



Mayor Annise Parker

# Proposed Parks Master Plan Phase II

Quality of Life Committee  
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# Introduction

- Our purpose in presenting the plan today is to provide a high-level overview of the **Proposed Parks Master Plan Phase II**
- Phase II is an expansion of the current Parks Master Plan adopted by City Council in April 2008
- Phase II was developed to align with the 21 Park Sectors that are included in the Open Space Ordinance
- Phase II will become a part of the City's General Plan
- HPARD will request City Council adopt the Proposed Parks Master Plan Phase II in September 2015

# Purpose of the Parks Master Plan

- To identify, assess, and prioritize park and recreational facility and land needs by Park Sector
- To serve as a guide for decision-making for expanding and improving the parks system
- To provide equitable distribution of park space for all communities
- To provide parks and green spaces for citizens within a half mile or within a ten minute walk from their residence

# Parks Master Plan Partners



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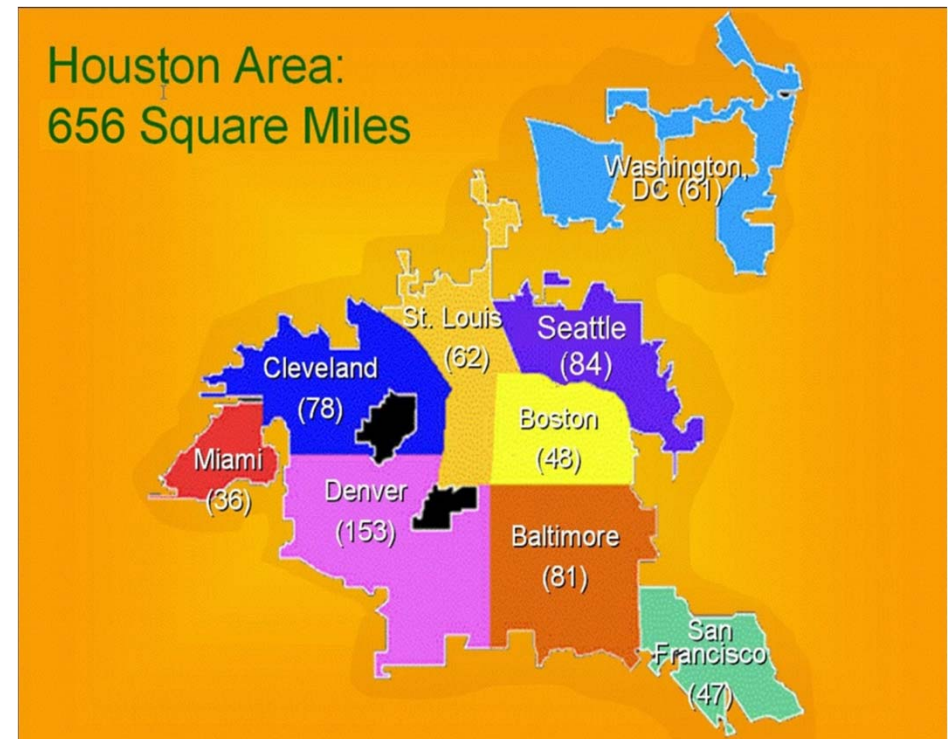


