

# 8 PARKS and COMMUNITY AMENITIES

GOAL	PROJECTS/PROGRAMS/POLICIES	PRIORITY	TIMEFRAME	METRICS	COORDINATION	ROLE	RESILIENT HOUSTON
8.1 Great Community Meeting Places	<b>8.1.1 Establish a senior center or support the expansion of programs for seniors at existing community centers</b> <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Identify potential sites and funding mechanisms to develop a senior center; Partner with the Houston Health Department to expand senior programs and services at existing community centers and other sites		Long (5 + yrs)	1 New community amenity is completed by 2025	<b>Community:</b> Alief-Westwood NST <b>City:</b> HPARD <b>Community Connectors:</b> International District, HCP3	Advocate, Implement Assist Assist, Implement	Goal 4: Action 13
	<b>8.1.2 Identify and establish small-scale community gathering spaces</b> <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Identify sites throughout the neighborhood such as parking lots, vacant storefronts, parks, or school lobbies to establish small-scale community centers, plazas, book share programs, and community gardens		Medium (3 - 5 yrs)		<b>Community:</b> Alief-Westwood NST <b>City:</b> HPL <b>Community Connectors:</b> International District, Urban Harvest, Alief SNC, Area Schools, Businesses, and Community Organizations	Organize, Implement Assist Assist, Implement	Goal 3: Action 11
	<b>8.1.3 Advocate for the development of an indoor community pool</b> <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Create a coalition to fund raise and advocate for the development of an indoor pool at the Alief Community Center		Long (5 + yrs)		<b>Community:</b> Alief-Westwood NST <b>City:</b> HPARD <b>Community Connectors:</b> International District, HPC3, Alief SNC	Advocate Assist Assist, Implement	Goal 3: Action 11
	<b>8.1.4 Develop a public-private partnership to create a community center in Westwood</b> <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Identify potential sites and funding mechanisms to support a community center in Westwood to include youth and family programs, sports fields and other recreational amenities; Explore partnerships with area non-profit organizations		Medium (3 - 5 yrs)		<b>Community:</b> Alief-Westwood NST <b>City:</b> HPARD <b>Community Connectors:</b> International District, HCP3, Higher Dimension Church	Advocate Assist Assist, Implement	Goal 1: Action 4
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8.2 New Parks	<b>8.2.1 Develop the proposed Club Creek Park</b> <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Advocate for the development of the proposed Club Creek Park, sited in Westwood on Club Creek Dr. near Brays Bayou, including safety amenities, trails, and a skate park		Medium (3 - 5 yrs)	1 New park is developed by 2025	<b>Community:</b> Alief-Westwood NST <b>City:</b> HPARD, District J <b>Community Connectors:</b> HPB, SRA, TIRZ #20, SMD, Higher Dimension Church	Advocate Assist Advocate, Assist, Implement	Goal 6: Action 18
	<b>8.2.2 Advocate for new parks</b> <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Advocate for the development of additional public parks near multi-family housing, community centers, and schools, ensuring that sites are easily accessible by foot and transit		Long (5 + yrs)		<b>Community:</b> Alief-Westwood NST <b>City:</b> HPARD <b>Community Connectors:</b> HPB, HCPD, International District	Advocate Assist, Implement Assist, Implement	Goal 6: Action 18
	<b>8.2.3 Develop a dog park adjacent to the Alief Community Garden</b> <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Advocate for the development of a dog park on the Alief Community Garden site; Provide free and low-cost pet services on site		Medium (3 - 5 yrs)		<b>Community:</b> Alief-Westwood NST <b>City:</b> HPARD <b>Community Connectors:</b> HPB, International District, Emancipet	Advocate Assist Assist, Implement	Goal 6: Action 18
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8.3 Beautiful Parks	<b>8.3.1 Improve Forum Park</b> <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Bring together Westwood community members to identify and prioritize improvements to Forum Park, which is part of the Mayor's 50/50 Park Partner program to improve neighborhood parks		Medium (3 - 5 yrs)	1 Existing park is improved by 2025	<b>Community:</b> Alief-Westwood NST <b>City:</b> HPARD <b>Community Connectors:</b> HPB, SMD	Outreach, Advocate Outreach, Implement Assist	Goal 6: Action 18
	<b>8.3.2 Identify and prioritize improvements at existing parks</b> <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Identify and prioritize improvements at existing parks, including Hackberry, Boone Road, Harwin, and Arthur Storey Parks, such as sports courts, updated playground equipment, and landscaping; Ensure that all area parks are accessible and meet ADA requirements; Priority projects are to plant trees at Hackberry Park to shade the trail and identify improvements at Boone Road Park		Medium (3 - 5 yrs)		<b>Community:</b> Alief-Westwood NST <b>City:</b> HPARD, District F, District J <b>Community Connectors:</b> HPB, International District, HCP3, Trees for Houston	Advocate Assist, Implement Assist, Implement	Goal 6: Action 18
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**PLAN Legend:**

- Complete Communities
- Houston Bike Plan (2017)
- HPARD Master Plan (2015)
- AARP
- Livable Centers Study
- METRO Next
- International District Plan
- Southwest Mgmt District Plan
- Climate Action Plan