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WE BELIEVE IN PARKS FOR EVERYONE



HOUSTON PARKS BOARD IS TRANSFORMING HOUSTON WITH THE HELP OF PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU.

Since its inception 42 years ago, the Houston Parks Board has worked in close partnership with the City of Houston to build a strong, resilient, and vibrant region by investing in long-term solutions to some of the most persistent challenges facing our communities. We believe initiatives like Bayou Greenways 2020, our Neighborhood Partnership Program, and our planning framework Beyond the Bayous are substantial down payments on improving the quality of life for people in our region, defining our organization and driving our work focused on equity, accessibility, conservation, and advocacy.

Working together in 2017, our region braced for and responded to one of the most devastating natural disasters in recent history. One year later, the continuing impacts of Hurricane Harvey and our region’s approach to flood resilience remains top-of-mind for all Houstonians. On August 25, 2018 Harris County voters said yes to Proposition A to fund up to \$2.5 billion in flood mitigation projects. Passage of this bond allows the County to leverage substantial federal matching funds over the next ten years, supporting projects that improve infrastructure and address flooding vulnerability. As part of this effort, the Houston Parks Board is redoubling its commitment to provide specialized land planning and greenspace development expertise that is critical to Houston. These skills, acquired through years of building and improving parks and leading initiatives like Bayou Greenways 2020, position Houston Parks Board to continue its key role in city and regional land planning and greenspace preservation and public use.

We believe passionately in elevating the hard work of our partners and supporters, and we recognize that our strength is, and always will be, people. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department, as our principal public partner, plays a vital role in managing and protecting Houston’s many parks, and together we pursue excellence in every task we jointly undertake. Along with the Harris County Flood Control District, our city’s prominent park conservancies, and the elected leaders of the City of Houston and Harris County, we all work effectively across geographic, socio-economic, and governmental boundaries and actively bridge these borders.

Importantly, everything we do, each success and milestone achieved, is accomplished in large part due to your generosity and support. Through continued collaboration, and sustained and emboldened by our loyal philanthropic partners, the Houston Parks Board’s defining role is to continue to create, improve, protect, and advocate for parks for everyone.

Thank you for making the Houston Parks Board an effective catalyst for meaningful change and transformation for all Houstonians.

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Chairman

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President and CEO

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VISION

THRIVING PARKS AND COMMUNITIES

FOR EVERYONE FOREVER.

MISSION

HOUSTON PARKS BOARD CREATES,

IMPROVES, PROTECTS, AND ADVOCATES

FOR PARKS FOR EVERYONE.



As Bayou Greenways moves headlong toward its 2020 completion, Houston Parks Board has given concerted thought to its future work and its ongoing role in shaping Houston. This year we completed a board-led strategic planning process, and as part of this effort, we discussed and crafted a new vision statement and an amended mission statement, each of which shepherds the organization into our next decade of greenspace activation, acquisition, conservation, maintenance and advocacy.

The vision for Houston Parks Board pivots on the idea that thriving communities have thriving parks and greenspace, and that we should be resolute in ensuring that this vision is pursued for all communities — for everyone.

Thriving parks are safe, well maintained, and high-quality in their beauty and amenities. They are places for community and family celebration, and they are well used and fully adopted by the community.

Thriving communities are those where parks contribute meaningfully to the physical and mental health of people in the surrounding communities, to the neighborhood's function and safety, to a sense of shared experience and stewardship, and to good quality of life.

Our parks and greenspaces are democratic places, and they should be equitably distributed, accessible, and for everyone, regardless of background or circumstance. They are locations to gather as one community, one society, and to celebrate our commonalities and our extraordinary cultural diversity.

Through a passion for collaborative impact, Houston Parks Board is committed to this vision and mission, working with our partners and community members, to create, improve, protect and advocate for great parks, Bayou Greenways and greenspace for everyone, forever.

ENDURANCE



In the Aftermath of Harvey: The Resilience of Bayou Greenways and of Houston

Major Hurricanes Carla (1961), Alicia (1983) and more recently Ike (2008) dealt catastrophic blows to Houston, yet none will loom as large as Hurricane Harvey in our collective memory. Over a four-day period, more than 50 inches of rainfall submerged much of the Houston metropolitan area. Where normally floods are classified as 100- or 500-year events, Harvey precipitated a 5,000- to 20,000-year flood event for the majority of Harris County. During that time, the Harris County Flood Control District reported that nearly 70% of land (1,300 sq. mi.) across Harris County was covered with water, flooding 165,000 residential structures and 600,000 vehicles.

