#### INTRODUCTION

In the BREC System, Neighborhood Parks are smaller recreational sites meant to serve the citizens living within walking distance of the park. Neighborhood Parks remain as the core facility of the BREC Park System and serve as the recreational and social focus of neighborhoods throughout East Baton Rouge Parish. The concentration in Neighborhood Parks is on informal activity, programmed activity, passive recreation, and community cohesion.

There are some Parks that are not developed. While a few of these will be developed, most will continue to serve as green spaces providing wildlife habitat and relief from suburban development. The primary effort at most neighborhood parks is to renovate or replace existing facilities. Some parks were not renovated or only had minor renovations in the 2005-2015 plan. Generally, these parks had higher budgets in this plan and recently renovated or parks that experienced a great deal of renovations in the IYP1 plan received less emphasis in this program.

There are over 100 neighborhood parks that BREC has completed a range of improvements and/ or new construction to over the past ten years of IYP2 funding. The average Neighborhood Park size is 15 acres but can range anywhere between approximately 1 and 60 acres.

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This small neighborhood park is in north Baton Rouge, between Winbourne Avenue and Choctaw Drive, on North Acadian Thruway. In 2019 the park was transformed into a terrific neighborhood park featuring a new playground, picnic area, connector walks, improved half basketball courts and security lighting. The new ornamental fence lines the recreational site that features an inviting overhead gateway entrance into the park.

- 2018: Online Public Survey
- 2019: Site Improvements



# **ALASKA STREET PARK**

Alaska Street Park is located near the entrance of LSU, off Nicholson Drive, just north of the campus. The facility includes a recreation center, a playground, and a lighted ball diamond. In 2020, a new "Dream Court" outdoor basketball court was installed.







- 2019: Public Input Survey Conducted
- 2020: Project in Design, Topographic Survey Complete
- 2020: "Dream Court" Outdoor Basketball Court Project Complete
- 2021: Site Improvements Project on hold



#### **ALEXANDER STREET PARK**

Alexander Street Park is an undeveloped site located in the Monte Sano Highland Farm Subdivision. It lies north of Bayou Monte Sano and east of Interstate 110. The area is less than 6 acres.



### **ALSEN STREET PARK**

Alsen Park received improvements in the first Imagine Your Parks program that included a new asphalt parking lot and driveway with ADA accessible parking spots and a drop-off zone for the recreation center. Other Park amenities consist of a playground with wood mulch safety surfacing, picnic areas, tennis courts, two ball fields, and just over half of a mile hard surface walking loop. Minor improvements were made to the recreation center.



- 2010: Asphalt Parking Lot + Driveway, Miscellaneous Site Improvements
- 2024: Recreation Center Roof Repair
- 2024 Preliminary Concept Plan Developed



# **ANTIOCH BOULEVARD PARK**

Antioch Boulevard Park is located in the Shenandoah area, off Tiger Bend Road. The recreational site was transformed in IYP1 with a new playground, improved multi-use courts and ball field. New pathways connect to surrounding neighborhoods and parking was reconfigured.

Focus turned to renovating the Recreation Center in the IYP2 program. The major components of the project were the addition of an HVAC system to the existing gymnasium, new restroom facilities and new multipurpose room addition.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

- 2017: Recreation Center Addition + Renovation - New Gymnasium
- 2024: New LED Sports Lighting











# **AVENUE F PARK**

Avenue F Park is a small site located in the Zachary area bordering a channelized creek. The undeveloped site contains 0.3 acres of land, which was donated in 1995.



# **BAKER PARK**

Baker Park improvements in 2009 include a new playground with improved drainage and new connecting walks. ADA accessible parking was installed with walks connecting to the ball fields and playground area. The ball field backstop and concession building were also renovated.

