## Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

Active, passive, multigenerational and diverse. Premier recreation is our goal.

- Plan Overview
- Public Hearing
- 1st Reading





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City of Sugar Land 2018 PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

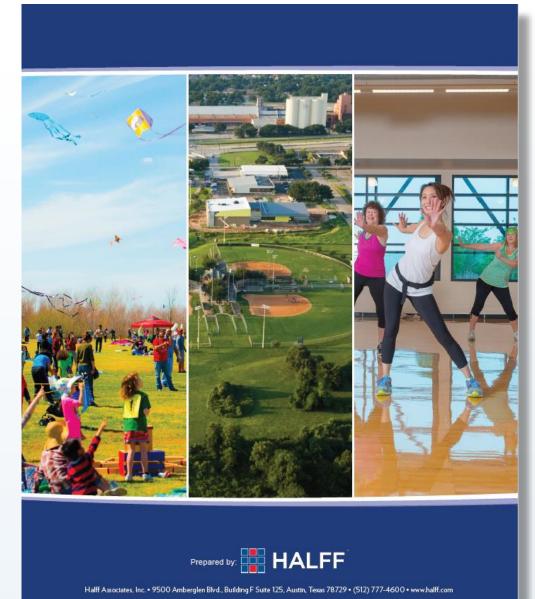




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## **Plan Overview**

- **Comprehensive Plan One of eight** official master plans
- Approximately 95% of the projects in the 2005 plan update are complete, under design or construction or in the current CIP.
- FY16 CIP Project & Strategic Project
- Recommendations are based on the capacity of the City to fund implementation over five to ten years.





## **Plan Overview**

- Steering Committee PARCS Board
- City Council
  - Workshop 2/23/2016
  - Contract Award 3/15/2016
  - Workshop: Status Update 1/3/2017
  - FYI Updates 9/8/2017, 1/11/2018
  - Workshop 1/23/2018
- PARCS Board Recommendation 11/14/2017

P&Z Recommendation 1/9/2018







## **Citywide Goals**

The goals identified in this Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan (PROSMP) further implement the following citywide goals identified in the City's long-range Comprehensive Plan:

- Goal B: Beautiful Community
- Goal D: Environmentally Responsible Community
- Goal E: Destination Activity Centers
- Goal F: Great Neighborhoods
- Goal H: Outstanding Cultural Arts, Educational and Recreational **Opportunities**



# Public Engagement

- ✓ 7 Stakeholder Meetings
- ✓ 2 Open Houses / Public Forums
- ✓ 2 Online Town Halls
- ✓ ETC Citizen Survey
- ✓ 3 Quarterly HOA Presentations
- ✓ 3 Sugar Land Today Articles
- ✓ 3 District Town Hall Meetings
- ✓ 14 PARCS Board Meetings
- ✓ 4 P&Z Meetings
- ✓ 3 City Council Workshops

