An aerial photograph of a park area. A paved trail with a grid-like pattern runs through a green, grassy area. In the background, there is a dense line of trees. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing text.

LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS

Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan

Public Meeting

CLARK CONDON



TONIGHT'S AGENDA



WELCOME

WHAT IS A PARKS & TRAILS MASTER PLAN?

WHAT ARE THE GOALS?

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

WHY ARE PARKS IMPORTANT?

A LOOK AT LEAGUE CITY PARKS TODAY

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

WHAT IS CHANGING?

HOW DO WE MEASURE UP?

UPDATING THE PARKS & TRAILS MASTER PLAN

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

HOW CAN I HELP?

TAKING THE PUBLIC SURVEY

SPREAD THE WORD!

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

“...City parks and open space systems play a critical role in shaping the urban spaces. As a *green refuge* in a sea of built development, they enhance the city’s image by protecting nature with in the city...”

- League City 2006 Parks & Open Space Master Plan

IMPORTANCE OF PARKS

ENVIRONMENTAL

- stormwater cleansing
- ground water recharge
- reduce heat island effect
- reduce air pollution
- protect natural ecosystems

SOCIAL

- center of community
- form relationships
- space for large events
- reduce crime



HEALTH

- stress reduction
- encourage physical activity
- opportunities to get child outside

ECONOMIC

- enhance property values
- attract homebuyers & employers
- retain retirees
- tourism

WHAT IS A PARKS MASTER PLAN?



GOALS

- Develop a comprehensive vision
- Address current and future needs
- Re-evaluate goals
- Assess current condition and level of service
- Update facility types per current trends
- Understand costs - construction and maintenance
- Guide future decision making
- Identify priorities and establish phasing plan

PARKS MASTER PLAN PROCESS



PARK & FACILITY INVENTORY
RECREATION PROGRAM &
SERVICES REVIEW
ON-SITE INVESTIGATIONS

FOCUS GROUPS
STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS
PUBLIC MEETINGS
SURVEY

