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Department Goal

The goal of the Parks and Recreation Department for the 1984 - 1989 Capital Improvement Program is to provide a wide range of recreational opportunities to all segments of the community. A balance between parkland acquisition, development, and trail development will be maintained, with a heavy emphasis on acquisition of greenbelts along all streams. Use will be made of publicly owned open space, and marginal lands and geological hazard areas are to be used for park purposes. Special efforts will be made to upgrade present park areas, as well as completion of current park projects.

Land Acquisition

This program will secure new greenbelts along creeks and will fill out existing greenbelts. Secure an average of three new neighborhood parks each year.

Input was obtained from Community Council questionnaires and interviews, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, and staff.

Major projects for 1984 include acquisition in the Abbott School, Tudor School and Central Klatt areas. Major greenbelt acquisitions are along Chester Creek, Fish Creek, and Rabbit Creek.

The community will benefit by having lineal parks along the creeks that will allow for trails, water quality and creek protection and parks that will encompass the community and allow for access to the creeks that flow through the Municipality.

Park Development

This program provides for completion of existing projects near Baxter School, in the Sand Lake area, in the Muldoon area and pave the parking lots at Nunaka Valley Park, Cheney Lake Park and Balto Seppala Park. Other major programs include development of playfield areas at Storck and Oceanview Bluff Parks. The development of four neighborhood parks and the upgrading of eight existing parks are consistent with department goals.

A new maintenance shop has been included to allow for an expanded park maintenance program in south and west Anchorage.

Information included in the Capital Budget has been shared with the community councils and input has been received from them in 1983 and 1984. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has thoroughly reviewed the program.

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The programs will allow for development of more playfields for soccer and field sports, as well as neighborhood facilities.

Trails

The 1984 -1989 Capital Budget includes 48 miles of added trail development. Along with the new trails, there is to be considerable funding to overlay and rehabilitate some of the present trail system. Seven additional miles of ski and bike trails will be lighted during the six-year program.

The community will benefit by having additional ski and bike trails lighted for night use. Safety of the users of the trails will be of importance with the addition of the lights. Some ski and bike trails will be adapted for running trails.

Many links between major trails will be completed with the Capital Budget to allow for a good bicycle riding and running program. Projects were reviewed originally by the community councils and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

Eagle River/Chugiak Parks and Recreation

The 1984 - 1989 Capital Improvement Program for Eagle River/Chugiak has a request for \$11,600,000 that will include acquisition and development of land for greenbelts and neighborhood parks, development of Mile 19 Park, and completion and expansion of the Eagle River Recreation Center.

Projects were reviewed originally by the community councils and the Eagle River/Chugiak Park and Recreation Service Area Board of Supervisors.

Girdwood Parks and Recreation

The 1984 - 1989 Capital Improvement Program for Girdwood Parks and Recreation encompasses only 1984 and 1985; the out year projects and priorities will be developed following the approval of the Park and Open Space Element of the Turnagain Arm Comprehensive Plan. For 1984 and 1985, projects have been identified to fill immediate needs of the community in the areas of ballfields, ski trails, a town square, and Girdwood community park and neighborhood parks development.