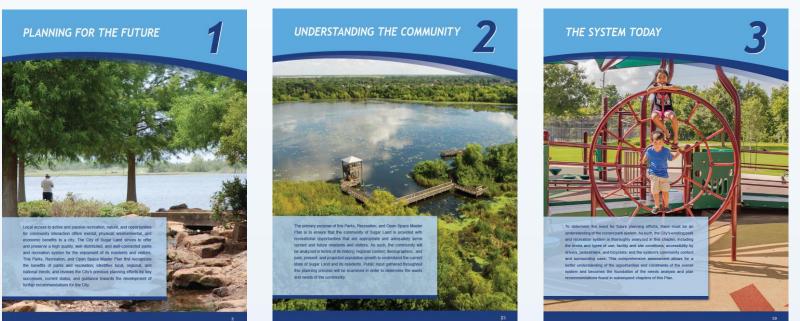


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## Master Plan

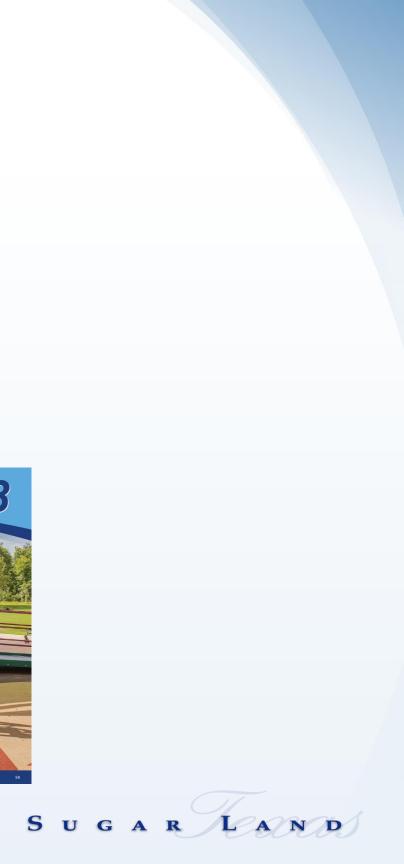
#### **Chapter 1: Planning for the Future:**

- Review of History and Demographic Data Chapter 2: Understanding the Community
  - Public Engagement
- **Chapter 3: The System Today** 
  - Inventory of Existing System



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## Master Plan

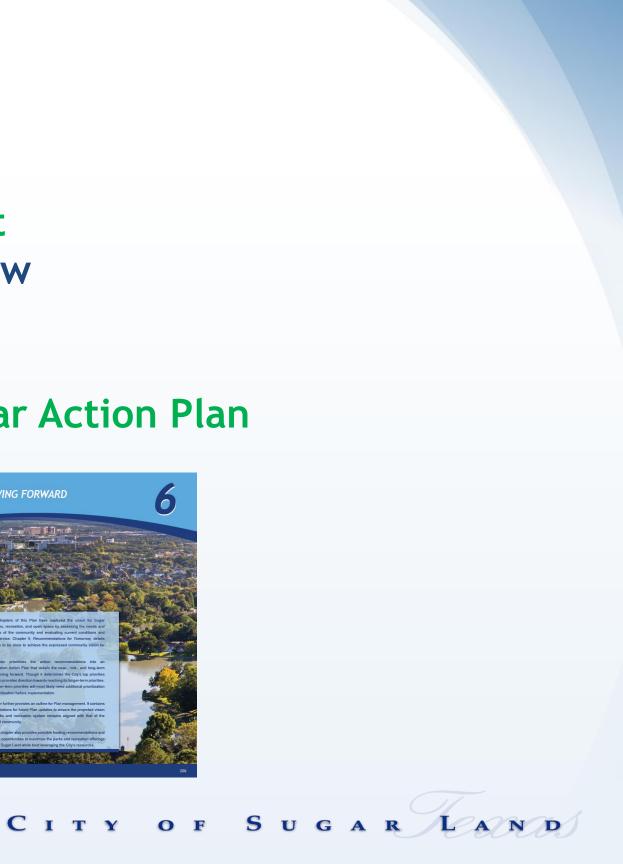
**Chapter 4: System Needs** 

- Data Analysis and Needs Assessment Chapter 5: Recommendations for Tomorrow
  - Determine Prioritization of Needs

Chapter 6: Moving Forward

Analysis of Expenditures and 10-year Action Plan





# **Plan Highlights**

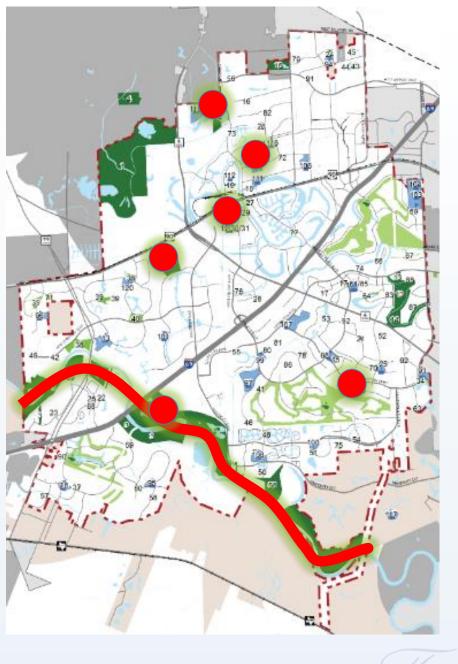
- Park Planning and Development
- Future Parkland Needs
- Recreation and programs
- **Events**
- Policies





Priority actions include securing funding and moving forward with planning and development of key undeveloped parkland:

- 65-acre Community Park Development
- Brazos River Park Continued
  Development
- Gannoway Lake Park Development
- City Park Renovation Master Plan
- Imperial Park Completion
- First Colony Park Renovations
- Brazos River Park Corridor Plan Update





#### 65-Acre Community Park - Master Plan & Implementation



#### Brazos River Park - Cont. Development



### Gannoway Lake Park -Development



#### Brazos River Park - Master Plan Update

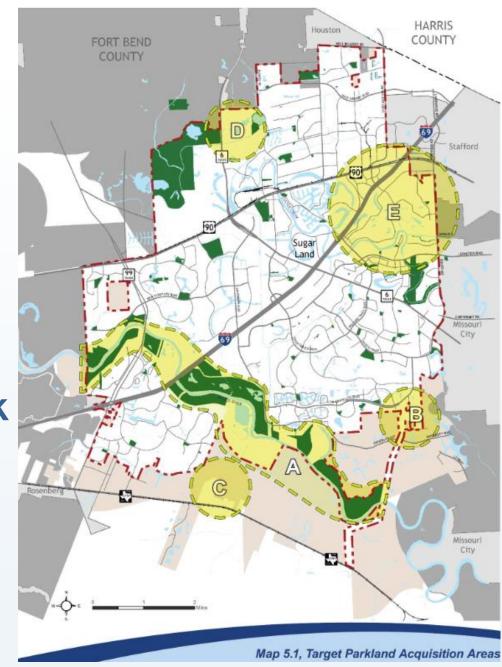


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**Future Parkland Needs:** 

- Brazos River Corridor
- Gannoway Lake Parkland Expansion
- Neighborhood parkland in Sugar Creek
- **Property Southeast/Riverstone**





## **Policy Issues:**

- Impact of demographics trends
- Athletic facilities use
- Public/Private dynamic
- Cullinan Park funding
- Parkland Dedication

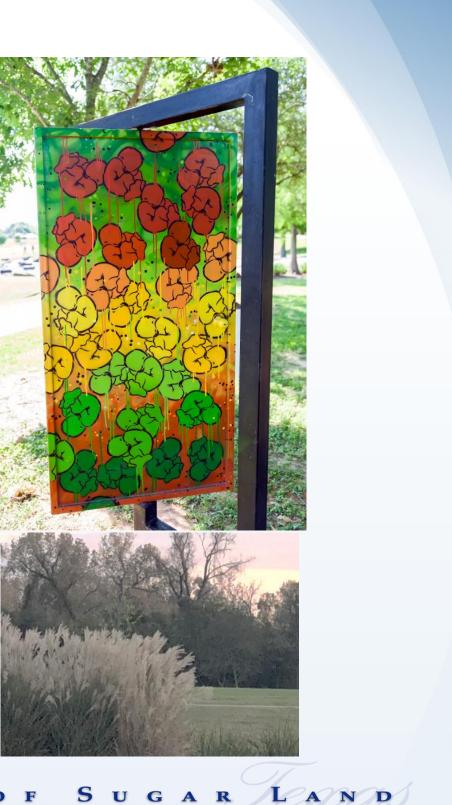






### **Best Practices:**

- Beautification and naturalization to reduce long-term maintenance burden
- Increase public art in the parks system
- Increase communication and sharing of resources with ISDs and HOAs
- Provide increased food truck access in parks and at events



**Best Practices Continued:** 

•Implement a recycling program in the parks and during events

 Develop environmentally compatible park design and equipment guidelines

 Partner with local advocates/volunteers to enhance habitat and sustainability







# Implementation

- Consider creative funding mechanism for Parks projects, programs and events
- Evaluate feasibility of retrofitting existing under-utilized sports fields
- Work with youth sports leagues to reevaluate partnership responsibilities



# Implementation

- Create a Strategic Work Plan to improve Seniors Program
  - Review/revise minimum age and residency requirements for T.E.Harman Center
  - Expand Seniors program offerings
- Create a Strategic Work Plan to pursue Public/Private Partnerships in Parks facilities, programs and events







# **Next Steps**

- Tonight
  - Public Hearing
  - First Reading
- Anticipated adoption February 20, 2018



# **Public Hearing**





## **Questions?**

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