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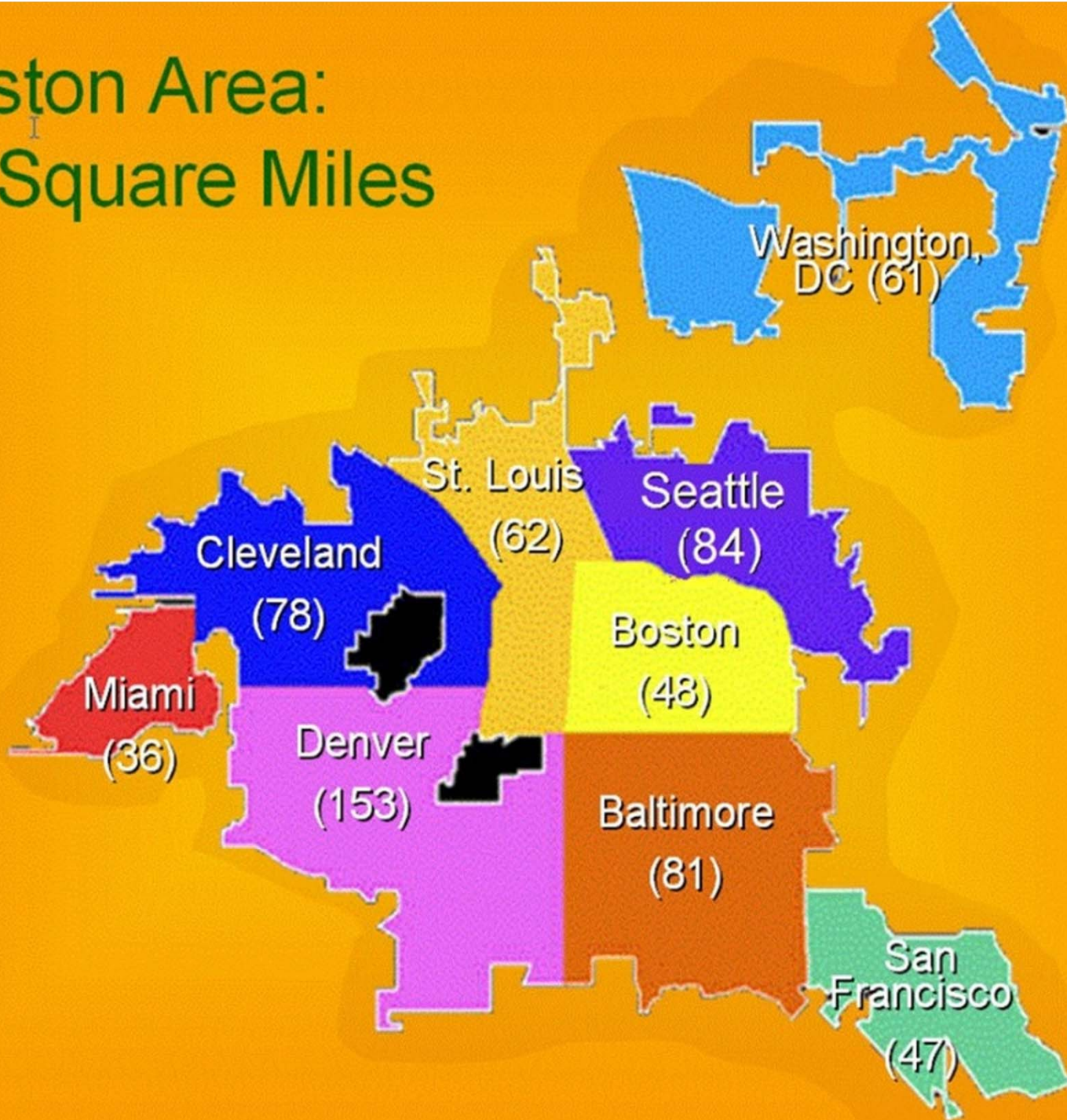


# City of Houston Profile

- Population: 2,119,831
- Population Density: 5.03/acre
- Number of Parks: 370 Parks
- Acres of Park Land & Open Space: 37,859 acres
- 23 Acres/1,000 people