Inherently, Houston's Bayou Greenways system was at the epicenter of Harvey-borne flooding. While many sections of trail were inundated, including more than 20 feet of floodwater on both White Oak and Buffalo Bayous, the Bayou Greenway system suffered no structural or trail failures. Our careful design, engineering and construction held up well.

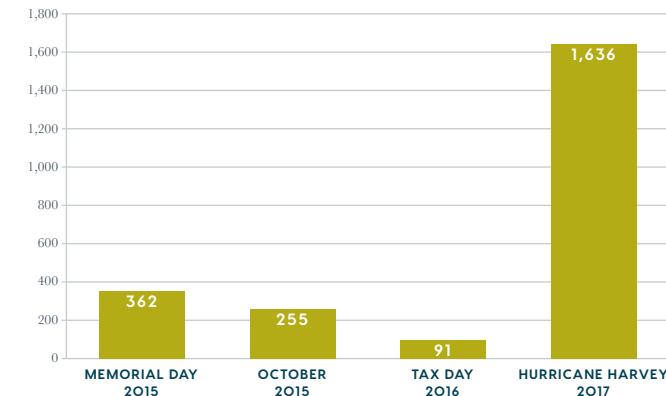
Yet the cleanup effort was extraordinary, with unprecedented amounts of silt and flood debris to remove from the greenways. For the first time since the Houston Parks Board's conservation and maintenance program began, a single storm event caused flooding on all of the five Bayou Greenways we currently maintain. In addition to cleaning those greenways, the Houston Parks Board was asked by the City of Houston and Harris County to clean and repair portions of Buffalo Bayou, downtown, and Keegans Bayou. Across the system, contractors removed over 1,600 dump truck loads of silt and debris at a cost of nearly \$1.3 million.

The work of our conservation and maintenance team keeps the greenways beautiful, accessible, safe and functional. The greenways themselves continue to serve a critical contribution to flood resilience by absorbing some of the rainwaters that will continue to challenge our region.

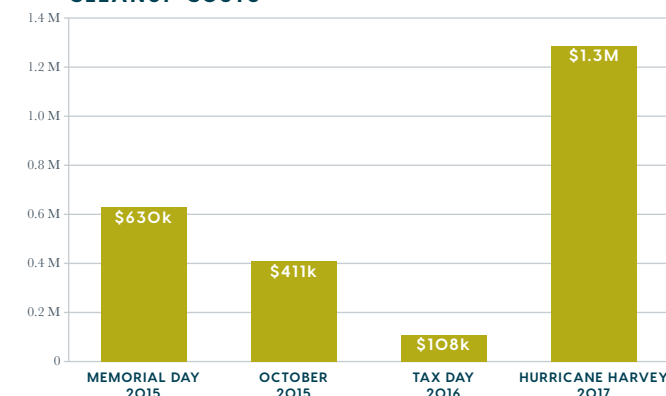
But our efforts are only a part of the story. The community response to Harvey—Houstonians' natural inclination to reach out and help our neighbors—is now internationally legendary. As the storm's deluge subsided, before the sun had reappeared, our team saw community volunteers along the bayous. Volunteers gathered trash and debris of their own accord, cleaning the greenways, eager to regain the restorative qualities of our greenspaces.



TRUCKLOADS OF DEBRIS AND SILT REMOVED



CLEANUP COSTS



People and Parks Hurricane Relief Fund

Houston's parks and greenspaces did a world of good during the worst storm on record, absorbing rain and diverting waters to our bayous. In the wake of the resulting devastation from Hurricane Harvey, the Houston Parks Board established a fund for affected employees of our primary public partner, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD). The fund supported our partner colleagues and their families to address immediate and short-term needs such as food, school clothes, medicine and more. Over \$95,000 in donations were directly, speedily, and responsibly distributed to hard-working City of Houston employees who took care of our green spaces before and directly after the storm, and continue the ongoing clean-up and restoration as Houston moves closer to recovery today. The direct role that parks and green space play in flood resilience is an important part of the post-Harvey conversation and the improvements to Houston's resilience is a direct outcome of the investment in parks and the people who work to create, maintain, and preserve them.

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

BAYOU GREENWAYS 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

2017

AUGUST 16

SEPTEMBER 15

NOVEMBER 4

2018

JANUARY 25



Broke ground on new segment of Halls Bayou Greenway

Houston Parks Board celebrated the new segment of trail from Banting Street to Tidwell Road affectionately called “the ribbon through the woods” due to its curvilinear design.



Halls Bayou Greenway Construction Finish

Houston Parks Board finished construction on a new segment from Brock Park to Banting Street. One notable feature of this segment is the concrete boardwalk over wetlands within Brock Park.