In 2017-18 a study was conducted to redevelop the site with three tournament quality baseball/ softball fields with sub-surface drainage, premium infield clay, Bermuda sod, irrigation system, LED sports lighting, restroom/ concession building and improved asphalt parking. The estimated budget for the park improvements was \$2.5 million.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

- 2009: Ball Field + Playground Improvements
- 2018: U14 Baseball Complex Study



#### **BAKER PLAYGROUND**

The Baker Playground is located near Baker City Hall. This was a cooperative project involving the City of Baker, BREC, Rotary groups, and foundations from around the United States, led by the Baton Rouge Rotary. Kids Around the World donated the playground equipment. Rosie's Kids Foundation, The Credit Union of Baton Rouge, and several other groups also raised money for the project. Then in 2010 new stretching equipment was installed near the playground along the crushed stone walking path.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

- 2006: New Playground
- 2010: New Stretching Equipment



Baker Recreation Center renovations include a new office addition, new restroom facilities and renovated activity room. The gymnasium received a new athletic floor and the addition of an HVAC system. The exterior siding was replaced, and parking was expanded.

- 2017: Baker Rec Center Addition + Renovation, New Gymnasium A/C, Gymnasium Athletic Floor Installation, Exterior Siding + Awnings, Mural Project
- 2022: New Entrance Sign







# **BARINGER ROAD PARK**

Baringer Neighborhood Park is located in the heart of Old Jefferson subdivision. It features improvements that were completed in IYP1 including a renovated recreation center, a walking loop, 2-5 age group playground, new concrete surfaced tennis courts with two basketball goals, and site amenities. The playground was such a hit that another play unit was installed in 2015 for children ages 5-12.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2015: Playground Addition







Fronting Old Jefferson Hwy to the east and Bayou Manchac to the south. Bayou Manchac Park has a blend of developed recreational use areas and a large undeveloped area with unique natural features.

In 2018 the park was identified for improvements. An online public input survey was conducted and information from the survey aided BREC in designing a park to meet the needs and wishes of the community.

Site Improvements to Bayou Manchac Park include parking lot enhancements with ADA parking addition and new accessible walks connecting amenities throughout the park. Refurbished tennis and half basketball court. A new nature themed playground featuring a tree swing, mushroom flower petal seats for imaginative play, and leaf seat spinner.

Another development at the 54-acre site was the addition of primitive nature trails lead by Natural Resource Management team with help from volunteers and BREC CCD crews. A pedestrian bridge and bog crossings allow visitors access to the oak-hickory hardwood area through wetlands and views of Bayou Manchac. A new Canoe/Kayak Launch was completed in 2023. This being BREC's second launch in the blueway system, allows access to both Ward Creek and Bayou Fountain via Bayou Manchac increasing blueway distance considerably.



- 2018: Online Public Survey Conducted
- 2018: Pedestrian Bridge, Trails + Signage
- 2019: Site Improvements
- 2020: Virtual Biobliz (NRM)
- 2022: Bayou Bank Restoration Planting
- 2023: New Blueway Launch











#### **BAYWOOD PARK**

Baywood Park is a picturesque recreational site with 29 acres of pristine woodland that is located on Pride-Baywood Road. The existing park restroom was renovated in 2021 to make accessible for all park users. Walking paths were also installed to expand the accessibility to existing park features. Additional site improvements include a new playground, refurbished picnic pavilion with a new grill for family picnics, new accessible picnic tables and benches now line the new pathway.

A biodiversity survey was conducted by Natural Resources Management (NRM) staff to document the natural habit. There were three habitat types discovered in the 25-acre forested area: Pine Hardwood Flatwood, Small Stream Forest, and Mixed Hardwood Loblolly Pine Forest. The findings in the report mention the forested area is relatively open and is large enough to support a meandering nature trail. This Park could also provide additional recreational benefits beyond the playground and baseball field in the form of nature-based passive recreation.