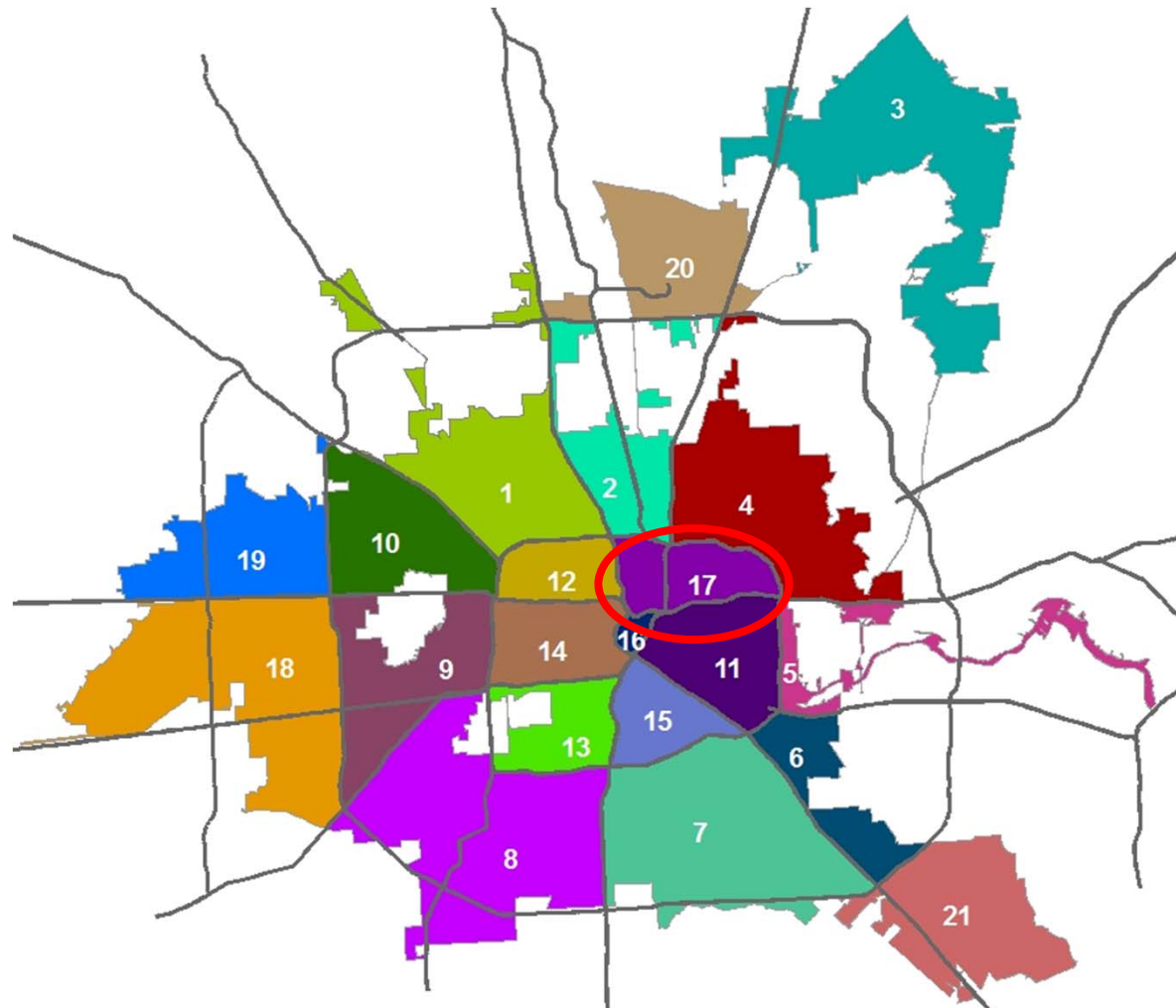


# Houston Area: 656 Square Miles



# Community Input Process

- Provided information and solicited comments at 28 CIP meetings in 2014 and 2015
- Attended various community events soliciting input
- HPARD launched online survey in Spring 2014
- Rice University's Center for Civic Leadership student team collected over 400 surveys to complement the 2014 online survey
- Informational displays were created and placed at City Hall and at all HPARD Community Centers
- Public outreach was conducted via HPARD website, Citizens Net, TV, Radio, Facebook, and Twitter
- Conducted a public presentation of methodology and findings on June 22, 2015, at The Museum of Fine Arts Houston Brown Auditorium
- A 30 day public comment period also followed the June 22<sup>nd</sup> presentation



# METHODOLOGY: PARK SECTOR 17 PROFILE

Existing Conditions, Analysis, Opportunities

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# Park Sector 17 - Facts

## Current Inventory

- 32 Parks = 97 Acres
- 0.6 acres of park land per 1,000 residents

## Current and Future Population

- 60,000 residents in 2010
- 67,000 residents by 2040

## Health Metrics

- 49% considered obese
- 26% diabetic as diagnosed by a professional
- 37% physically active

# Park Sector 17

## Needs Assessment

### Park Land Needs

- Need 55 acres of park land (Pocket, Neighborhood and Community Parks)
- Need 19 additional acres of park land by 2040

AMENITIES	Playgrounds	Picnic Shelters	Trails (miles)	Outdoor Basketball Courts	Tennis
2015 Goal	26	10	11	16	6
2015 Existing	26	10	10	16	3
2015 Needed	-	-	1	-	3
2040 Needed	-	-	-	-	1

