

PARKS & RECREATION

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Capital Improvement Program
PROJECT LIST BY DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation

PROJECT TITLE	YEAR	G.O. BONDS	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	TOTAL
Parks Development						
Anchorage Football Stadium Concession and Locker Room Facility - Replacement	2011	0	500	0	0	500
	2014	0	500	0	0	500
Project CIP Total		0	1,000	0	0	1,000
ANCHORAGE MULTI-USE ATHLETIC FIELDS	2011	0	600	0	0	600
	2012	0	250	0	0	250
	2014	0	250	0	0	250
	2015	0	250	0	0	250
Project CIP Total		0	1,350	0	0	1,350
ANCHORAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	2011	500	500	0	500	1,500
	2012	0	500	0	500	1,000
	2013	500	500	0	500	1,500
	2014	0	500	0	500	1,000
	2015	500	500	0	500	1,500
Project CIP Total		1,500	2,500	0	2,500	6,500
Bear Proof Trash Containers in Municipal Parks	2011	0	150	0	0	150
Project CIP Total		0	150	0	0	150
Cuddy Family Midtown Park Playground for All	2013	0	250	0	0	250
	2014	0	0	0	250	250
	2015	0	250	0	0	250
Project CIP Total		0	500	0	250	750
DELANEY PARK - PHASE II	2011	0	600	0	0	600
	2012	0	600	0	0	600
	2013	250	600	0	0	850
	2014	0	600	0	0	600
	2015	250	600	0	0	850
Project CIP Total		500	3,000	0	0	3,500
FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK - PHASE II	2012	0	250	0	0	250
	2013	250	0	0	0	250
	2015	0	250	0	0	250
	2016	250	0	0	0	250
Project CIP Total		500	500	0	0	1,000
MARGARET EAGAN SULLIVAN PARK (WESTCHESTER LAGOON)	2011	0	100	0	0	100
	2013	0	100	0	0	100
Project CIP Total		0	200	0	0	200
MULDOON COMMUNITY PARK	2012	0	550	0	0	550
	2013	100	0	0	0	100
	2014	0	550	0	0	550
	2015	100	0	0	0	100
	2016	0	550	0	0	550
Project CIP Total		200	1,650	0	0	1,850
RUSSIAN JACK SPRINGS PARK	2013	250	0	0	0	250

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RUSSIAN JACK SPRINGS PARK	2015	0	500	0	0	500
Project CIP Total		250	500	0	0	750
SOUTH ANCHORAGE SPORTS COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS	2011	1,200	0	0	0	1,200
Project CIP Total		1,200	0	0	0	1,200
UNIVERSITY LAKE PARK	2011	0	500	0	0	500
	2012	0	250	0	0	250
	2014	0	250	0	0	250
Project CIP Total		0	1,000	0	0	1,000
Parks Development CIP Total		4,150	12,350	0	2,750	19,250
Trails						
AREAWIDE TRAILS	2011	1,000	1,000	0	0	2,000
	2012	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
	2013	1,000	0	0	0	1,000
	2014	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
	2015	1,000	1,000	0	0	2,000
Project CIP Total		3,000	4,000	0	0	7,000
Trails CIP Total		3,000	4,000	0	0	7,000
Parks & Recreation CIP Total		7,150	16,350	0	2,750	26,250

Parks Development

Anchorage Football Stadium Concession and Locker Room Facility - Replacement

Project ID: APR08975

Project Type: Improvement

Start Date: August 2011

Location: Assembly: Section 1, Seat B, Assembly: Areawide, House:
District 50-Anchorage Areawide, Community: Areawide

End Date: October 2014

Description:

The concession building and locker room facilities at the Anchorage Football Stadium has been closed indefinitely due to serious structural deficiencies. Requested funds will be used to replace the building with a safe and updated facility supporting local and statewide soccer, football, and track activities as revenue generating concessions.

Comments:

The Chester Creek Sports Complex is Anchorage's premier athletic venue, featuring the Sullivan Arena, Mulcahy Baseball Stadium, the Anchorage Football Stadium, Ben Boeke Ice Arena, and the Kosinski Baseball Fields. The facility is also home to the Alaska Aces, UAA hockey and basketball programs, Pilots and Bugs baseball teams, the American Legion, and a variety of high school and community-sponsored football, soccer, and hockey events. Until the closure, the concession building and locker facilities were used by all of these organizations.

