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**2016 - 2023
HOUSTON PARKS
INVESTMENT REPORT**



Mayor Sylvester Turner

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**Houston Parks and Recreation Department
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Mission: "To enhance the quality of urban life by providing safe, well-maintained parks, and offering affordable programming for our community."

Vision: "The pursuit of a park system that is equitable and balanced and provides engaging recreation programming for people of all abilities ages, and socio-economic levels."

INTRODUCTION

Today, the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) inventory has grown to include 382 developed parks and more than 167 greenspaces and totals over 39,501 acres. As the City of Houston continues to grow, it's essential to continue to build and maintain our parks and amenities which provide a high quality of life for residents. This report demonstrates an unprecedented era of park investment and development from 2016 to 2023 for the benefit of our residents. Partnerships have played a significant role in our accomplishments during the tenure of Mayor Sylvester Turner. The combination of public and private dollars has always been a part of our department's philosophy, with public investment serving to leverage benefits across our entire city.

Since 2016, over **\$855 million** have been made in total park investments, which include the following:

- Over **\$140 million** in Park Capital Improvement Projects and Renovations since 2016.
- Ten Mayor's Love Our Parks upgrades using the expertise and resources from HPARD and other city departments to implement fast-turnaround, high-impact improvements to neighborhood parks in underserved communities, totaling **\$6.6 million**.
- Twenty-two neighborhood parks are set to be completed by the end of 2023 with over **\$23.4 million** in public and private funds through the Mayor's 50/50 Park Partners initiative. This initiative leverages partnerships between City of Houston and local stakeholders to improve fifty neighborhood parks.
- **\$34 million** renovation to Memorial Park Golf Course by the Astros Golf Foundation to host the Houston Open.
- **\$310 million** investment to realize the Buffalo Bayou East 10-Year Master Plan that will connect parks, greenspaces, and trails along the east sector of Buffalo Bayou.
- **\$120 million** for additional improvements to Bayou Greenways
- **\$52 million** for The Commons, the McWilliams Dog Park and a renewed public art initiative at Hermann Park.
- **\$125.1 million** for capital projects at Memorial Park
- Removed, trimmed, and planted trees, for a total dollar investment of **\$7.8 million**.
- **\$2.2 million** in natural resource and nature riparian restoration projects.
- **\$42 million** in grants and legislative earmarks for park projects and programs.
- And other park investments included in this report.



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS



Alief Neighborhood Center

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2016



Gragg Park

Gragg Park - As part of the Department’s 100th Anniversary Celebration - Gragg Park was renovated. Park renovations include a new playground, a new sports field, sports field and site lighting, trail work, earth work, extensive landscaping with irrigation, site furnishing, fencing, new parking construction and renovation of exiting parking, and entry signage. The project is funded through Park Consolidated Construction Funds, Park and Recreation Dedication Funds, Parks Special Revenue Funds, Parks Special Funds, and Council District I Service Funds, and through an interlocal agreement between HPARD and the Houston Parks Board.

Acquired 1976 | 47.95 acres | Council District I | Park Sector 15

Previous appropriations for design: \$250,000
 Park Consolidated Construction Fund: \$2,330,000
 Houston Parks Board (Musco donation): \$200,000
 Houston Parks Board (Match by GameTime): \$20,164
 Additional funding: \$673,790
 Total: **\$3,473,954**



Gragg Park

River Oaks Park - On March 2016, Friends of River Oaks Park, District G, and HPARD celebrated the return of the pumpkin carriage and the debut of a new playground at River Oaks Park. Park renovations include the demolition of a portion of the existing sidewalk, playground and playground border, preservation of existing donor pavers, new sidewalks with relocated donor pavers and new donor pavers, entry gates with decorative columns, a new pergola and desks, site grading, site furnishings, and the construction of new playground equipment for 2-5 year-old and 5-12 year-olds, and swings.

Acquired 1938 | 5.10 acres | Council District G | Park Sector 14
 Pumpkin Refurbishment: \$70,000
 Park Consolidated Construction Fund: \$608,000
 Total: **\$756,000**



River Oaks Playground

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2016-2017



Burnett Bayland “The Station” Skatepark - In 2013 the community submitted a request for improvements, and specifically the addition of a skate park. This project included site clearing, site grading and earthwork, detention and drainage, construction of a new 17,500 square foot skatepark with a volcano bowl, upper decks, grind ledges, stairs and handrails, flatbars, various banks, quarter and multiple steep pipes, a new entry plaza, site electrical and lighting and landscaping. Groundbreaking was held on October 2016 and the grand opening on March 2017.

Acquired 1996 | 31.98 acres | Council District J | Park Sector 8
 Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: \$405,000
 Council District J Service Funds: \$377,696
 Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund: \$200,000
 Neighborhood Centers Inc.: \$100,000
 Tony Hawk Foundation Skatepark Grant: \$10,000
 Total: **\$1,092,696**



Hermann Park - The electrical primary service of switchgear, lines, and transformers looping around the park perimeter were replaced and upgraded serving the park, the Houston Zoo, Lake Plaza, Japanese Garden, Miller Outdoor Theatre and the golf course maintenance facility.

Acquired 1914 | 445 acres | Council District D | Park Sector 13
 Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: **\$2,025,000**



Lee & Joe Jamail Skatepark - The park closed to the public in April 2016 and re-opened on March 2017 due to the construction of improvements. The project, managed by the Houston Parks Board, included additional seating areas, graffiti boards, and unique shade structures. These renovations were funded by a generous \$2 million donated from the Lee and Joseph Jamail D. Foundation. The Lee & Joe Jamail Skatepark, designed by the premiere skatepark firm Grindline, was the first world-class, in-ground skatepark in our region. The state-of-the-art, public 30,000 square-foot in-ground facility opened in June 2008. The park has areas for skaters of all levels.

Lee & Joe Jamail Skatepark is located on Buffalo Bayou/Tinsley Park
 Acquired 1916 | 156.52 acres | Council District C&H | Park Sector 14
 Total: **\$2,000,000**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2016-2017

Lansdale Park Sprayground - The pool was removed in 2013. The new sprayground replaced the former pool and a new picnic pavilion replaced the existing pavilion.

New concrete trail and new benches built.

Acquired 1960 | 8.4 acres | Council District J | Park Sector 9

Previous Appropriations for Design: \$76,000

4502 Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: \$1,365,000

Total: **\$1,441,000**



Sharpstown Park - The golf center, concession area and swimming pool are all facilities which was built in 1955 and renovated in 1978. The project relocated the pool and created a new drop off area for the golf center.

Acquired 1978 | 149.27 acres | Council District J | Park Sector 9

Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: \$1,390,000

TIRZ (2016 & 2017): \$2,000,000

Total: **\$3,390,000**

Meadowcreek Village Park Pavilion - The project included demolition and replacement of the pavilion structure, including structural footings, slab, vertical structural elements, roof, lighting and equipment as well as associated landscape elements.

Acquired 1955 | 10.06 acres | Council District E | Park Sector 6

Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: \$587,000

Total: **\$1,013,280**

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center - The building needed ADA accessibility for the users of this facility. The project included a new walkway from West Gray for the multi-service center.

Acquired 2006 | 3.06 acres | Council District C | Park Sector 14

Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: **\$1,345,000**

Wildheather Park - Amenities include a walking trail, playground, picnic shelter, spray ground, benches and tables, drinking fountain and landscaping.

Acquired 1978 | 12.15 acres | Council District K | Park Sector 8

Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: **\$980,000**

Wright-Bembry Park - Upgrades to the park include asphalt basketball court and tennis court, tennis court with new fencing and lights, half basketball court with lights, improved walkways, playground enhancements, fencing, drainage and parking, new park entrance, drinking fountain, picnic tables and benches, landscaping and irrigation.

Acquired 1961 | 1.08 acres | Council District C | Park Sector 12

Design: \$75,000 | Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund: \$298,615

Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: \$640,000

Council District C Service Fund: \$45,000

Total: **\$1,058,615**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2017



Emancipation Park

Emancipation Park - On June 2017, Mayor Sylvester Turner lead the rededication ceremony of Emancipation Park, together with OST/Almeda Redevelopment Corridors TIRZ #7, Emancipation Park Conservancy and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department. The park project renovations include a new recreation center (16,110 sf) complete with a gymnasium, weight room, classroom, lobby and reception area, restrooms, office, and storage area. The building has access to an outdoor stage area.