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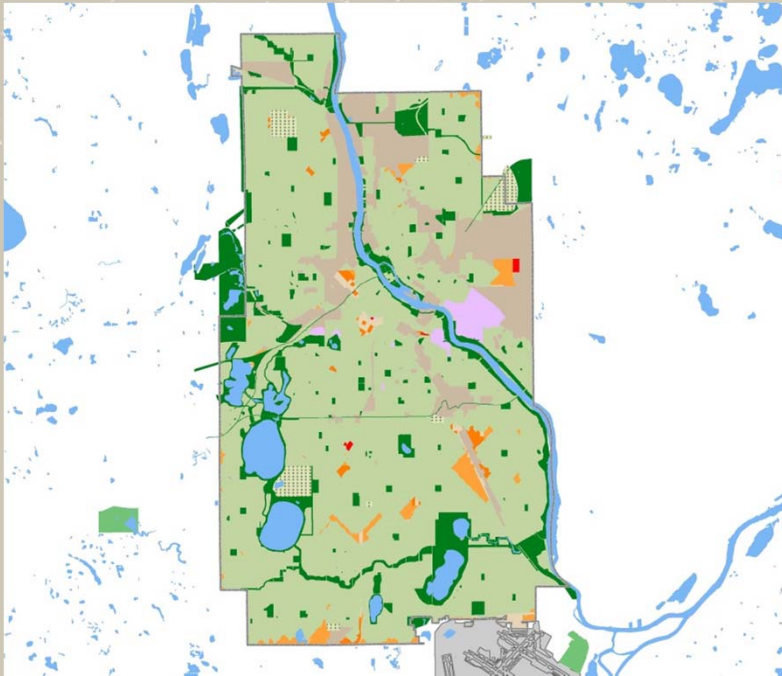
## ParkScore<sup>®</sup> index

- Rates park systems in the 75 largest U.S. cities
- Also provides obesity and other demographic statistics

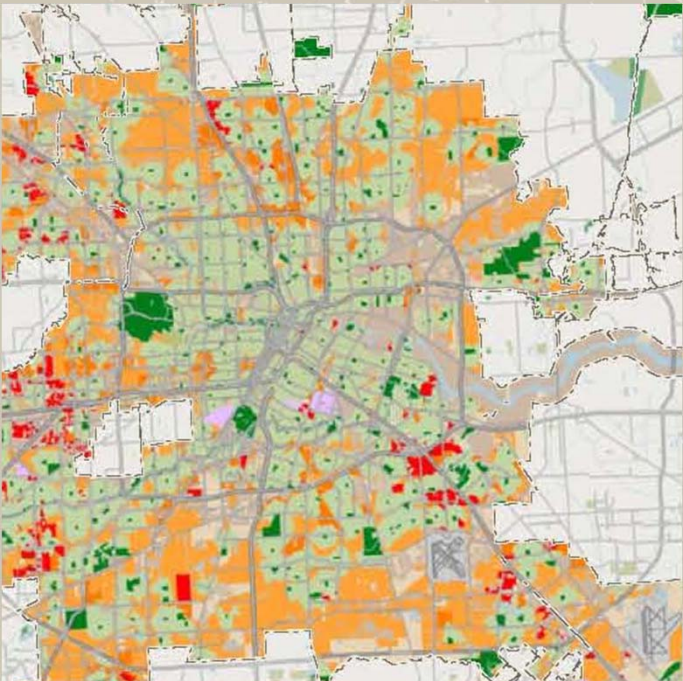


# ParkScore<sup>®</sup> Identifies Need

Red & Orange = Areas of Park Need



**Minneapolis:** 95% served for a ten minute/one-half mile for each resident



**Houston:** 48% served for a ten minute/one-half mile for each resident



# Cost Forecast to Meet Park Needs for Current and Future Residents (In Millions)

	Amenity Renovation	New Park Land	New Amenities
<b>2015</b>	\$295	\$515	\$560
<b>2040</b>	\$760	\$1,285	\$540
<b>Total</b>	\$1,055	\$1,800	\$1,100