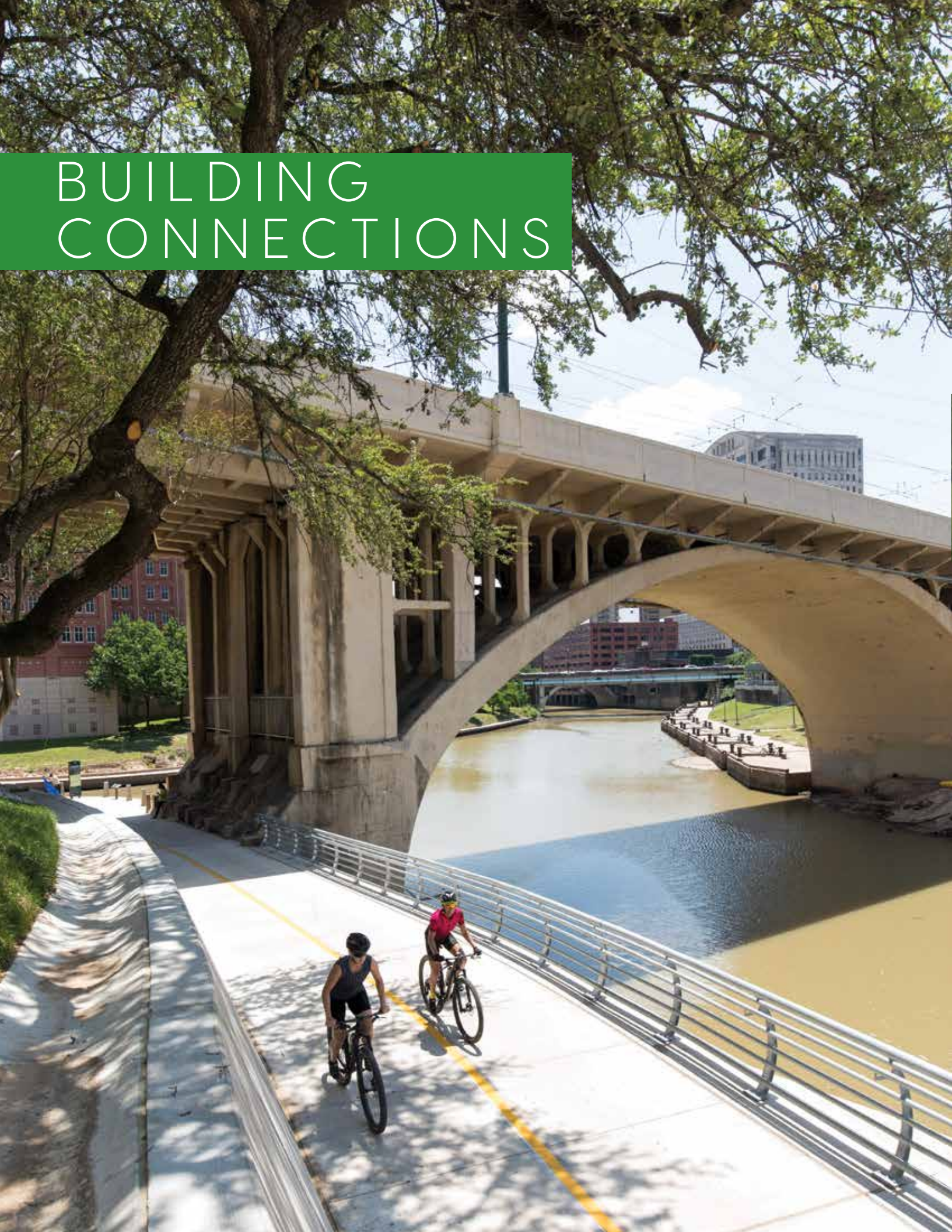
Wildflower Planting

100+ volunteers spread 1,175 lbs. of wildflower seeds over 140 acres including in parks along Brays, Sims, White Oak, and Halls Bayous.



Upper Greens Bayou Greenway Groundbreaking

Houston Parks Board; Houston Parks and Recreation Department Director Steve Wright; Harris County Precinct Four Commissioner Jack Cagle; Harris County Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis; Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee; Council Member Mike Knox, At-Large 1; Council Member Jack Christie, At-Large 5; and Vice Mayor Pro-Tem Council Member Jerry Davis; celebrated the groundbreaking of a new two-mile segment of Greens Bayou Greenway. The new bayou greenway from Greens Parkway to just shy of I-45 includes plans for a new hike and bike bridge connecting the north and south sides of the bayou that will connect to the North Houston Skate Park, and the future North Houston Bike Park.