Justification:

The Chester Creek Sports Complex is one of the most important areas for Anchorage organized sports and community events. Players and spectators deserve high-quality, state-of-the-art facilities. The structural damage to this building presents a safety issue that needs to be remedied as soon as possible.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
State Grant Revenue - Direct	500	0	0	500	0	0	1,000
Project Total:	500	0	0	500	0	0	1,000

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Parks Development

ANCHORAGE MULTI-USE ATHLETIC FIELDS

Project ID: APR08954

Project Type: Upgrade

Start Date: August 2011

Location: Assembly: Areawide, House: District 50-Anchorage
Areawide, Community: Areawide

End Date: December 2016

Description:

Anchorage has 110 athletic fields to serve the community and state needs for healthy sports activities. Funds will be used to match municipal, private and Rasmuson Foundation contributions to rehabilitate existing fields to a reasonable standard for all users and increase park amenities to offer quality statewide and local spectator and player use.

Comments:

User groups such as the Anchorage District Soccer Federation, Anchorage Sports Association (Softball), and the area Little League baseball clubs have entered into partnership agreements with the Municipality to take over routine maintenance of the fields. These public-private partnerships have substantially raised the standard of maintenance and care of athletic fields. While annual maintenance and upkeep has greatly improved field surface conditions, proper construction and reconstruction of many fields is required to provide sustainable athletic fields. Proper reconstruction of the fields will also improve the safety of the fields as well as lower maintenance costs.

Justification:

Athletic fields in Anchorage play an important role by promoting healthy recreational activities and helping young athletes develop positive life skills. They also play a significant role in statewide athletics. Anchorage is one location for the State Cup soccer competition based on the availability of the 26 multi-use fields, hosts statewide soccer tournaments sponsored by local soccer clubs as well as little league and adult softball tournaments that draw teams into Anchorage from around the region and the state. Accommodating the local and regional use of the athletic fields within the Municipality requires fields that can withstand intense use over the summer sports seasons. Past use has resulted in large ruts and depressions, exposed soil and stones, and other hazards that have the potential to cause serious injury to participants.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
State Grant Revenue - Direct	600	250	0	250	250	0	1,350
Project Total:	600	250	0	250	250	0	1,350

O & M Costs

Parks Development

ANCHORAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Project ID: APR08953

Project Type: Rehabilitation

Start Date: May 2011

Location: Assembly: Areawide, House: District 50-Anchorage
Areawide, Community: Community-wide

End Date: December 2017

Description:

Funding will implement the comprehensive playground and neighborhood park upgrades approved in the 2007 Park Bond. This multi-year funding request would be used to systematically complete all neighborhood parks over the next six years and leverage a combination of private, Rasmuson Foundation, municipal and state funding. The plan elements will include the rehabilitation/replacement of existing facilities and the development of complementary park amenities to enhance the neighborhood park experience.

Comments:

Neighborhood parks form the backbone of the Anchorage park system. They provide close-to-home recreation opportunities for Anchorage residents, including areas for play, family interaction and community socializing. Neighborhood parks contribute to a neighborhood's sense of identity. These important community assets need upgrades to ensure that they provide safe, healthy and secure places for families and children. A large part of the neighborhood park system was built in the 1980's and has experienced extensive use from the community over the years. Park equipment is reaching the end of its life cycle, and requires renovation or replacement.

In the fall of 2008, the Parks & Recreation Department implemented the Anchorage Parks Report Card project, in which community volunteers evaluated their neighborhood parks and created comprehensive "Fix It List" for repairs and improvements. In the summers of 2009 and 2010 the Parks & Recreation Department completed "Fix It List" items in 22 neighborhood parks.

The state funding request would be used to continue the Neighborhood Park Fit Its. Fix Its will include the rehabilitation or replacement of existing facilities and the development of complementary park amenities to enhance the neighborhood park experience.

