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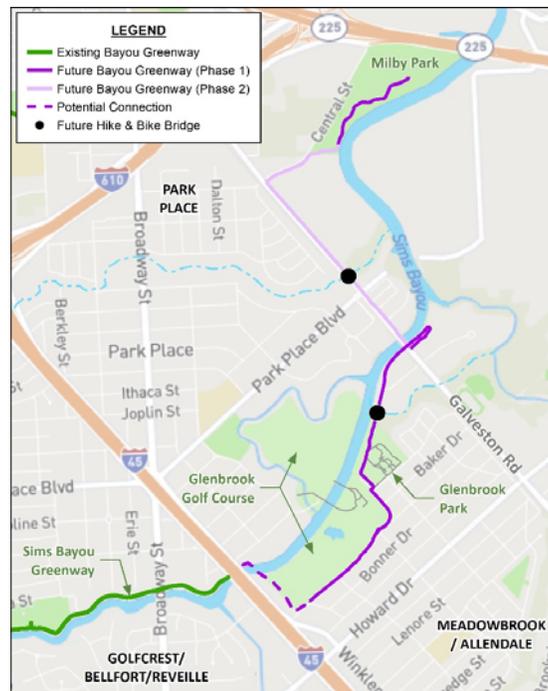
New Greenway Coming Soon to Sims Bayou

Landscaping, trails planned between Deeda Drive and Old Galveston Road and within Milby Park

HOUSTON, TX – January 27, 2017 – As part of the Bayou Greenways 2020 project, construction of a greenway and trail along and near the bayou from Old Galveston Road to Deeda Drive will soon be underway and is anticipated to take about a year. This segment of Sims Bayou Greenway will give the public unprecedented access to greenspace along the bayou and 1.3 miles of new hike-and-bike trails.

Also on this timeline for construction is a new trail further east along Sims Bayou within Milby Park, which will provide connections to the futsal court and two parking lots.

In addition to the trail, amenities along the greenway will include landscaping with native plants, benches, trash cans and recycling bins. Houston Parks Board will be responsible for maintenance of the completed greenway.



As part of the second phase of the project, a 1.2-mile trail segment between Milby Park and Old Galveston Road is currently being designed and is scheduled to begin construction approximately a year from now.

This latest project is just one part of Sims Bayou Greenway, which will stretch nearly 20 miles from Milby Park to Hillcroft Avenue when completed. The trails will offer walkers and bikers new connections to neighborhood parks, schools and community centers and opportunities for recreation along the bayou.

Sims Bayou is just one of nine bayous being transformed through Bayou Greenways 2020. A public-private partnership between the nonprofit Houston Parks Board, the City of Houston and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, the ambitious parks project aims to connect people, places and greenspaces by creating a 150-mile network of parks and trails along Houston's major waterways. Bayou Greenways 2020 is being implemented in close collaboration with the Harris County Flood Control District, which manages the county's bayous and creeks for drainage and flood risk reduction.

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A nonprofit 501(c)(3) dedicated to providing access to quality parks and greenspace for all people, **Houston Parks Board** creates, improves, protects and advocates for parkland in the Greater Houston region. Since 1976, the organization has utilized public-private partnerships and its extensive philanthropic, government and community relationships to improve parks large and small. Houston Parks Board is currently leading the transformational \$220 million Bayou Greenways 2020 project to create a 150-mile network of connected parks and trails along Houston's major waterways. For more information, visit www.houstonparksboard.org.

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 public, accessible greenspace, Bayou Greenways 2020 will create 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, reducing flooding and stimulating economic development in Houston.

In 2012, thanks in part to the "Parks By You!" campaign, Houston voters overwhelmingly approved a bond proposal that set aside \$100 million for Bayou Greenways 2020. Houston Parks Board is raising a matching \$120 million and managing acquisition, design and construction of the Bayou Greenways.