

# PARK SECTOR 9 SUMMARY

## PARK SECTOR 9 PRIORITIES

These priorities were developed by using condition assessment information from site visits, standard-based needs analysis (NRPA standards and TPL ParkScore), 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 partnerships with the school system and other entities
4. Develop neighborhood connections to parks and trails
5. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas
6. Develop new park facilities

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The parks in Park Sector 9 that have the highest need for redevelopment are listed from greatest need to least need: Forum Park, Lansdale Park, Crain (E.L.) Park, and Sharpstown Park and Golf Course.

In this Park Sector 221 acres of parkland are needed. This Park Sector is the second most dense in the city and has many areas of high and very high need. Schools not participating in the SPARK School Park Program (Non-SPARK schools) should be explored as potential future partnerships for park space. Portions of this Park Sector are served by four Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZs) and eight Management Districts, which could be pursued as partners to help meet the need for acquisition and maintenance of parks for the community. The Management and Improvement Districts and residents in the area have expressed interest in additional park land as well as off-street neighborhood connections to existing trails and parks.

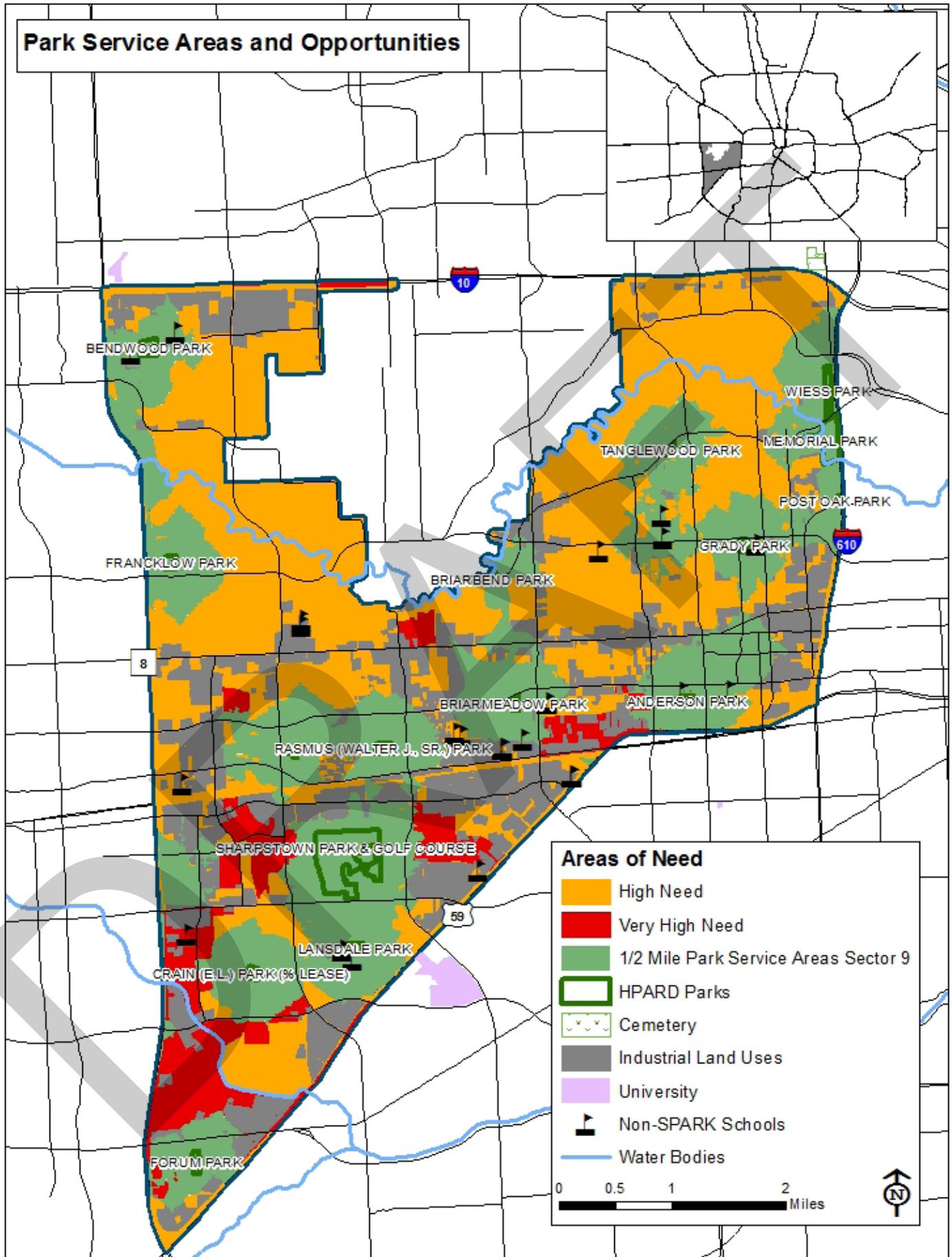
Development is expected in the areas north of the West Park Tollway and closest to I-610.