# Moving Forward

## Acquire Land in High Need Areas Using The Trust for Public Land's ParkScore® Tool:

- Partner for land acquisition and park improvement with community groups, TIRZs, City Departments, TPWD, Grants, County Commissioners, HCFCD, Non-Profits, Corporations and Foundations
- Target spending of Open Space Ordinance funds
- Pursue and direct future funds for land acquisition in underserved Park Sectors where there is no Open Space funding

## Continue Partnering

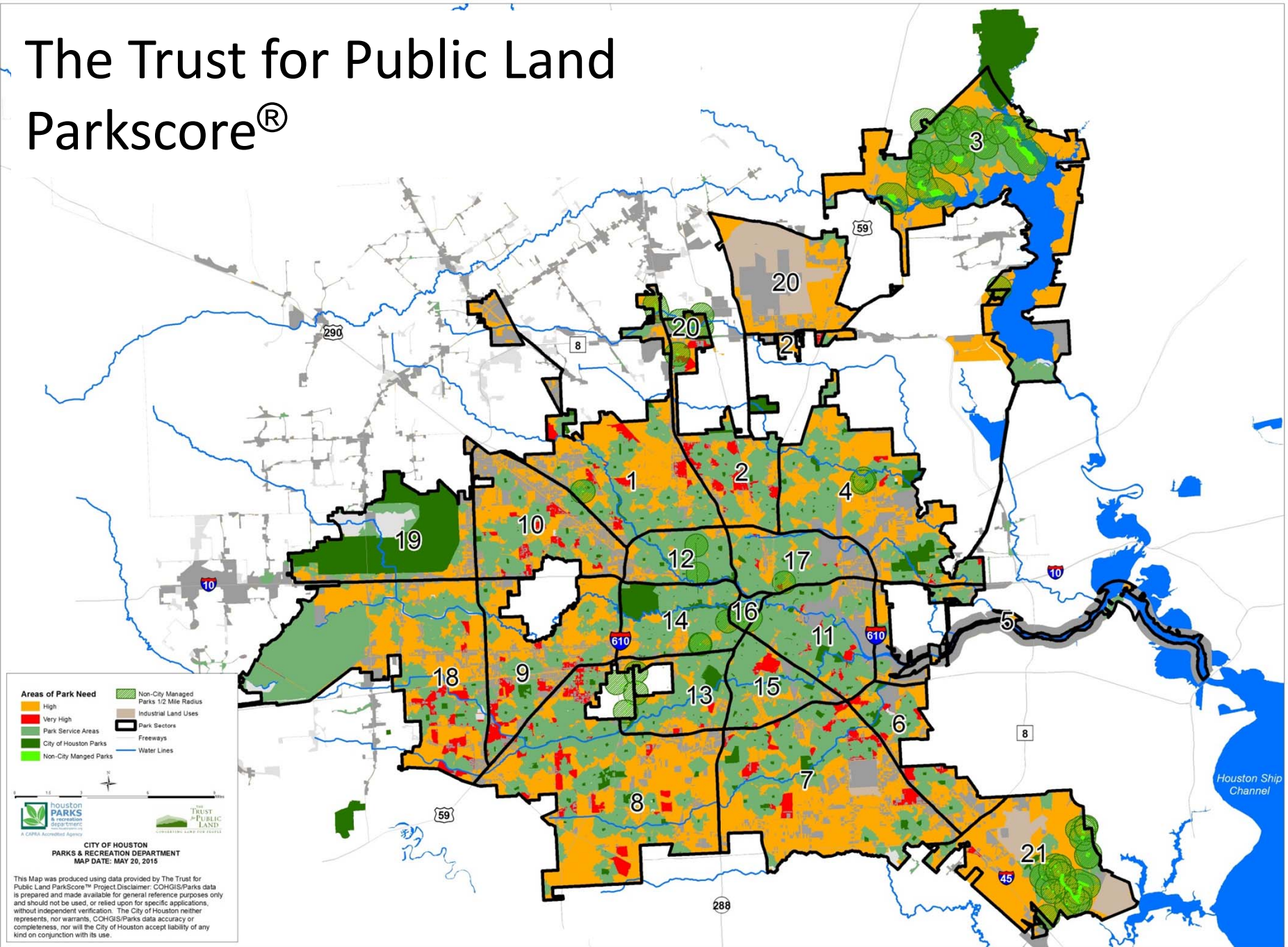
- Complete Bayou Greenways 2020
- Extend trails to existing parks
- Create trails on utility corridors
- Add new SPARK Parks

