

2008 Master Plan - Plan Implementation & Prioritization of Needs

COUNTY WIDE PRIORITIES:

Priority 1 – 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

Priority 2 – Renovation to aging facilities is needed at most of the county's parks.

- Playground equipment
- Trails
- Parking

Priority 3 – The need for construction of more overnight use accommodations has been expressed;

- Recreational vehicle sites
- Cabins
- Screened shelters
- Primitive camping sites

Priority 4 – 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.

PRECINCT 1:

There are many fishing communities in this precinct. This fact was considered when determining priorities for action.

▪ **PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**

○ **Priority 1 –Maintenance of Existing County Boat Ramps and Parks**

Dredge San Luis Pass, Swan Lake and Seidler's Boat Ramps, permitting boaters to utilize these public sites more efficiently. Replace outdated playground structures, hazardous boardwalks, etc.

- **Priority 2 – Expansion of Existing Facilities**
Construct additional cabins at Quintana and San Luis Pass County Parks. May need to construct a boat ramp in Hanson Riverside Park since access to proposed site under Hwy. 35 bridge is not currently supported by TxDOT. This will promote and allow for usage of the San Bernard River.
- **Priority 3 – Acquire Additional Boat Ramps**
Lease additional waterfront land to construct more public boat ramps.
- **Priority 4 – San Luis Pass Marine Education Center**
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 5 – San Luis Pass Bulkhead reconstruction and shoreline stabilization**
- **Priority 6 – Quintana Beach County Park Dune Walkover and Second Gun-mound Interpretive area**
Develop interpretive signage at the historic gun mound.
- **Priority 7 – Surfside Jetty Park Boat Ramp in the Brazos River Harbor**
- **Priority 8 – 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 9 – 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 10 – 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 11 – 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

Based on public needs voiced from Precinct 2 citizens, the following priorities have been determined:

- **PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**
 - **Priority 1 –Maintenance of Existing County Boat Ramps and Parks**
 - **Priority 2 – Camp Mohawk Phase II**
Acquire land by donation from the Cradle of Texas Conservancy, negotiate a long term lease with TexDot 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

Considering that Precinct 3 consists most of city property, the following list of priorities has been established.

- **PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**
 - **Priority 1 –Maintenance of Existing County Park (Resoft County Park)**
 - **Priority 2 – Resoft County Park Phase II Development**
Develop additional parking, a water playground, construct a wildlife corridor, plant additional trees around the expanded lake, and install an irrigation system
 - **Priority 3 – Clear Creek Regional Park Development and Open Space Dedication**
Partnership with the City of Brookside Village to develop a regional day-use, and possibly overnight camping, facility on a site in Brookside Village which is slightly under 40 acres.
 - **Priority 4 – Acquire Additional Park Land for Recreational Development and Use as Open Space by Partnerships with the cities of Alvin and Pearland.**

Preferably adjacent to Resoft County Park or the Clear Creek Site to enhance the capability of these sites to function as regional park facilities. Develop an additional park in Alvin/Manvel

- **Priority 5 – Construct Hike and Bike trails**

PRECINCT 4

This information is based on public meetings held. To date, no private meeting held with Precinct Commissioner.

▪ **PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**

- **Priority 1 –Maintenance of Existing County Boat Ramps and Parks**
Renovate outdated playground equipment, hazardous boardwalks, and deteriorating trails.
- **Priority 2 – 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, recreational vehicle sites, camping cabins, connecting trails and parking.
- **Priority 3 – Hanson Riverside County Park Phase II Development**
Develop camping cabins, recreational vehicle sites, water playground, group picnic pavilions, interpretive trails, volleyball courts & basket ball courts. Construct a new boat ramp inside park.
- **Priority 4 – 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 Trails System. Develop restrooms, picnic pavilions, barbecue pits, fishing piers and river trail information signs.
- **Priority 5 – 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 6 – 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 7 – Adjacent Land Acquisition – Boat Ramps**
Acquire adjacent land for open space and day use development for recreational river access.

- **Priority 8 – 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.