

HOUSTON PARKS MASTER PLAN

PHASE II



The Houston Parks and Recreation (HPARD) Parks Master Plan presents the vision of the residents of Houston and the goals, or Big Moves, to be made by the Department in the next 20 years. An online survey was conducted from March 2014 through July of 2014. Approximately 1,800 responses were received. Two-thirds of survey respondents identified connecting their neighborhood to hike, bike, and walk trails and revitalizing existing parks as their highest budgetary priority for HPARD.



CITY OF HOUSTON PARK SECTORS

LEGEND

- FREEWAYS
- MAJOR ROADS
- LOCAL STREETS
- PROPOSED ROADS
- WATER LINES
- CITY LIMITS
- LAKES, BAYOUS, BAYS

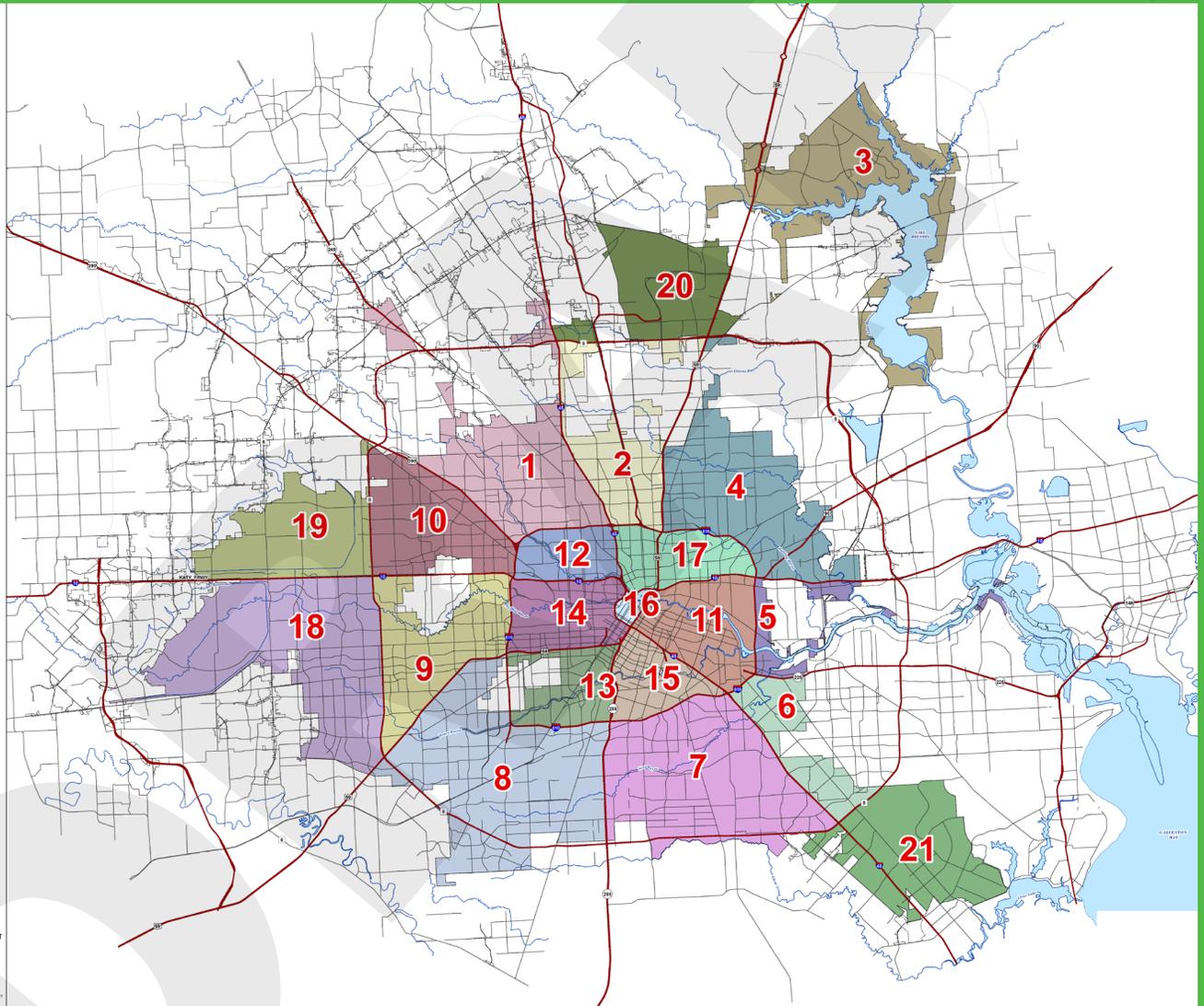
PARK SECTORS

- 1 - NORTHWEST SIDE
- 2 - NORTH SIDE
- 3 - FAR NORTHEAST SIDE
- 4 - NORTHEAST SIDE
- 5 - EAST SIDE OUTSIDE LOOP
