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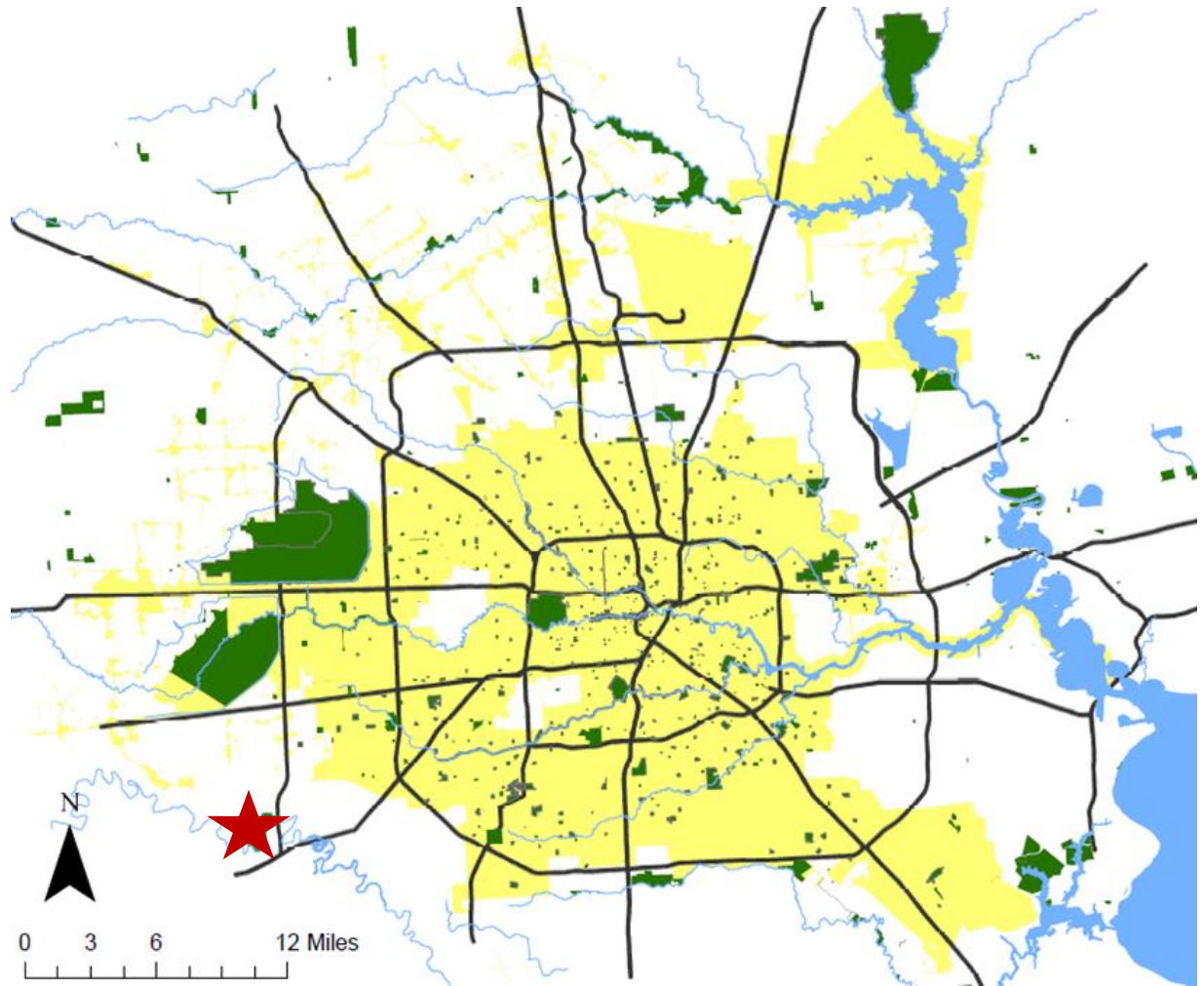
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**Cullinan Park**  
**Interlocal Agreement**

*Presentation to City Council Quality of Life Committee  
Council Member Ellen Cohen, Chair  
April 29, 2015*

