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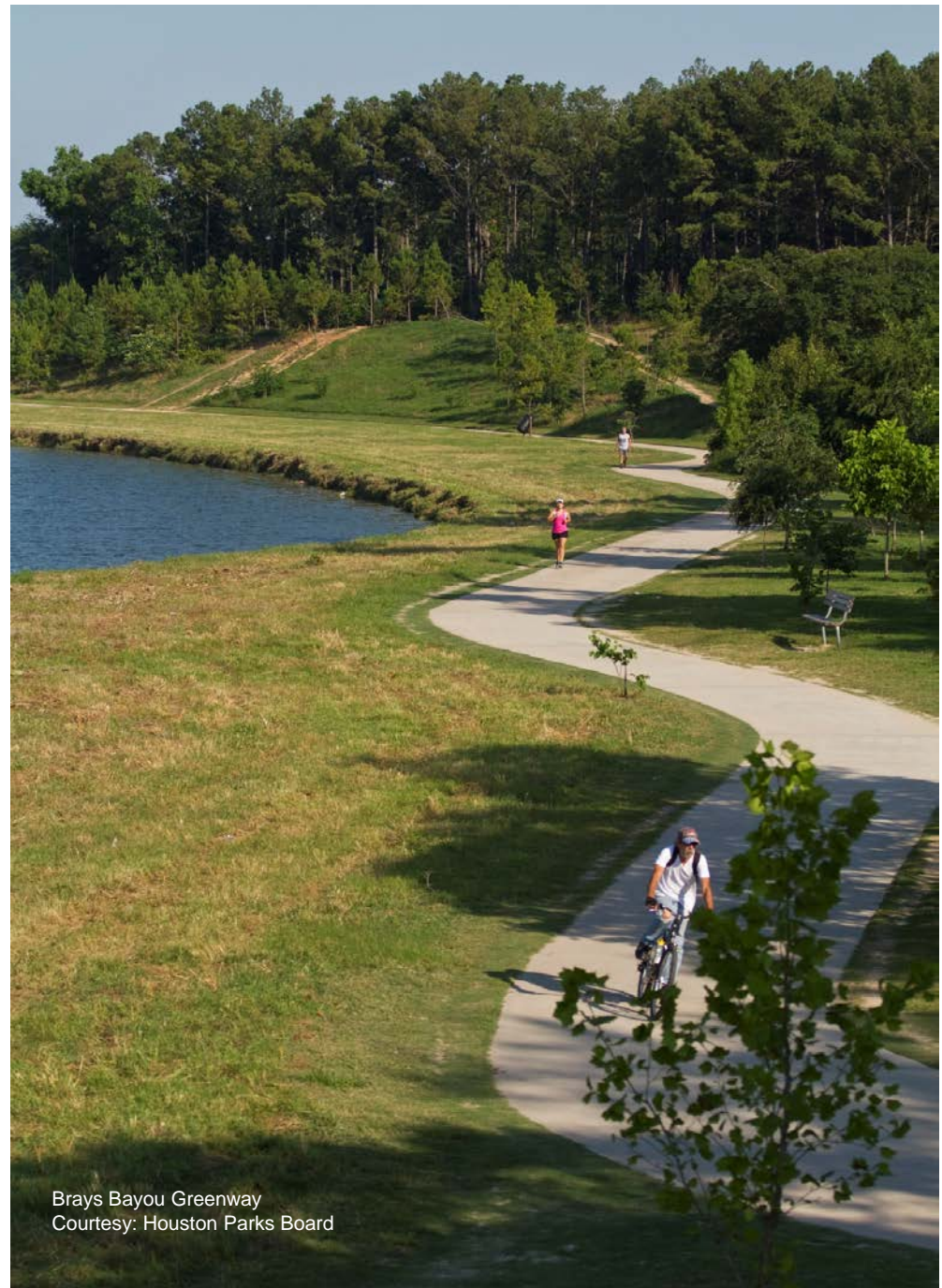
Fall Planning Workshop

Our Healthy Communities

Bayou Greenway

Harris County/Greater Houston Area

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Houston Parks Board **11-9-2012**



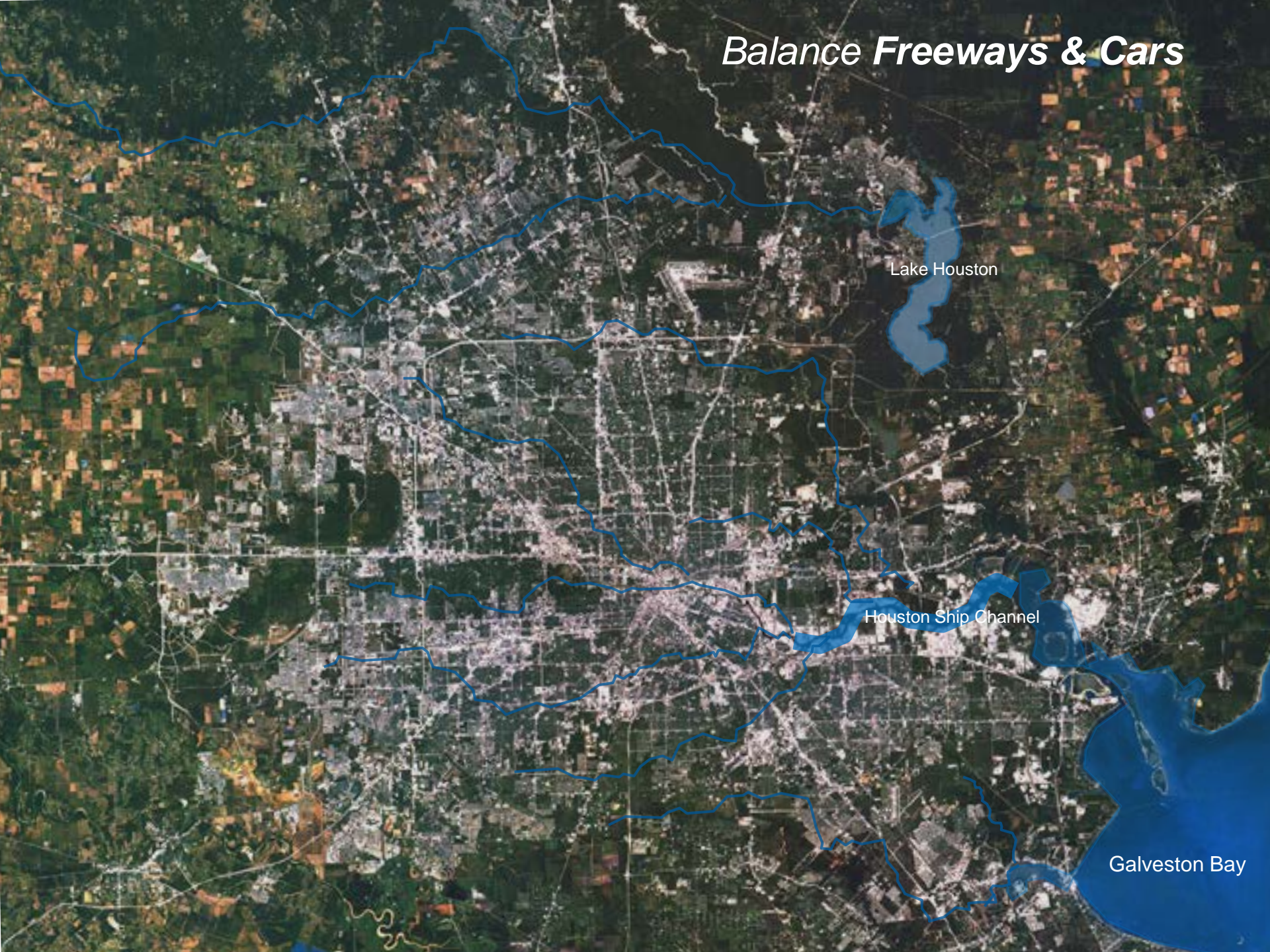
Brays Bayou Greenway
Courtesy: Houston Parks Board

Bayou Greenways – Continuous parks & trails along our bayous



Brays Bayou Greenway
Courtesy: Harris Co. Flood Control District

Balance Freeways & Cars



Lake Houston

Houston Ship Channel

Galveston Bay

with Bayou Greenways

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Galveston Bay

Repositioning the Region for the 21st Century





Cypress Creek
Courtesy: Jim Robertson, Cypress Creek Greenway
Project



Buffalo Bayou
Courtesy: SWA

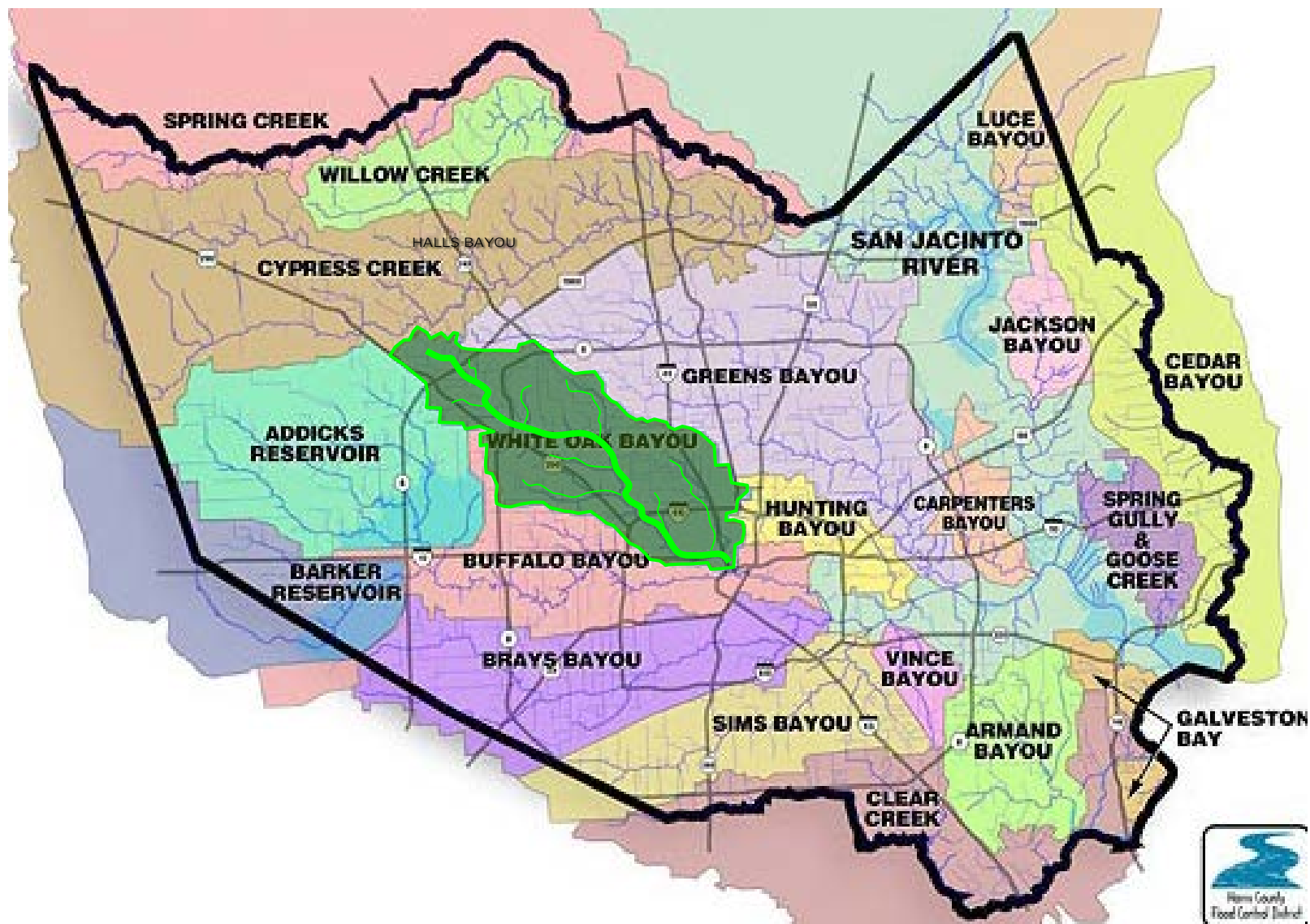




Keith Wiess Park

Halls Bayou

Wet-Bottom Detention Ponds







Courtesy: Kevin Shanley

Bayou Greenway Initiative – Harris County / Greater Houston Area

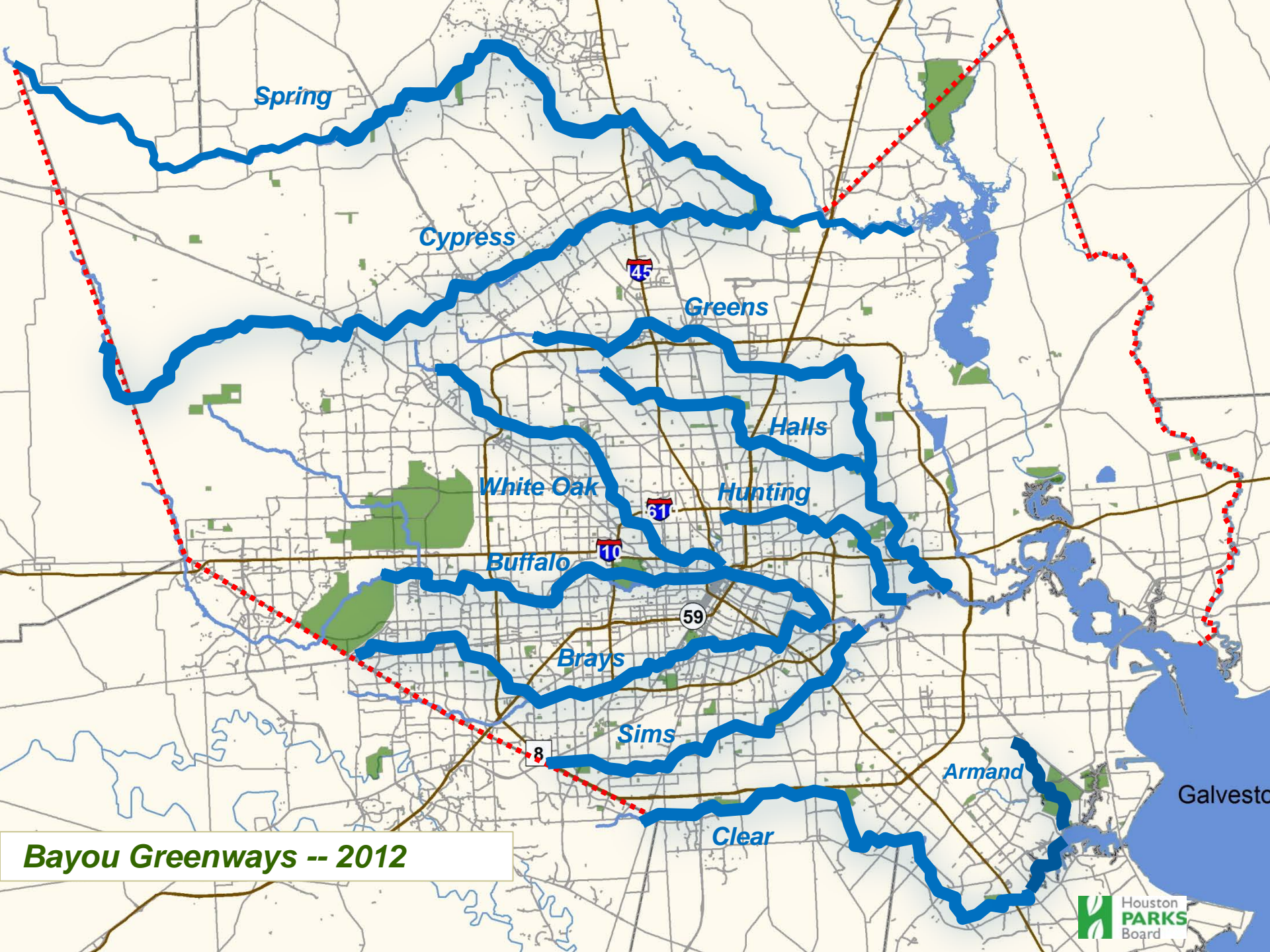
Scope:

1. *Completing continuous green ribbons & trails*
2. *Along 10 major bayous, and*
3. *Acquiring additional greenspaces for future park /detention/ water quality*

