

# Methodology

The Brazoria County Parks Department prepared this living document using a two phase process. Phase 1 involved the inventory/supply analysis and the needs assessment, while phase 2 involved the recommended priorities/action plan, budget analysis and funding methods. The results of citizen input became one of the fore-front considerations for the master plan recommendations within Phase 2.

## **Elements of the Park Master Plan**

The preparation process for the Parks Master Plan consisted of the following steps:

### **PHASE 1**

#### **Step 1 – Inventory**

The first step involved a complete inventory of all the existing parks and boat ramps in Brazoria County. Existing facilities were evaluated by obtaining citizen input during the needs assessment phase.

#### **Step 2 – Needs Assessment**

The needs assessment was performed through Brazoria County Parks through meetings held with each County Commissioner, and public meetings held in each precinct. These meetings provided an overview of the needs and priorities for park facilities and public programs as identified by the residents of Brazoria County. Brazoria County Parks Department also conducted an on-line survey from the home page of the Brazoria County website and also from the Parks Dept. page of the Brazoria County website.

### **PHASE 2**

#### **Step 3 – Priority Ranking Analysis**

This step involves a process of ranking the priorities for future park facilities from highest needs to lowest needs and also prioritized maintenance and upkeep of existing parks. The factors considered in prioritizing the recommendations included Parks staff suggestions, Parks Department Board Members input, as well as Commissioner's Court approval.

#### **Step 4 - Five Year Action Plan**

This Master Plan document establishes the guidelines and recommendations which will direct the acquisition, development, and maintenance of parks, recreation areas, and open spaces for the next five years.