

HOUSTON PARKS MASTER PLAN

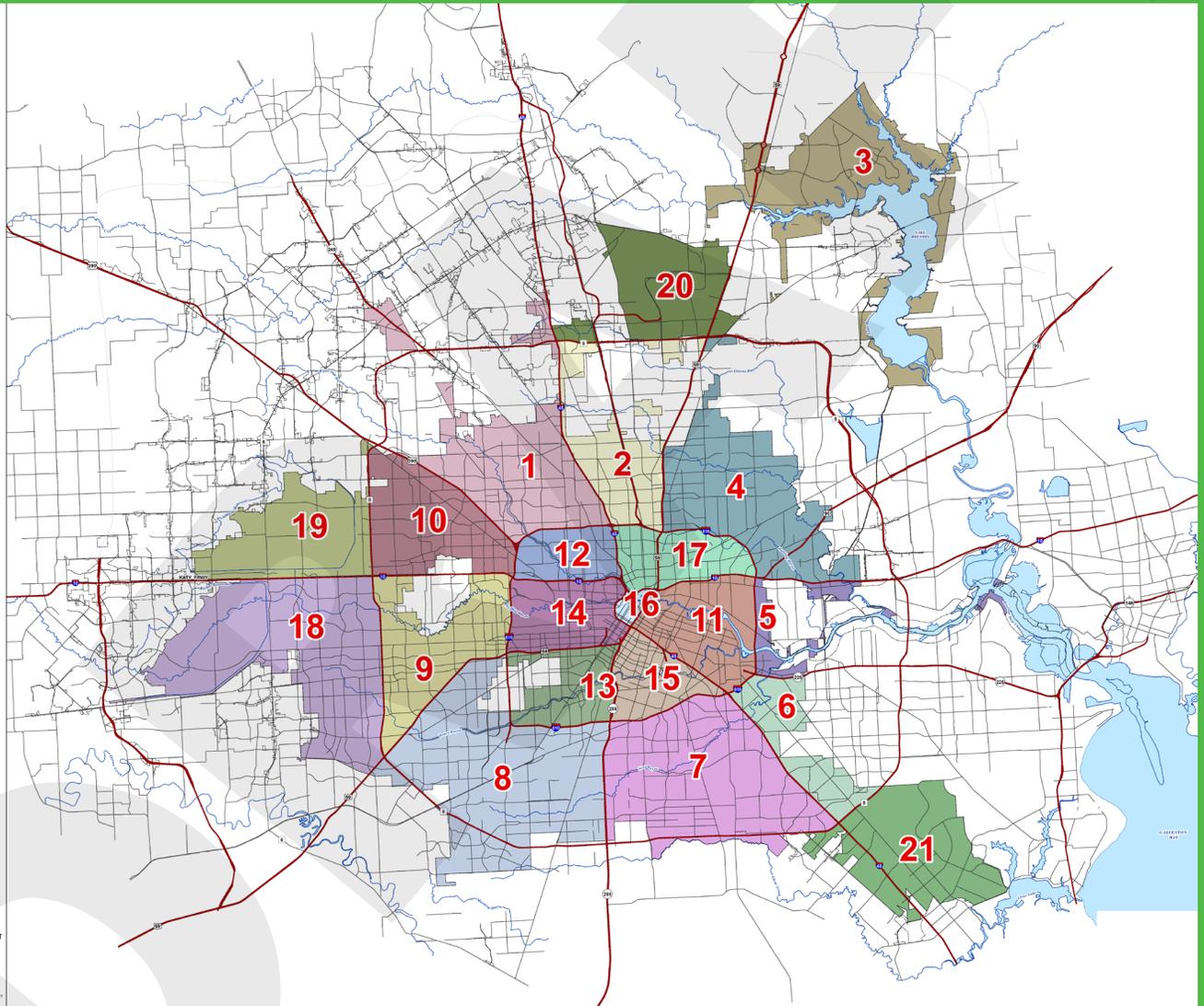
PHASE II



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.