The existing community center was renovated and restored to more closely resemble the original design and honors the historical importance of the building. The swimming pool was removed and replaced with a modern pool.

Other features include an entry plaza, a splash pad, a playground, walking trail, porch - like covered areas, and several picnic areas. The baseball field, tennis and basketball courts were replaced and upgraded.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department entered into an agreement with Emancipation Park (EPC), established in 2016, authorizing the joint operations, maintenance, and programing of Emancipation Park. The Conservancy works in conjunction with the department to enhance the experience for visitors to the park.

Acquired 1918 | 11.71 acres | Council District D | Park Sector 15
Funding Source: OST/Almeda Redevelopment Corridors-TIRZ #7, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Houston Endowment, Kinder Foundation, Timken Foundation of Canton and the City of Houston.

Total: \$33.6 Million

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2018



Busby Park

Busby Park - This park project renovation included a new playground, a practice field, a community and rain garden and a prairie habitat area, outdoor exercise station, a walking trail a half basketball court, a seating plaza, picnic tables, benches and trash cans, picnic shelter with grill, fencing, site lighting, as well as native tree plantings.

Acquired 1979 | 5.83 acres | Council District B | Park Sector 4
 Previous Appropriations for Design: \$250,000
 Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: \$1,039,441
 Parks and Recreation Dedication Funds: \$39,100
 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant: \$830,000
 Total: **\$1,908,541**

Glenshire Park - Removed the existing parking lot and provided new concrete surface parking lot with security pole lighting.

Acquired 1986 | 12.91 acres | Council District K | Park Sector 8
 Previous appropriations for Design: \$80,000
 Park Consolidated Construction Fund: \$510,000
 Total: **\$590,000**

Pleasanton Manor Park - New ballfield lighting was installed at the sports field to provide a safe environment for continued recreation after daylight hours.

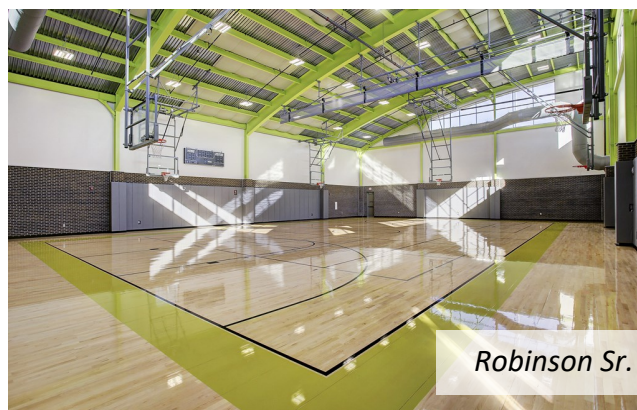
Acquired 1961 | 4.75 acres | Council District B | Park Sector 11
 Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: **\$943,000**

Judson Robinson Sr. Community Center -

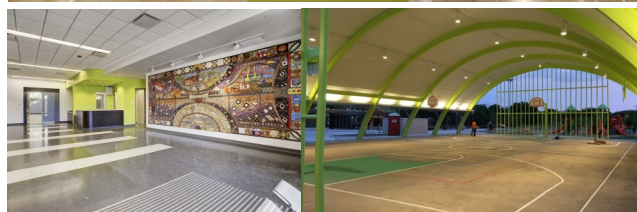
The existing community center was built in 1961 and no renovations have occurred since 1995. The new Judson Robinson Sr. Community Center open on April 2018.

The project included a new 12,800 square foot community center with a gymnasium, large classroom, kitchen, computer room, new playground, football field and an expanded parking lot. The Community Center is a LEED certified for its energy and environmental design.

Acquired 1954 | 4.79 acres | Council District B | Park Sector 11
 Previous appropriations for design: \$452,000
 Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: \$5,217,000
 Total: **\$5,669,000**



Robinson Sr.



Sagemont Park - Provided lighting to the pool parking lot and to the tennis courts. Also corrected the drainage on the south side of the pool.

Acquired 1972 | 8.3 acres | Council District D | Park Sector 21
 Parks Consolidated Construction Fund: **\$150,000**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2019



Linkwood Park

Linkwood Park - Park improvements include playground demolition and replacement of equipment with units for children 2-5 years old that include a slide, small climber, and stepping pods and a unit for children 5-12 years old that includes an observation rope tower, slide, horizontal ladder, and climbing nets as well as a small climbing wall.

Acquired 1953 | 6 acres | Council District K | Park Sector 13
 Fund Source: Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund, Council District Service Funds and funds from The Friends of Linkwood Park
 Total: **\$1,033,809**

Waldemar Park - Park upgrades include replacing the playground with an expanded new playground, the addition of a dog park and replacing the asphalt trail with a concrete trail. Park was enhanced with benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, drinking fountain, trees with associated irrigation, grading, drainage and detention.

Acquired 1987 | 3.95 acres | Council District G | Park Sector 18
 Fund Source: Contributed Capital Project Funds, Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund
 Total: **\$1,198,239**

Squatty Lyons Park - The Phase II renovations to this new sports-experience complex will complete the Squatty Lyons Master Plan and re-design all outdoor recreation amenities to increase participation and engage neighborhood residents in outdoor activities. Ballfield renovations include new fences, backstops, dugouts, leveling, grading, repairing and sodded all fields, repaired/replace lighting, and installed new irrigation system. Other improvements include a new playground with units for 0 to 5 and 5 to 12 years with swings, a new concession building with restrooms, a looping walking trail and exercise station, refurbish two parking areas adding 100 additional parking spaces, and landscaping with native plantings. Funding for the renovations was possible through a \$1 million Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Local Urban Outdoor Grant matched by a combination of Capital Improvement Projects Funds, Parks and Recreation Dedication Funds, and Parks Special Funds.

Acquired 1986 | 19.79 acres | Council District H | Park Sector 2
 Fund Source: Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund; Parks Special Fund
 Total: **\$3,100,000**



Squatty Lyons Park

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2020-2021

Avondale Promenade Park - This project consists of a craftsman style pavilion with chimney, brick landscape walls, ornamental lights with brick column bases; a promenade with inlaid bricks and concrete bands, concrete sidewalks, workout station, play component, dog run, site furnishing including seating, drinking fountain and trash receptacles; park signs; interpretive signs; fencing; underground drainage; electrical service; and landscaping and irrigation.

Acquired 2015 | .24 acres | Council District C | Park Sector 14
 Fund Source: Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund, Contributed Capital Project Funds
 Total: **\$1,137,773**



Avondale Promenade

Hermann Square Park - The project includes removal of the old pavers, construction of new sidewalks around Hermann Square and City Hall, accent pavers at the entries, bollards, new pedestrian lighting with outlet for event lighting and accessible ramps on each side of the building. The project was coordinated with the Downtown Redevelopment Authorities Bagby Street Project.

Acquired 2013 | 1.43 acres | Council District I | Park Sector 16
 Fund Source: Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund and private donation
 Total: **\$2,054,512**

Walter J. Rasmus Sr. Park - Park improvements included playground replacement of playground equipment with units for children 2-5 years old and 5-12 years old, swings, new concrete border and fall surface with required drainage and detention. It included parking lot improvements, new furnishing, fencing, sidewalks and ramps, benches and picnic tables. A loop walking trail was constructed, and trees planted with irrigation. Future project phase will include a meeting house which is in the early design phase.

The nearly 9-acre park, originally called Blossom Heights, was renamed after Walter J. Rasmus, Sr in 1989.

Acquired 1960 | 8.70 acres | Council District J | Park Sector 9
 Fund Source: Contributed Capital Project Funds, Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund
 Total: **\$1,046,284**



Walter Rasmus Park

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2022 & 2023



The Bob Watson Education Center at Sylvester Turner Park is a new 5,600 square-foot classroom building located at the Houston Astros Youth Academy. The project consists of a two-story, steel structure building, as well as site field improvements. The Astros Youth Academy provides free baseball and softball opportunities to boys and girls ages seven to seventeen. The new classroom building will allow the Astros Foundation and Youth Academy to expand opportunities to youth throughout the Houston community, such as after school tutoring, SAT and ACT preparation, college admissions mentoring, field maintenance and grounds keeping, sports journalism and broadcasting, life skills training, and leadership development.

Catherine Delce Pavilion Replacement -

Replacement of existing basketball pavilion included roof and lighting systems, new basketball backboards, repainted structure and repair, restriped and resealed the basketball court.

