

Plan Implementation & Prioritization of Needs

(Written in Master Plan 2000)

COUNTY WIDE PRIORITIES:

Priority 1 – Development of a county wide River and Bayou Trail System

Enhance existing river & bayou access points for recreational day-use and water access. Develop river & bayou trail information signs and informational brochures. Explore opportunities to acquire water front open space next to river access points.

Priority 2 – Acquisition of additional open space in areas identified on the attached open space resource map as having significant potential for any of the following purposes.

- parks and recreation
- conservation of land or other natural resources
- historic, architectural, or scenic

PRECINCT 1:

Analysis of the level of service for regional resource parks in precinct 1 shows a need for 38 acres of additional regional park land at the current intensity of development or lesser acreage with additional development of existing facilities. There are additional needs for undeveloped open space and conservation/interpretation of areas with natural and historic significance.

▪ **PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**

○ **Priority 1 – Surfside Jetty Park Phase II Development**

Develop an R. V. Campground, improve handicap access in the existing park, develop a fishing area along the harbor with additional parking, shaded picnic palapas, trails and public restrooms, develop screened shelters for overnight camping.

○ **Priority 2 – San Luis Pass Marine Education Center**

Develop saltwater aquarium displays of bay habitat, offshore artificial reef habitat, and jetty habitat. Develop educational exhibits of marine mammals and our resident bottlenose dolphin population. Develop educational exhibits of the effects of man on the marine environment.

○ **Priority 3 – San Luis Pass Bulkhead reconstruction and shoreline stabilization**

○ **Priority 4 – Quintana Beach County Park Camping Cabins, Dune Walkover and Gun mound Interpretive area**

Develop a cabin camping area complete with five new air-conditioned camping cabins, restrooms and utilities. Develop

interpretive signage and an observation deck at the historic gun mound. Develop a trail system to connect the existing park with the historic gun mound, the beach front and the new cabin camping area.

- **Priority 5 – Surfside Jetty Park Boat Ramp in the Brazos River Harbor**
- **Priority 6 – Reconstruction of the Historic Fort Velasco**
Reconstruct the historic fort as an interactive overnight camping facility with walking trails, restrooms, parking, pavilions, group camping facilities and family camping facilities.
- **Priority 7 – Christmas Bay Access Area**
Negotiate a long term lease with the General Land Office to lease 480 acres which is currently in the permanent school fund (formerly owned by T.P. & W. and known as Christmas Bay State Park). Develop lighted parking, lighted fishing pier for shoreline access to Christmas Bay.
- **Priority 8 – San Luis Pass County Park – Land Acquisition**
Acquisition of adjacent land to enhance the capability of these sites to function as regional park facilities...for open space, recreational public water access, recycling of park wastewater and additional parking.
- **Priority 9 – Quintana Beach County Park – Land Acquisition**
Acquisition of adjacent land to enhance the capability of these sites to function as regional park facilities...for open space, recreational public water access to the Gulf of Mexico/Brazos Harbor, acquisition of the second historic gun mound and additional recreational development.

PRECINCT 2

Analysis of the level of service for regional resource parks in precinct 2 shows a need for 96 acres of additional regional park land at the current intensity of development or less acreage with additional development of existing facilities. There are additional needs for undeveloped open space and conservation/interpretation of areas with natural and historic significance.

- **PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**
 - **Priority 1 – Camp Mohawk Phase I**
Acquire 55 acres by donation. Renovate existing group camping facilities, restroom, pavilions and swimming pool. Develop additional family camping cabins, a picnic pavilion, playground, parking, and interpretive trails through the wooded area and along Chocolate Bayou.

- **Priority 2 – Camp Mohawk Phase II**
Acquire land by donation from the Cradle of Texas Conservancy, negotiate a long term lease with TxDOT on an adjacent abandoned roadside park and highway R.O.W. Develop trail connections to existing Camp Mohawk, additional trails, camping, fishing and picnicking.
- **Priority 3 – Renovation of the Existing Boat Launch on Chocolate Bayou at Hwy 35**
- **Priority 4 – Acquire Additional Land for Regional Park Development and Use as Open Space**

PRECINCT 3

Analysis of the level of service for regional resource parks in precinct 3 shows a need for 410 acres of additional regional park land at the current intensity of development or lessor acreage with additional development of existing facilities. There are additional needs for undeveloped open space and conservation/interpretation of areas with natural and historic significance.

- **PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**

- **Priority 1 – Resoft County Park Phase II Development**
Develop additional parking, a water playground, expand and deepen the lake for additional fishing opportunities, additional trees and irrigation system
- **Priority 2 – Clear Creek Regional Park Development and Open Space Dedication**
Partnership with the City of Brookside Village to develop a regional day-use and overnight camping facility on a 50 acre site in Brookside Village
- **Priority 3 – Acquire Additional Park Land for Recreational Development and Use as Open Space**
Preferably adjacent to Resoft County Park or the Clear Creek site to enhance the capability of these sites to function as regional park facilities

PRECINCT 4

Analysis of the level of service for regional resource parks in precinct 4 shows a need for 258 acres of additional regional park land at the current intensity of development or lessor acreage with additional development of existing facilities...The level of service figures show that priority should be placed on further development of existing facilities to meet demand in this precinct. There are additional needs for undeveloped open space and conservation/interpretation of areas with natural and historic significance.

- **PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**
 - **Priority 1 – Brazos River Park Phase II Acquisition & Development**
 Acquire 40 acres of river front hardwood forest & wetlands. Dedicate the forested wetland areas as open-space. Develop a river boardwalk, fishing pier in the Brazos River, interpretive wetlands boardwalk, camping cabins, connecting trails and parking.
 - **Priority 2 – Hanson Riverside County Park Phase II Development**
 Develop camping cabins, water playground, group picnic pavilions, interpretive trails, volleyball courts & basketball courts.
 - **Priority 3 – Develop Existing Boat Ramps to Function as Recreational River Access Points.**
 To function as day use shore & pier fishing, and as part of a county wide River and Bayou Trail System. Develop restrooms, picnic pavilions, barbecue pits, fishing piers and river trail information signs.
 - **Priority 4 – Adjacent Land Acquisition – Brazos River County Park**
 Acquire adjacent land through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Wetland Reserve Program to enhance the regional function of this park with additional open space.
 - **Priority 5 – Adjacent Land Acquisition – Hanson Riverside County Park**
 Acquire adjacent land through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Wetland Reserve Program to enhance the regional function of this park with additional open space.
 - **Priority 6 – Adjacent Land Acquisition – Boat Ramps**
 Acquire adjacent land for open space and day use development for recreational river access.
 - **Priority 7 – Brazos River 521 Bridge River Park and River Access Point**
 Negotiate a partnership with the City of Brazoria to Acquire the historic bridge across the Brazos River along with the adjacent road side park to develop and function as a community level park, a regional river access park and a historic tourist attraction.