RECOMMENDATIONS
POLICY CHANGES
PROJECT PRIORITIZATION
BUDGET & PHASING
IMPLEMENTATION

**EXISTING
CONDITIONS**

**REGIONAL
CONTEXT**

**PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT**

**NEEDS
ASSESSMENT**

VISIONING

**DRAFT
REPORT**
**FINAL
REPORT**

REVIEW RELATED DOCUMENTS
BENCHMARKING

DEMOGRAPHICS
LOCAL & NATIONAL TRENDS
NATURAL RESOURCES
LEVEL OF SERVICE

LEAGUE CITY TODAY

EXISTING CONDITIONS



608,66 TOTAL PARK ACRES

1.85% OF TOTAL CITY ACREAGE

6.22 ACRES PER 1,000 PEOPLE (TOTAL)

3.73 ACRES PER 1,000 PEOPLE (DEVELOPED)

21



PARK FACILITIES

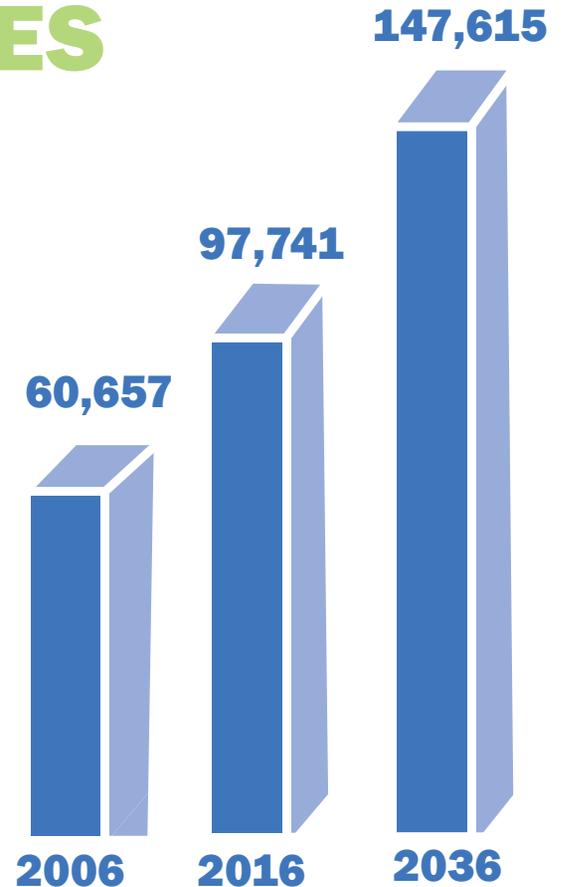


**PADDLE
TRAIL**

6.5

MILES

27 TOTAL MILES OF TRAILS



**LEAGUE CITY
POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

61% INCREASE 2006 - 2016

2.5X EXPECTED INCREASE 2006 - 2036

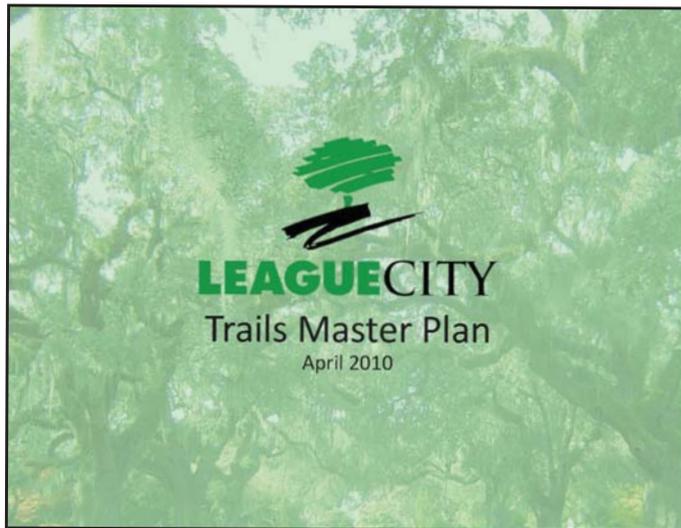
2006 Parks and Open Space Master Plan



- Developed park sectors
- Identified park types
- Integrated private parks (HOA)
- Concerns about natural area preservation and maintenance
- Strong desire for more trails and connectivity
- Recommended “linked system of diverse park types”
- Expand active facilities
- Continue high level of service to residents

LEAGUE CITY TODAY

EXISTING CONDITIONS



2010 Trails Master Plan

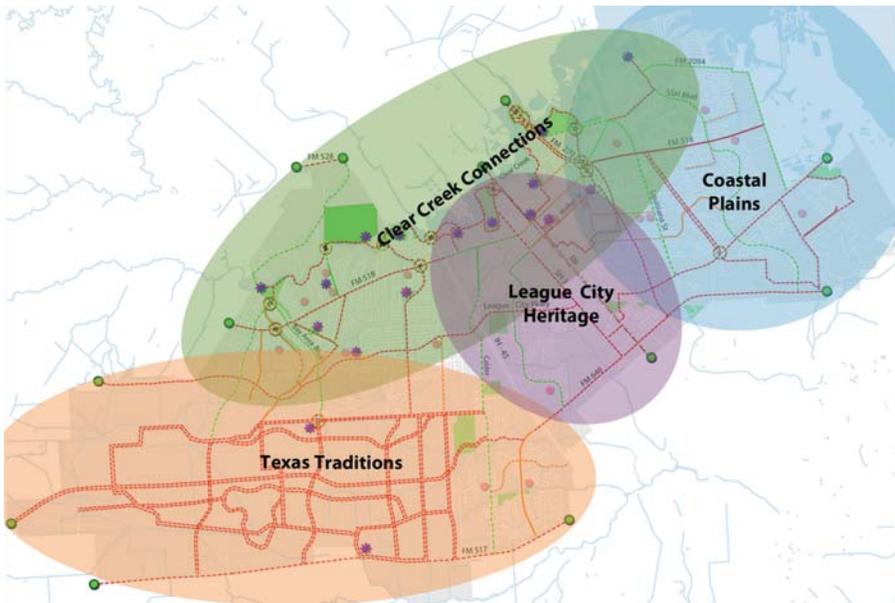
- Identified potential trail corridors
- Established trail hierarchy
- Recommended increase from 17 miles of trails to 212 miles
- Link neighborhoods, schools, parks and business centers
- Developed distinctive themes for 4 trail zones:

Clear Creek Connections

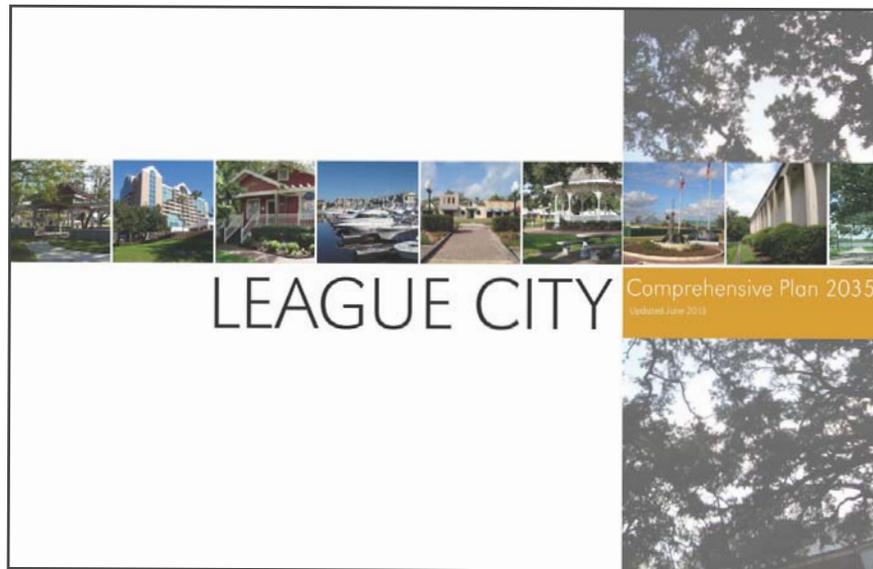
League City Heritage

Coastal Plains

Texas Traditions

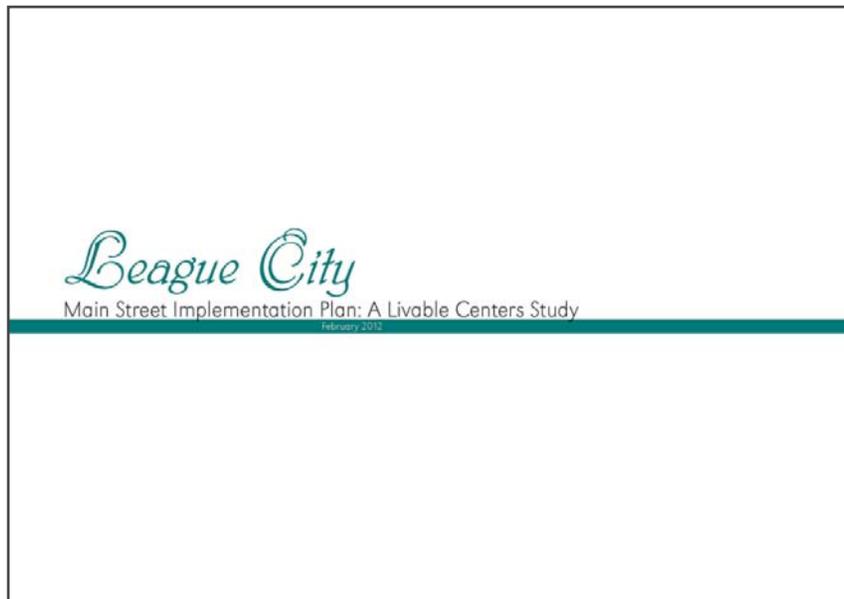


2013 Comprehensive Plan



- Concerns of rapid growth
- Lack of alternative transportation methods (trails, bikelanes)
- No identity or distinct features
- Desire to enhance community's existing natural assets
- Want more trails and greenways, better connectivity
- Build upon the recreational lifestyle brand

2012 Liveable Centers Study - Historic District



- Identification and feasibility of catalytic projects
- Redevelopment of League Park
- Locate gateways on Main Street
- Incorporate trail system
- Improve aesthetics and functionality of Main Street Corridor
- Create linkages to neighborhoods