## Continue Building Upon Our Parks Master Plan

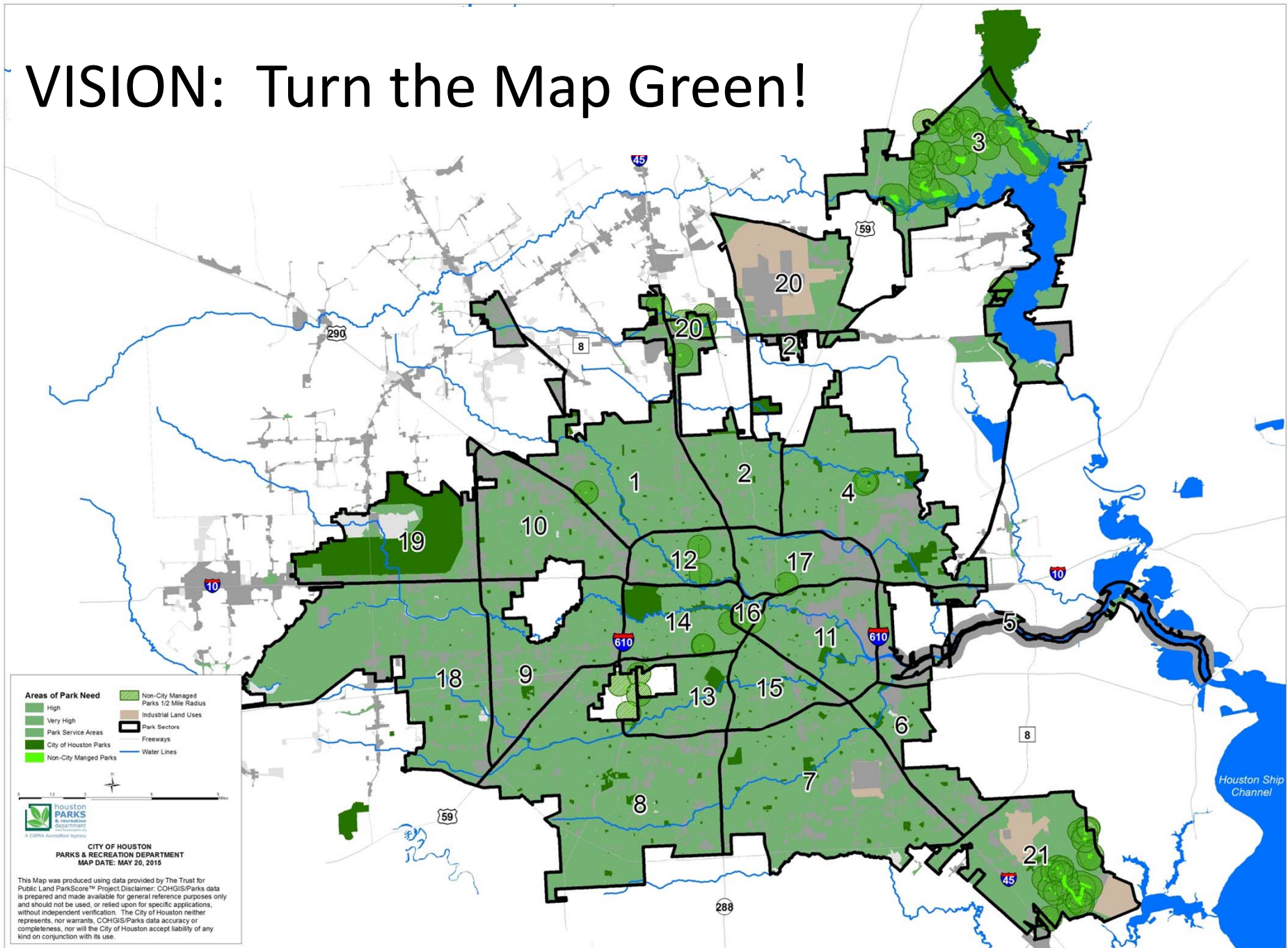
- Include HPARD Natural Resource Plan and Forestry Plan which are currently under development



# The Trust for Public Land Parkscore<sup>®</sup>



# VISION: Turn the Map Green!





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Thank you!

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