Bayou Greenways -- 1912

Source: Arthur C. Comey,
Houston, Tentative Plans for Its
Development





Spring

Cypress

Greens

Halls

White Oak

Hunting

Buffalo

Brays

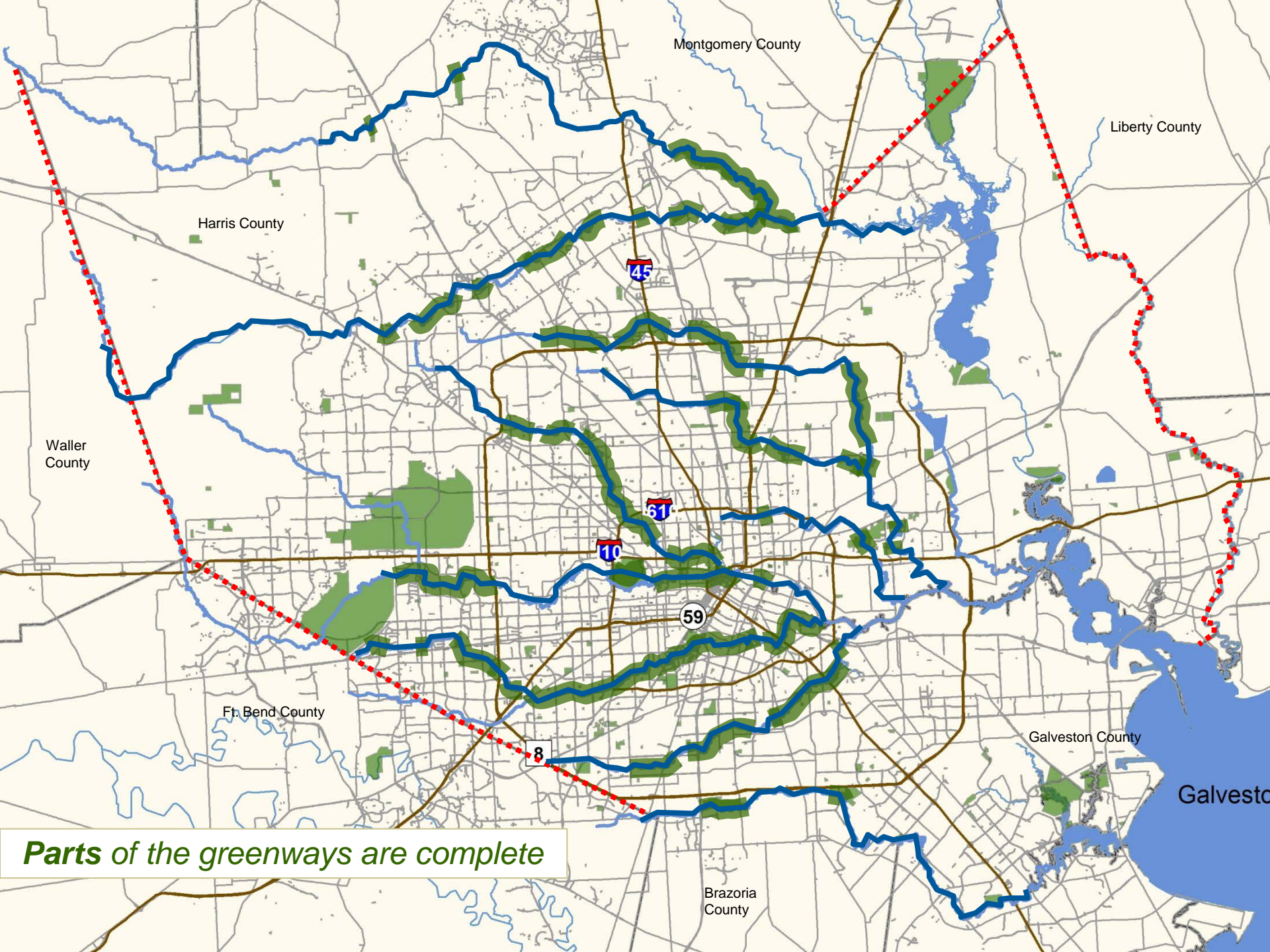
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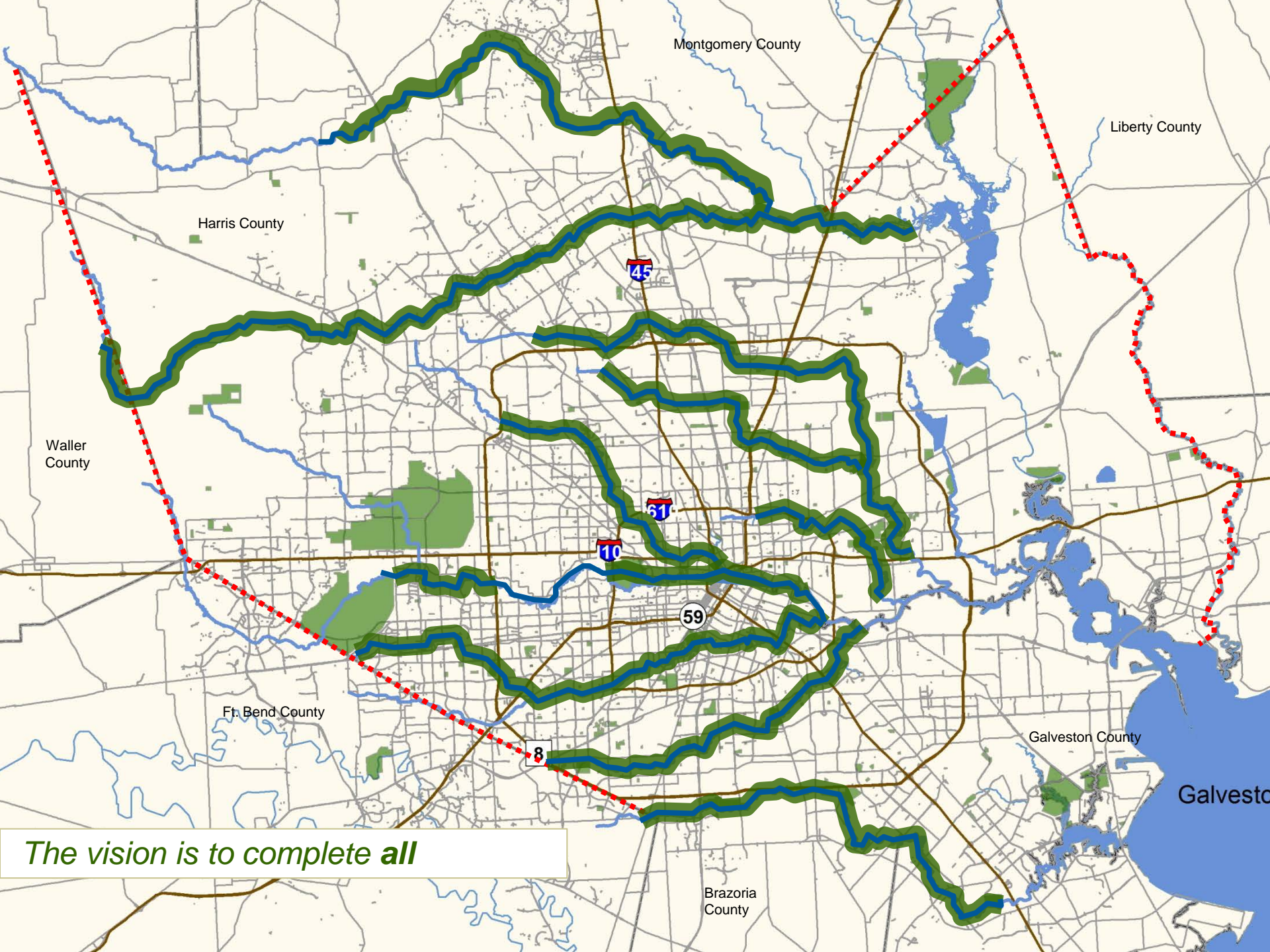
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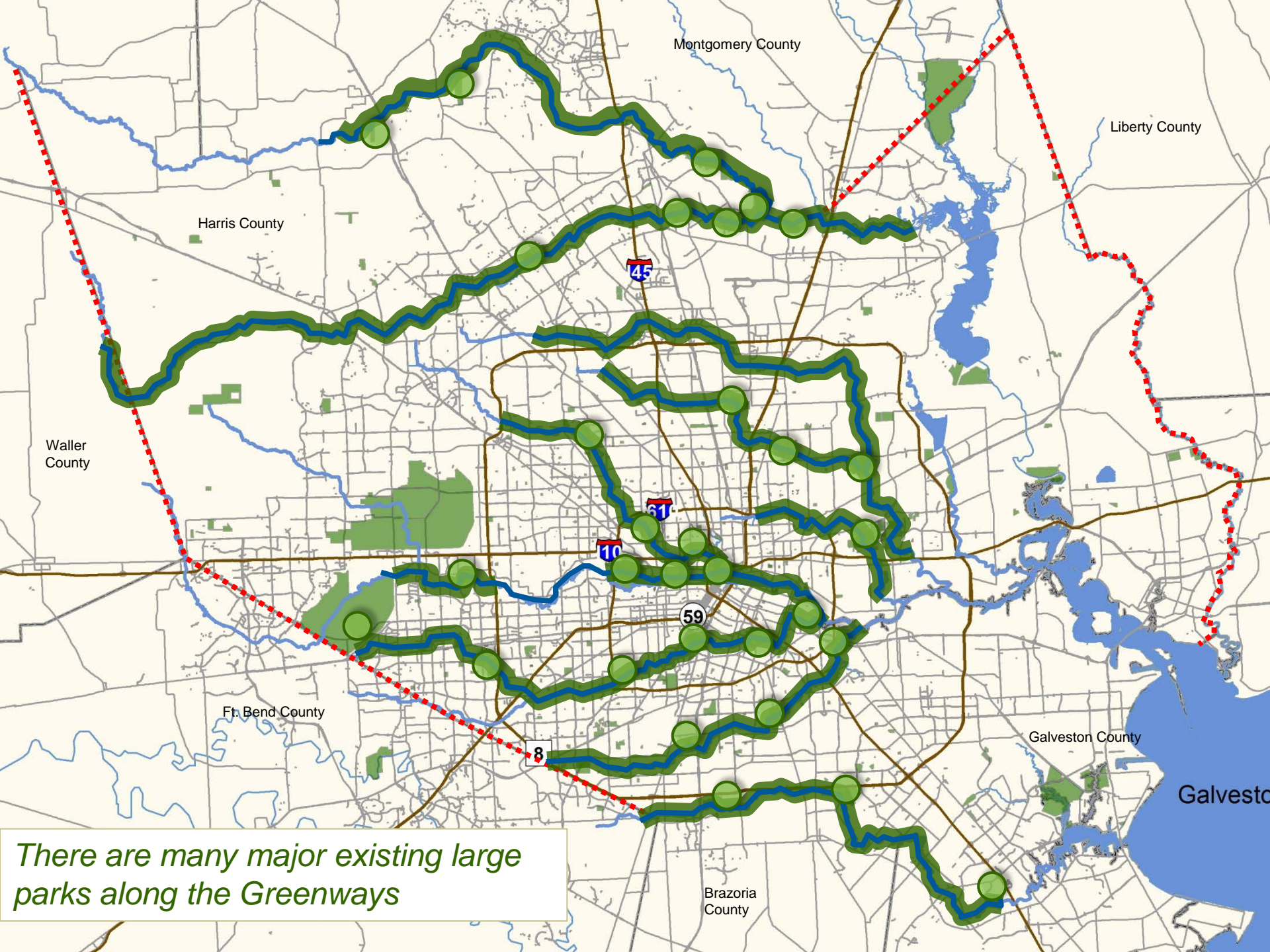
Bayou Greenways -- 2012