LEAGUE CITY TODAY

EXISTING CONDITIONS

2006 - 2016 Park Development



HOMETOWN HEROES PARK



DR. NED & FAY DUDNEY NATURE CENTER



GHIRARDI FAMILY WATER SMART PARK



HERITAGE PARK



BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND



HERITAGE PARK



HOMETOWN HEROES PARK

LEAGUE CITY TODAY

EXISTING CONDITIONS

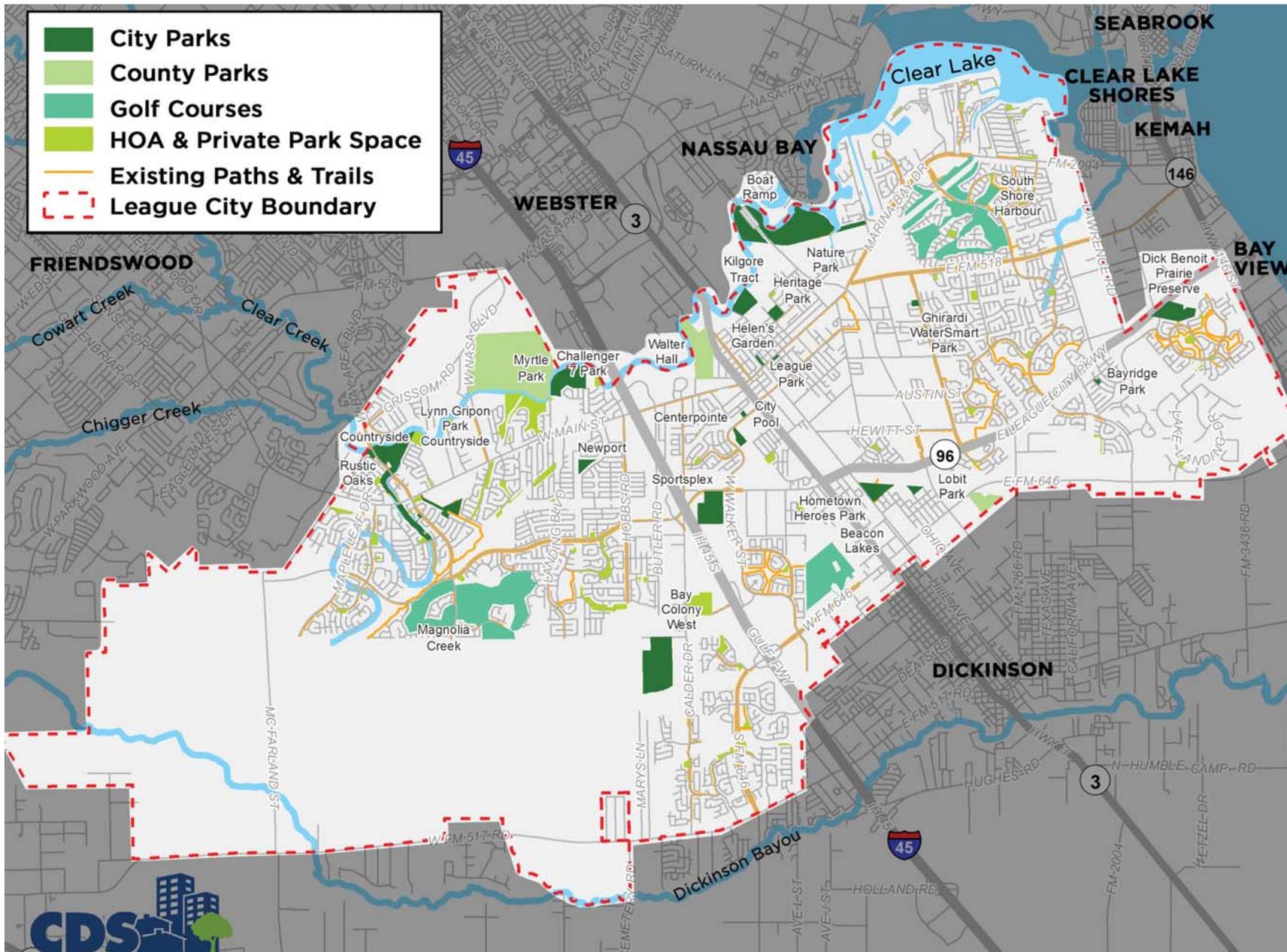
2006 - 2016 Trail Development

**4.8 ADDITIONAL
TRAILS ADDED TO
CITY TRAIL SYSTEM
SINCE 2006!**



LEAGUE CITY TODAY

EXISTING CONDITIONS



STAKEHOLDER INPUT

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

PUBLIC FORUMS

- Introduces the plan process to the public
- Increases public awareness of parks, trails, open space
- Limited amount of time to present ideas
- Challenging to hear and understand every voice

SURVEY

- Easy to distribute to high number of people
- Used to understand behavior, attitudes, knowledge and demographics
- Obtain feedback from the “silent majority”

