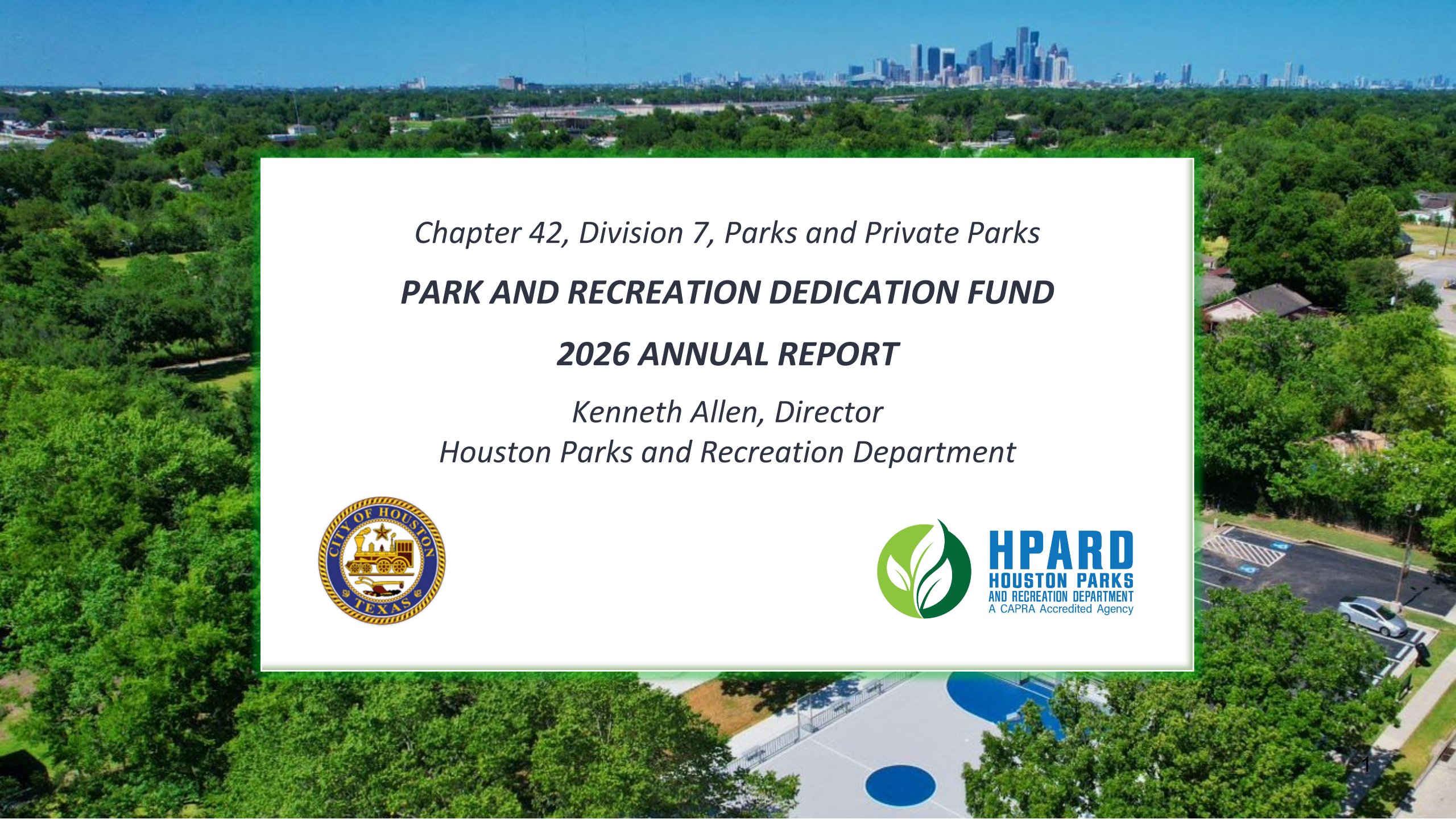


Chapter 42, Division 7, Parks and Private Parks

PARK AND RECREATION DEDICATION FUND

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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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, balanced, and provides engaging recreation programming for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic levels.