Justification:

Neighborhood park community assets are in need of upgrades to provide safe, healthy and secure places for our families and children. Much of the neighborhood park system was built in the 80's and has received lots of use. A lot of equipment has seen the end of its life cycle and is in need of replacement. The Fix It projects provides resources that establish a regular maintenance cycle for deferred maintenance in Neighborhood Parks, Private dollars will be used as coverage to double this project's effectiveness.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
Bond Proceeds	500	0	500	0	500	0	1,500
Restricted Contributions	500	500	500	500	500	0	2,500
State Grant Revenue - Direct	500	500	500	500	500	0	2,500
Project Total:	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000	1,500	0	6,500

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Parks Development

Bear Proof Trash Containers in Municipal Parks

Project ID: APR10977

Project Type: Replacement

Start Date: August 2011

Location: Assembly: Areawide, House: Community-wide

End Date: August 2012

Description:

Purchase and install 50 Bear Proof Trash Cans throughout the municipal park system in the areas that have been identified as primary bear habitat

Comments:

The Parks and Recreation Department has participated in various multi-agency committees to address the growing problem of potentially dangerous human/bear interactions. In each of these committee findings, one of the key factors affecting the bear/human encounter issue is the presence of improperly contained refuse in the urban area parks and trails with the recommended solution to install properly designed refuse containers.

Justification:

Based upon historical data, the bear proof trash containers have helped to reduce the presence of the bears and human and bear encounters.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
State Grant Revenue - Direct	150	0	0	0	0	0	150
Project Total:	150	0	0	0	0	0	150

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Parks Development

Cuddy Family Midtown Park Playground for All

Project ID: APR10973

Project Type: New

Start Date: July 2010

Location: Community: Areawide, Community: Midtown

End Date: May 2015

Description:

The Playground for All will be located in Cuddy Family Mid-town Park. The goal of the project is to create a new, safe, accessible, eco-friendly and low maintenance playground facility for children toddler age through 12 years of age that encourages physical fitness and development, social interaction, creative and cognitive growth and imaginative play. The playground will be constructed to have many features that will benefit children of all abilities. The new equipment will be accessible by children with special needs and will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The current plan calls for different play areas for a variety of age groups including 2 and under, 2 to 5 and 5 to 12.

Comments:

Justification:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
Restricted Contributions	0	0	0	250	0	0	250
State Grant Revenue - Direct	0	0	250	0	250	0	500
Project Total:	0	0	250	250	250	0	750
O & M Costs							

Parks Development

DELANEY PARK - PHASE II

Project ID: APR08348

Project Type: Upgrade

Start Date: August 2011

Location: Assembly: Section 1, Seat B, Assembly: Areawide, House:
District 23-Downtown/Rogers Park, House: District
50-Anchorage Areawide, Community: Areawide, Community:
Fairview, Community: South Addition

End Date: December 2016

Description:

Delaney Park is one of Anchorage's oldest and most celebrated parks. The initial phase of the project approved by Anchorage Voters in 2007 will upgrade basic park amenities. New funding will make repairs to include safe walking areas, appropriate landscape buffers, outdoor hockey rink improvements and higher quality turf for sports and statewide events. Connections and gateways will also be strengthened to adjacent neighborhoods and downtown across 9th and 10th Avenues via the "E" Street Corridor, Town Square Park, the new convention center and the Museum. These improvements will enhance the park by improving visibility, pedestrian safety and linking to major downtown facilities.

Comments:

Delaney Park was first established as a fire break during the initial town building phase in the 1920's and later served as the first airport and golf course for the city. During the war, troops were housed there and the first park plans were developed in the 1950's. Statehood was celebrated here, Pope John Paul II visited, and each year the Governor's Picnic is held in the park. Like the National Mall, this park is home to a number of memorials to our military and past historic events in Alaska.

Project funds are intended to systematically upgrade facilities over a multi-year period with strong local as well as private support to match the State funding requests.

Justification:

Funds are needed to maintain Delaney Park as a vibrant public space serving all of Anchorage. The constant wear and tear of major events and sports use combined with outdated facilities has caused major park infrastructure decline.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
Bond Proceeds	0	0	250	0	250	0	500
State Grant Revenue - Direct	600	600	600	600	600	0	3,000
Project Total:	600	600	850	600	850	0	3,500

O & M Costs

Parks Development

FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK - PHASE II

Project ID: APR08938

Project Type: Upgrade

Start Date: August 2011

Location: Assembly: Areawide, House: District 50-Anchorage
Areawide, Community: Areawide

End Date: October 2016

Description:

Far North Bicentennial Park is Anchorage's largest park, providing year-round outdoor recreation opportunities for the entire community. New funding would be used for immediate safety upgrades to the existing Tour of Anchorage Trail bridges and other projects identified in the Trail Action Plan. The project elements will include trailhead and parking upgrades, increased wayfinding and interpretive signage, and other public amenities to enhance the park as a four-season recreation destination.