- 2020: Biodiversity Assessment (NRM)
- 2020: Online Public Survey Conducted
- 2021: Restroom Renovation
- 2021-2022: New Playground + Site Improvements





# **BEAVER CREEK PARK**

Beaver Creek Neighborhood Park is in the northwest corner of the parish near Plains-Port Hudson Road. It features improvements that were completed in 2010 IYP1 program including a new recreation area featuring a new playground encircled by decorative fencing, connector walks with benches, and a picnic pavilion. Other amenities include a new tennis court and a half basketball court. The landscape features earthen berms and shade trees throughout the site.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2010: Site Improvements



#### **BELFAIR PARK**

Belfair Park facilities include a recreation center, a playground area, and a multi-use court. The recreation center was renovated and re-purposed in IYP1 to serve as the Belfair Teen Center. Newly developed classes such as Drum Corp, Hip Hop Dance, Modern Dance and Film Making are offered at the renovated teen location which is dedicated to the teens throughout East Baton Rouge Parish.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2007: Belfair Teen Center Renovations



# **BEN BURGE PARK**

Improvements to Ben Burge Neighborhood Park consisted of a new playground with safety surfacing, connecting sidewalks, a picnic shelter with tables, cooking grill, new benches, and water fountain. The playground unit for ages 2-5 was donated by the Children's Plaza at Renaissance Village in Baker. Additional playground components have also been included.

In 2020 the NRM team conducted a Biodiversity Assessment at the site. The summary of findings at the 5-acre neighborhood park comprises 13.5 acres of Bottomland Hardwood Forest. The habitat is in good condition and supports species typically found in Bottomland Hardwood Forests of Louisiana. The park could provide recreational benefits beyond the recreation center and playground in the form of nature-based passive recreation.



- 2007: Public Planning Meeting
- 2009: Site Improvements
- 2020 Biodiversity Assessment Report





# **BIRD STATION PARK**

The linear park is located just north of Choctaw Drive near Greenwell Springs Road. Bird Station Park features a multi-use ball field, a playground with picnic tables for family gatherings, and two multiuse courts. In 2017 a public planning meeting was held at the adjacent Gloryland Baptist facility. Two schematic design options were presented to area residents to gain insight to the community wishes for site enhancements in their neighborhood park. A land swap study was also explored in 2018 to deem if the property to the north of the site was more advantageous to BREC development.

- 2017: Public Planning Meeting
- 2018: Land Swap Study



### **BLUEBERRY STREET PARK**

The Neighborhood Park is located on N. Ardenwood Drive. It features a recreation center, picnic pavilion and outdoor basketball courts.

In 2019, a community survey was conducted to gain insight to the needs and wishes of citizens. This information help shape the development of a master plan. In 2020, site improvements were completed, and the park now features new connector walks that lead to the new playground, connects to the refurbished picnic pavilion, and connects to the newly renovated basketball courts.

A bioswale was incorporated into the existing ditch to help improve site drainage. Native plants act as a filter to pollutants from the runoff before it enters the storm drains and adds a variety of nature in an urban landscape.

- 2015: Mural Project
- 2019: Public Input Survey Conducted
- 2020: New Playground + Site Improvements







# **BOULEVARD DE PROVINCE PARK**

Boulevard De Province Neighborhood Park is located near Old Hammond Hwy on Boulevard De Province. In 2020, a community online survey was conducted to gain insight to the needs and wishes of citizens. The information from the survey was incorporated into the planning process and facilitated BREC in designing a park that meet the needs and wants of the community.

Site improvements were completed in 2021 which include a reconfigured playground featuring a new play unit for children ages 5-12, double arch swings and a whirligig spinner. Other improvements include ADA compliant connector walks, a refurbished pavilion, site furnishings, a new ADA drinking fountain, improved site drainage and tree plantings.



- 2020: Online Public Input Survey Conducted
- 2021: New Playground + Site Improvements







# **BROOKFIELD AVENUE PARK**

Brookfield Neighborhood Park is tucked away in High Point subdivision off Jefferson Hwy. In 2019, an online survey was conducted to gain insight to the needs and wishes of citizens. The information from the survey was incorporated into the planning process and facilitated BREC in designing a park that meet the needs and wants of the community.

Site improvements include new playground equipment, site furnishings, new ADA compliant walking loop, additional ADA parking and improved site drainage.

