

Houston Parks and Greenspace Update

Presented to

Quality of Life Committee

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Houston Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of urban life by providing safe, well-maintained parks and affordable programming for our community.



Houston Parks and Recreation Department Department Goals

- Support Complete Communities initiative
- Improve neighborhood parks
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Houston Parks and Recreation Department Partnerships & Signature Parks

Signature Park

A status given to a park in any classification [of any size] based on a partnering organization providing a higher level of design and maintenance of the facilities.



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Examples of existing Signature Parks

- Buffalo Bayou Park
- Discovery Green Park
- Emancipation Park
- Hermann Park
- Houston Amateur Sports
- Houston Botanic Garden
- Levy Park
- Market Square
- Midtown Park
- **Memorial Park**
- Sam Houston Park
- North Houston Skatepark
- North Houston Bike Park
- Willow Waterhole Greenway



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Examples of potential Signature Parks

- Agnes Moffitt
- Alief
- Brock
- Lee and Joe Jamail Skate Park
- Keith-Wiess
- Lake Houston Wilderness Park
- MacGregor
- Mason
- Sylvan Rodriguez
- Tony Marron
- Westchase

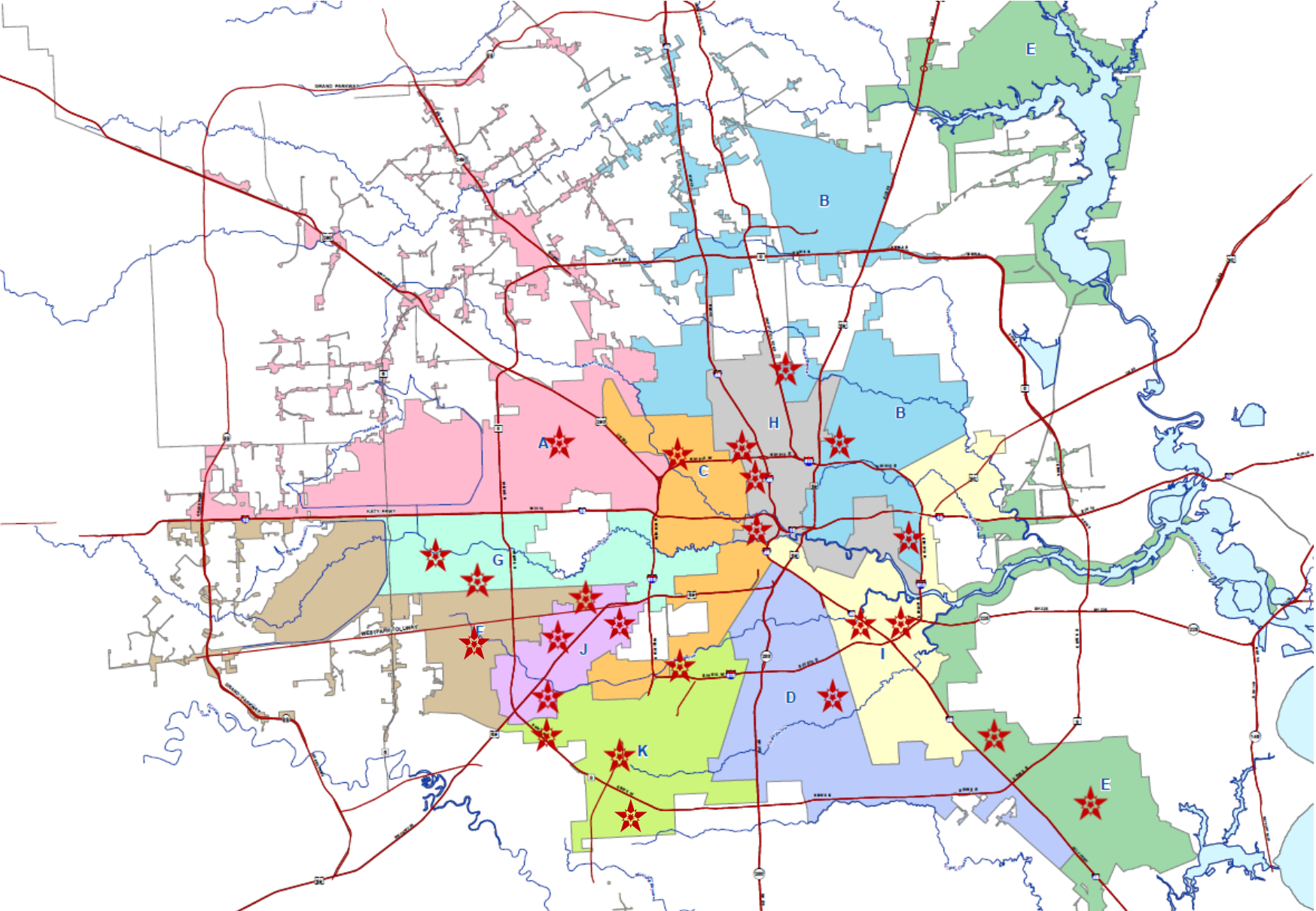


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Houston Parks and Recreation Department Capital Improvement Projects



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- Alief
- Blueridge
- Burnett-Bayland
- Busby
- Dow Elementary Park
- Edgewood
- Future District G Park
- Glenshire
- Hager
- Independence Heights
- Ingrando
- James Lee
- Jody Miller Dog Park
- Judson Robinson, Sr.
- Lee LeClear Tennis
- Linkwood
- Oak Forest Park
- Rasmus
- Sharpstown
- Squatty Lyons
- Sunset Heights (Future)
- Sylvan Rodriguez
- Waldemar
- Wilson Memorial