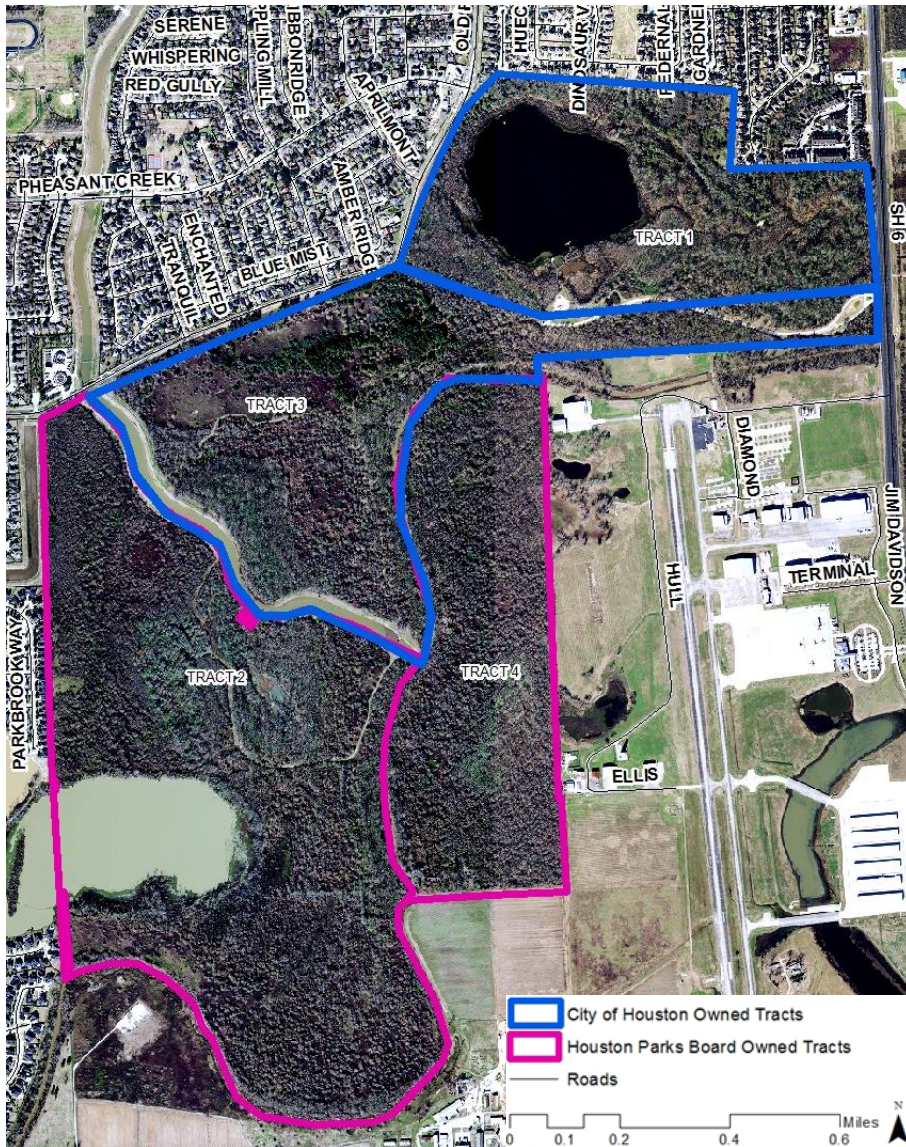
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Joe Turner, Director  
Houston Parks and Recreation Department*

# Cullinan Park

- *Located in Fort Bend County along Oyster Creek*
- *State Hwy 6 S between Voss & Highway 90*
- *Next to Sugar Land Regional Airport*
- *In City ETJ*



# Cullinan Park



- *Acquired in 1989*
- *755 acres*
- *City of Houston and Houston Parks Board own separate parcels*
- *HPB parcels acquired through donations by the Estate of Nina Cullinan and by the Brown Foundation*

# *Interlocal Agreement for Cullinan Park*

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## *Parties to the Interlocal Agreement:*

- *City of Houston*
- *Houston Parks Board – Roksan Okan-Vick, Executive Director*
- *City of Sugar Land – Mike Goodrum, Assistant City Manager*
- *Cullinan Park Conservancy – Dan Neale, President*



# Cullinan Park Conservancy

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- *Established 2010*
- *Mission: To enhance and protect the natural beauty of the Park for the use and enjoyment of wildlife and human visitors alike*
- *Activities: Mapping of park boundaries, vegetation and improvements, plant surveys, cleanups, train maintenance, bridge repairs, photo contests, bird checklists*
- *Funded Master Plan in 2011*



# Master Plan for Cullinan Park



## Planned Improvements:

- *Fishing Access*
- *Nature Trails*
- *Picnic Areas*
- *Wildflower Meadows*
- *Hiking Trails*
- *Boat Pier*
- *Boardwalks*
- *Fishing Piers*
- *Overlooks*
- *Observation Areas*
- *Parking*
- *Habitat Enhancements*

# *Interlocal Agreement for Cullinan Park*

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## *Purpose of the Interlocal Agreement:*

- To provide for enhanced, local park management by Sugar Land with a mechanism for private funding from the Conservancy with ultimate oversight by Houston Parks and Recreation Department*

