

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
DEPARTMENT GOAL/PROGRAM STATEMENT
Department: Parks and Recreation

Department Goal

The goal of the Parks and Recreation Department for the 1985 - 1990 Capital Improvement Program is to provide a wide range of recreational opportunities to all segments of the community. A balance between parkland acquisition, park and trail development will be maintained, with an emphasis on acquisition of greenbelts along all streams. Use will be made of publicly owned open space, marginal lands and geological hazard areas for park purposes. Special efforts will be made to upgrade present park areas, complete current park projects, and develop facilities in those areas where population increases demand additional parks and recreational opportunities.

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 correspondence, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, and staff.

Major neighborhood parks projects for 1985 will be acquisition in the Abbott School, Bancroft Park, Central Klatt, Susitna School, Muldoon, Government Hill areas.

Major greenbelt acquisitions are planned along Chester Creek, Fish Creek, Rabbit Creek, and Little Campbell 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.

Parks and Trails Development

This program provides for completion of existing projects at Didlika Park and Mountain View Recreation Center. Major new programs include development of parks and recreation areas at Storck, Oceanview Bluff, Huffman and Far North Bicentennial parks, Hilltop and Arctic Valley ski areas. The development of neighborhood and areawide parks and the upgrading of 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.

The 1985 - 1990 Capital Improvement Program includes added trail development. Along with the new trails, there is to be considerable funding to overlay and rehabilitate some of the present trail system, and to light additional miles of ski and bike trails.

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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 Improvement Program to allow for a good bicycle riding and running program.

Information included in the Capital Improvement Program 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 reviewed the program. The programs will allow for development of more playfields for soccer and field sports, as well as neighborhood facilities.

Eagle River/Chugiak Parks and Recreation

The 1985 - 1990 Capital Improvement Program for Eagle River/Chugiak has a request that will include acquisition and development of land for greenbelts and neighborhood parks, development of Mile 19 Park, and expansion of the Fire Lake Recreation Center.

Projects were reviewed by the Eagle River/Chugiak Parks and Recreation Service Area Board of Supervisors.

Girdwood Parks and Recreation

The 1985 - 1990 Capital Improvement Program for Girdwood Parks and Recreation encompasses projects which have been identified to fill immediate needs of the community in the areas of ballfields, ski trails, a town square, Girdwood Community Park, and neighborhood park acquisition and development.

The Capital Improvement Program was approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors.