

# PARK SECTOR 5 SUMMARY

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

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The parks in Park Sector 5 that have the highest need for redevelopment are listed from greatest need to least need: Hartman Park, Samuel Spaceway, and White (J.P.) Park.

At the current population, there is sufficient parkland; however, there are gaps in service areas in many areas 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. In addition, almost 68% of the population in this Park Sector has incomes considered to be low to moderate. Pursuing Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for park improvements should be a priority.

A trail along Hunting Bayou is planned under the Bayou Greenways 2020 (BG2020 Initiative) program and will pass close to a residential area south of IH-10 and connect with the trails in Herman Brown Park north of this Park Sector. This Park Sector is deficient in dog parks, spraygrounds, and softball and soccer fields. There is potentially enough space at Clinton Park to allow for the development of fields within this park. However, because of the air quality conditions in the area, indoor recreational opportunities may be more adequate.

In the 2014 survey, the top five priorities of residents in Park Sector 5 when asked what recreational needs existed in their neighborhood were: hike, bike, and walk trails, upgraded community center, playground areas, indoor basketball courts, and an amphitheater/performing arts space. Other services and amenities that residents asked for in the write-in portion of the survey were: performing and visual arts programming, fitness and nutrition programs, arts and crafts programs, senior programming, swim lessons, and teen and youth enrichment programs. The Houston Health survey revealed that 13.3% 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 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				
Samuel Spaceway	12936	Samuel Ln	0.55	N/A
<b>Total Pocket Park Acreage</b>			<b>0.55</b>	
Neighborhood Parks				
Hartman Park	9311	E. Avenue P	6.20	0.62
White (J.P.) Park	12501	Market St	2.70	N/A
<b>Total HPARD Neighborhood Park Acreage</b>			<b>8.90</b>	
Community Parks				
Clinton Park	200	Mississippi	35.20	0.42
<b>Total HPARD Community Park Acreage</b>			<b>35.20</b>	
<b>Total HPARD Park Acreage</b>			<b>44.65</b>	
<b>Total HPARD Trail Length</b>				<b>1.04</b>

## EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTERS AND POOLS

Community Centers and Pool Facilities	Address	Zip Code	Agency Responsible
Clinton Community Center and Pool	200 Mississippi	77029	HPARD
Hartman Community Center	9311 E. Avenue P	77012	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 represent areas where there is not access to a park within a ½ mile. The degree of need (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. Roughly 22% residential and commercial areas do not have park land accessible within a ½ mile, as compared to the 55% of the population of the City of Houston. 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 52 acres of parkland (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). Of the 7,828 acres in this Park Sector, 1% of this acreage is parkland.
- There are approximately 8,500 residents, 74% are Latino and there are a high percentage of youths.
- Based on the standard of park acreage of park land per 1,000 residents, there is no need for additional acres of park land in Park Sector 5; however, as seen on the map there are some areas not served by parks.
- H-GAC population projections estimate that this area will add over 1,500 residents by 2040.

## 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	8	3	5	3	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
2015 Existing	8	3	5*	3	4	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	0
2015 Needed	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
2040 Needed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* This number includes miles of trails currently planned along Hunting Bayou from I-10 to Federal Road under the Bayou Greenways (BG2020 Initiative).

## 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	\$3,000,000	0 Acres- \$0	\$8,000,000	\$500,000
2040	\$600,000	0 Acres- \$0	\$18,000,000	\$100,000
TOTAL 2040	\$3,600,000	0 Acres- \$0	\$26,000,000	\$600,000