- 2019: Online Public Input Survey Conducted
- 2020: Site Improvements with New Playground + Walking Loop









# **BROWN HEIGHTS PARK**

Brown Heights Park is located alongside Plank Road near Pettit Road. The recreational site features a large open green space that is flanked by White Bayou to the south and Plank Road to the east. An online public input survey was conducted in 2019 to help guide site enhancements. Site improvements include the construction of a new ADA compliant walking loop, a new picnic pavilion, site furnishings and improved site drainage.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

- 2019: Online Public Input Survey Conducted
- 2021: New Walking Loop + Site Improvements





#### **BUCHANAN PARK**

Buchanan Park is located across from Buchanan Elementary School in south Baton Rouge. In IYP1 the small pocket park was enhanced and features a renovated basketball court, new players bench and picnic area. A new accessible walk now provides access from the city sidewalk to the court and picnic table.

# **PROJECT DATE**2014: Site Improvements

Cadillac Street Park is located in the Zion City area. Area residents have access to a Recreation Center, existing basketball court and walking loop. In February 2020, a public input meeting was held at the Recreation Center to gain input from area residents on their needs and wishes for their park. A follow up online public survey was also conducted in March 2020.

Cadillac Street Park site improvements were made possible in part by Capital Outlay funding. Enhancements include new playground and adult outdoor fitness equipment each with new shade system structures for sun protection. The playground has engineered wood fiber safety surfacing, new site furnishings, site drainage, accessible connector walks and shade tree plantings.

- 2020: Public Meeting held at Cadillac Recreation Center
- 2020: Online Public Input Survey
  Conducted
- 2021: Site Improvements, Playground
   + Shade Sails









# **CAMELOT PARK**

The small neighborhood park is positioned between Camelot and Afton Oaks subdivisions. The accessible walks provide a cross connection the two residential areas. Camelot Park is just large enough to house a playground with wood fiber safety surfacing, swings, and park benches.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2013: Playground + Site Improvements







# **CEDAR RIDGE DRIVE PARK**

Cedar Ridge Park underwent a master planning process for park renovations in IYP1. Existing amenities include a recreation center with indoor basketball court and meeting rooms, and two lighted baseball fields. Conceptual plans were presented at a public planning meeting in 2012. Area residents shared their needs and wishes for possible site improvements to the park.

In 2013, the first phase of the new master plan was completed. Park renovations consisted of a new playground with a tot unit and a larger play unit so all ages can play safety. The new ADA accessible connecting walks provide access to other features in the park and to the newly paved parking area.

The neighborhood park contains a pocket of forested land that is beneficial to not only wildlife but park patrons as well. Around 2013 an Eagle Scout conducted an approved project to establish a hiking trail in the forested land of the park. It was well-used by BREC summer camps and patrons but minimally managed.

In 2019 BREC's NRM Division assume the trail as part of BREC's hiking trail system. In 2021 the trail was modified slightly to enhance the user experience and trail signage was added per BREC's signage standard consistent with other trails in the BREC system. BREC's programming staff now uses the trail for Night Hike and Campfire programming.



#### **PROJECT DATE**

- 2012: Public Planning Meeting held
- 2013: Site Improvements
- 2019 BREC NRM officially establishes pre-existing Eagle Scout Hiking trail
- 2021 Trail Directional Signage + Hiking Trail Expansion (NRM)
- 2024: New LED Sports Lighting

# CEDAR RIDGE TRAILS



# **CEDARCREST PARK**

This neighborhood park is located in the Cedarcrest subdivision, off of Old Hammond Highway. Facilities include a playground area, tennis court, a half basketball court, a picnic area, and a ball field. The Louisiana Art and Artists Guild uses the facility for their arts programming. Renovations to Cedarcrest Park in IYP1 include improved playground drainage, ADA accessible parking, new connector paths to a new picnic pavilion and other picnic areas. The recreation center received minor improvements.

In 2019 the park was identified for improvements and an online public input survey was conducted to help guide the site enhancements. A land survey was conducted in 2021 to aid in the design development.

The project was delayed due to the pandemic and is now on tract to receive site improvements. BREC Planning and Engineering will present designs for park improvements at an Open House and the community is encouraged to share ideas for making the park great.



- 2013: Site Improvements
- 2019: Online Public Input Survey Conducted
- 2022: Land Survey Complete
- July 2023: Open House Public Meeting
- 2024: New Playground + Site Improvements





# **CHAMBERLAIN STREET PARK**

Chamberlain Street Park serves a small community in the northwestern part of the City of Baker.

BREC hosted ribbon cutting in October 2015 to dedicate the new amenities in the park. Site improvements include a new playground with a double-bay arch swing and play unit for children, ages 2-5 and 5-12. Engineered wood fiber safety surface now fills the playground, replacing the former sand surface. New accessible walking loop surrounds the activity area allowing visitors of all ages to enjoy a stroll in the park. A new picnic shelter includes two new tables and a new barbecue grill. Along with the many improvements, the 4.7acre park includes a baseball field, ADA parking and a tennis court and a half court basketball area, both refurbished with new fencing. In 2022 a new prefabricated restroom was installed.

- 2015: New Playground + Site Improvements
- 2021: New Prefabricated Restroom









# **CHURCH STREET PARK**

Church Street Park is located in the City of Zachary. The Park features a recreation center, lighted ball field, playground, picnic pavilion and basketball court. There were multiple enhancement projects to the park between 2015 and 2021. In 2016 site improvements included a new playground, site furnishings, and accessible walks. The parking area received a new bus loading zone and additional ADA parking.

Another major undertaking was the recreation center renovations. The project was an addition and renovation including flood repair to the existing recreation center. The major components of the project included a new HVAC system to the gymnasium and existing activity room. A new 1,150 sf addition with a multi-purpose room, new and expanded restrooms, and storage rooms. The recreation center improvements compliment previous site improvements to create a cohesive design aesthetic.

# PROJECT DATE

- 2015: Recreation Center Roof Replaced
- 2016: New Playground + Site Improvements
- 2019: Recreation Center Addition + Renovation, Flood Repair (FEMA)
- 2021: Recreation Center Flood Repair









### **CLAYCUT BAYOU PARK**

The recreational site is located on Antioch Road near Tiger Bend Road. It features practice soccer fields, a picnic pavilion, and a restroom.

An archery range constructed in 2016 includes a practice range and field range. An accessible path leads to two new archery shelters and to the existing restroom. Participation is free to the public and the site is available for daily use.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2016: New Archery Range



#### **CLIFFORD T. SEYMOUR SR. PARK**

Clifford T. Seymour, Sr. Park is in North Baton Rouge along Highway 19. Site improvements completed in IYP1 include a new full basketball court, bleacher, benches, and picnic tables.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2012: Site Improvements



# **COLLEGE TOWN PARK**

College Town Park underwent a master planning process for park renovations in the first Imagine Your Parks program. BREC worked in collaboration with the local neighborhood association to facilitate ideas on ways to improve the park that best serves area residents. After a series of meetings with the neighborhood leaders a master plan was developed and represents the phased implementation of new and improved park amenities including new walkways, a new playground, a picnic shelter, improved drainage, and other site furnishings.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

- 2010: Park Planning Meeting + Citizen Survey
- 2011: Second Citizen Survey
- 2013: Construction Complete



# **CONGRESS PARK**

The site was developed into a Neighborhood Park in the first Imagine Your Parks program. The 2.5acre recreational site offers residents a 1/5-mile walking loop, a picnic shelter with tables and an expansive open play area. The grand opening of the Congress Neighborhood Park was August 2, 2005.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2005: Site Improvements



# **CONVENTION ST PARK**

Convention Street Park sits on a three-guarter acre lot which was formerly the site of the Continental Trailways bus terminal that later became an annex facility for the downtown postal complex. The Park underwent a master planning process in the first Imagine Your Parks program that consisted of a public meeting during which BREC presented two conceptual plans and provided public input surveys to collect information about the needs and wants of the community. The final master plan reflects the combined information. Park enhancements include a large passive open space defined by a radial promenade. The pathway terminates with a focal point of public art surrounded by an intimately scaled neighborhood perennial garden. It also features an arcing seat wall to provide seating or an area for outdoor performances.