Sims Bayou Greenway Groundbreaking

Houston Parks Board, Houston Parks and Recreation Department, and District K celebrated the construction start of a new 2.6 mile segment of bayou greenway from Heatherbrook Drive to Buffalo Speedway. This trail provides connections into neighborhoods from the Sims Bayou Greenway and gateways along Buxley Street into Grissom Elementary School, Audrey H. Lawson Middle School, and a linear park connection at Montgomery Elementary School.



White Oak to Buffalo Bayou Trail Connector Ribbon Cutting (TIGER 3)

Mayor Sylvester Turner; Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee; Council Member Karla Cisneros; Council Member David Robinson, At-Large 2; Houston Parks and Recreation Department Director Steve Wright; Texas Department of Transportation District Engineer Quincy Allen; Harris County Flood Control District Director of Operations Matt Zeve; Houston Parks Board President and CEO Beth White; Buffalo Bayou Partnership Board Member Jeff Taylor; and University of Houston Downtown President Dr. Juan Muñoz spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of this critical connector in downtown Houston and the completion of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) projects funded in Houston.



Lower Greens Bayou Greenway Construction Start

Houston Parks Board broke ground on a new 1.3 mile bayou greenway segment from Strickland Park to Maxey Park. Improvements to Strickland Park include a kayak launch and a unique bobcat-themed gateway at the trail entrance to the park.



Bayou Greenways by the Numbers



GRAFFITI SITES abated



TRUCKLOADS of silt and debris removed after Hurricane Harvey



MILES of trail maintained



ACRES of wildflowers planted



MILLION spent on Hurricane Harvey cleanup



ACRES of greenspace maintained



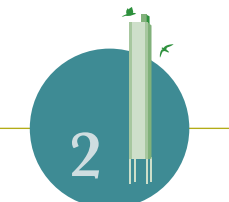
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES rehabilitated



MILLION trail replacement project design completed



TRUCKLOADS of litter and debris, unrelated to flooding, removed from greenways



CHIMNEY SWIFT TOWERS installed



SINKHOLE AND BANK STABILIZATION PROJECTS completed

PARTICIPATED IN 6 LOCAL INITIATIVES

- Mayor Turner's Complete Communities Initiative
- Make I-45 Better Coalition
- Commissioner Ellis's Precinct One Park Smart Plan with Trust for Public Land
- Harris County Flood Control District's Bond Program
- City of Houston Planning Department's Southeast Mobility Study
- City of Houston Bicycle Advisory Committee

INTRODUCED 8,600 PEOPLE THROUGH ALL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- 500 reached through outreach meetings
- 4,500 reached through Houston Parks Board events
- 3,600 reached through partner events, community events, conferences and panels

LED OVER 100 OUTREACH MEETINGS

which included community members, key stakeholders, elected officials and other interest groups.

COMMUNITY ACTIVATION

NEO
AREA



Bayou Greenway Day 2018

The Houston Parks Board celebrated its fourth annual Bayou Greenway Day on March 24 along Halls Bayou Greenway in northeast Houston's beautiful Tidwell Park. More than four thousand people attended, creating our largest community gathering to date.

The event, presented by Noble Energy, featured football clinics with the Houston Texans, soccer drills with the Houston Dynamo, and a crowd-pleasing performance by the award-winning, local band ThunderSOUL Orchestra. Combined with a fun-run and Easter Egg hunt, attendees kept busy with activities provided by the Houston Zoo, Nature & Eclectic Outdoors, Bike Houston, Harris County

Precinct 1, Urban Harvest and many others. More than 40 partners including local schools, community groups and the Houston Police Department made the day a special celebration of Bayou Greenways and community parks and their power to bring people together.

One of the most ambitious parks projects in the country, Bayou Greenways 2020 is completing a 150-mile network of connected parks and trails along Houston's major waterways, including 11 miles along Halls Bayou in northeast Houston. The \$220 million project will connect people, places, and greenspace while enhancing air and water quality, preserving greenspace in flood-prone areas and stimulating economic development in Houston.

The initiative is a public-private partnership between the Houston Parks Board, the City of Houston and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and 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.



"Bayou Greenway Day is the perfect opportunity for members of the community to experience their remarkable parks and greenways across our city," said Chris Porter, event co-chair and board member of the Houston Parks Board.

"Bayou Greenways 2020 is actively transforming and connecting neighborhoods across Houston by creating new greenspaces for all to enjoy."

"Bayou Greenway Day is a festival that members of the community and I look forward to each year," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "It makes me proud to see Houstonians come together to celebrate the bayous and greenways that bring us together and make our city unique and special."



A Lasting Impact

As part of this year's Bayou Greenway Day, Houston Parks Board and Houston Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the NCAA Men's Basketball Committee and 2016 Houston Final Four Local Organizing Committee (LOC) to leave a lasting impact for the northeast Houston communities around our beautiful event venue, Tidwell Park. The combined partnership enabled a \$250,000 renovation of Tidwell Park Playground, including new equipment and play surface. Tony Chase, Chairman of the LOC recently commented that the newly renovated playground, which opened on Bayou Greenway Day, "will leave a long-lasting impression on the youth of the community and our groups are pleased to participate in such a great renovation project. We applaud the Bayou Greenways project and what it means to our community, now and in the future."

Beth White, Maria Hernandez, and Lisa Donahue



Louis Moore and Barry Blumenthal



Patti LeClear

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Burnett Bayland Park 6000 Chimney Rock Road, 77081

Maria Hernandez is an engaged community member, mother, volunteer, Zumba instructor, and park advocate. She is also a Gulfon Super Neighborhood Community Engineer, a member of the Connect Community's Health and Wellness Committee, and one of the founders of Las Madres del Parque, a group of local mothers spearheading the grassroots efforts to keep Burnett Bayland Park clean, safe, and beautiful.



Adjacent to the community center building, Burnett Bayland Park offers a playground, splash pad, a lighted sports field, 0.96-mile hike and bike trail, an outdoor basketball pavilion, and now thanks to Las Madres del Parque, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and the Houston Parks Board, a brand new butterfly garden. The park, which is also home to a skatepark, lots of trees and picnic areas, falls within the Gulfon Complete Community as identified by Mayor Sylvester Turner.

Complete Communities is focused on improving neighborhoods by improving access to quality services and amenities for all of Houston's residents and business owners. It's about working closely with the residents of communities that haven't reached their full potential, understanding their strengths and opportunities, and collaborating with partners across the city to strengthen them.

Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark 103 Sabine Street, 77007

The Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark is the first world-class, in-ground skatepark in the Houston region and has vaulted the city to the forefront of American venues for this fast-growing, dynamic sport. This past June, over a thousand skaters and community members gathered to celebrate a decade of skating and memorable moments at the beloved skatepark.



The Jamail Skatepark opened in 2008 as a state-of-the-art, 30,000-square-foot public facility containing one of the largest cradles in the nation. The project originated when P.U.S.H. (Public Use Skatepark Houston) made a request to the Houston Parks and Recreation Department for a skatepark in the city. The department soon after agreed upon the central, high-profile location along Buffalo Bayou, with the downtown Houston skyline as a backdrop, and Houston Parks Board partnered to raise private dollars to bring the park to fruition.

A generous lead donation from Joseph (Joe) Jamail solidified the skatepark, which is named after Joe and his wife Lee. The Houston Parks Board raised the remainder of the funds bringing the total to nearly \$3 million in support of the project. The Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark officially opened to the public in 2008 off the Sabine Street Bridge in Buffalo Bayou Park. Renovations were completed in 2018, which included new shade structures, terraced seating areas, additional skating surface, new lighting, fencing, repairs and sealing of the skating surface. The skatepark is owned and operated by the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department.

Lee LeClear Tennis and Learning Center (Braeburn Glen Park), 9506 S. Gessner, 77074

The Houston Parks Board is pleased to partner with Friends of the Lee LeClear Tennis Center, Inc. and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to renovate the Lee LeClear Tennis and Learning Center located in Council District J. Originally named the Southwest Tennis Center when it opened in 1973, the Center was renamed after Lee LeClear in 1995. With 26 courts, the Lee LeClear Tennis Center is the primary and largest public tennis facility in Houston. All major public statewide tennis tournaments and local tournaments are played at the Center and it serves multiple schools as well as the general public.



The late Houston tennis legend served as the manager and head tennis pro at the Center for 20 years and made a career of helping people love the game of tennis as much as he did. In 2012, Lee LeClear was inducted into the Texas Tennis Museum and Hall of Fame for his contributions to the game of tennis. His widow, Patti LeClear, is spearheading the fundraising efforts for the Center's renovation. Her goal is to make the Lee LeClear Tennis and Learning Center a safe place for youth, a center of physical health and education and an instrument for community development.

The renovation is taking place in three phases. Thanks to participation from the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and the Houston Tennis Association, phase one and two have been completed. These improvements included the replacement of the Center's old asphalt parking lot with a new, curbed, concrete parking lot, accessible ramps, signage, LED lighting, landscaping and entryway improvements. Also included, was the resurfacing of 26 courts, replacement of court lighting with new LED lights, new benches, new sidewalks and new bicycle racks.