Comments:

Far North Bicentennial Park is home to the Hilltop Downhill Ski area, the Alaska Botanical Garden, over 100 miles of trails, many of which are lit and important connections to Chugach State Park. The park has over 1 million visitors each year, contributing to the social, economic and ecological well being of Anchorage.

The 2007 Park Bond funding is currently implementing a Trails Action Plan assessing existing conditions and current use, establishing trail standards, classifications and trail crew specifications. The Trails Action Plan will be a comprehensive and strategic trail project list endorsed by the trail community.

In 2006 short-term repairs were made to two bridges along the Tour of Anchorage trail, but each needs a long-term structural solution. This trail is an important north-south connector through Far North Bicentennial Park, the route of the popular Tour of Anchorage ski race and part of the national ski-marathon series and of the Iditarod.

Project funds are intended to systematically upgrade trails over a multi-year period with strong local as well as private trail organization support to match the State funding requests.

Justification:

As trail use increases, trail user conflicts, both in winter and in summer, also continue to increase. The growth and love of trails in the park has not been without challenges. In a nod to the changing nature of winter sports, there are even conflicts within the Nordic skiing community between those that desire narrow "classic" ski trails versus those that desire wider "skate" ski trails. This marked increase of use combined with failing trail infrastructure has put tremendous pressure on park resources. Trail improvements are strongly supported by the Far North Bicentennial Park Trail Users Committee which has stakeholders from every trail user group as well as representatives from adjacent landowners.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
Bond Proceeds	0	0	250	0	0	250	500
State Grant Revenue - Direct	0	250	0	0	250	0	500
Project Total:	0	250	250	0	250	250	1,000

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Parks Development

MARGARET EAGAN SULLIVAN PARK (WESTCHESTER LAGOON)

Project ID: APR08946

Project Type: Improvement

Start Date: August 2011

Location: Assembly: Section 1, Seat B, Assembly: Section 3, Seats D
& E, House: District 25-East Spenard, House: District
26-Turnagain/Inlet View, Community: South Addition,
Community: Turnagain

End Date: October 2015

Description:

Requested funds would leverage a 2006 State Legislative Grant (\$100,000) and a Federal Grant (\$65,000) to: construct an age-separated children's playground (already designed); provide ADA accessibility and safety/lighting upgrades to the Trail Watch Headquarters/Covey Café; and, provide parking & pedestrian safety improvements to correct current dangerous conditions.

Comments:

A bird-lover's paradise, Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park is one of the Municipality's most heavily-used parks – for people and waterfowl. Commuting, recreational use of the Chester Creek Trail and the Coastal Trail as well as use for large community events bring thousands of visitors to the park each month.

Justification:

There is no area in this very heavily used park for a child's active play. Children frequent the 'adult exercise station', near the Covey Café, which is not designed for use by children and because of that is dangerous. The current parking configuration at Covey Café forces people to walk behind backing vehicles to get to the Café'. Heavy recreation use of this park by children without an appropriate play area, correction of dangerous conditions and accessibility compliance will be corrected in this project.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
State Grant Revenue - Direct	100	0	100	0	0	0	200
Project Total:	100	0	100	0	0	0	200

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Parks Development

MULDOON COMMUNITY PARK

Project ID: APR08940

Project Type: New

Start Date: August 2011

Location: Assembly: Section 5, Seats H & I, House: District
19-Muldoon, Community: Northeast

End Date: December 2016

Description:

Muldoon Community Park is Anchorage's newest acquired park for Northeast Community Council. The requested funds would be used to design and construct the park and its facilities in accordance with a park master plan that outlines the uses and amenities appropriate for the park and its surrounding neighborhood.

Comments:

Acquired in October of 2006, this park is about 12 acres of land that includes a portion of the headwaters to Chester Creek. Muldoon Community Park is also located adjacent to the Muldoon Town Center as proposed in the Anchorage 2020 Plan. The 2006 Anchorage Bowl Parks Plan identified a deficiency of community use park facilities in the Northeast community council area of town. In 2003, the Northeast Community Council area showed a deficit of 22 acres of park land per 1,000 residents based on the Parks Plan's recommended level of service. By 2020, this deficit is proposed to be 57 acres. In addition, opportunities for connectivity to Chugach State Park have been impacted by recent development patterns. The park provides a critical link between the State Park and municipal park land for wildlife habitat and other outdoor recreational opportunities. The acquisition of this park was the first step in addressing this level of service issues in the area. Consistent with our Parks Plan, a master plan for the park is required to determine the uses and amenities appropriate to the park and the surrounding neighborhood.