Acquired 1973 | 2.67 acres | Council District B | Park Sector 17
Total: **\$130,000**

Cullen Park - The Cullen Park sprayground sustained significant damage due to Hurricane Harvey. Replacement and construction services of the sprayground at Cullen Park. Work was completed November 2022.

\$169,473—Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund | Park Sector 19



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2022 & 2023

Edgewood Park - The project consists of new playground for various ages, sprayground, walkways, picnic shelter, picnic tables and benches, fencing and a shaded outdoor exercise area.

Acquired 1953 | 10.97 acres | Council District D | Park Sector 7
 Fund Source: Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund
 Total: **\$1,924,590**



Edgewood Park

Harwin Park Playground - Redevelopment and enlargement of the playground featuring new state-of-the-art playground equipment designed to promote cognitive, emotional, physical, and social development.

Acquired 1989 | 8.83 acres | Council District F | Park Sector 18
 Fund Source: Park Consolidated Construction Fund and the Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund.
 Total: **\$756,257**



University Village Park

University Village Park - Acquired and improved a new pocket park in Third Ward called University Village Park. Park improvements are underway to include a new interactive play area, concrete seat wall and picnic table, open lawn play area, new sidewalk with accessible ramp, decorative fence, new trees and added drainage and detention.

Project cost **\$500,000**



Harwin Park

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2022-2023

Alief Neighborhood Park - The new Alief Neighborhood Center is a combined a Houston Health Department Multi-Service Center, Houston Public Library Department Regional Library, and HPARD Community Center, located in the existing 37-acre Alief Park. The new facility replaced the current Alief Women, Infants and Children Center at 12660 Beechnut, the Hennington-Alief Regional Library at 7979 South Kirkwood, and the existing Alief Community Center in Alief Park.

This is the first City of Houston facility to incorporate three departments in one building. The project will also include new parking areas and extensive renovations to amenities in Alief Park. The park and exterior spaces include public plaza, lawn area, a community garden, market area, swimming pool complex, walking trails, nature trails, playground and climbing wall, tennis courts, basketball court, skatepark, three (3) full size soccer fields, two (2) futsal courts, lighting, detention/ grading and drainage and landscaping/irrigation.

Acquired 1993 | 37.30 acres | Council District F | Park Sector 18
 Fund Source: Park Consolidated Construction Fund, Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund
Total: \$58.5Mil



Alief Neighborhood Center

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION PROJECTS

2023



Brock Adventure Park - The new Brock Park has been reimagined as an adventure park, featuring amenities like a ropes course, Ninja Warrior course, a kayak/canoe launch, nature-based programming, and enhanced site security. The project also includes new walkways, picnic areas, adventure playground, fishing pier, disc golf course, plaza area, parking lot improvements, exterior building improvements and putting green. Grading, detention, irrigation and tree planting were also added. Other improvements have been made to the park and are not included in the project budget below. These amenities include hike and bike trail and pedestrian bridge over the bayou. Funding for the project was made possible by a \$1million grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife, and funding from HPARD’s Capital Improvement Fund.

Acquired 1957 | 354 acres | Council District B | Park Sector 4
Fund Source: Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, Parks Consolidated Construction Fund

Total: \$2,653,000

RL & Cora Johnson Park - new playground equipment and installation of new picnic tables, a new walkway to the tennis court.

Acquired 1978 | 10.58 acres | Council District A | Park Sector 10
Fund Source: Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund
Total: \$305,876

Sunnyside Park - Mayor Sylvester Turner, Houston Complete Communities, Center-Point Energy, and the HPARD unveil improvements at Sunnyside Park youth recreation field in May 2023. The new CenterPoint Energy Youth Football field feature turf improvements, refurbished bleacher stands, new concrete bleacher pad, new scoreboard, new goal posts, irrigation and drainage upgrades, new sidewalks, and new fencing. It was funded by a \$600,00 grant agreement between CenterPoint Energy Foundation and the Greater Houston Community Foundation for the benefit of the Complete Communities Improvement Fund. The \$1,550,000 secured by U.S. Representative Al Green will make it possible to replace the Sunnyside Park gymnasium roof and floor, make rest room improvements, and complete other facilities upgrades.

Acquired 1953 | 206 acres | Council District D | Park Sector 7
Fund Source: CenterPoint Grant of **\$600,000**



MAYOR'S LOVE OUR PARKS COMPLETE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

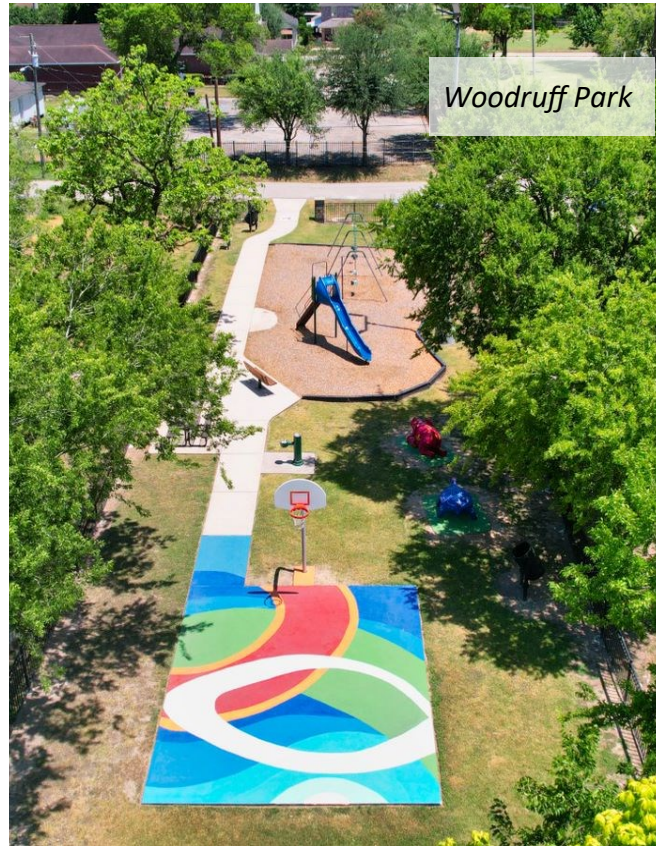
Catherine Delce Park

MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER’S LOVE OUR PARKS COMPLETE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Mayor Sylvester Turner is working with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to improve and upgrade neighborhood parks through the Mayor’s Love Our Parks Complete Communities Initiative. The program benefits in under-resourced communities with a goal of enhancing neighborhood pride and beautifying parks for residents to enjoy.

Cheniere Energy served as founding corporate sponsor of the Mayor’s Love Our Parks Initiative, providing **\$380,000** towards our first 10 park projects.

The first five parks that received improvements under the initiative are Zurrie Malone Park, Our Park, Woodruff Park, Earl Henderson Park, and Catherine Delce Park.



Woodruff Park



Zurrie Malone Park

MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER'S LOVE OUR PARKS COMPLETE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

2021-2022



Earl Henderson Park



Our Park



Catherine Delce Park

MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER’S LOVE OUR PARKS COMPLETE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

2021-2022

FIRST FIVE PARKS — \$1,642,833

Park/Complete Communities/Project Status

Project Cost/Improvements/Renovations

1. ZURRIE MALONE PARK

\$365,610

2901 Nettleton St., 77004
Council District D | Park Sector #15
Greater Third Ward Complete Communities
Park Project Completed 2021
Fest July 2021

Playground improvements and added playground features, replacement of picnic tables, benches and barbeque grills, installation of new fence, installed concrete walkway, and paint basketball pavilion.

2. OUR PARK

\$277,139

2604 Alabama, 77004
Council District D | Park Sector #15
Greater Third Ward Complete Communities
Park Project Completed 2021
Fest September 2021

Playground replacement, new benches, remove and replaced concrete walk, repaired water fountain, pressure wash and stain wood pavilion structure.

3. WOODRUFF PARK

\$38,291

8800 Woodruff, 77012
Council District I | Park Sector #11
Magnolia-Manchester Complete Communities
Park Project Completed 2021
Fest October 2021

Replaced perimeter fence, replace park signs, replace picnic table, repaired benches, installed concrete pad, paint water fountain, re-stripe basketball court, mural art, and installed LED lights.