Parts of the greenways are complete



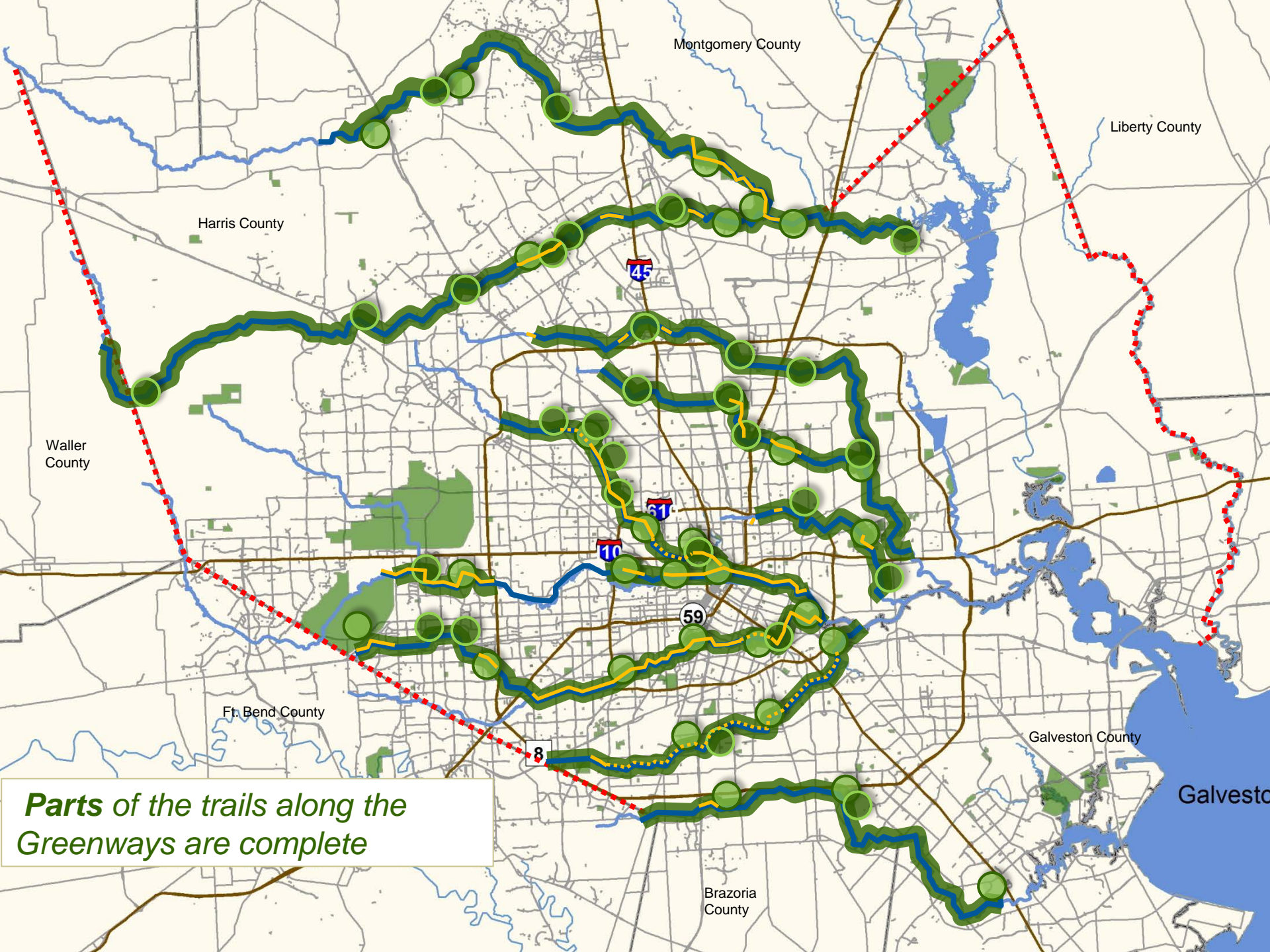
The vision is to complete all



There are many major existing large parks along the Greenways



The vision is to add many more



Parts of the trails along the Greenways are complete

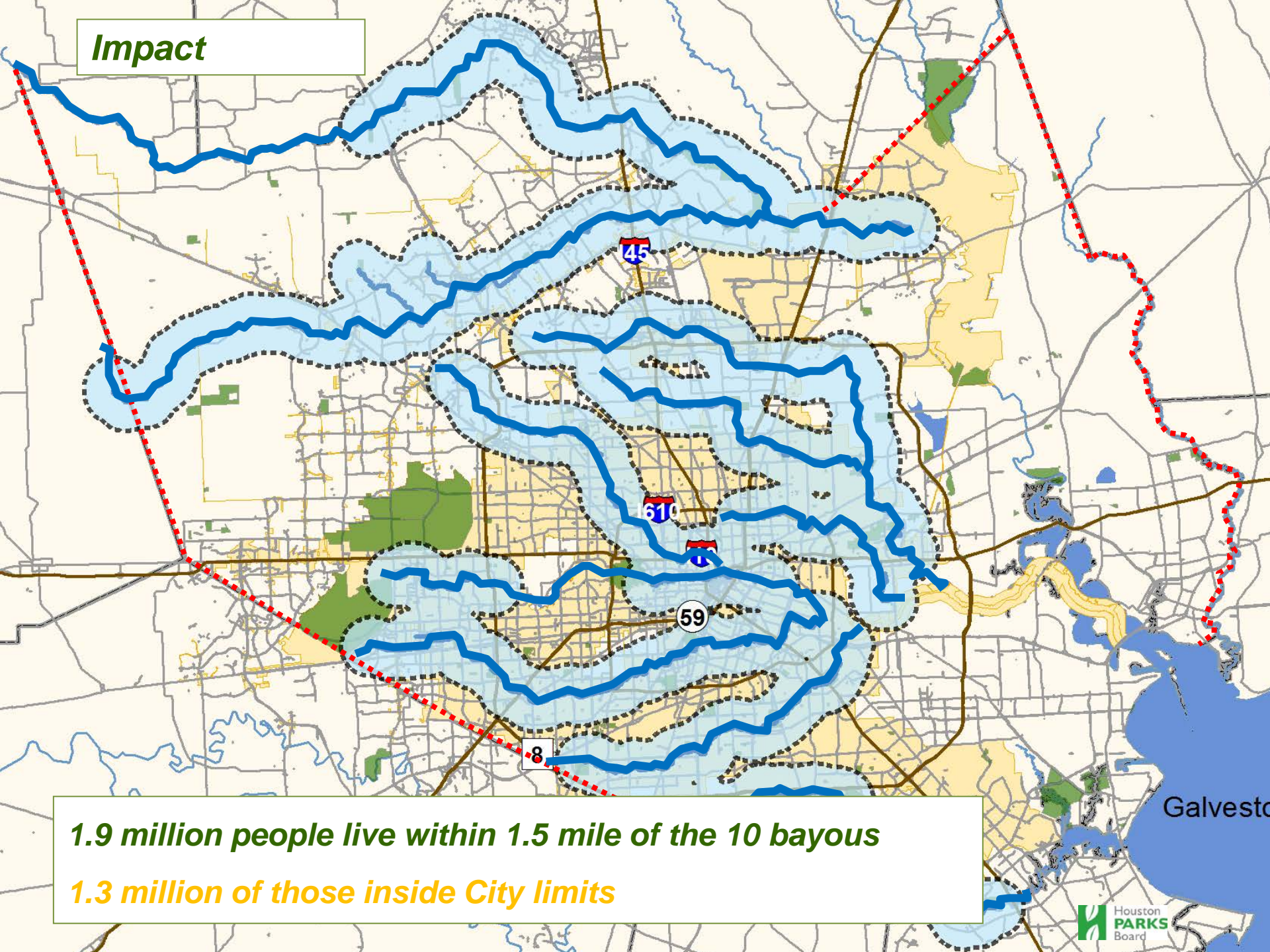


*The vision is to complete **all***

Cost : \$480 million

- **5,000 more equitably distributed acres**
- **Double the trails to 300 miles**

Impact



“Key to a Healthy Region” – By Dr. John Crompton



Key benefits -- most of which we quantified

1. Physical & mental health

\$ 77.1 million/year

- Recreational Use Value
- Health Care Cost Savings
- Urban Cohesion

2. Environmental health

\$ 22.5 million/year

- Air Quality & Enhanced Bicycle Use
- Flood/Runoff Reduction & Water Quality
- Ecosystem Services

3. Economic health

\$ 17.5 million/year

- Enhanced Property Tax Base
- Retiree Retention & Relocation
- Company & Talent Retention & Relocation

County-wide annual benefits

\$117.1 million/year

City-wide annual benefits

\$ 70.3 million/year

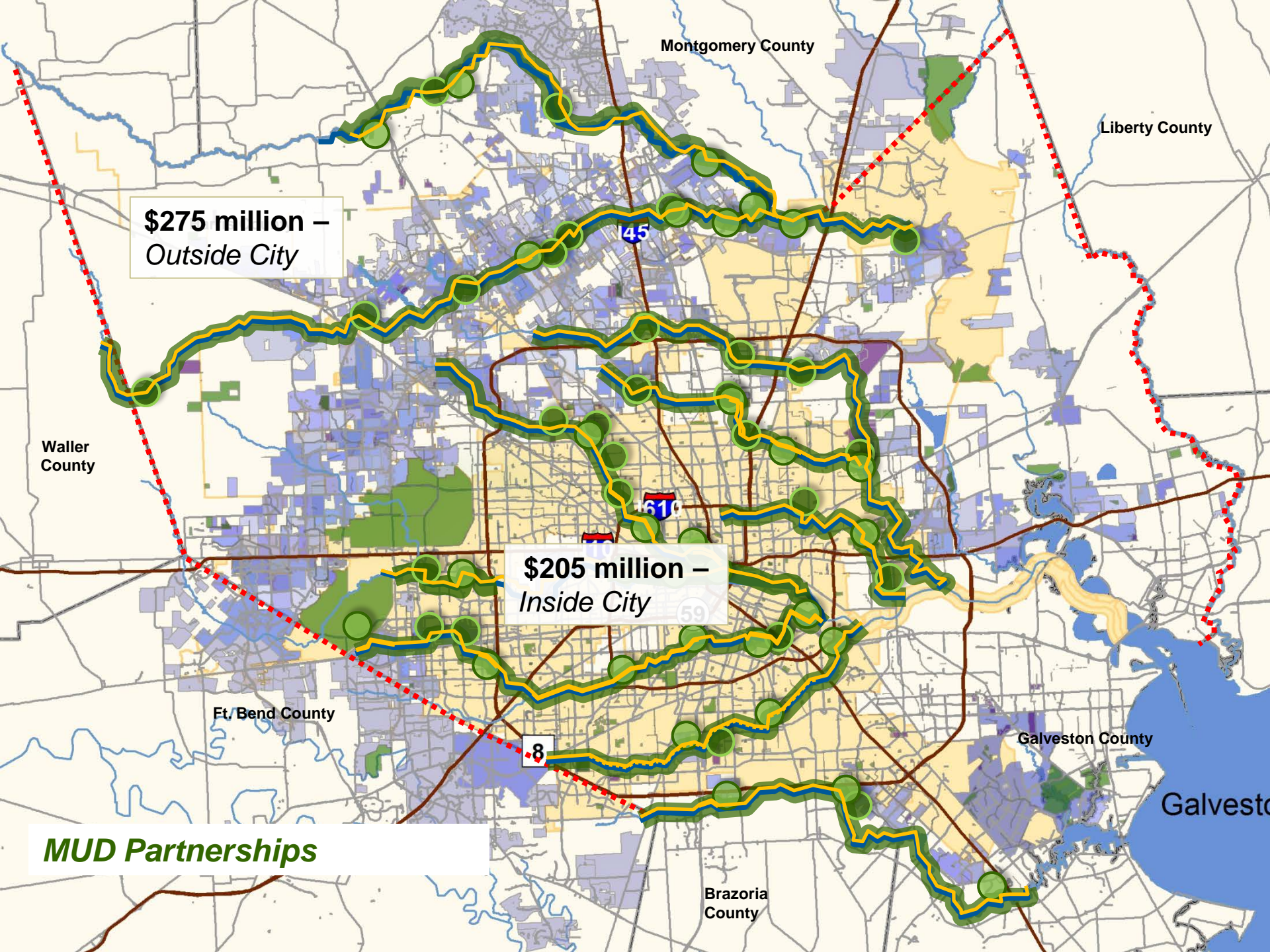


\$275 million –
Outside City

\$205 million –
Inside City

Financing Strategy

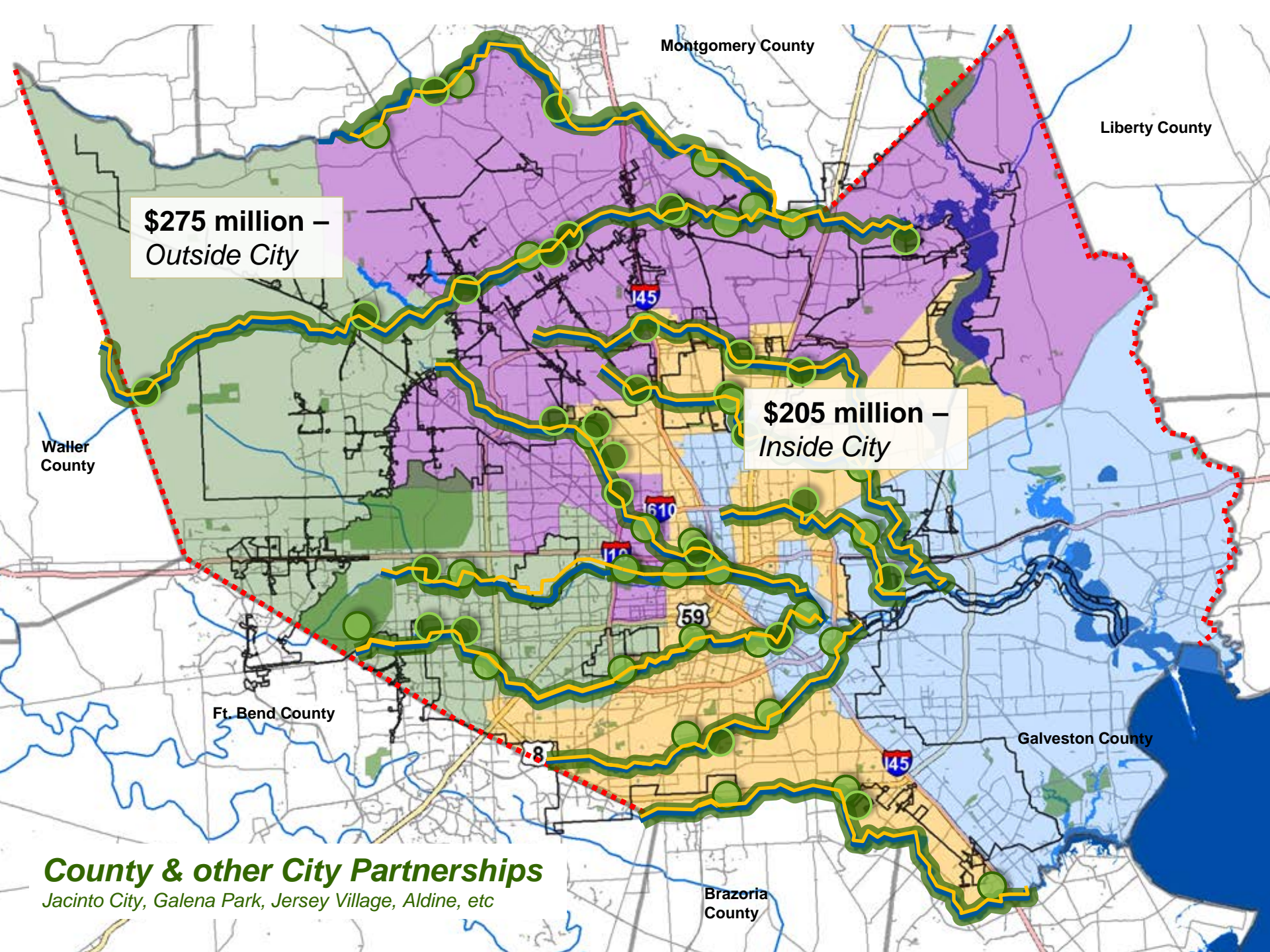
\$480 million -- Breakdown



\$275 million –
Outside City

\$205 million –
Inside City

MUD Partnerships



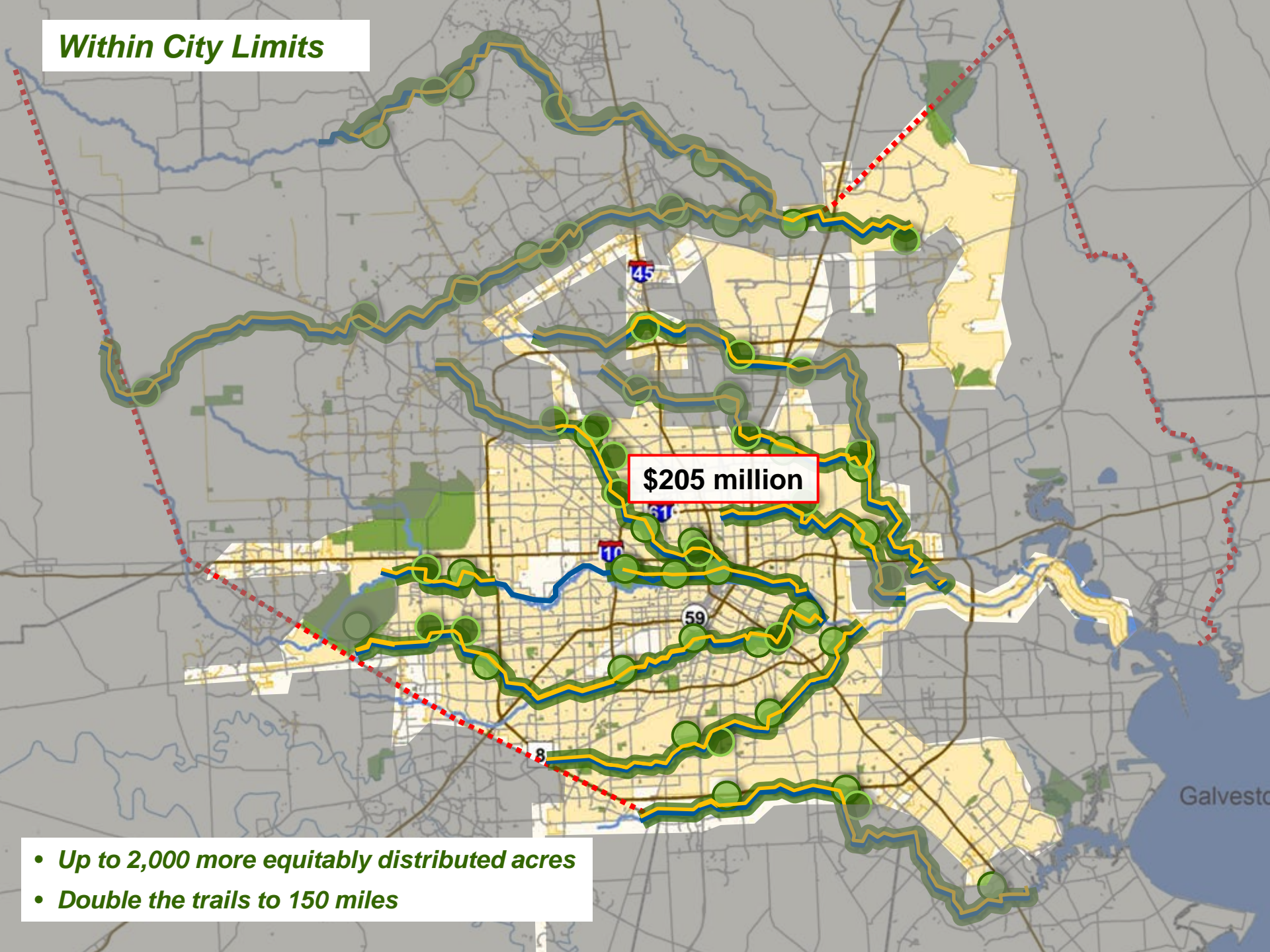
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Inside City**

County & other City Partnerships

Jacinto City, Galena Park, Jersey Village, Aldine, etc

Within City Limits

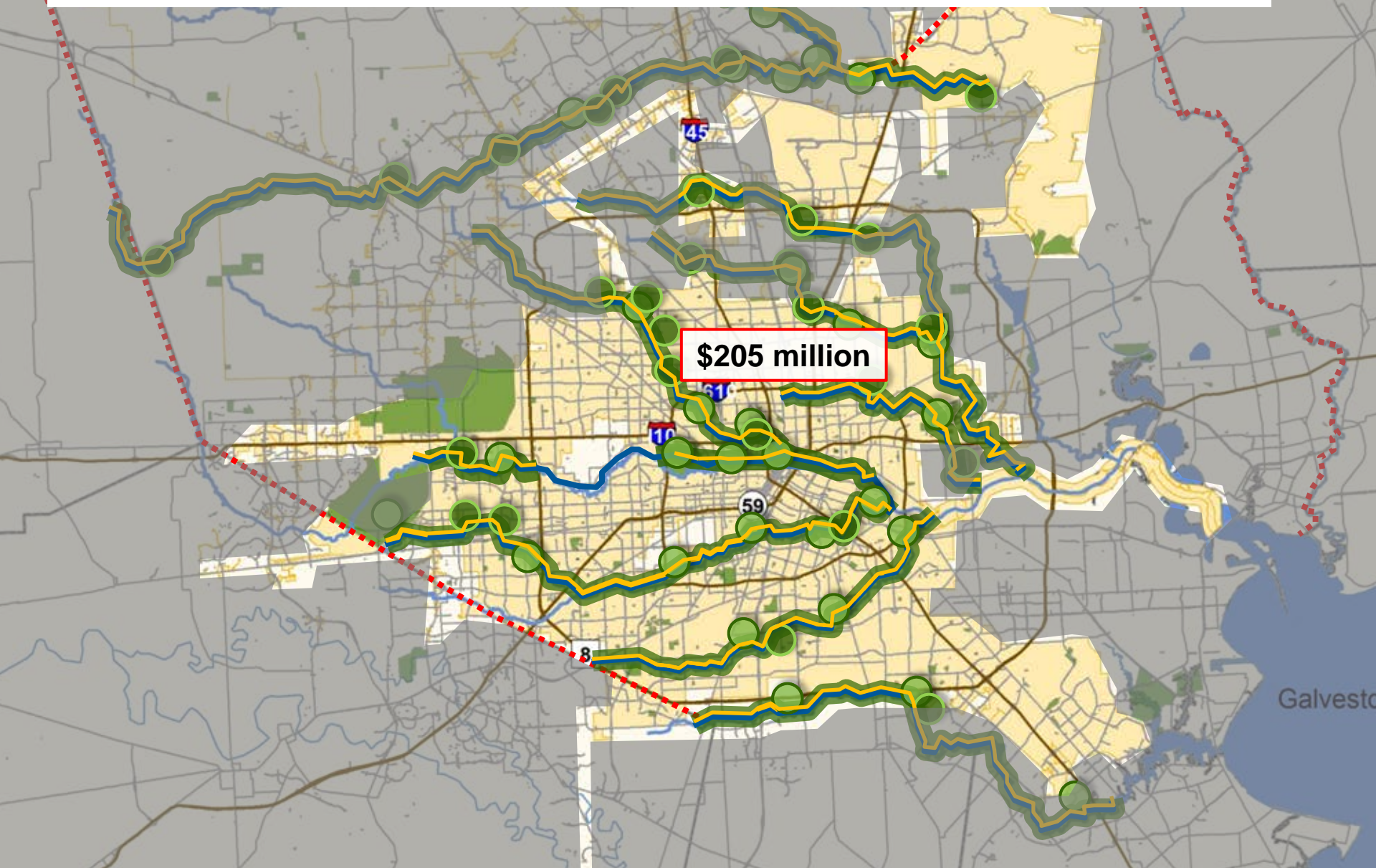


\$205 million

- ***Up to 2,000 more equitably distributed acres***
- ***Double the trails to 150 miles***

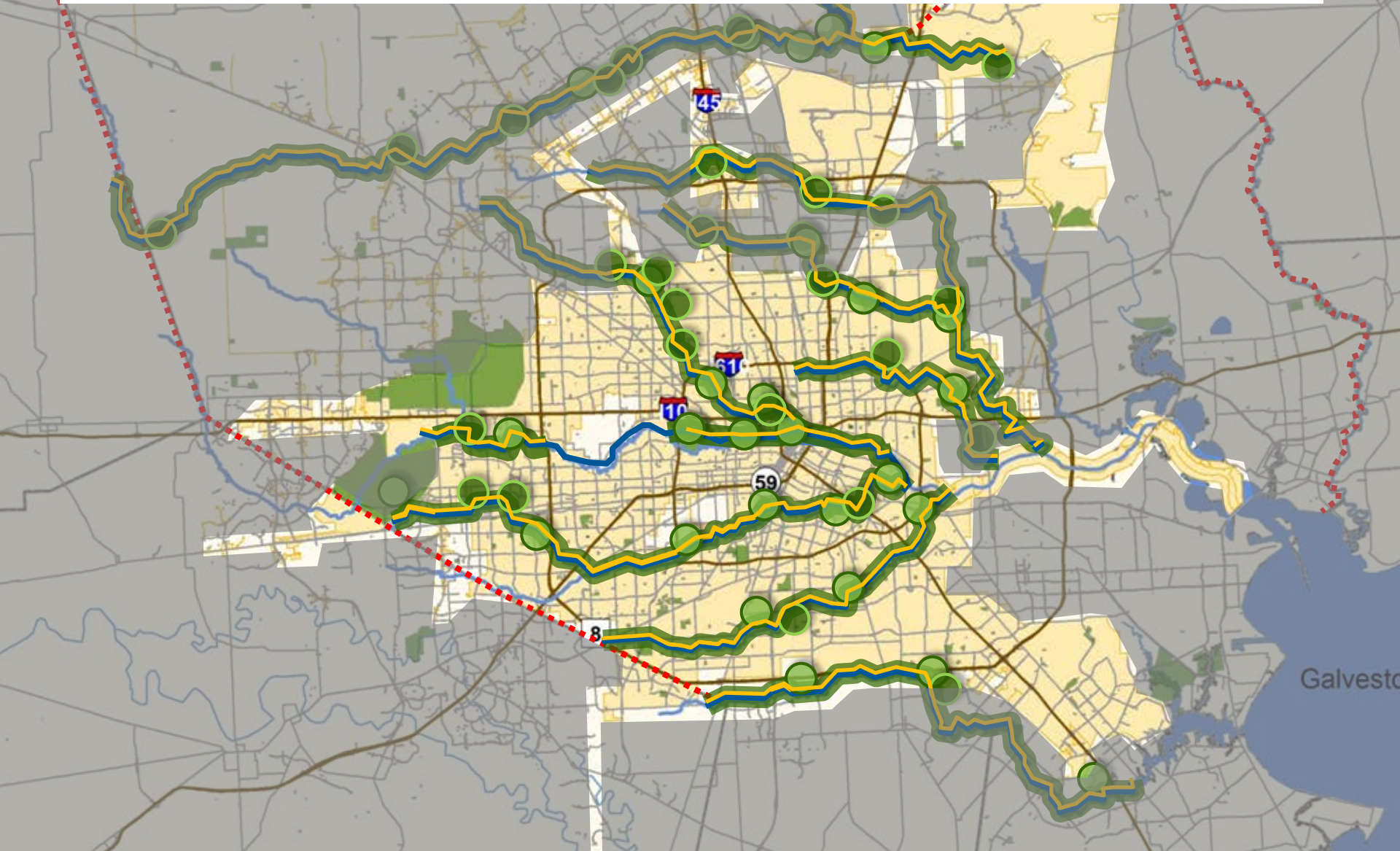
Public-Private Partnership Strategy:

- 1. Include \$100 million for Houston's Bayou Greenways in PARKS bond election in Nov. 2012***
- 2. Raise the \$105 million balance with matching private and other public funds***
- 3. Complete in 7 to 10 years***



On 11/6/12, Houston voted
With a compelling margin of
\$166 M parks bond including

“YES” on Proposition B –
68% for
\$100 M for Houston’s Bayou Greenways



There is unlikely to be any other investment in the Region that will:

- 1. Transform the Region's image*
- 2. Provide equitable parks and recreation amenities*
- 3. Make the region #1 for off-street trails*
- 4. Provide new jobs*
- 5. Keep the citizens, environment, and economy healthy*

Thank you!