FOCUS GROUPS

- Small and informal group
- Designed to understand opinions from special interest groups
- Easy to engage all participants
- Brainstorm, generate feedback, and gain perspective

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

- County staff
- Potential partners

CITY OF LEAGUE CITY

- Staff
- City Council



PUBLIC SURVEY

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

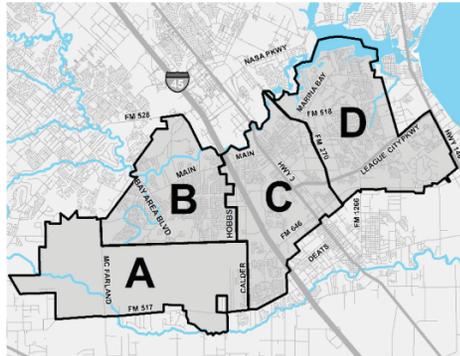


1. Using the map at right for reference, please indicate in which sector of the city you live (choose one, A-D). If you do not live in League City, please provide the ZIP code of your residence.

- Sector A
- Sector B
- Sector C
- Sector D

I don't live in League City, here is the ZIP code of my residence:

(SKIP TO QUESTION 3)



2. If you are a resident of League City, how long have you been a resident of the city?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 – 5 years
- 6 – 10 years
- 11 – 20 years
- More than 20 years

3. Do you work or attend school in the City of League City (whether or not you live there)? If so, please indicate where your workplace / school is located using the map from Question 1; if not, please select that answer below.

- Sector A
- Sector B
- I do not work or attend school in League City
- Sector C
- Sector D

4. Overall, how well do you think the parks, open space / natural areas / scenic lands, trails, and recreation facilities provided by League City are meeting the needs of the community?

	Not at All	Not Very Much	Somewhat	Mostly	Completely	Don't Know
Open space / natural areas / scenic lands	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Recreational facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Recreational programs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>					

PARKS ■ TRAILS ■ OPEN SPACE

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WE NEED YOUR INPUT FOR THE PUBLIC SURVEY



Make your voice matter! The City of League City is seeking public input for the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan. The plan will serve as the City's roadmap for future development of park and recreation facilities throughout the next 25+ years. Provide your input today by completing the survey online, or in person at Helen Hall Library, City Hall, and Hometown Heroes Park, or by attending the May 11th or May 18th public meetings.

Take the online public survey at:
www.research.net/r/LCParks2016



Learn more about the Parks Trails & Open Space Master plan by visiting:
www.leaguecity.com
 Online survey will be available from May 8th 2016 - August 7th 2016
 Additional input may be submitted to parks@leaguecity.com

LEVEL OF SERVICE

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

STANDARDS BASED

- National Recreation and Park Association
- Benchmarking similar communities
- Level of Service
 - Quantity of park acres
 - Quantity of facility types
 - Location
 - Connectivity

DEMANDS BASED

- Public and stakeholder input
- Trends

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Waterways
- Preservation
- Undeveloped lands
- Underutilized lands (utility corridors, drainageways, etc.)