Chapter 42 Amendment ORD. 2026-0623 Recap

May 28, 2026 - Amendments to Chapter 42, Division 7, Parks and Private Parks Ordinance approved by Planning Commission

July 15, 2026 - City Council adopted Chapter 42, Division 7 Amendments (Ord. 2026-0623)

LGC 212 (Local Gov Code)

Territory designation added: "Suburban," "Urban," or "Central Business District"

Re-Affirmed Low Fee option ($700 since 2007)

Multi Family Updates:

- **Fee only; no land dedication option**
- **Fee collected at issuance of Certificate of Occupancy**
- **Appeal process added**

PARK DEDICATION FUND

30% of fees collected may be used across park sectors
5 years to obligate funds
10% soft cost allowance

Taxable Land Value

TAX YEAR	HCAD Land Appraisal	Percent Change per Acre
2007		
2008	$148,335,189,371	
2009	$148,834,021,368	
2010	$141,687,910,797	
2011	$143,902,161,597	-2.8%
2012	$150,579,653,271	6.9%
2013	$166,165,715,766	10.9%
2014	$185,733,039,913	11.2%
2015	$202,303,132,524	9.3%
2016*	$218,935,244,716	-71.4%
2017	$225,672,832,471	300.2%
2018	$227,665,161,550	-1.9%
2019	$242,050,332,991	6.5%
2020	$255,941,383,031	5.7%
2021	$260,316,301,186	1.7%
2022	$282,469,206,543	8.7%
2023	$312,664,780,740	10.9%
2024	$317,962,555,243	1.8%
2025	$324,838,431,739	2.5%
2026**	$306,605,423,359	0.5%

*HCAD reported 2016 acreage value inconsistent with the rest of the years
**HCAD Land Appraisal Value as of Initial Roll (not final)

Annual Park Sector Revenue Collections & Expenditures

(By Fiscal Year)

- **$104.3M Total Revenue**
- **$44.5M Spent**
  (16-year span)
- **$59.9M Remaining**

PARK AND RECREATION DEDICATION FUND Revenue Collected & Spent Each Year		
Fiscal Year	Revenue	Spent
2008	$ 12,600	$ -
2009	$ 301,700	$ -
2010	$ 951,650	$ -
2011	$ 776,300	$ 203,890
2012	$ 4,964,057	$ 624,776
2013	$ 4,586,536	$ 1,174,366
2014	$ 5,921,303	$ 1,074,544
2015	$ 8,897,111	$ 3,798,659
2016	$ 7,299,950	$ 5,688,644
2017	$ 4,451,623	$ 4,456,064
2018	$ 6,743,234	$ 3,095,674
2019	$ 6,657,759	$ 4,483,238
2020	$ 7,259,620	$ 948,575
2021	$ 7,897,771	$ 2,568,864
2022	$ 10,400,683	$ 8,465,877
2023	$ 7,956,689	$ 1,779,663
2024	$ 6,504,318	$ 1,629,950
2025	$ 6,748,293	$ 1,757,714
2026	$ 6,044,809	$ 2,733,618
Grand Total	**104,376,006**	**44,484,114**