*This is a management agreement, not a lease or sale of the park*



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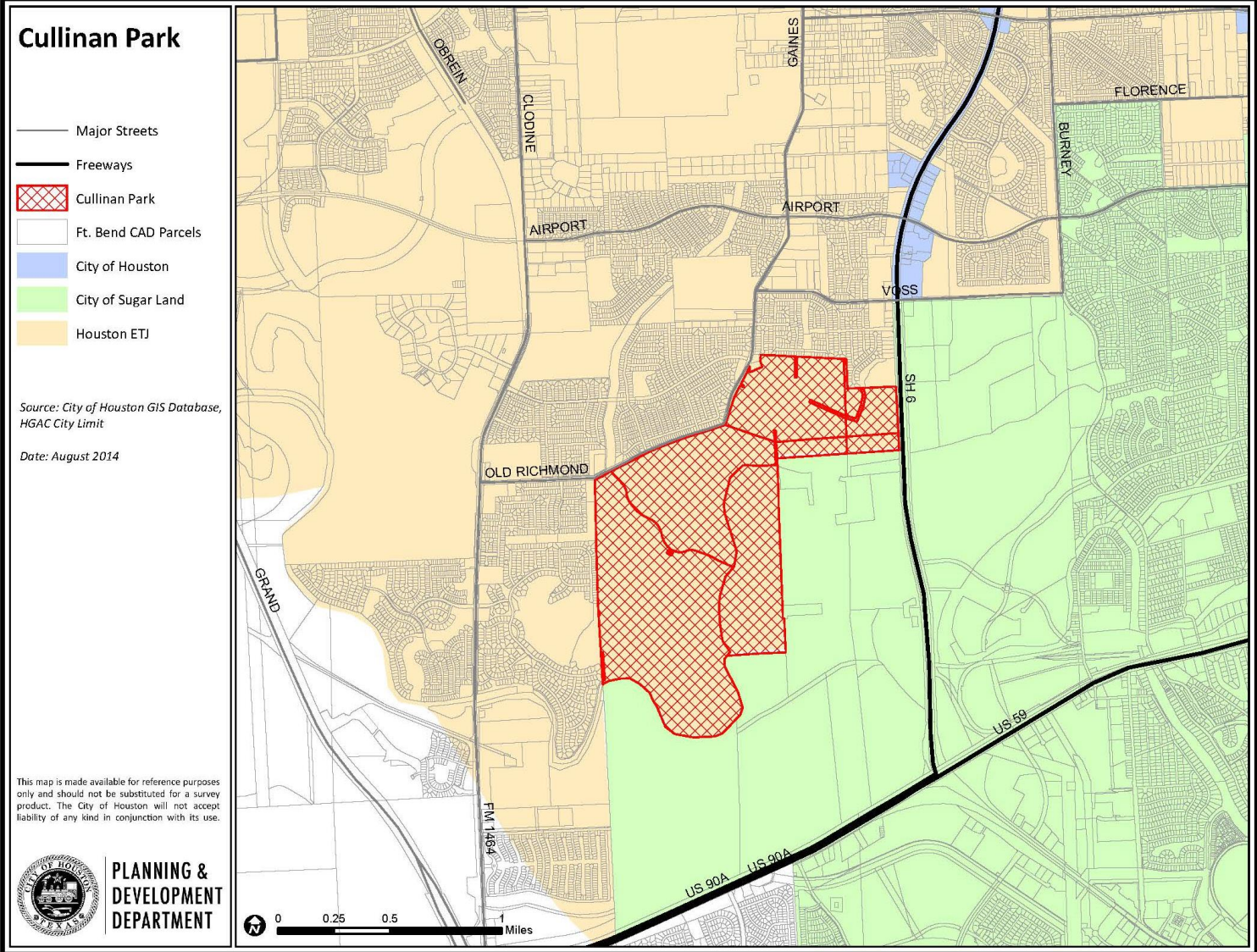
## *Steps to Finalizing Agreement:*

- Following approval by City Council, the City of Houston Planning Department will begin process of releasing the park area from its extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)*





# E.T.J. for Cullinan Park



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## Steps to Finalizing Agreement (cont.):

- *Cullinan Park Conservancy will provide evidence that it has \$500,000 for capital funding for the park.*
- *City of Sugar Land will begin process of annexing the park into its City Limits.*
- *The agreement becomes effective when the City of Sugar Land takes final action to annex the park.*



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## *Terms of the Agreement:*

- *City of Sugar Land will develop the park for specific uses that follow deed restrictions related to being a place of beauty and peacefulness and essentially excluding active organized sports.*
- *The City of Sugar Land will pay costs to operate, manage and control the park.*
- *The Cullinan Park Conservancy will provide funding for improvements, with a beginning minimum of \$500,000.*



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## *Terms of the agreement (cont.):*

- The City of Sugar Land and City of Houston may but are not required to provide funding for improvements.*
- The City of Houston may but is not required to review and approve all plans and construction work.*
- Houston residents will have the same use of the park as Sugar Land residents.*
- The term of the agreement is 30 years.*