4. EARL HENDERSON PARK

\$310,624

4250 Elysian, 77009
Council District H | Park Sector #17
Near Northside Complete Communities
Park Project Completed 2022
Fest November 2021

Playground replacement, new park benches, new picnic tables, new barbeque grills, repaired drinking fountains, repaired walking trails and replaced picnic gazebo roof.

5. CATHERINE DELCE PARK

\$651,169

5700 Collingsworth, 77026
Council District B | Park Sector #17
Kashmere Gardens Complete Communities
Park Project Completed 2022
Fest April 2022

Playground replacement, new park benches, new picnic tables, new barbeque grills, repaired drinking fountains, repaired walking trails and added a new mini-pitch soccer.

MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER'S LOVE OUR PARKS COMPLETE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

2022-2023



The second five parks selected for the initiative are Hobart Taylor Park, Irvington Park, Lincoln Park, Evella Park, and Independence Heights Park. These parks were selected to continue to inspire community engagement and connection to neighborhood parks by improving existing facilities and tailoring recreational programming to fit each community where the parks are located.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department celebrated the park improvements by hosting Love Our Parks Fests at each park. Each event featured special programming and activities from the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, Houston Public Library, the Houston Police Department and the Greater Houston Police Activities League (GHPAL), Houston Health Department, and Houston Public Works.

MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER'S LOVE OUR PARKS COMPLETE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

2022-2023

SECOND FIVE PARKS – \$5,000,000

<u>Park/Complete Communities/Project Status</u>	<u>Project Cost/Improvements/Renovations</u>
<p>1. HOBART TAYLOR PARK</p> <p>8100 Kenton, 77026 Council District B Park Sector #4 Adjacent to Kashmere Gardens Complete Community Completed 2022 Fest August 2022</p>	<p>\$1,580,478</p> <p>Playground and splash pad replacement, renovations to the basketball pavilion, ballfield improvements such as replace bleacher and dugout boards, a new walking trail, new exercise equipment, replaced/repared park benches, picnic tables, barbeque grills, drinking fountains, trash cans, park signs and security lights.</p>
<p>2. IRVINGTON PARK</p> <p>1000 Cavalcade St, 77009 Council District H Park Sector #17 Near Northside Complete Community Completed 2022 Fest December 2022</p>	<p>\$1,004,052</p> <p>Playground replacement, renovations to the basketball pavilion, replaced lights with LED lights, new exercise stations, installed barbeque area with group grill and tables.</p>
<p>3. INDEPENDENCE HEIGHTS PARK</p> <p>601 E 35th St., 77022 Council District H Park Sector #1 Adjacent to Near Northside Complete Community Completion in mid-2023 Fest scheduled in September 2023</p>	<p>\$974,000 <i>(Projected Cost)</i></p> <p>Playground replacement, renovations to the basketball pavilion, replaced lights with LED, paint community center building exterior, replace fencing throughout park, repair/replace park benches, picnic tables, barbeque grills, drinking fountains, trash cans, park signs and security lights.</p>
<p>4. EVELLA PARK</p> <p>5210 Evella St., 77026 Council District B Park Sector #17 Kashmere Gardens Complete Community Completion in late-2023 Fest scheduled in November 2023</p>	<p>\$944,876 <i>(Projected Cost)</i></p> <p>Install new playground, replace basketball court, artwork on basketball court, add a playground safety fence, add park benches, picnic tables, replace trash cans, park signs and add security lights.</p>
<p>5. LINCOLN PARK</p> <p>979 Greshaw, 77007 Council District B Park Sector #1 Acres Homes Complete Community Completion in late-2023 Fest scheduled in December 2023</p>	<p>\$496,594 <i>(Projected Cost)</i></p> <p>Playground replacement, tennis court improvements, pool improvements, resurface and restripe two parking lots, artwork, ballfield improvements such as repair dugout and bleacher seating, repair and pressure wash concrete, repair/replace park benches, picnic tables, barbeque grills, drinking fountains, trash</p>

50/50 PARK PARTNER'S INITIATIVE



Forum Park

50/50 PARK PARTNER’S INITIATIVE

The 50/50 Park Partners initiative was created by Mayor Turner and brought together the City of Houston, Houston Parks Board, Houston Parks and Recreation Department, and the Greater Houston Partnership to improve 50 neighborhood parks. The project is also supported by the Mayor’s Office of Resilience & Sustainability and Complete Communities. The initiative, rooted in equitably investing in under-resourced neighborhoods across Houston, includes listening sessions to determine park improvements in collaboration with local stakeholders. All park improvements were selected based on input from each community, addressing the needs and requests for improvements to each local park.

Twenty-two neighborhood parks will receive transformative improvements as part of 50/50 Park Partners by the end of 2023.



Hartman Park



Harwin Park



Harwin Park

50/50 PARK PARTNER’S INITIATIVE

Park	Council District	Park Sector	Project	City of Houston Contribution for construction	Private Funding for Houston Parks Board design & construction	City of Houston Fund 1000	Total
1 Aron Ledet Park	A	1	Replace playground, add site lighting, improve walking trail and concrete work, improve spray ground, update basketball court, add picnic shelter and repaint pavilion.	\$450,000	\$308,000	\$288,436	\$1,046,436
2 Bendwood Park	G	9	Improve tennis courts, add new exercise station, replace basketball court, improve lighting, repair, replace sidewalks.	\$500,000	\$450,000	\$236,610	\$1,186,610
3 Braeburn Glen Park	J	8	Add site lighting, update playground and add shade structure, renovate volleyball court, add benches, and replace fencing.	\$300,000	\$365,000	\$201,984	\$866,984
4 Briarbend Park	G	9	Update playground, improve walking trail, improve gazebo, and add lighting.	\$450,000	\$151,000	\$48,163	\$649,163
5 Cliff Tuttle Park	H	17	Improve and expand playground, add exercise station, improve basketball court, and update skate park elements.	\$250,000	\$497,000	\$364,108	\$1,111,108
6 Dow Park	I	7	Replace playground equipment, add one light pole, upgrade a light pole, repurpose 3 tennis courts into a new soccer mini-pitch, restore one practice tennis court into a full tennis court, add walking trail connections.	\$200,000 plus TIRZ Funds of \$500,000	\$394,000	\$308,237	\$1,402,237
7 Forest West Park	C	1	Replace playground, improve walking trail, improve site drainage, add site lighting, reconfigure fencing, improve site drainage, redo multi-purpose athletic fields, and remove basketball court.	\$450,000	\$318,000	\$19,426	\$787,426
8 Forum Park	J	9	Add new parking lot with lighting, replace asphalt walking trail with concrete, replace picnic tables and grills in picnic area, add shade sail at seating area near playground, and upgrade site lighting, associated detention. Plus a basketball half court and soccer mini-pitch.	\$710,000	\$509,000	\$162,900	\$1,381,900

50/50 PARK PARTNER’S INITIATIVE

Park	Council District	Park Sector	Project	City of Houston Contribution for construction	Private Funding for Houston Parks Board design & construction	City of Houston Fund 1000	Total
9 Freeway Manor Park	E	6	New playground. Resurface parking lot, repair walking trail, replace park benches, regrade baseball field, update picnic areas, repurpose tennis court to soccer mini-pitch, and improve parking lighting.	\$325,129	\$477,000	\$123,004	\$925,133
10 Grimes Park	D	7	Improve football fields, replace playground, renovate basketball pavilion, add walking loop, improve site lighting, improve tennis court, and update picnic area.	\$650,000	\$400,000	\$506,131	\$1,556,131
11 Hartman Park (Pilot Program Completed in 2021)	I	5	Redevelopment of the playground area include colorful playground units for children ages 2-5 and 5-12, multiple swings and spinners, new concrete border, ramp and walks, new playground surfacing, subsurface drainage, new benches, a new bike rack, and required detention.	\$669,193	\$60,000	\$0	\$729,193
12 Harwin Park	F	18	New playground, add lighting, new picnic pavilion, new exercise station, new fencing and improve walkways.	\$1,060,257	\$280,000	\$0	\$1,340,257
13 Hidalgo Park	I	11	Add new playground, improve and restore spray ground, improve and clear shoreline along bayou, update baseball fields, add public art element, and provide site detention.	\$350,000	\$500,000	\$57,411	\$907,411
14 Langwood Park	A	10	Resurface walking trail, replace playground, improve picnic area, add new exercise station, improve drainage.	\$450,000	\$350,000	\$194,719	\$994,719
15 Love Park	C	12	Replace playground equipment, add new exercise, consolidate picnic area to create open space, improve baseball field repair walkways, re-align walking trail and improve site lighting.	\$450,000	\$437,000	\$203,540	\$1,090,540
16 Mayfair Park	K	8	Add new 2-5 year-old playground unit and new swing sets, improve parking lighting, replace park benches and picnic tables.	\$325,780	\$450,000	\$181,091	\$956,871

