

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

Department Goal

The goal of the Parks and Recreation Department for the 1986<sup>87</sup>-1991<sup>92</sup> Capital Improvement Program is to provide a wide range of recreational opportunities to all segments of the community. A balance between parkland acquisition and park and trail development will be maintained. 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 areas.

Land Acquisition

This program will secure new greenbelts and will fill out existing greenbelts. *emphasizing water quality improvement and public access.* Secure an average of three new neighborhood parks each year.

Input was obtained from individual citizens, neighborhood associations, public meetings, community council correspondence, Parks and Recreation Commission, and staff.

Major neighborhood park projects for 1986<sup>7</sup> will be acquisition in the Abbott School, *Mid-Town Park*, Bancroft Park, ~~Central Klatt, Susitna School~~, Sand Lake, Seward Highway, ~~and university areas~~. *Hillside, College Gate and Seward areas.*

Parks and Trails Development

This program provides for completion of existing *Sisterhood and Northwood Parks,* projects currently under design or construction throughout the community plus major new programs at Storck, ~~Oceanview Bluff, Far North Bicentennial parks, Hilltop Ski Area, Campbell and Chester Creek Greenbelts, Baxter Bog~~ and other parks. ~~Funding for completion of the Town Square will be sought.~~

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

The 1986<sup>7</sup> - 1991<sup>2</sup> Capital Improvement Program includes added trail development. Along with new trails, *for horse, bicycle and pedestrian use,* there is to be considerable ~~funding to overlay~~ *effort* and rehabilitate some of the present trail system, and to light additional miles of ski and bike trails. The Coastal Trail project will continue into south and north Anchorage.

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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 maintained for summer and winter 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 1984<sup>5</sup> and 1985<sup>6</sup>. The Parks and Recreation 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 1986<sup>7</sup>-1991<sup>2</sup> 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~~.  
*Loretta French Park.*

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

Girdwood Parks and Recreation

The 1986<sup>7</sup>-1991<sup>2</sup> 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, and neighborhood park acquisition and development.~~  
*the town square area.* *for extension of the bike trail and improvements to*

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