The Friends of Lee LeClear Tennis Center are raising the \$5.1 million needed to complete phase three, the construction of a new Tennis and Learning Center building. The new building will house the Learning Center programs, meeting and event space for local communities, and office space for staff members that run programs and tournaments. The new center will also provide facility use for the Houston National Junior Tennis and Learning Program, which offers community programs in multiple Houston locations. The new facility will provide in-depth academic classes, tutoring and computer labs offered in conjunction with tennis classes.

Several recognition opportunities are available and more information on the Friends of Lee LeClear Tennis Center campaign can be found on the Houston Parks Board website, www.houstonparksboard.org, under "Projects."

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING



Beyond the Bayous

A resilient Houston region requires a comprehensive approach to land use that keeps people out of harm's way and organizes development within a supportive system of transit, parks and walkable communities. To accomplish the vision of walkable communities connected by greenways, attention needs to be given to our region's infrastructure. Through a generous Houston Endowment grant, Houston Parks Board continues to transform the Houston landscape through Beyond the Bayous, a framework to extend the same benefits into communities that are not near a bayou, as those attained through Bayou Greenways 2020.

Bayou Greenways 2020 (BG2020) is changing the way Houstonians live, work, play and travel. The linear park system along the bayous creates a network of equitable open space. With over 65 miles of trails underway and 3,000 acres of park space, it has dramatically improved neighborhood connectivity. Access to parks, natural areas, jobs, schools and transit is now safer and easier than ever.

The goals of Beyond the Bayous include providing equitable distribution of greenspace; an increase in access to parks and connectivity between parks, homes and jobs; and the preservation and enhancement of urban ecosystems. The strategy behind these objectives involve fostering collaboration, reinvestment in existing parks, and identifying opportunities that allow the expansion of the regional park network.

By looking at open space and connectivity comprehensively, Houston is reviving a great tradition of park systems woven into the fabric of the city. Beyond the Bayous proposes new regional connectors based on an analysis of open space needs and desire to equitably offer safe bike and pedestrian travel, the development of new hub parks that offer an immersive nature experience, creating an interconnected system of neighborhood networks where significant open space gaps have been identified and improving the quality of existing parks.

There is incredible potential for these efforts to help nurture more "complete" and healthy communities for all Houstonians. Houston Parks Board will begin implementing next steps by focusing on Mayor Sylvester Turner's Complete Communities. Mayor Turner's strategy aims to empower underserved Houston neighborhoods comprehensively.

With the goals of equity, connectivity, and ecology in mind, Beyond the Bayous provides the vision and framework for a park-centered future for Houston.

Mayor Sylvester Turner reminded Houston in his State of the City address this year to "face its challenges head on" by "[creating] more complete neighborhoods with access to quality affordable homes, jobs, well-maintained parks and green space and improved streets and sidewalks. ... We can't forget about our local, neighborhood parks and how much they mean to people who live in local communities."

Complete Communities

Mayor Sylvester Turner's Complete Communities Initiative is a pilot program to improve quality of life for people living in under-resourced neighborhoods, working in partnership with neighborhood residents. The efforts will revitalize neighborhoods through public works improvements, expansion of affordable housing and other community investments. The initiative's pilot phase focuses on five communities: Acres Home, Gulfton, Near Northside, Second Ward, and Third Ward. Each has been historically under-resourced, has active community involvement and support, and contributes to Houston's extraordinary ethnic and cultural diversity. While sharing commonalities, each also has unique community characteristics and history. Work in these areas will help to develop solutions that are transferable to other communities across the city.

Through Bayou Greenways 2020 and the Beyond the Bayous framework, Houston Parks Board is currently focused on three of the five identified communities. In Acres Home, planning has taken shape with hope for a greenway connection to and along Little White Oak Bayou. In Gulfton, through Beyond the Bayous work, Houston Parks Board hopes to enhance community greenspace and connect to Brays Bayou, and in Near Northside there are plans to connect White Oak Bayou Greenway with Little White Oak Bayou Greenway, with the hope of connecting to a Hardy Toll Road greenway in the future.

The Complete Communities initiative will work toward creating sustainable, "complete" neighborhoods that are safe, economically viable, and that have access to quality education, affordable housing, transportation options, greenspaces, healthy food options, economic opportunity, and well-maintained infrastructure. Houston Parks Board is proud to support this work and to align our priorities with the Complete Communities vision.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Houston Endowment Transforms Houston

Houston Endowment's pivotal philanthropy in support of the Houston Parks Board has served and continues to serve as a catalyst for big, bold, visionary projects that are transforming Houston, and it provides a funding model that leverages support from other private and public sources.