50/50 PARK PARTNER’S INITIATIVE

Park	Council District	Park Sector	Project	City of Houston Contribution for construction	Private Funding for Houston Parks Board design & construction	City of Houston Fund 1000	Total
17 Nieto Park	H	17	Improve water spray ground surface, replace playground equipment and fall surface, replace benches and picnic tables, add new exercise station, replace damaged concrete sections around basketball court and new fencing.	\$194,735	\$547,000	\$193,602	\$935,337
18 Oak Meadow Park	E	6	Replace playground, resurface walking trail, add benches, renovate basketball court, improve baseball/soccer fields and site drainage, add picnic pavilion, update site lighting, and replace volleyball court.	\$15,000	\$815,000	\$76,948	\$906,948
19 Scenic Woods Park	B	4	Replace playground and add shade structures, add exercise station, improve basketball and tennis courts, improve baseball and multi-purpose athletic fields, add bollards around the site.	\$253,000	\$492,000	\$446,202	\$1,191,202
20 Simon Minchen Park	K	8	Add site lighting, add new playground, improve baseball field, create multi-purpose athletic field, add walking loop/trail, create front entrance, redo parking lot, update basketball court and add site detention.	\$300,000 plus TIRZ Funds of \$500,000	\$423,000	\$445,944	\$1,668,944
21 Tanglewilde Park	F	9	Improve and add lighting to picnic pavilion, update playground, address site drainage, and improve multi-purpose athletic fields.	\$350,000	\$340,000	\$54,723	\$744,723
22 Tuffly Park	B	17	Add new exercise station, improve parking lot, overlay walking trail, replace and relocate picnic tables, add concrete pads for bleachers, improve lighting.	\$200,000	\$658,000	\$239,445	\$1,097,445
TOTAL				\$9,903,094	\$9,221,000	\$4,352,624	\$23,476,718

50/50 PARK PARTNER'S INITIATIVE

2023



Forum Park



Langwood Park



Mayfair Park



50/50 PARK PARTNER'S INITIATIVE

2023



Dow Park



Nieto Park



Hidalgo Park



PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM



Hidalgo Park

PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

2023

Many Houston Parks and Recreation Department’s playgrounds are over 25 years old, past their useful life. The department identified 43 of the oldest and outdated playgrounds as part of the Playground Replacement Program. Phase 1 will address seven (7) playground replacements in 2023 and an additional three (3) additional replacements will initiate in 2023 including J.S. Cullinan Park, Ingrando Park, and Stude Park and will be completed in 2024.

Phase 2 Playground replacement is planned for 2024 and 2025 with two levels of Priority. High Priority (total of 9 playgrounds) and Medium Priority (total of 24 playgrounds).

The Mayor’s Love Our Parks Initiative and 50/50 Park Partners Program addresses many of our older playgrounds as well. The green chart on page 30 shows our 50/50 playgrounds to be installed before the end of 2023 for a total of 18 playground installations and 1 shade structure added at Forum Park playground. The Mayor’s Love Our Parks Initiative includes a total of nine (9) playgrounds to be completed, including two expansion.

A total of **thirty-four playgrounds** were completed by the end of 2023. This effort represents 15% of all playgrounds within the City of Houston’s Park System. All Phase 1 Priority playgrounds are funded via bond funds, open space fund, TIRZ, or a combination.

Phase 1 Priority - Playgrounds Replacement to be completed in 2023

Locations	District	Sector
1. Lakewood Park	B	4
2. Sim Bayou Park	D	7
3. Charlton Park	I	6
4. Gulf Palms Park	E	6
5. Margaret Jenkins Park	D	7
6. Leroy Moses Park	D	15
7. Verde Forest Park	B	4

Playgrounds completed through the Mayor’s Love Our Parks - Round One

Locations	Project	District	Sector
1. Malone	Playground Expansion Complete	D	15
2. Our Park	Playground Replacement	D	15
3. Henderson Park	Playground Replacement	H	17
4. Delce Park	Playground Replacement	B	17



Malone Park

PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

2023

Playgrounds completed or in process to be completed through the Mayor’s Love Our Parks - Round Two

Locations	District	Sector	Project
1. Irvington Park	H	17	Playground Replacement Completed / Phase 2 for playground expansion (Work order being issued; installation will be early 2024.)
2. Hobart Taylor Park	B	4	Playground Replacement Completed / Phase 2 for playground expansion (RCA for approval week of Oct 16)
3. Independence Heights Park	H	1	Playground Replacement is completed
4. Evella Park	B	17	New Playground Installation (playground equipment is ready to be installed)
5. Lincoln Park	B	1	New Playground Installation (County)

Playgrounds completed or in process to be completed through the 50/50 Park Partner Initiative in 2023

Locations	District	Sector	Project
1. Aaron Ledet Park	A	1	Playground Replacement
2. Briarbend Park	G	9	Playground Replacement
3. Dow Park	I	7	Playground Replacement
4. Forest West Park	C	1	Playground Replacement
5. Forum Park	J	9	*Playground Shade Structure Only
6. Freeway Manor Park	E	6	Playground Replacement & Expansion
7. Grimes Park	D	7	Playground Replacement
8. Harwin Park	F	18	Playground Replacement & Expansion
9. Hidalgo Park	I	11	Playground Replacement
10. Langwood Park	A	10	Playground Replacement
11. Love Park	C	12	Playground Replacement
12. Mayfair Park	K	8	New Playground Installation
13. Minchen (Simon) Park	K	8	Playground Replacement
14. Nieto Park	H	17	Playground Replacement
15. Oak Meadow Park	E	6	Playground Replacement
16. Scenic Woods Park	B	4	Playground Replacement
17. Tanglewilde Park	F	9	Playground Replacement
18. Tuffly Park	B	9	Playground Replacement
19. Tuttle Park	H	9	Playground Replacement & Expansion

PARTNERSHIPS



White Oak Bayou

ASTROS FOUNDATION

HPARD/Houston Astros Jr. RBI Youth Baseball Program

For more than 16 years, the Houston Astros organization has sponsored the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department's youth baseball, softball and t-ball program for youth ages 4-18. The program provides all t-shirts, caps, equipment, instruction, clinics run by the Astros Foundation staff, Astros' current players and alumni along with marketing materials promoting the program. This free baseball and softball program is the only such program in the City of Houston and impacts more than 5,000 youngsters a year. Participants and their families also receive free tickets to Astros homes games providing many with the first-time experience of attending a professional sports game.



Number of Registrants	
2016	6,048
2017	5,645
2018	5,429
2019	7,258
2020	6,915
2022	1,155
2023	5,386

Note in 2021 the program was canceled due to the COVID pandemic and reopened in 2022.



ASTROS GOLF FOUNDATION



Memorial Park Golf Course

In January 2019, the Astros Golf Foundation began work on a **\$34 million renovation** at Memorial Park Golf Course and related facilities. In 2020, for the first time in 57 years, the Houston Open was held in Houston at Memorial Park Golf Course. In addition to completely rebuilding the golf course, the renovation included the creation of an environmentally sustainable water re-use and irrigation system that utilizes captured storm water for golf course irrigation. A new driving range which includes a two-level hitting area that will host 84 hitting bays, an increase from the 53 that currently exist. It also includes an expansion of the golf course parking lot, allowing for 60 additional parking spaces. A new golf course maintenance facility, upgrades to the clubhouse, construction of a short course for First Tee participants, and a new tennis complex.



Chevron Center for Education & Golf

The City of Houston and the Astros Golf Foundation unveil the new Chevron Center for Education & Golf at Memorial Park in November 2020. The new facility was made possible by generous donations from the Astros Golf Foundation and Chevron Corporation. The Center's STEM program focus on how Science, Technology, Engineering and Math relate to different aspects of golf. The Center provides scholarships and offer programs for youth in the First Tee Program.



