

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

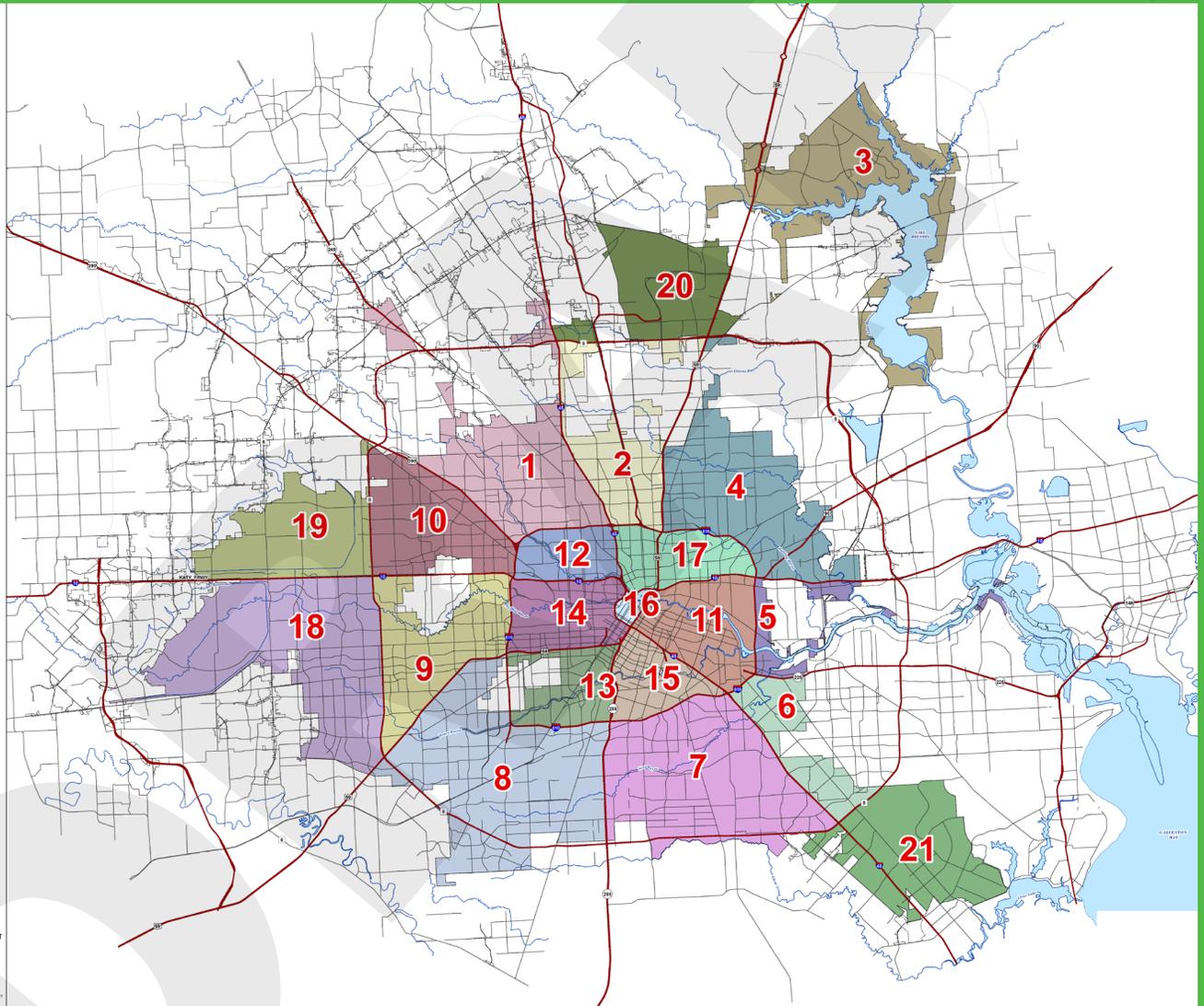
- 1 - NORTHWEST SIDE
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- 3 - FAR NORTHEAST SIDE
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- 6 - SOUTHEAST SIDE
- 7 - SOUTH SIDE
- 8 - SOUTHWEST SIDE
- 9 - WEST SIDE SOUTH IH 10
- 10 - WEST SIDE NORTH IH 10
- 11 - EAST SIDE INSIDE LOOP
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- 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

HOUSTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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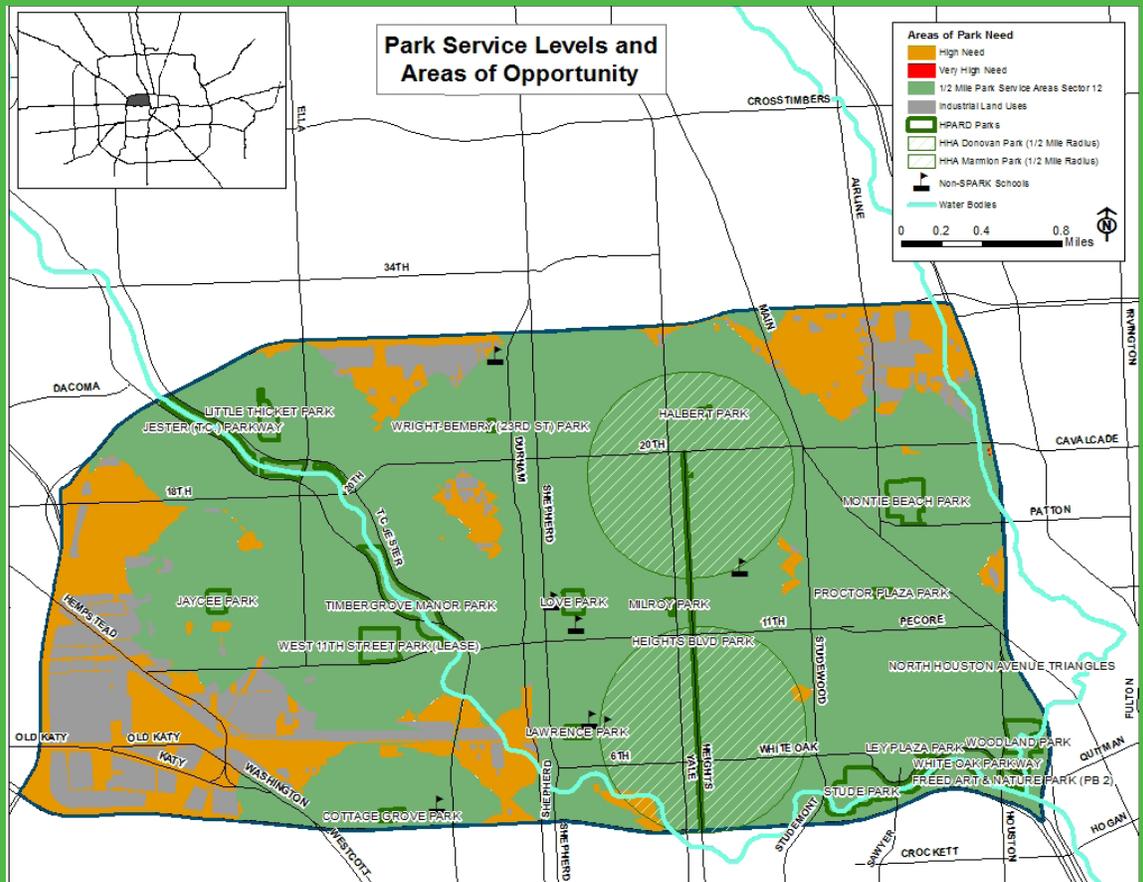


HPARD performed a year-long initial assessment of each Park Sector in the City with support from the Planning and Development, the Health and Human Services and the Housing and Community Development Departments of the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the 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 12:

This Park Sector contains 234 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). There are approximately 54,000 residents, there is a higher percentage (54%) of White residents compared to the city as a whole (26%) and a higher percentage of adults (20-54 yrs) and seniors (55 and older) as compared to the rest of the city. The map shows need for park land in the northern and western portions of the Park Sector. Higher density residential development has increased in the area and growth continues east of TC Jester and along the Shepherd corridor.

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 15% 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. In addition to 16 miles of existing trails, the projects in progress through PWE, HPARD, and BG2020 will close gaps between the MKT trails within the White Oak Bayou trail and connect to the MKT trail to allow off-street access along White Oak Bayou north of I-610 to downtown. Portions of this Park Sector are served by two TIRZs and one Management District, 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	18	5	17	13	9	1	1	1	6	2	2	6	3	5
EXISTING	18	4	17*	13	9	1	0	0	6	2	2	6	3	4
NEEDED	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1

* This number includes 1 mile of trail connectors currently planned or under construction along White Oak Bayou under the Bayou Greenways Initiative, BG2020.