BENCHMARKING

REGIONAL CONTEXT

Pearland, TX - Population: 100,065

4.5 park acres per 1,000



Sugar Land, TX - Population: 83,860

10.32 park acres per 1,000

65+ Miles of Trails



The Woodlands Township, TX - Population: 93,847

201+ Miles of Trails



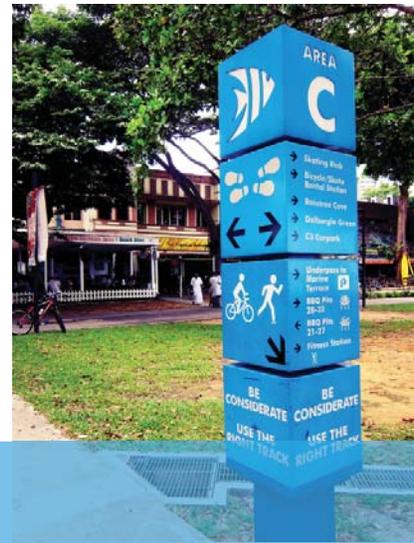
MEMORIAL PARK BRIDGE



BUFFALO BAYOU



HALLS BAYOU



BUFFALO BAYOU

HIKING & BIKING



BAYTOWN, PIRATES BAY



QUARY SPLASH PAD,
AUSTIN, TX



FIRST COLONY AQUATIC CENTER



AQUATICS



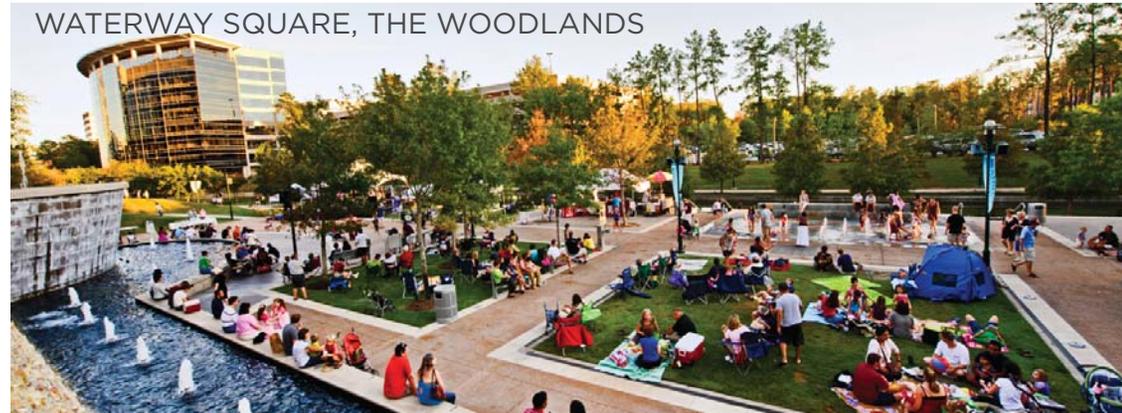
GREEN STREET, HOUSTON



CIVIC CENTER, DENVER, CO



MARKET SQUARE PARK



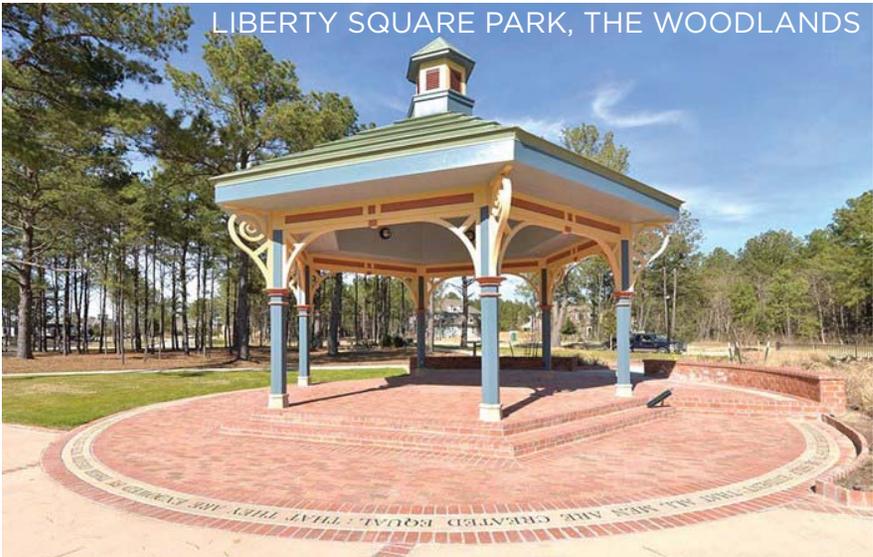
WATERWAY SQUARE, THE WOODLANDS

CIVIC SPACES



PASSIVE RECREATION

LIBERTY SQUARE PARK, THE WOODLANDS



SAM HOUSTON PARK



ART & HISTORY



PLAYGROUNDS

SCHEDULE



APRIL - MAY

- On site review of existing facilities
- Focus group meetings
- Leadership interviews

MAY

- Public meeting West- 5/11 at 6pm - Creekside Intermediate School
- Public meeting East- 5/18 at 6pm - Clear Creek Intermediate School

MAY - AUGUST

- Public survey

JUNE - JULY

- Demographics & land use analysis

AUGUST - OCTOBER

- Facilities development plan

OCTOBER

- Ordinance review

NOVEMBER

- Draft Master Plan

DECEMBER

- Final Master Plan

WE NEED YOU!



1. Take the survey - paper version or online
2. Please share survey with your friends - email the link to every one you know!
3. Use the comment sheet to share your ideas with us and turn in before you leave!
4. Join us around the City maps to discuss your ideas!

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