Houston Endowment has, on several occasions over the last dozen years, played the role of early-stage funder on large projects to allow Houston Parks Board to test big ideas and demonstrate that these efforts can be transformative and that they bring great value to communities across Houston.

"We have found our partnership to be most fruitful when Houston Endowment has served as a catalyst funder. We support promising projects in the conceptual stage. This is a riskier form of philanthropy, but we find that these partnerships and a collaborative grant making model translate to community impact at scale," says Elizabeth Love, Houston Endowment senior program officer.

In December of 2006, Houston Endowment awarded Houston Parks Board \$4.5 million for the "Parks for Houston" campaign to support land acquisition along Brays Bayou, Halls Bayou and Greens Bayou.

This support allowed for the acquisition of new greenspace for surrounding communities and showed key public partners and other philanthropic supporters that the approach could be transformative.

Houston Endowment funded the second phase of the Parks for Houston Campaign in 2009 with a \$1.5 million grant, which funded land acquisition along White Oak Bayou and Brays Bayou. These early projects helped launch what is now known as Bayou Greenways 2020.

"Working together, we can build a more just, equitable and inclusive community," says Houston Endowment President and CEO Ann Stern. "The Houston Parks Board's broad network of partners positions it well to address complex issues with our communities, and its focus on equity closely aligns with Houston Endowment's vision and mission."

In 2011 an additional \$7.5 million in early support from Houston Endowment allowed the Houston Parks Board to do the appropriate planning to determine how best to proceed with the Bayou Greenways, which helped pave the way for the 2012 "Parks By You" ballot initiative. That funding was also used for land acquisition, design and construction projects on Sims Bayou Greenway and White Oak Bayou Greenway. The grant helped leverage a \$15 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant to the City of Houston in 2012. More recently, in 2015, Houston Endowment granted the Houston Parks Board an additional \$3 million to help complete Bayou Greenways 2020.

Houston Endowment has since partnered with the Houston Parks Board to conceive and launch another major effort: Beyond the Bayous. This comprehensive vision and planning framework endeavors to achieve connected, accessible, high-quality greenspace, equitably distributed across our region. This effort will build from and extend the impacts of Bayou Greenways 2020.

"The Houston Parks Board thinks big and moves boldly," says Love. "Parks and greenspace are critical to quality of life, fundamental to the vibrancy of our region, and very much in line with Houston Endowment's goals."

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Houston Parks Board thanks Houston Endowment for its catalytic support for bold ideas, supporting parks and greenspace transformation for everyone and benefiting Houstonians in so many other ways.

Cornelia and Meredith Long Major Gifts Challenge

The Houston Parks Board is grateful to Cornelia and Meredith Long for their generous \$1 million challenge gift for the Bayou Greenways 2020 campaign. The challenge matched gifts of \$50,000 and up to the Bayou Greenways 2020 project and inspired several (6) major gifts resulting in \$1,350,000 total.

Thank you!

Memorial Hermann Match Challenge

Memorial Hermann issued a challenge: Raise \$15,000 in the month of June and they'll double it.

You met the challenge once again! Thanks to you and Memorial Hermann, our partners in health, Houston Parks Board is able to create, improve, protect and advocate for parks for everyone.

Memorial Hermann believes in the power of parks to improve people's lives, and we are so grateful for their help and inspiration.

THANK YOU, 2018 DONORS!

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HELPED US CREATE, IMPROVE, PROTECT, AND ADVOCATE FOR PARKS FOR EVERYONE.