- 6 - SOUTHEAST SIDE
- 7 - SOUTH SIDE
- 8 - SOUTHWEST SIDE
- 9 - WEST SIDE SOUTH IH 10
- 10 - WEST SIDE NORTH IH 10
- 11 - EAST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 12 - NORTHWEST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 13 - SOUTHEAST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 14 - WEST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 15 - SOUTH SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 16 - DOWNTOWN
- 17 - NORTHEAST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
- 18 - WEST SIDE OUTSIDE BELTWAY SOUTH IH 10
- 19 - WEST SIDE OUTSIDE BELTWAY NORTH IH 10
- 20 - NORTH SIDE OUTSIDE BELTWAY
- 21 - SOUTHEAST SIDE OUTSIDE BELTWAY

2.5 0 2.5 5 Miles

10,000 0 10,000 20,000 Feet

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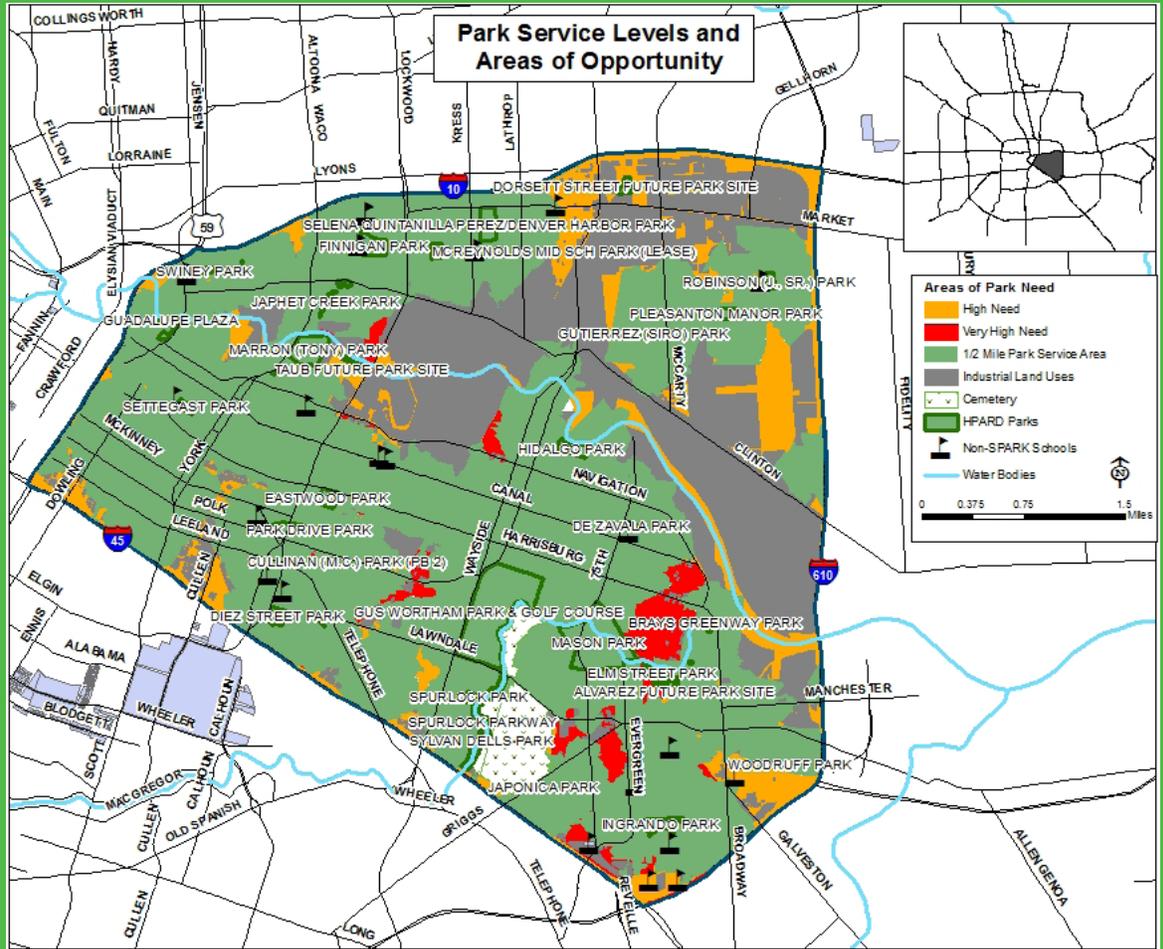


HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Center for Sustainability at Rice University. Volunteer Interns from St. Thomas University, Texas A&M University, Lone Star College, and Texas Southern University were indispensable in this effort. Maps of areas of park need were created using data provided by the Trust for Public Land ParkScore™ Project; HPARD continues to partner with the Trust for Public Land to improve the methodology and assess park needs specific to Houston.

PARK SECTOR 11:

This Park Sector contains 301 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers) and 16 miles of trails. There are approximately 90,000 residents, 82% are Hispanic and there is a high percentage of children & youth. The Health Houston Survey shows that 36% of the population is considered obese, as compared to 32% for the City of Houston as a whole. The map above shows need for park land in a few small pockets in this Park Sector. This Park Sector is expected to grow along the Harrisburg rail line.

The map above 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 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, so as to specifically highlight residential and commercial areas of need. Approximately 13% of the area in this Park Sector is in need of park land accessible within ½ mile, as compared to the 45% of the population of the City of Houston who need park access.



OPPORTUNITIES

Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park space. BG2020 will fill key gaps along Brays Bayou and residents will be able to use over 20 miles of trail once the Brays Bayou Trail system is completed. According to the 2000 Census income data from the COH Housing and Community Development over 73% of the population is below low/moderate income levels, which could qualify this area for CDBG funds. Portions of this Park Sector are served by three TIRZs and two Management Districts, which could continue to be partners to help meet the need for park land acquisition and maintenance.

PARK AMENITIES

The table below shows the total existing amenities (including, HPARD, County and SPARK Parks), the target goal per amenity, and the amenities needed based on population standards for each amenity.

AMENITY	PLAYGROUNDS	PICNIC SHELTERS	TRAILS (MILES)	OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS	TENNIS	VOLLEYBALL	DOG PARKS	SKATE PARKS	COMMUNITY CENTERS	SWIMMING POOLS	OUTDOOR SPRAYGROUNDS	BASEBALL (LIT & UNIT)	SOFTBALL (LIT & UNIT)	SOCCER (LIT & UNIT)
GOAL	32	18	18	28	14	2	1	1	9	6	4	22	3	10
EXISTING	32	18	17*	28	14	1	1	1	9	6	4	22	3	10
NEEDED	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* This number includes 1 mile of trail currently planned or under construction along Brays Bayou under the Bayou Greenways Initiative (BG2020).