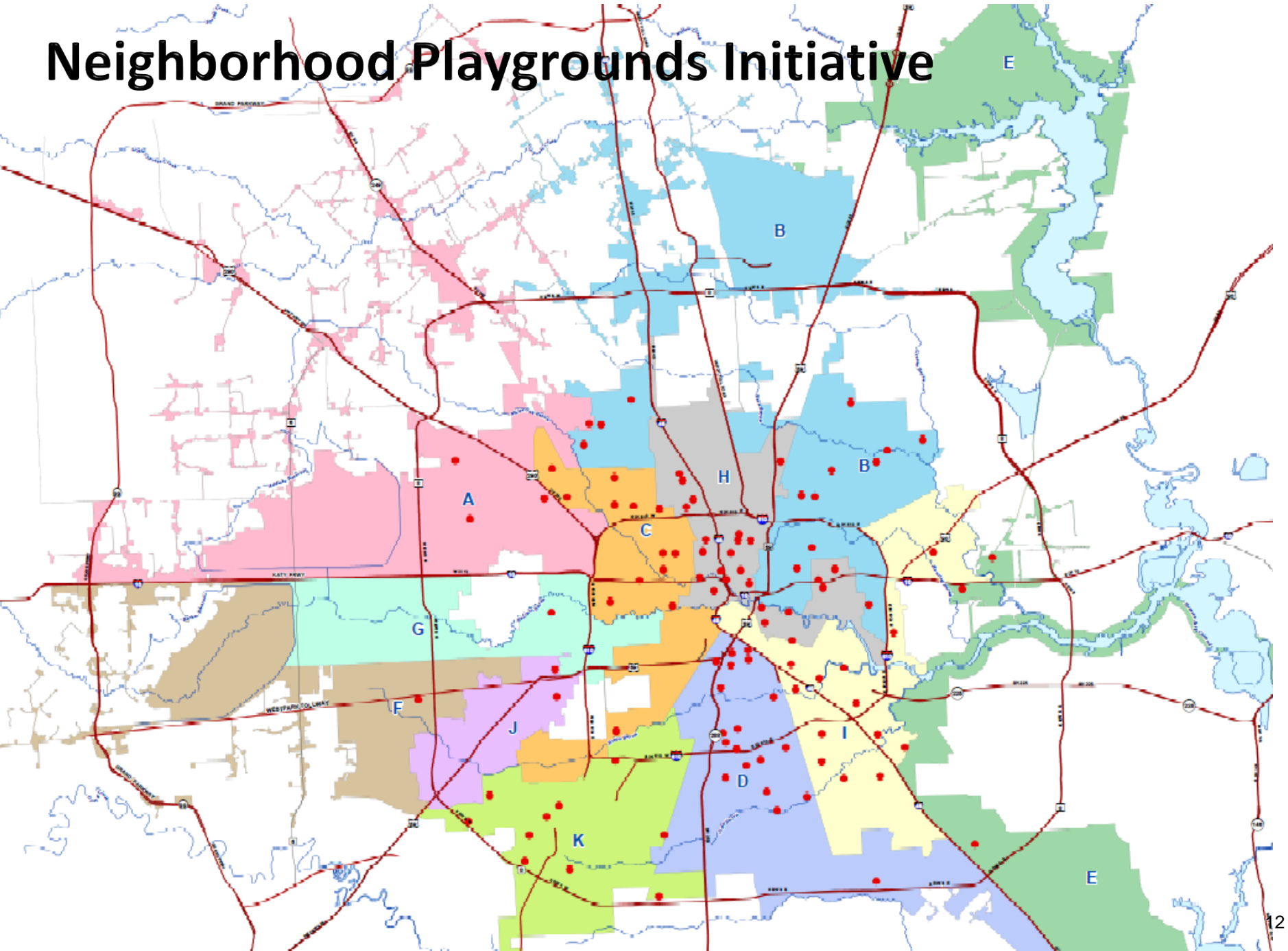
Neighborhood Playgrounds Initiative

Overview

- 225 playgrounds evaluated City-wide
- 100 selected for upgrades
- 10 playground projects underway
- 3 completed
- 2-3 years



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Houston Parks and Recreation Department Partnerships

American Forests
American Red Cross
AmeriCorps
Archery Trade Association
Artist Boat
Astros Foundation
Minute Maid
Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation
BARC - Bureau of Animal Regulation & Care
Bayou Preservation Association
Bee Busy, Inc.
Brazoria County
BRC Group Alizana
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)
Bureau of Animal Regulation & Care - BARC
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
CAN DO Houston
Children's Museum
Christus - US Family Health Plan
Cigna Health Spring
City of Houston Health and Human Services

City of Sugar Land
Downtown District Management
Downtown Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ #3)
Emancipation Park Conservancy
Fort Bend County
Fort Bend County, Precinct 2
Fourth Ward Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ #14)
Friends of Woodland Park
Furr High School
Galveston Bay Estuary Program
GameTime Playground Grants
Greater Houston Cycling Foundation
Greater Southeast Municipal Management District
Greensheet Education Foundation
Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta
Harris County Department of Education CASE
Harris County Flood Control District