SECTOR UTILIZATION

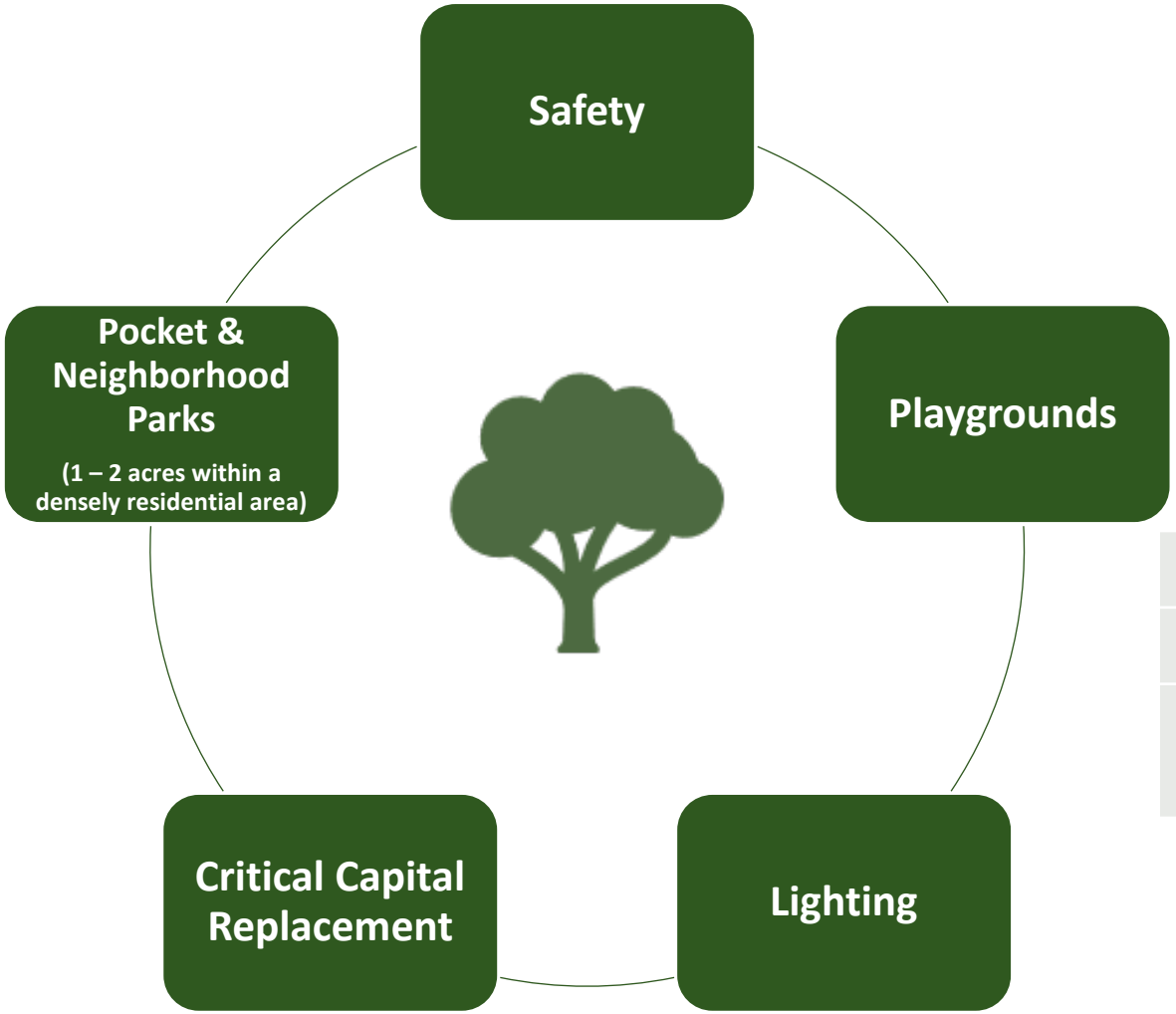
Total Funds by Park Sector

(Spent, Obligated & Not Obligated through FY26)

- **Of the $59.9M Remaining**
- **$42.5M Obligated**
- **17.4M Not Obligated**

Park Sector	# of Parks	TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	SPENT	OBLIGATED	NOT OBLIGATED
1	29	$7,819,733	$2,686,536	$2,208,190	$2,925,007
2	12	$1,193,592	$171,545	$770,057	$251,990
3	7	$1,718,917	$31,980	$1,600,000	$86,937
4	34	$2,007,796	$253,027	$1,449,100	$305,669
5	4	$116,291	$6,077	$88,990	$21,224
6	11	$778,400	$471,605	$206,227	$100,568
7	32	$8,152,886	$2,507,309	$5,041,928	$603,649
8	29	$5,398,665	$2,877,499	$2,217,874	$303,292
9	17	$7,475,579	$6,110,753	$1,364,288	$538
10	11	$5,984,813	$1,159,824	$3,075,000	$1,749,989
11	38	$4,359,554	$2,736,230	$1,140,000	$483,324
12	21	$11,160,131	$4,396,147	$5,842,123	$921,861
13	15	$5,626,325	$1,699,188	$2,086,000	$1,841,137
14	49	$22,163,684	$10,278,876	$8,172,182	$3,712,626
15	20	$3,660,322	$842,774	$2,158,000	$659,548
16	16	$1,136,250	$499,437	$600,000	$36,813
17	19	$2,349,893	$902,170	$1,200,000	$247,723
18	11	$7,545,706	$5,505,208	$1,500,000	$540,498
19	1	$3,492,398	$621,414	$1,034,256	$1,836,728
20	1	$548,800	$477	$338,100	$210,223
21	3	$1,686,271	$726,037	$386,000	$574,234
Total	**380**	**$104,376,006**	**$44,484,114**	**$42,478,315**	**$17,413,578**

