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## Abbott Look park receives \$250,000 in support

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**Anchorage, Alaska** - Last year it was a series of ball fields, now the Abbott Loop Community Park is getting another boost -- this time worth \$250,000.

Wells Fargo Bank Alaska presented the city with the donation today for improvements to the land in Far North Bicentennial Park. The 20-acre parcel will soon get a picnic pavilion, playground equipment, along with a sledding hill and trail improvements.

The city says these types of business partnerships are growing throughout the country because the donors also

reap the benefits of a better park system.

“It reduces their health care costs dramatically. If you live close to a park, it's about 50 percent reduction in your health care and your likelihood of having a heart attack ‘cause you exercise more,” said Jeff Dillon, the director of Anchorage Parks and Recreation.

Last year the park got four new baseball fields for the Simonian Little League along with a soccer field.



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