Harris County Hospital District
Harris County Precinct One
Harris County Precinct Two
Harris County Precinct Three
Harris County Precinct Four

Houston Parks and Recreation Department Partnerships

Heritage Society
Hermann Park Conservancy
Holthouse Foundation for Kids
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Houston Dynamo
Houston First Corporation
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Houston Golf Association
Houston Ladies Tennis Association
Houston Parks Board
Houston Striders
Houston Tennis Association
Houston Texans
Houston Wilderness
Houston Zoo
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Japhet Creek Conservancy
Junior Anglers and Hunters of America
Katy Prairie Conservancy
Kinder Foundation
Keep Houston Beautiful

Lemonade Day! Houston
Levy Park Conservancy
Lone Star College
Lonestar Chapter Texas Paralyzed Veterans of America
Major League Baseball Youth Academy
Marathon Oil
Memorial-Heights Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ #5)
Memorial Hermann
Memorial Park Conservancy
METRO
Midtown Management District
Midtown Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ #2)
North Shore Community Church
Old Sixth Ward Redevelopment Authority (TIEZ #13)
Operation Gang Together (OGT) D-Tag
OST/Almeda Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ #7)
Rice University
Sea Center Texas
Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center
North Shore Community Church
Old Sixth Ward Redevelopment Authority (TIEZ #13)
Operation Gang Together (OGT) D-Tag