The First Tee

An annual donation of **\$500,000** was made from the Astros Golf Foundation to the First Tee, a non-profit organization that helps shape the lives of young people from all walks of life by introducing them to character education and life skills through the game of golf. All other net proceeds will be distributed throughout the Houston community by the Astros Foundation. Beginning in 2020, the Astros Golf Foundation made an annual contribution of \$1 million to the City for the benefit of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and Memorial Park Conservancy.

BRAXTON DAVIES REED FOUNDATION

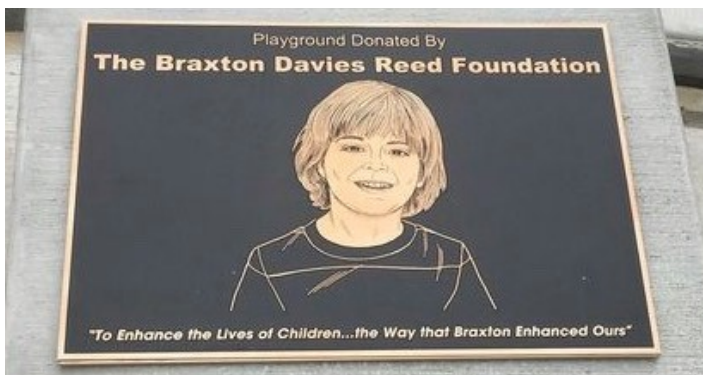
2019-2023

Judson Robinson Jr. Park - This is the first playground project the Braxton Davies Reed Foundation supported in partnership with HPARD and completed in March 2019. The project scope includes demo of the old playground, paving and fencing, sitework, grading drainage and detention, sidewalks, playground equipment for various ages, engineered wood fiber surfacing, new ornamental fencing, site furnishings, and trees and grass establishment.

The project cost for Judson Robinson Jr. Park Playground was **\$852,436**. Funded by Braxton David Reed Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund.

Located in Hermann Park | Council District D | Park Sector 13

TC Jester Park - This is the second playground project completed in March 2023. The project scope includes redevelopment and enlargement of the playground with new state of the art playground equipment in natural tones and bright greens. The playground areas were rearranged to relocate the unit for ages 2-5 away from the parking lot. Other improvements include a sidewalk and decomposed granite trail connections, a new decorative fence, drinking fountains, picnic tables, benches and trash receptacles, associated grading and drainage, and tree with associated irrigation. The project cost for T.C. Jester Park Playground was **\$1,023,870**. Funded by Braxton David Reed Foundation, Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund and City Council District C Service Funds. Acquired 1950 | 100 acres | Council District C | Park Sector 1 & 12



BUFFALO BAYOU PARTNERSHIP

Buffalo Bayou East

By 2032, Buffalo Bayou Partnership and its partners will realize the Buffalo Bayou East 10-Year Plan thanks to a \$100 million catalyst gift from the Kinder Foundation, which leveraged significant public support from Harris County and the City of Houston, including Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone funds. The total investment for the 10-year Buffalo Bayou East development plan is **\$310 million**.

Major projects include:

- Expansion of the City's Tony Marron Park from 19 to 40 acres
- Restoration of Japhet Creek to connect Buffalo Bayou to the Fifth Ward
- Extension of the bayou trail system from downtown into Buffalo Bayou East
- Addition of two bayou-crossing pedestrian bridges
- Transformation of Turkey Bend into a recreational and cultural destination
- Development of a mixed-income housing project



HERMANN PARK CONSERVANCY

The Play Your Park Campaign

The Play Your Park campaign is the Hermann Park Conservancy’s latest endeavor in its mission to improve and maintain Hermann Park. This **\$52 million** initiative is focused on three projects: The Commons at Hermann Park, the McWilliams Dog Park, and a renewed public art initiative.



The Commons at Hermann Park

Construction of the Commons began in April 2022. The Commons has an estimated completion date of January 2024 funded through a \$50 million Play Your Park Campaign. The Commons transforms a 26-acre area in the southwest portion of Hermann Park, bordering the Houston Zoo to the east, Cambridge Street to the south, Fannin and Main Streets to the west, and Hermann Park’s Japanese Garden and McGovern Lake on the north / northwest side.

The centerpiece of the Commons is the expansive Play Gardens, a new two-acre central playground that will reimagine the "play for all" legacy and accessibility of the Buddy Carruth Playground for All Children. The Commons play areas have been designed for a wide variety of experiences:

- The Swing Hill that offers an old-school playground experience with state-of-the-art swings and is situated near another family destination, the Picnic Pavilion.
- The Cypress Grove play area, populated by colorful equipment shaped like snakes and alligators in a whimsical celebration of Houston’s native flora and fauna.
- The Gorilla Forest, which offers a warm nod to our neighboring Houston Zoo and features play equipment.
- The Splash Cove, a water play area with slim towers projecting cyclones of water in the air.
- The Bayou, which provides an interactive first-hand look at the inner workings of Houston’s natural water features.
- The Space Adventure area with a 45-foot-tall Rocket Ship slide.
- The Thicket, a wooded enclave with features for children up to age 5 with areas like The Burrow, Toad Hollow and the Snake Den designed for safe play options.
- A Carousel that will be a classic addition, with a modern twist, to the Park.

Each area also offers shaded seating areas.



Hermann Park
Acquired 1914 | 445 acres | Council District D | Park Sector 13

HOUSTON PARKS BOARD

Bayou Greenways

Bayou Greenways 2020 is one of the most ambitious parks projects in the U.S. by transforming more than 3,000 acres of underutilized land along Houston's major waterways into linear parks. Bayou Greenways will complete a 150-mile network of connected parks and trails. The \$220 million project will connect people, places, and greenspace while enhancing air and water quality, preserving flood-prone areas and stimulating economic development in Houston. Public investment was matched by significant private contributions including an extraordinary lead gift of \$50 million in 2013 from the Kinder Foundation.

How it started

77 miles of trail were originally built along the bayous by entities such as the City of Houston, Harris County, the Texas Department of Transportation, and TIRZs. By 2012, Houstonians showed overwhelming support for Bayou Greenways, which would set aside \$100 million in funding towards new trails and parks for the city. Since then, Houston Parks Board has leveraged the commitment, support, and expertise of its private, civic, and philanthropic partners to raise another **\$120 million** with an extraordinary lead gift of \$50 million in 2013 from the Kinder Foundation. Together, we are connecting Houstonians to our improved, safe, and beautiful bayous—all throughout Brays, Buffalo, Greens, Halls, Hunting, Sims, White Oak, and the West Fork of the San Jacinto River.

Bayou Greenways Park on White Oak Bayou Greenway

On May 2021, the opening of **Bayou Greenways Park**, located at the intersection of White Oak Bayou Greenway and the Heights Hike and Bike Trail. Named after the transformative Bayou Greenways initiative, the park celebrates the future fulfillment of a century-old vision for Houston's bayous and parks to serve as the backbone of Houston's park system. At 1.47 acres, Bayou Greenways Park sits on land acquired by Houston Parks Board in 2008 and provides an oasis for the highly used trails along White Oak Bayou. The park is framed by woodland on the southwest and a majestic line of sycamore trees along the northeast, with a broad grass knoll that rises gently to a height of more than 50 feet above the nearby White Oak Bayou channel. This high prospect offers dramatic views of the Houston skyline and the surrounding landscape.



MEMORIAL PARK CONSERVANCY

Capital Projects at Memorial Park

Clay Family Eastern Glades	\$32.7M
Sports Complex	\$7.6M
Moving the Seymour Lieberman Trail off of Memorial Drive	\$4.2M
Kinder Land Bridge and Cyvia and Melvyn Wolff Prairie	\$70.6M
Running Complex (Timing track, Event plaza and Café)	\$10M*
Total	\$125.1M

**Running Complex project under construction with additional capital investment in 2024.*



Memorial Park
 Acquired 1925 | 1,503 acres | Council District C & G | Park Sector 9 & 14

MEMORIAL PARK CONSERVANCY

The Eastern Glades

Clay Family Eastern Glades reclaims 100 acres of previously inaccessible parkland. This project significantly expands picnicking; adds new parking and restrooms; establishes 5 ½-acre Hines Lake and wetlands; provides trails, boardwalks and opportunities to experience and learn about natural habitat systems; and honors the Park’s military history. Inspired by the original 1930s Master Plan for Memorial Park by landscape architects Hare & Hare, the Eastern Glades provides something for everyone – from runners on the Seymour Lieberman Trail to picnicking families to students of ecology and those interested in Houston’s and the nation’s cultural history.