Five-Year Forecast – Unallocated Funds ($17.4M)



30% of the unallocated balance of $17.4M will be redistributed to critical needs citywide (Ch.42 Amendment Ord 2026-0623)

30%	70%
$5.22M	$12.19M
Critical Needs Unfunded Sectors	Critical Needs in Sector that Generated Funds

Key Metrics & Impacts *Projects completed or in progress*

114 Playground updates

44 Lighting projects

26 Tennis Courts improved

40 Park Trail projects



17 Sports Fields revitalized

8 Sprayground projects

9 Pavilions renovated

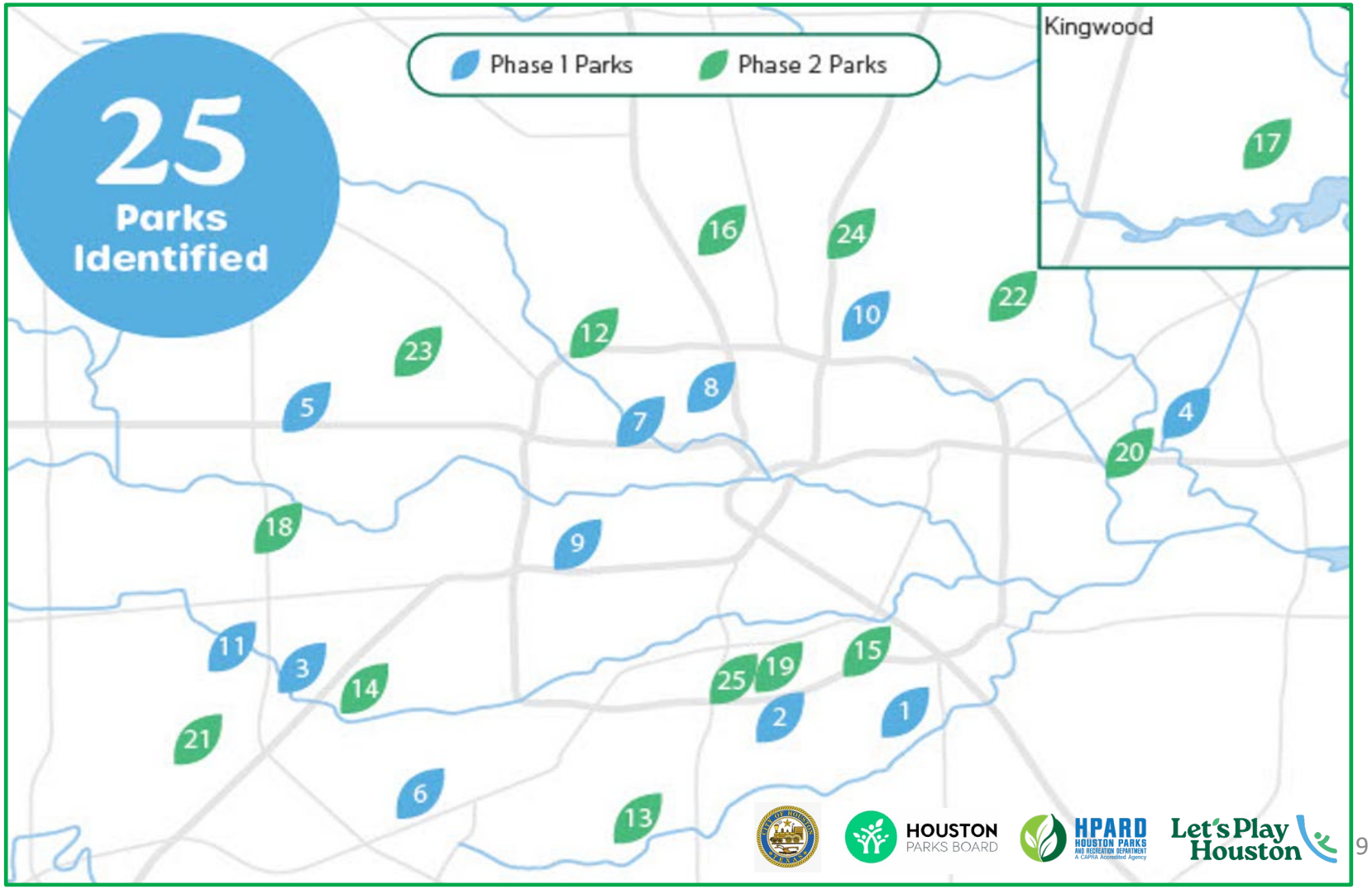
2 Dog Parks & **1** Dog Run

Let's Play Houston

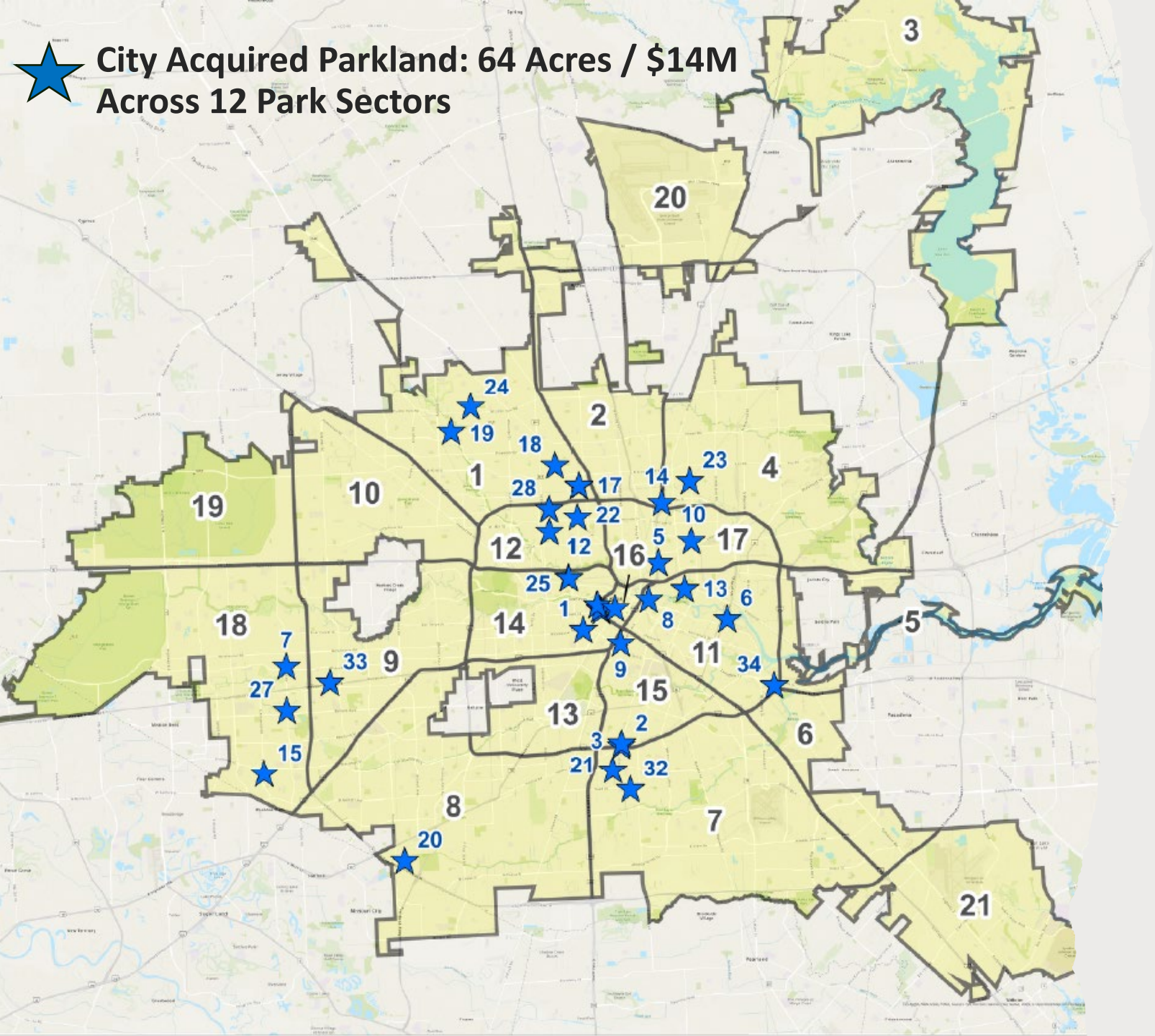
Neighborhood Park Revitalization Initiative targeting 25 parks
Total Investment projected to be $60M (Public/Private partnership)
Park Dedication Funds: $8.525M | State Funds: $8M | Bond Funds: $2.5M

Mayor John Whitmire's Let's Play Houston Initiative

	PARK NAME
1	Andover Park
2	Bricker Park
3	E.L. Crain Park
4	Greenwood Park
5	Haden Park
6	Haviland Park
7	Lawrence Park
8	Montie Beach Park
9	Pumpkin Park
10	Trinity Gardens Park
11	6640 Wilcrest Greenspace
12	American Legion Park
13	Beulah Maxie Park
14	Bonham Park
15	Brookline Park
16	Clark Park
17	Dylan Duncan Memorial Skate Park
18	Francklow Park
19	George T. Nelson Park
20	J.P. White Park
21	Kirkwood Park
22	Lakewood Park
23	Schwartz Park
24	Warren Park
25	Zollie Scales Park



City Acquired Parkland: 64 Acres / $14M Across 12 Park Sectors



MAP ID	Park Sector 1	Total Acres
17	McCullough Park Expansion (2)	1.67
18	Norview Greenspace	1.67
19	Oakbrook Greenspace	6.36
24	Sylvester Turner Park	0.11
	Park Sector 2	
14	Kelley Facility	1.43
	Park Sector 4	
23	Trinity Gardens Park	0.45
	Park Sector 7	
21	Sunnyside Park	0.32
32	Wilmington (Sunnyside) Greenspace	1.47
	Park Sector 8	
20	South Main Estates	34.04
	Park Sector 9	
33	Woodchase Park	1.76
	Park Sector 11	
8	Downtown Gateway @ Guadalupe Plaza	0.71
13	Japhet Creek	0.54
6	Buffalo Bend Hidalgo	0.32
34	Woodruff Park Expansion	0.2
	Park Sector 12	
12	Herkimer Park	0.4
22	East Sunset Heights Park	0.88
28	West 26th Street Greenspace	0.55
	Park Sector 14	
1	Avondale Promenade	0.23
4	Bethel Church Historical Site	0.47
11	Heiner Street Greenspace	0.18
25	Wagner Park (2)	0.83
29	West Dallas Greenspace (3)	1.12
	Park Sector 15	
2	Beech White Park (2)	1.02
9	Emancipation Park	0.51
	Park Sector 17	
5	Brewster Park Expansion	0.26
10	Evella Park	0.23
	Park Sector 18	
7	Camden Park (Wilcrest)	3.39
15	Kirkwood Greenspace	1.44
27	Wilcrest/Waloon Greenspace	1.46

2026 Annual Report Summary

Total Fees Collected (Since 2007)

- $104 million

380 City of Houston Parks in 21 Park Sectors

- 199 Parks impacted / 52% of parks to benefit from fund
- 290 Park projects

Funding Re-Cap

- Spent - $44.4M
- Obligated - $42.4M
- Balance for Future Projects (5-year forecast) - $17.4M

114 Acres of New Park Land

- 64 acres added by City
- 50 acres added by Developers

Final Recommendation

Fee in Lieu Adjustment:

Fee has not been adjusted since adoption of Ordinance in 2007

Public Hearing is set for Nov. 12, 2026, to increase the Fee in Lieu from $700 to $900

The Fee adjustment is in response to increases in appraised land values and is well below the allowable amount under State law.

Questions







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