Houston Parks and Recreation Department Partnerships

OST/Alameda Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ #7)
Rice University
Sea Center Texas
Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center
Soccer Shots Houston
Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ #20)
Student Conservation Association
Summer LEGO® Program
Texas Children's Health Plan
Texas Children's Hospital - Bariatric Support Group
Texas Department of Transportation
Texas Department of Wildlife
The George and Mary Josephine Hamman foundation
The Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation
The River Performing & Visual Arts
TIRR Foundation
Tony Hawk Foundation
Trees for Houston

Trust for Public Land
TX Department of Aging and Disability Services
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S. Government; Corps of Engineers
United State Tennis Association Texas
United States Tennis Association Foundation
University of Houston
University of Texas A & M
Upper Kirby District (#19)
Uptown Development Authority (TIRZ #14)
Uptown Houston District
US Department of Agriculture
US Department of Transportation
US Family Health Plan
US Soccer Foundation
West Houston Ladies Tennis Association
YMCA

Because everyone deserves a great park!

-Tagline of the National Recreation and Park Association



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Shady Lane Park

HOUSTON PARKS: REDEFINING THE BAYOU CITY



TexasMonthly

Green Acres

WHAT IF HOUSTON WERE KNOWN FOR ITS PARKS INSTEAD OF ITS STRIPMALLS? ITS BIKE TRAILS INSTEAD OF ITS FREEWAYS? THE CITY HAS POURED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO AN EXTREME GREEN MAKE-OVER... AND THAT VISION IS STARTING TO BLOOM.

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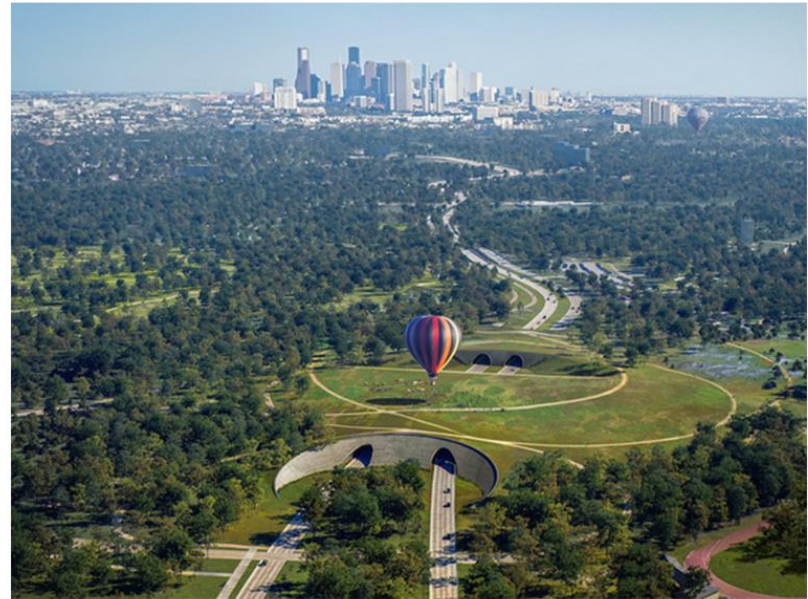
Houston Goes Global With New World-Class Parks And Bayous



THE HUFFINGTON POST

THE BLOG

Houston's Big Green Transformation



Rendering of Memorial Park's Master Plan

PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT – 1912

Arthur Comey:

“The backbone of a park system for Houston will naturally be its bayou or creek valleys, which readily lend themselves to parks and cannot so advantageously be used for any other purpose.”







MEMORIAL PARK
CONSERVANCY

BUFFALO BAYOU
PARTNERSHIP

DISCOVERY GREEN

GUS WORTHAM
GOLF COURSE

HERMANN PARK
CONSERVANCY

MACGREGOR PARK



Vision

*Thriving parks and communities **for everyone** forever.*

Mission

*Houston Parks Board creates, improves, protects and advocates for parks **for everyone**.*



IN THAT TIME, WE'VE:



Completed projects in more than

250



PARKS

in Houston

Added more than

14,000



ACRES

of new parkland and greenspace

Raised and leveraged more than

\$258

MILLION



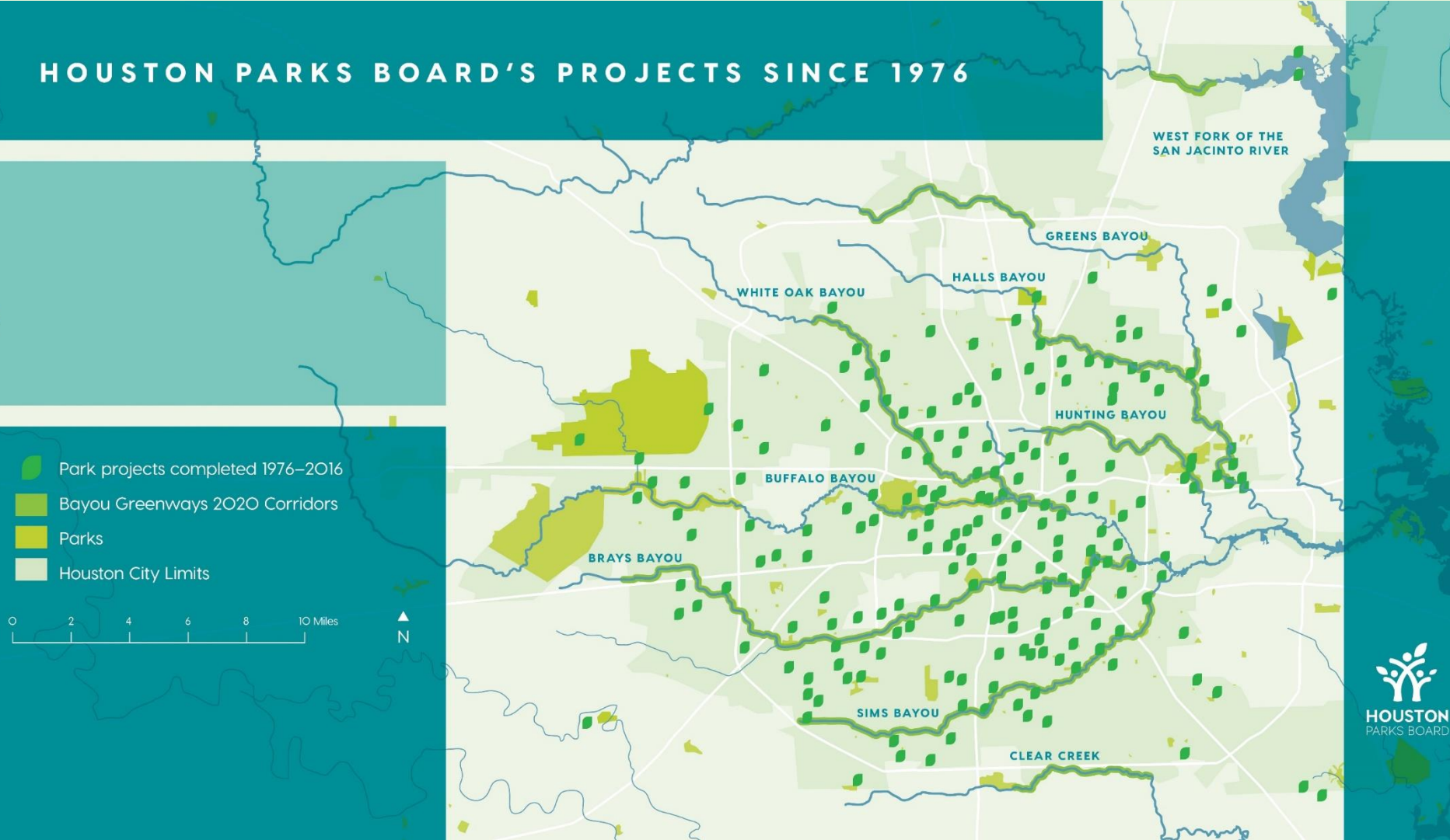
for Houston's parks and greenspace

Inspired

COUNTLESS SMILES

all across Houston

HOUSTON PARKS BOARD'S PROJECTS SINCE 1976



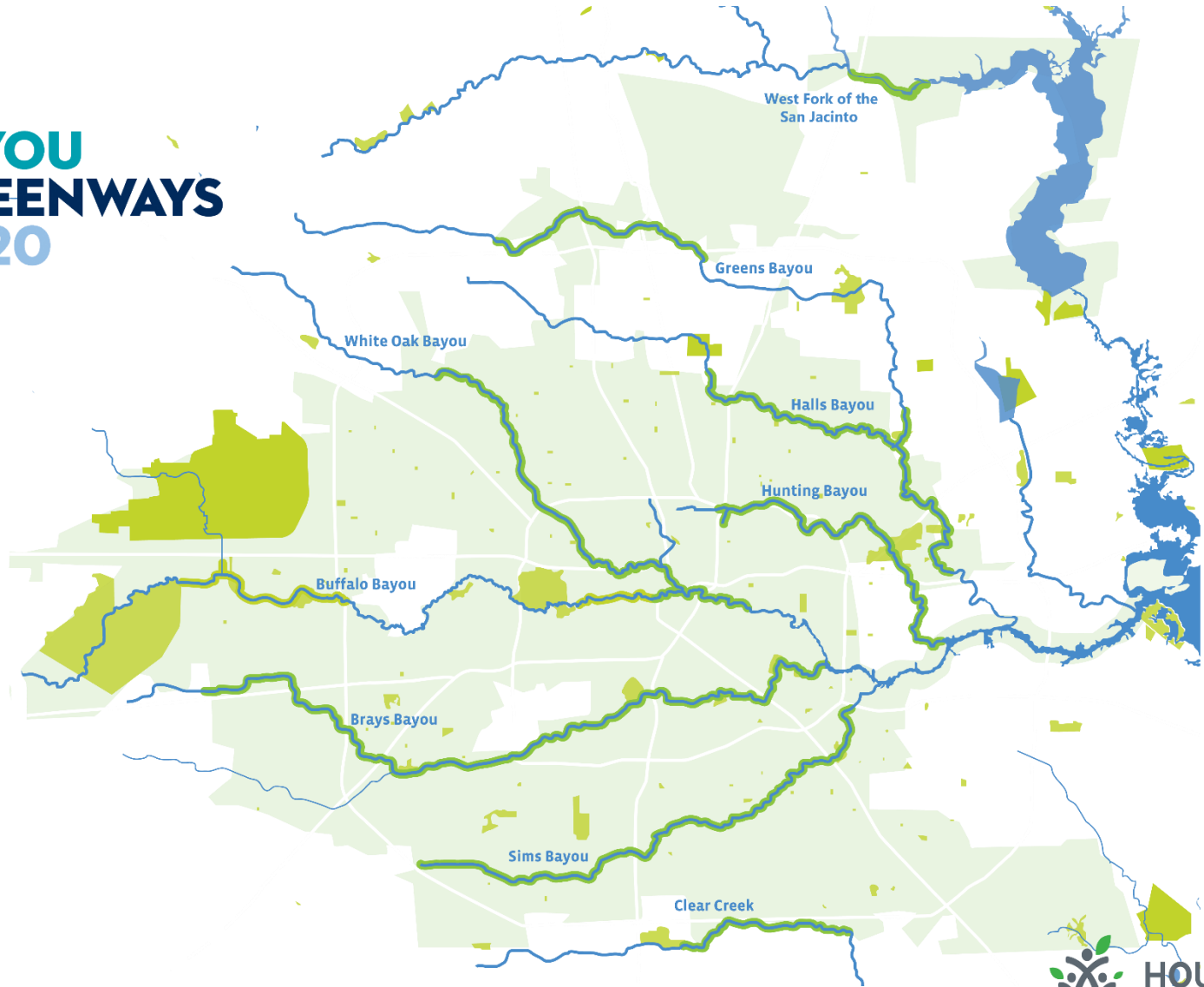


**BAYOU
GREENWAYS
2020**





BAYOU GREENWAYS 2020



PROJECT SCOPE



Provide unprecedented access to more than **3,000 acres** of greenspace along the bayous



Connect a **150 mile** network of hike-and-bike trails



Put **six out of 10** Houstonians within 1.5 miles of a Bayou Greenway



PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Project cost: \$220 million

 = \$20 MILLION



Public funds - \$100 million
(city bond election)

HPB raising \$120 million

How will the money be used?

- Land acquisition
- Design
- Construction

ANNUAL BENEFITS: \$90 MILLION



Physical and mental health
\$50 million/year



Environmental health
\$10 million/year



Economic Health
\$30 million/year



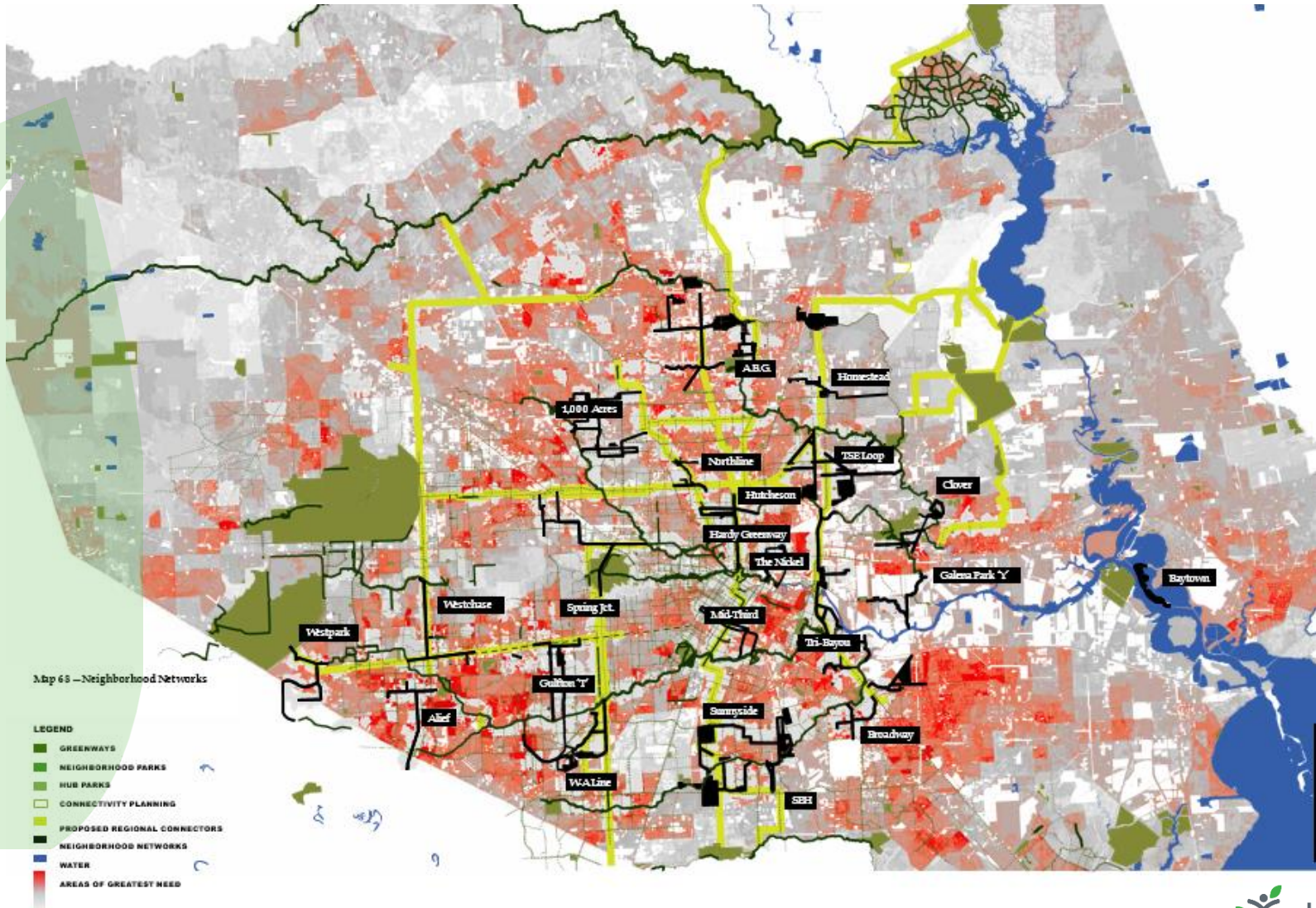