This is the first major project of the Ten-Year Plan, which enables the Conservancy to accelerate the design and construction of significant components of the Memorial Park Master Plan and was made possible by a **\$70 million** catalyst gift from the Kinder Foundation.

Execution of the Ten-Year Plan is overseen by the Memorial Park Standards Committee, a partnership comprised of Houston Parks and Recreation Department, the Kinder Foundation, Memorial Park Conservancy, and Uptown Development Authority.

Eastern Glades establishes new passive recreation and education areas while also restoring Memorial Park’s natural ecology. The completed Eastern Glades features the following amenities and opportunities for relaxation, reflection, and rejuvenation:

- 100 acres of open space
- 5 ½-acre Hines Lake and wetlands with beautiful sunset views
- 3 pavilions and 4 picnic areas
- 2 ½ miles of new trails explore, including boardwalks along the Lake and Wetlands
- 5 ½-acre Central Lawn for passive recreation such as strolling, picnicking, and relaxing
- Oval Promenade encircling the grassy Central Lawn
- Live Oak Court for concessions and events
- Additional parking (including handicap/disability parking), dark sky lighting, water fountains for people and pups, benches, and bike racks



GREENSPACE, CONSERVATION, & TREES



Sylvan Rodriguez Park

GREENSPACE, CONSERVATION, AND TREES



*Bissonnet
Maintenance
Facility*

Maintain over 39,000+ acres of parkland, including 382 parks, esplanades, urban forest, natural resources, sports fields, trails, and trees; maintains the grounds for libraries and multi-service centers.

During 2016-2023, we removed 13,379 trees and trimmed 60,114 trees, for a total dollar investment in tree care of **\$7,146,632**. In addition, of **\$748,407** in tree planting.

In 2023, the mowing cycle average for parks dropped from every 21-days to a current average of 14-days. Reinvested in its leadership with emphasis on its core business function to improve park maintenance across the City of Houston, thus delivering better maintained parks and a reinvestment back into neighborhood parks.



Houston City Council passes Nature Preserve Ordinance to protect 26 parks containing nature preserves of **7,423 acres of natural habitat** in City of Houston parks. The purpose of this ordinance is to preserve city-owned natural areas for the protection of ecological communities and native wildlife and for the ecosystem services they provide to the City of Houston.



Worked with Texas Wildlife Department to stock Lake Dabney at Lake Houston Wilderness Park with 580 Catfish.

The Urban Gardening Program has helped transformed a total of 13 community gardens.



GREENSPACE, CONSERVATION, AND TREES

Natural Resource Management & Riparian Restoration Projects

Year	Park	Funder	Grant amount
2017	Hobart Taylor Park & Clinton Park	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$ 50,000
2017	Sylvan Rodriguez Park	Texas General Land Office	\$ 100,000
2017	White Oak Parkway	TCEQ- Galveston Bay Estuary Program	\$ 45,000
2017-2019	Milby Park	TCEQ- Non-point Source Program	\$ 200,000
2018	Sylvan Rodriguez Park	Texas General Land Office	\$ 100,000
2018-2020	Blackhawk Park	TCEQ- Galveston Bay Estuary Program	\$ 50,000
2019	Blackhawk Park	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$ 30,000
2019	Robert C Stuart, Reveille Park, Charlton Park	TCEQ- Non-point Source Program	\$ 300,000
2019-2021	Sylvan Rodriguez Park	TCEQ- Galveston Bay Estuary Program	\$ 100,000
2020	Glenbrook Park	Trees for Houston	\$ 14,800
2020	Moody Park	Trees for Houston	\$ 17,500
2020	Reveille Park	Trees for Houston	\$ 16,750
2020	Victoria Gardens	Trees for Houston	\$ 4,720
2021	MacGregor Park (annex)	Trees for Houston	\$ 5,850
2021	Margaret Jenkins Park	Trees for Houston	\$ 5,450
2021	Robert C Stuart Park	Donation passed through Houston Parks Board	\$ 10,000
2021	Sylvan Rodriguez Park	Trees for Houston	\$ 2,900
2021	Townwood Park	Trees for Houston	\$ 5,100
2021	Monroe St Linear Forest	Target	\$ 20,000
2022	Bayou Bend Court Circle	Livelihood	\$ 2,920
2022	Beverly Hills, Glenshire, Schnur, King Estates, Gragg Park	Texas Coastal Exchange	\$ 25,000
2022	Blackhawk Park	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$ 5,000
2022	Blackhawk Park	One Tree Planted	\$ 4,000
2022	Greens Bayou Park	Tree donation from Houston Wilderness	\$ 7,422
2022	Kashmere Gardens Tree Planting	TX Forest Service	\$ 40,000
2022	Schnur, Wildheather, Sims Bayou, Blackhawk Park	Apache	\$ 45,600
2021-2023	Sylvan Rodriguez Park	TCEQ- Galveston Bay Estuary Program	\$ 75,300
2021-2024	FM Law, Sims Bayou Park, Margaret Jenkins, Townwood	TCEQ- Non-point Source Program	\$ 400,000
2021-2024	Townwood Park	TCEQ- Galveston Bay Estuary Program	\$ 80,000
2022-2024	Blackhawk Park	TCEQ- Galveston Bay Estuary Program	\$ 50,000
2022-2024	Planning	TCEQ- Galveston Bay Estuary Program	\$ 50,000
2023-2024	Spurlock and Little Thicket Park	TCEQ - Galveston Bay Estuary Program	\$ 50,000
2024	Ann Taylor and Furman Street Greenspace	Restore America's Estuaries	\$ 183,000
2024	Ann Taylor and Furman Street Greenspace	Galveston Bay Estuary Program	\$ 140,000
2024	Wildheather, Blackhawk, Stuart	NRPA	\$ 10,000
Total			\$ 2,246,312

GREENSPACE, CONSERVATION, AND TREES

Arbor Day

Year	Location	Funding Source	# of Trees	Amount
2016	Herman Brown Park / Gragg Park / Blackhawk Park / Fuqua	Apache Tree Grant / Tour de Houston account / HPARD	3,330	\$101,825.00
2017	Herman Brown Park / Songwood Park / Woodforest (from Maxey to Normandy)	Apache Tree Grant / Tour de Houston account	1,100	\$16,250.00
2018	Columbia Tap Trail (N MacGregor Way to I-45)	Apache Tree Grant / Tour de Houston account	240	\$13,875.00
2019	MacGregor Park	Apache Tree Grant / Tour de Houston account	1,000	\$23,091.50
2020	TC Jester Park	Apache Tree Grant / Tour de Houston account	3,000	\$24,950.00
2021	E Orem (Martin Luther King to Webercrest)	Apache Tree Grant / Tour de Houston account	1,000	\$14,750.00
2022	Montie Beach Park	Apache Tree Grant / HPARD	1,000	\$13,970.00
2023	Glenshire Park	Apache Tree Grant / Accenture Donation / HPARD	1,250	\$17,050.00
Total			11,920	\$225,761.50

Note the cost variance is based on size of the tree.



Glenshire Park



Montie Beach



Glenshire Park

GREENSPACE, CONSERVATION, AND TREES

Other Tree Plantings

Year	Location	Funding Source	# of Trees	Amount
2016	Allen Parkway / Space Center Blvd / Edgebrook	Trees For Houston / Tour de Houston account / HPARD	477	\$45,624.00
2017	Songwood Park / Memorial Park / Sims Bayou / MacGregor Park	Trees For Houston / Tour de Houston account / HPARD	2,255	\$88,624.00
2018	Ledwicke (Candy to Guinivere) / El Dorado (I-45 to Beamer)	Tour de Houston account	240	\$87,076.75
2019	Wagner Park / Hobart Taylor Park / Allen Parkway (Sabine to Montrose) / Stuart Park / Townwood Park / Gragg Park / MLK (610 to W Bellfort) / Clear Lake City Blvd (El Dorado to Pine Green Way)	Trees For Houston / Tour de Houston account	276	\$193,883.25
2020	Fonde Park / Marian Park / E.P. Hill Park / Forum Park	Tour de Houston account	175	\$50,964.00
2021	Cambridge St / R.L. & Cora Johnson Park	Tour de Houston account	38	\$8,046.00
2022	Melrose Park / Sylvester Turner Park / Sylvan Rodriguez Park / MacGregor Park / Bayou Bend Park	Tour de Houston account / HPARD	500	\$27,518.00
2023	Hermann Park Conservancy / Kingwood / Museum District / Sylvester Turner Park / Glenshire Park / Alief Park / Wildheather Park / Schnur Park / Sims Bayou Park	Tour de Houston account / HPARD	741	\$20,910.20
Total			4,703	\$522,646.20

Note the cost variance is based on size of the tree.