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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 9:

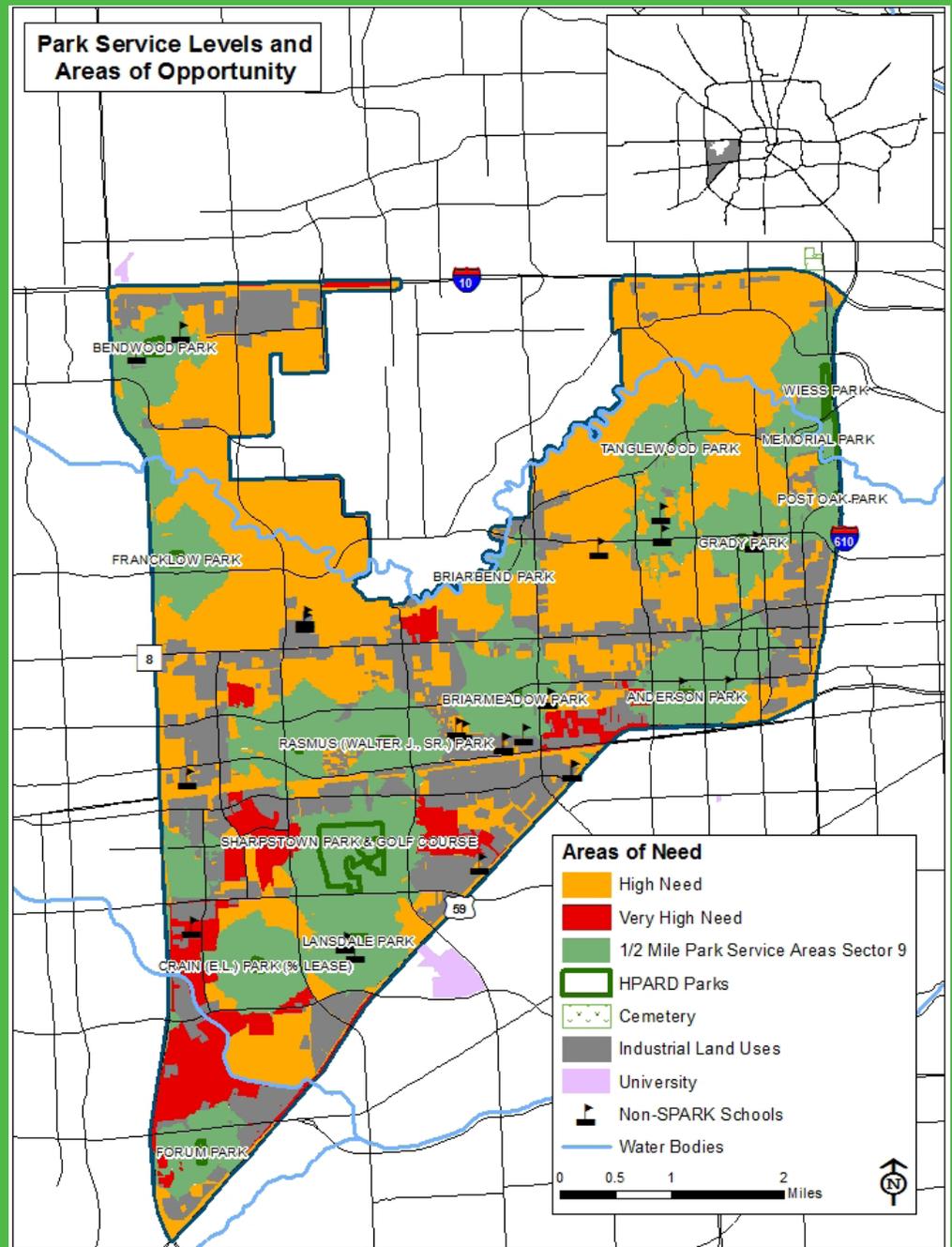
This Park Sector contains 287 acres of park land (Harris County, HPARD & other providers). There are approximately 203,000 residents, or almost 10% of the City of Houston population. This is also the second most dense Park Sector in the city with over 7,200 people per square mile. This Sector has the fourth highest Asian population in the city. Houston Health Survey shows that both obesity and diabetes diagnosis are lower than for the city as a whole. An additional 221 acres of park land (neighborhood and community parks) are needed in this Park Sector.

OPPORTUNITIES

Non-SPARK schools are indicated on the map as black flags to explore as potential future partnerships for park space. A trail between Memorial and Terry Hershey Parks along Buffalo Bayou is a much needed connection to bridge the gap in the trail system. Portions of this Park Sector are served by four 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.

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.



The map shown 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 50% 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.

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	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
NEEDED	25	10	33	8	7	4	1	2	5	3	1**	-	7	17

* 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.