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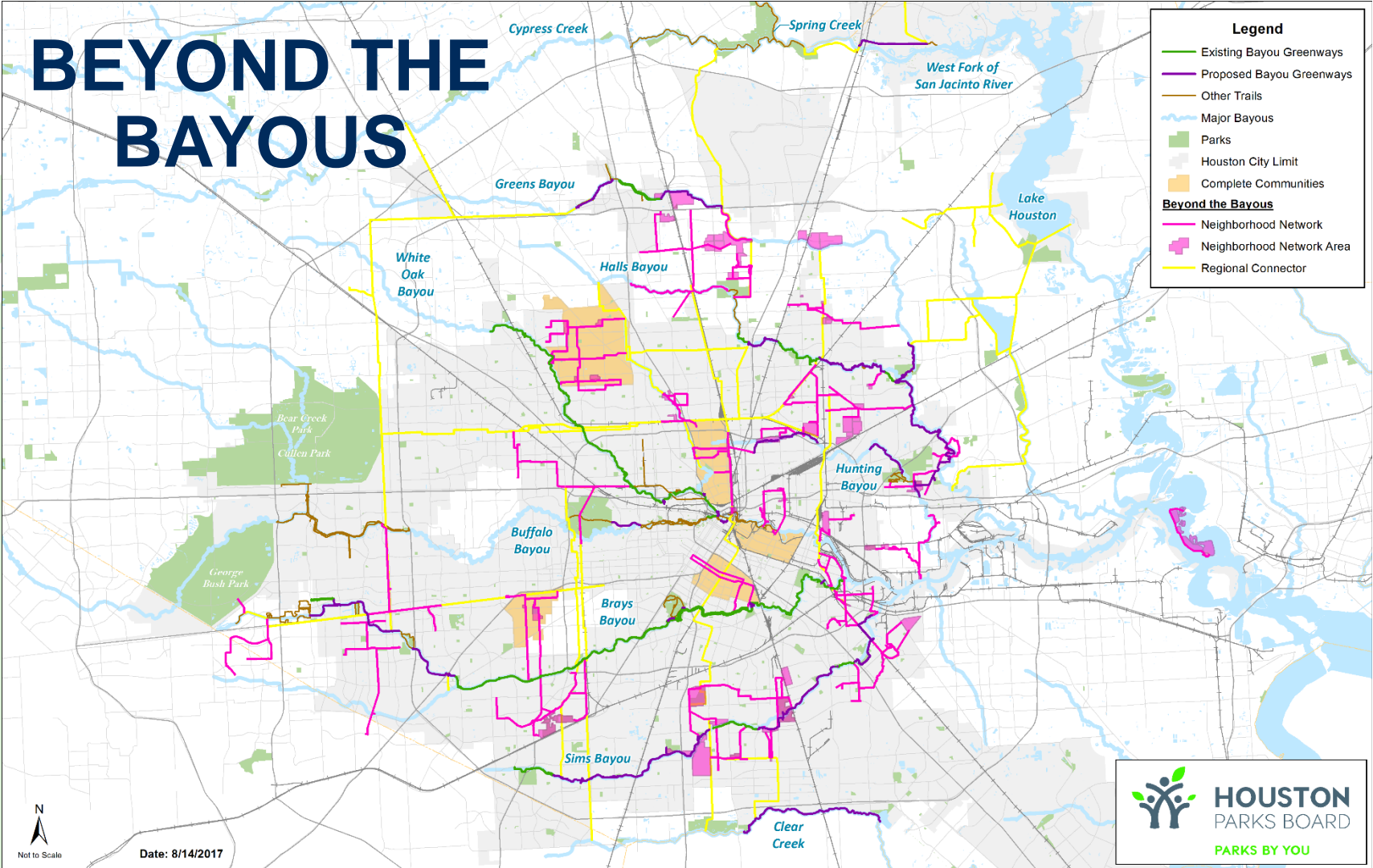
*A Vision for Expanding Greater Houston's
Public Realm*



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