Museum District



Fonde Park

GRANTS & LEGISLATIVE EARMARKS



Brock Adventure Park

GRANTS & LEGISLATIVE EARMARKS

2016



Amount	Funding Source	Project Name	Type
\$1,500,000	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - Urban Outdoor Grant	Emancipation Park Phase II	State
\$1,000,000 (Match \$1,000,000)	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - Urban Outdoor Grant	Brock Adventure Park	State
\$2,421,600 (Match \$393,510)	Houston Galveston Area Council 2015 TIP Call for Projects	Buffalo Bayou Heritage Corridor	State
\$588,034 (Match \$147,009)	Houston Galveston Area Council 2015 TIP Call for Projects	Memorial Park to San Felipe Connection	State
\$190,125 (Match \$63,375)	Texas Coastal Management Program	Japhet Creek Acquisition Project	State
\$108,000	AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)	Houston Parks Recovery Program at Lake Houston Wilderness Park	Federal
\$100,000	Harris County-Houston Sports Authority	Milby Park Soccer Field	Private
\$41,640	Houston Galveston Area Council Solid Waste Grants	Houston Parks Recycling Program at Hermann Park	State
\$21,262	GameTime Playground Grant	Gragg Park Playground Project	Private
\$20,000	National Recreation Park Association Meet Me at the Park	Oak Forest Tennis Court Improvement Project	Private
\$20,000	National Recreation Park Association Parks Build Community	Fruit Orchard and Community Gardens at Hermann Brown Park	Private
\$15,000	U.S. Soccer Foundation	Futsal Courts at Ingrando Park	Private
TOTAL (amount plus match)			
\$7,629,555			

GRANTS & LEGISLATIVE EARMARKS

2017

Amount	Funding Source	Project Name	Type
\$1,000,000 (Match \$1,000,000)	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Alabonson Park Development Project	State
\$1,000,000 (Match \$1,000,000)	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Avondale Promenade Park	State
\$722,386 (Match \$722,386)	Texas Department of Transportation - Transportation Enhancement Project	Mason Park Pedestrian/Bike Bridge Project - Amendment 1 to Advance Funding Agreement	State
\$120,000 (Match \$40,000)	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Archery Range at Lake Houston Wilderness Park	State
\$50,000 (Match \$62,500)	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program 2017	Lower Brays Bayou Riparian Restoration	Private
\$45,000	Galveston Bay Estuary Program	White Oak Parkway Habitat Restoration	State
\$40,000	American Forests	Houston Community ReLeaf by Bank of America	Private
TOTAL (amount plus match)			
\$5,802,272			



*Mason Park Pedestrian/
Bike Bridge Project*

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2018

Amount	Funding Source	Project Name	Type
\$99,869	Texas Coastal Management Program	Sylvian Rodriguez Park Habitat Restoration Project	State
\$90,000	General Mills	McGregor Park Community Garden	Private
\$53,600	Galveston Bay Estuary Program	Blackhawk Park Coastal Prairie Restoration and Education Project	State
\$50,000	Clinton Foundation	Burnett Street Playground for Community	Private
\$30,634	U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship and Houston Tennis Association	Sunnyside Park Tennis Courts Refurbishing Project	Private
\$20,000	National Recreation and Parks Association 2018 Meet Me at the Park	Wagner Park	Private
\$15,000	BIG3 Basketball LLC	Winzer Park Basketball Renovation Project	Private
TOTAL			
\$359,103			

2019

Amount	Funding Source	Project Name	Type
\$1,000,000	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Urban Outdoor Grant	Edgewood Park Improvement Project	State
\$251,774	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program	Sims Bayou Tidal Riparian Buffer Project	State
\$250,000	Braxton Davies Reed Charitable Foundation	Judson Robinson Jr. Playground	Private
\$124,000	Dynamo Charities	Mini-Pitch Initiative at Hermann Brown Park	Private
\$100,000	TCEQ - Galveston Bay Estuary Program	Sylvan Rodriguez Habitat Restoration Project	State
\$99,000	Texas General Land Office - Coastal Management Program	Sylvian Rodriguez Park Habitat Restoration Project - Phase II	State
\$50,000	Texas Recreation and Park Society Promotes Play and Recreation Matching Funds	Harwin Park Playground Improvement Project	Private
\$42,000	Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corporation	The Revitalization of Clark Park Soccer Field & Basketball Pavilion	Private
\$40,102	Houston Habitat for Humanity	Exercise Station for Hobart Taylor Park	Private
\$30,000	National Recreation and Parks Association Meet Me at the Park	Clark Park Soccer Field	Private
TOTAL			
\$1,986,876			

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2020



Amount	Funding Source	Project Name	Type
\$1,000,000	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act (House Bill 1) under Rider 37	Keith-Wiess Park Improvement	State
\$1,000,000	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act (House Bill 1) under Rider 37	Melrose Park Improvement	State
\$750,000 (Match \$750,000)	National Parks Service - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership	Buffalo Bend - Hidalgo Greenway Project	Federal
\$650,000	Valero Energy Foundation	Hartman Park Improvement Project	Corporate
\$210,000	Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corporation	Clark Park Urban Garden and Food Forest	Private
\$100,000	U.S. Soccer Foundation and Dynamo Charities	F.M. Law Mini Pitch Project	Private
\$80,000	National Recreation and Park Association	Parks as Community Nutrition Hubs at Clark Park	Private
TOTAL (amount plus match)			
\$4,540,000			

2021

Amount	Funding Source	Project Name	Type
\$200,000	U.S. Soccer Foundation and Dynamo Charities	Soccer Mini-Pitches at Cloverland Park	Private
\$164,320	MD Anderson Cancer Center	Be Well Acres Home at Lincoln Park	Private
\$100,000	Travis Scott x Nike x City of Houston	Sunnyside Park Basketball Improvement Project	Private
\$50,000	Motorola	Crestmont Park Improvement Project	Private
TOTAL			
\$514,320			

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2022



Moody Park
Gymnasium

Amount	Funding Source	Project Name	Type
\$9,500,000	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Tidwell Park Aquatic Facility	Federal
\$1,500,000	Astros Foundation	Commons at Hermann Park	Private
\$622,500	Center Point Energy	Sunnyside Park Football Field Lighting	Private
\$550,000	Kinder Foundation	University Village Park	Private
\$200,000	U.S. Soccer Foundation and Dynamo Charities	Soccer Mini-Pitches at Freeway Manor and Forum Parks	Private
\$100,000	Memorial Hermann and the Rockets	NBA Legacy Project at Moody Park	Private
\$75,300	Galveston Bay Estuary Program - FY2022 NRU Project Proposal	Sylvan Rodriguez Habitat Restoration Project	State
\$55,000	Galveston Bay Estuary Program - FY2022 WSQ Project Proposal	Townwood Park Green Stormwater Infrastructure	State
\$33,000	Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Association	Exercise Station at Clark Park	Private
\$10,000	MOTIVA	Benches for Sunnyside Park	Private
TOTAL			
\$12,395,800			

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2023

Amount	Funding Source	Project Name	Type
\$5,000,000	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Keith-Wiess Park Improvement Project	State
\$1,000,000	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Selena Quintanilla Park Improvement Project	State
\$898,000 (Match \$898,000)	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Urban Outdoor Recreation Program	Sunset Heights Improvement Project	State
\$750,000	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Tidwell Park Aquatic Facility (Design)	State
\$250,000	Braxton Davies Reed Charitable Foundation	TC Jester Park Playground	Private
\$50,000	Galveston Bay Estuary Program - FY2023 NRU Project Proposal	Blackhawk Park Habitat Restoration Project	State
TOTAL (amount plus match)			
\$8,846,000			



TOTAL GRANTS AND LEGISLATIVE EARMARKS SINCE 2016
\$42,073,926



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