This Park Sector is deficient in playgrounds, picnic shelters, trails, outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts, dog parks, skate parks, community centers, swimming pools, spraygrounds and softball and soccer fields. The portion of Buffalo Bayou that runs through this Park Sector is not included in the BG2020 trail development program. Trail development along Buffalo Bayou should be pursued to connect the gap in the trail system along this bayou. The 2 mile gap in the trail along Brays Bayou is included in the Bayou Greenways 2020 (BG2020 Initiative) program; however, emphasis should be placed on making connections into the neighborhoods adjacent to the bayou.

In the 2014 survey, the top three priorities of residents in Park Sector 9 when asked what recreational needs existed in their neighborhood were: hike, bike and walk trails, open space and natural areas, and playground areas. Other services and amenities that residents asked for in the write-in portion of the survey were: fitness programs, adult tennis, senior programming, swim lessons, outdoor environmental education and camping, community gardens, and adult rugby and lacrosse facilities

**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

# Park Service Areas and Opportunities



## EXISTING HPARD PARKS

Facility Name	Address	Street	Total Acres	Trail Length
<b>Pocket Parks</b>				
Post Oak Park	744	Post Oak/West Loop	0.90	N/A
<b>Total Pocket Park Acreage</b>			<b>0.90</b>	
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>				
Anderson Park	5701	Beverly Hills	7.10	N/A
Bendwood Park	12700	Kimberly	13.54	0.49
Briarbend Park	7926	Woodway	1.27	0.20
Briarmeadow Park	7703	Richmond	4.61	0.28
Crain (E.L) Park (% Lease)	9051	Triola	6.04	0.50
Forum Park	9900	Block of Sugar Branch	6.63	0.49
Francklow Park	1300	Seagler Rd	7.60	0.50
Grady Park	1700	Yorktown	4.73	0.20
Lansdale Park	8201	Roos	8.40	0.33
Rasmus (Walter J., Sr.) Park	3721	Jeanetta	8.70	N/A
Tanglewilde Park	9631	Windswept	2.51	0.16
Tanglewood Park	5801	Woodway	4.60	0.20
Wiess Park	100	N Post Oak Lane	8.84	0.70
<b>Total Neighborhood Park Acreage</b>			<b>84.57</b>	
<b>Community Parks</b>				
Sharpstown Park and Golf Course	6600	Harbor Town	149.27	N/A
<b>Total Neighborhood Park Acreage</b>			<b>149.27</b>	
<b>Regional Parks</b>				
Memorial Park	6501	Memorial Drive	42.01	
<b>Total Regional Park Acreage</b>			<b>42.01</b>	
<b>Total HPARD Park Acreage</b>			<b>276.75</b>	
<b>Total HPARD Trail Length</b>				<b>4.58</b>

## EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTERS AND POOLS

Community Centers and Pool Facilities	Address	Zip Code	Agency Responsible
Lansdale Community Center	8201 Roos	77036	HPARD
Sharpstown Community Center and Pool	6501 Memorial Drive	77036	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 50% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within a ½ mile, as compared to the rest of the 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 287 acres of parkland (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). Of the 17,547 acres in this Park Sector, 2% of this acreage is parkland.
- There are approximately 203,000 residents, or almost 10% of the City of Houston population. This is also the second most dense Park Sector in the city with over 7,200 people per square mile. This Park Sector has the fourth highest Asian-American population in the city.
- The Health of Houston 2010 Survey shows that both obesity and diabetes diagnosis are lower than for the city as a whole of.
- An additional 221 acres of park land (Neighborhood and Community parks) are needed in Park Sector 9. 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).
- H-GAC population projections estimate that this area will add over 130,000 residents by 2040. To meet the park land needs for the estimated 2040 population an additional 377 acres of park land 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)
Goal	51	20	41	17	20	4	2	2	7	4	2	8	7	20
Existing	26	10	8*	9	13	0	1	0	2	1	1	8	0	3
2015 Needed	25	10	33	8	7	4	1	2	5	3	1**	-	7	17
2040 Needed	33	14	23	11	14	3	1	-	4	3	1	2	4	14

\* This number includes 2 miles of trail currently planned along Brays Bayou under the Bayou Greenways Initiative, BG2020.

\*\*This number includes 1 sprayground at Lansdale Park that is currently under construction in 2015.

## 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	\$118,000,000	221 Acres- \$173,000,000	\$14,000,000	\$13,000,000
2040	\$107,000,000	377 Acres- \$295,000,000	\$96,000,000	\$8,000,000
TOTAL 2040	\$225,000,000	598 Acres- \$468,000,000	\$110,000,000	\$21,000,000