Since its initial improvements in 2012, Convention Street Park has had a functioning bioswale to help capture stormwater during large rain events. In 2022 modifications were made to the garden to allow it to hold more stormwater for longer and enhancements were made in order to armor the inlets to slow water down to protect the vegetation within the swale. Additional enhancements included adding additional organic material back to the swale and replanting with native species.

- 2008: Demolition of Existing Buildings
- 2012: Construction of Park
- 2022: Green Infrastructure Enhancements









# **CORPORATE PARKWAY**

Corporate Parkway Park provides 0.14 of a mile of walking trails for area residents in Old South Baton Rouge. Renovations to the park include improved site drainage and grading in areas prone to holding water. Also, sections of uneven concrete along the trail were replaced.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2013: Site Improvements

#### **CORTANA PLACE PARK**

This undeveloped parcel of land is located west of Oak Villa Blvd within an industrial corridor between Airline Hwy to the west, S. Choctaw Dr to the north, and Florida Blvd to the south. As part of its Imagine Your Parks strategic plan, BREC conducted a thorough efficiency evaluation of its entire system to identify obsolete land and facilities. In 2015, the BREC Commission declared Cortana Place Park obsolete for park and recreation use and authorized staff to sell property. In 2021 a Vacant Land Appraisal Report was conducted. In May 2018 Cunard-Gore Road Park was identified for improvements. An online public input survey was conducted along with a public planning meeting held at Greenwood Community Park to gain insight of the community needs and wishes for their neighborhood park.

Site improvements included a new centrally located playground with accessible connector paths, site furnishings and refurbished picnic pavilion. A walking loop was added with seating long the pathway and tree were planted throughout the park. An area that held water along the rear of the park was filled in and a new drainage swale was constructed. A native plant grow zone was created and planted with wildflowers creating a buffer zone along the new drainage swale.

- 2018: Online Public Input Survey + Public Planning Conducted
- 2018: New Playground + Site Improvements







# **DAYTON ST PARK**

This is a small park under Interstate 110 at Dayton Street in north Baton Rouge. It provides a basketball court, drinking fountain and site furnishings for area youth. **PROJECT DATE**2013: Site Improvements

#### **DOVER ST PARK**

Dover Street Neighborhood Park site renovations in the first Imagine Your Parks program includes site grading, subsurface drainage, limestone parking improvements with ADA parking and accessible walks. The site features all new site furnishings, a walking loop and new fitness equipment complete with a shade structure. A portion of these improvements are supported through Capital Outlay Funding.

# **PROJECT DATE**2014: Site Improvements





#### **DOYLE BAYOU PARK**

Located north of Zachary, between Highway 19 and Plank Road, Doyle Bayou Park features a couple of ponds, playground and picnic area, ball diamond and open space for all types of recreational activities.

Natural Resource Management staff have conducted field studies at the 97-acre site and planted sapling such as Wax Myrtle, Nuttall Oak, Catalpa and Green Ash that are native to the area. Invasive species such as Tallow trees were treated to provide an opportunity for native plants to thrive.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

 2022: Master Planning + New Entrance Sign









# **DROZE ROAD PARK**

This is a small park is located off Greenwell Springs Road near Greenwell Springs Park in the City of Central. It features an older playground area that will be removed when a new neighborhood playground is installed at nearby Greenwell Springs Park that is only 500 feet away.

Droze Road Park will be allowed to revert to a natural setting that will provide a valuable habitat regarding wildlife and ecosystem services such as storm water runoff, reduction of urban heat and wildlife corridor.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

- 2022: Playground removal
- 2022 Biodiversity Assessment Report



#### **DRUSILLA LANE PARK**

Drusilla Neighborhood Park is located just south of Old Hammond Hwy on Drusilla Lane. The recreational site received improvements in IYP1 that included a new playground for ages 2-12, a refurbished tennis court and a new picnic shelter. A refurbished lighted baseball field and new walks connect all park amenities making the park fully accessible.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2014: Site Improvements



# **DUCHESS DRIVE PARK**

Duchess Neighborhood Park is tucked away in the Windsor Place subdivision. An online public input survey was conducted along with a public planning meeting held at Cherry Creek Apartments to gain insight of the community needs and wishes for their neighborhood park. Site improvements include a new playground, site furnishings, a walking loop. The parking area was reconfigured and now comprises new ADA parking and security lighting.

