PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Simple Facts

- Over the next 7 years, Bayou Greenways 2020 will unite nine bayous that flow through the city with parks and trails.
- The idea to unite the bayous with parkland and trails is a 100-year-old idea.
- The total cost to complete Bayou Greenways 2020 within the city limits is $215 MM.
- The $215 MM will add about 1,500 additional acres of greenspace and create 150 miles of connected, continuous, safe, off-street trails.
- 6 out of 10 Houstonians will live within a mile and half of one of the bayou trails.

Projects

- 6 out of the 9 bayous that flow through the city will see construction or land acquisition in 2014 (White Oak, Brays, Sims, Hunting, Halls, and Greens).
- October 2013 marked construction start and the first of five segments to begin along White Oak Bayou. Other projects will be announced in the coming months and will be updated at www.bayougreenways.org.

Implementation:

- The private community will match the bond dollars – dollar for dollar. To date, the Houston Parks Board (HPB) has already matched almost $20MM through private fundraising efforts.
- Multiple organizations, not just HPB, will contribute to this effort to ensure the continuous parks and trails are complete by 2020.
- Houston Parks Board will manage the design and construction of various bayou segments over the project lifespan.
- A plan for maintenance and operations is being developed by HPB, the City, and a team of knowledgeable consultants to ensure this system of parks is protected for the long-term.
- How the dollars are spent will be available on www.bayougreenways.org.

Benefits

- $70 million each year in projected City-wide annual benefits: (1) $10 million in economic health benefits (enhanced property values and company talent relocation and retention); (2) $10 million in environmental health benefits (flood/runoff reduction and enhanced water quality); (3) $50 million in physical and mental health benefits (recreation use value)