage			48.30	

Community Parks				
Buffalo Bayou/Tinsley Park /Jamail (Lee and Joe) Skate Park	18-3600	Allen Pkwy/Memorial Dr	127.82	4.90
Hogg Bird Sanctuary Park	100	Westcott	16.47	N/A
Spotts Park	401	S. Heights Blvd	16.24	1.60
Total Community Park Acreage			160.53	
Regional Parks				
Memorial Park	6501	Memorial Drive	1458.01	*25.00
Total Regional Park Acreage			1458.01	
Linear Parks / Greenways				
Heights Blvd. Park		Heights Blvd.	3.25	0.20
Linear Park		Sabine St/Sesqui. Park	2.56	0.26
MKT (Inside of PS only)				1.10
Metropolitan MSC				0.33
Total HPARD Corridor Park Acreage			5.81	
Total HPARD Park Acreage			1,681.25	
Total HPARD Trail Length				35.61

EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTERS AND POOLS

Community Centers and Pool Facilities	Address	Zip Code	Agency Responsible
Cherryhurst Community Center	1700 Missouri	77006	HPARD
Memorial Park Pool	6501 Memorial Drive	77007	HPARD
Metropolitan Multi-Service Center Community Center and Pool	1475 West Gray	77019	HPARD
River Oaks Community Center	3600 Locke Lane	77027	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 grey, to specifically highlight residential and commercial areas of need. Approximately 18% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within a ½ mile, as compared to the 55% of the population of the City of Houston who need park access. 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 1,681 acres of parkland (Harris County, HPARC & other providers) and has a total of 39 miles of trail. Of the 10,900 acres in this Park Sector, 15% of this acreage is parkland.
- There are approximately 91,000 residents, 65% are White and there is a high percentage of adults (20-54yrs) and seniors (55+yrs).
- An additional 37 acres of land is needed in this Park Sector. The map shows high need in southwest and south central portion of the Park Sector. 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). In addition, higher density residential development is occurring along the Washington corridor and there is increasing usage of existing parks.
- H-GAC population projections estimate that this area will add almost 50,000 residents by 2040. To meet the park land needs for the estimated 2040 population an additional 106 acres of park land will be needed.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR AMENITIES IN PARK SECTOR

The table below shows the total existing amenities (including, HPARC, 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	23	12	40	21	29	8	6	1	3	2	2	5	7	9
2015 Existing	22	12	40*	21	29	8	6	1	3	2	2	5	7	2
2015 Needed	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
2040 Needed	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5

* This number includes 1 mile of connector trail between Buffalo Bayou and Memorial Park currently planned under the Bayou Greenways Initiative, BG2020.

GUIDE FOR ESTIMATED COST OF NEW AMENITIES, PARK LAND, 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 park land 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 sqft 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 per resident 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.

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	COST OF NEW SYSTEM AMENITIES	COST OF NEW PARK LAND	COST OF HPARD EXISTING AMENITY RENOVATION	ANNUAL COST OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
2015	\$5,000,000	37 Acres- \$81,000,000	\$31,000,000	\$6,000,000
2040	\$14,000,000	106 Acres- \$231,000,000	\$68,000,000	\$3,000,000
TOTAL 2040	\$19,000,000	143 Acres- \$312,000,000	\$99,000,000	\$9,000,000