- 2019: Public Input Survey Conducted
- 2021-2022: New Playground + Site Improvements







# **EAST BROOKSTOWN PARK**

East Brookstown Park a small undeveloped lot located in north Baton Rouge at the corner of East Brookstown Drive and Hanks Drive. The site is currently undeveloped.

#### **EAST POLK ST PARK**

East Polk Street Park received renovations in IYP1 that included a playground with connecting walks to improve pedestrian access and a paved parking area. New picnic tables and benches were installed. The ball field backstop and basketball court were also refurbished.

Future planning will coincide with LADOTD widening Interstate 10 along side East Polk Street Park. Improvements may include a new trailhead and greenway leading to Dalrymple Drive. A new playground area and site furnishings.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2013: Site Improvements



#### **EASTGATE PARK**

In 2015 BREC relinquished use of property formerly known as Eastgate Park back to Entergy. This was a result of an extensive obsolete land study that concluded the site as a redundant facility do to other BREC Parks within a mile radius. Additionally, new restrictions from Entergy prevented new play equipment from being placed within 20' (vertically and horizontally) of the power lines.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2015: Park removed from service

#### **EDWARD AVENUE PARK**

Edward Avenue Park is an undeveloped park, that is tucked away in the Hundred Oaks residential area. The site is bordered by Edward Avenue and Parker Street. The Park provides passive recreational greenspace that features mature shade trees for area residents to enjoy.



# **ERICH AND LEA STERNBERG PARK**

Project Improvements include a new playground featuring two play units. One tot unit for ages 2 to 5 and a larger play unit for children ages 5 to 12 to explore. There are new arch swings with four belt seats and two swing along multi-generational seats that features face-to-face seats. For motion play there is an upright spinning whirl that accommodates lots of kids at once and spinner and a unity hoopla swing.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2018: New Playground



#### **ERIE STREET PARK**

Erie Street Park will be BREC's newest small neighborhood park, located on the corner of Erie Street and Plank Road. BREC has been working with Build BR on this project to transform a blighted parcel into a thriving green space that fosters a sense of community.

This small park focuses on green infrastructure, utilizing bio-retention planters (rain gardens) to capture stormwater on site, clean it and ensure that the water infiltrates into the site's soils. The planters contain Louisiana native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers that will provide for pollinators and local wildlife, providing shade and seasonal variety and interest to the site.

#### **PROJECT DATE**

• 2024: New Park Development



### **EVANGELINE STREET PARK**

In 2019 Evangeline Street Park received a new prefabricated restroom that is ADA accessible. This neighborhood site features a picnic pavilion, playground, ball field and football practice area and a basketball court that are linked by an accessible guarter mile walking loop.

Planning is underway for new playground equipment at the neighborhood park. It will feature one tot unit for ages 2 to 5 and a larger play unit for children ages 5 to 12. Expected completion in fall 2024.

- 2019: New Prefabricated Restroom
- 2024: New Playground







#### LEGEND

- A. South Blvd Entrance
- B. Relocated Seal Sculptures
- C. Flexible Social Spaces/Plaza and Rain Gardens
- D. Downtown Greenway
- E. Public Art
- F. History Walk (historic 10th Street)
- G. Bikeshare Station
- H. Event Lawn
- I. Signature Pavilion & Restrooms
- J. Playground
- K. Splashpad
- L. Adult Fitness
- M. Myrtle Ave Entrance
- N. Stage
- O. Relocated Sculpture
- P. Additional Basketball Courts & Lighting
- Q. Urban Skate Park
- R. Existing Walk-Ons Basketball Cts
- S. Stormwater Management areas
- T. Football Field
- U. Grow Zones Native Grasses & Wildflowers
- V. Walking Circuit