HOUSTON PARKS BOARD MAJOR INITIATIVES

Bayou Greenways 2020 Campaign

\$50,000,000
Kinder Foundation
\$10,000,000 – \$14,999,999
Houston Endowment
\$5,000,000 – \$9,999,999
Brown Foundation
Federal Funding TIGER
Hildebrand Foundation
\$1,000,000 – \$4,999,999
Stanford and Joan Alexander
Family Fund/HJCF
Laura and Tom Bacon
Cullen Foundation
Elkins Foundation
Federal Funding Transportation
Enhancement 2014
Fondren Foundation
Cornelia and Meredith Long
McNair Foundation
Restore Act Funding for Clear Creek
TIGER match for project #4
Wortham Foundation
Nina and Michael Zilkha
\$250,000 – \$499,999
Annie and Bob Graham
Midway Foundation
Noble Energy
Silver Eagle Distributors
University of Houston
Meg and Dick Weekley
\$100,000 – \$299,999
Maire and David Baldwin
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WBH Foundation
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Ellie and Roy Camberg
Cowling Family
The Duncan Fund
Garden Club of Houston
Cullen Geiselman
Marie Louise and David Kinder
Harvey R. Houck Jr. and
Patricia W. Houck Foundation
John P. McGovern Foundation
Susan Vaughan Foundation
Touchdown Houston (Super Bowl)
\$25,000 – \$49,999
Sue Sue and Don Aron,
in honor of our children and grandchildren
Jenny and Jim Elkins Family Fund,
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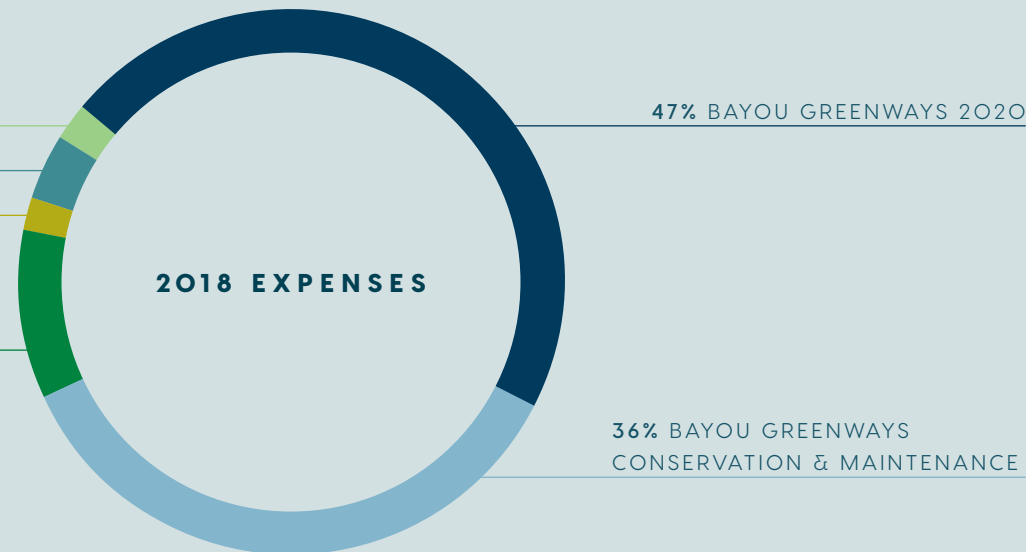
Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2018

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 932,452
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	808,792
Cash held for Bayou Greenways capital reserve	8,688,332
Cash held for City-supported programs and parks	4,376,878
Cash held for Bayou Greenways 2020	22,947,786
Pledge receivables	13,851,855
Investments and endowment funds	19,119,625
Property, net	8,707,772
Total Assets	\$ 79,433,492
LIABILITIES	
Accounts and construction projects payable	\$ 1,676,247
Deferred revenue	1,799,950
Funds held for others	96,357
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,572,554
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	10,764,152
Temporarily restricted	59,836,317
Permanently restricted	5,260,469
Total Net Assets	75,860,938
Total Net Assets & Liabilities	\$ 79,433,492

Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2018

OPERATING REVENUE	
Contributions and special events	\$ 14,781,585
Operating investment return	523,397
Government Grant	148,032
Bayou Greenways 2020 maintenance	7,741,250
Management fees	449,438
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 23,643,702
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Program Services:	
Bayou Greenways 2020	\$ 8,677,326
City park improvements	1,864,357
Bayou Greenways conservation and maintenance	6,663,762
City-supported programs	352,956
	17,558,401
Management and General Fundraising	
	693,577
	365,013
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 18,616,991
Conveyance of land to the City of Houston	(3,071,491)
Endowment investment return	446,508
Changes in Net Assets	\$ (2,401,728)

2% FUNDRAISING
4% MANAGEMENT & GENERAL
2% CITY-SUPPORTED PROGRAMS
10% PARK IMPROVEMENTS & ADDITIONS, INCLUDING BEYOND THE BAYOUS



	2018		2017		2016	
BAYOU GREENWAYS 2020	8,677,326	47%	11,273,199	51%	7,948,331	48%
BAYOU GREENWAYS CONSERVATION & MAINTENANCE	6,663,762	36%	6,672,794	30%	4,574,798	28%
PARK IMPROVEMENTS & ADDITIONS	1,864,357	10%	2,582,524	12%	2,252,610	14%
CITY-SUPPORTED PROGRAMS	352,956	2%	523,039	2%	664,675	4%
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	693,577	4%	644,313	3%	621,710	4%
FUNDRAISING	365,013	2%	388,310	2%	433,087	3%
TOTAL	18,616,991	100%	22,084,179	100%	16,495,211	100%



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