Justification:

The park was acquired with intentions to serve the local neighborhood recreation needs which cannot be met until the park is developed.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
Bond Proceeds	0	0	100	0	100	0	200
State Grant Revenue - Direct	0	550	0	550	0	550	1,650
Project Total:	0	550	100	550	100	550	1,850

O & M Costs

Parks Development

RUSSIAN JACK SPRINGS PARK

Project ID: APR08943

Project Type: Improvement

Start Date: June 2013

Location: Assembly: Section 5, Seats H & I, House: District
19-Muldoon, House: District 22-University/Airport Heights,
Community: Russian Jack Park

End Date: December 2016

Description:

Russian Jack Springs Golf Course will receive improvements to enhance play-ability and allow a pleasant golf experience for entry level golfers. The improvements will include upgrades to the existing course, pathway connection to Lidia Selkregg Chalet, and roadway and parking upgrades. In partnership with the Municipality, First Tee will also improve play-ability of the existing golf course by rerouting holes, replacement of artificial turf greens with grass, re-contouring of approaches, greens, and tees and irrigation of the fairways, tees, greens, and most of learning center.

Comments:

Russian Jack Springs Park is located in Northeast Anchorage in a highly-populated and underserved area. The park provides a variety of park and recreation services to the entire community. Deferred maintenance upgrades are planned for Russian Jack's existing nine-hole three-par golf course with grass greens, automated irrigation, a practice area, and pitch and put area. The upgraded nine hole course will be a quality ADA accessible course accommodating both individual golf users and families.

Other park improvements will include the relocation of picnic areas for enhanced visibility, and a children's playground. Planned winter recreational improvements include a sledding hill, Nordic start and finish area, a lighted multi-use trail, and a skating pond. Pedestrian amenities, trail improvements, and signage are also planned.

Justification:

Russian Jack Springs Park assets and infrastructure are in need of upgrades and replacement to provide safe, healthy and secure places for the public. Much of the Russian Jack Springs Park system was built in the 70's and 80's and has received lots of use. Much of the Park is at the end or past its life cycle and is in need of replacement.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
Bond Proceeds	0	0	250	0	0	0	250
State Grant Revenue - Direct	0	0	0	0	500	0	500
Project Total:	0	0	250	0	500	0	750

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Parks Development

UNIVERSITY LAKE PARK

Project ID: APR07061

Project Type: Improvement

Start Date: August 2010

Location: Assembly: Section 4, Seats F & G, House: District
22-University/Airport Heights, Community: University Area

End Date: October 2016

Description:

State funds would supplement the Anchorage Park Foundation contributions to address key needs, including safe and adequate parking, amenities for off-leash-dogs, and lake and stream protection. Initial improvements include parking and pedestrian access improvements, upgrades to park trails, park amenity upgrades including benches and trash receptacles, fencing, signage, water access, and landscaping stabilization and re-vegetation of the lake and stream banks.

Comments:

Situated between Alaska Pacific University and the Alaska Native Medical Center in the U-Med District, University Lake Park is a popular recreational respite.

Justification:

The park is heavily used by students, employees and patients of adjacent universities, office buildings and hospitals. In addition, the park is a favorite for off-leash dog walkers as one of the Municipality's designated off-leash-dog areas. The park faces the challenge of serving diverse user groups and has not had facility upgrades to keep pace with demand.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
State Grant Revenue - Direct	500	250	0	250	0	0	1,000
Project Total:	500	250	0	250	0	0	1,000

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AREAWIDE TRAILS

Project ID: APR08955

Project Type: Rehabilitation

Start Date: June 2011

Location: Assembly: Areawide, House: District 50-Anchorage
Areawide, Community: Areawide

End Date: December 2016

Description:

Funds from this grant would be combined with Anchorage Park Foundation dollars and municipal bonds to implement a multi-year, comprehensive repair program to address serious safety and security concerns on 250 miles of paved greenbelt trails. The plan elements will include the rehabilitation/replacement of existing trails and bridges, asphalt patching, resurfacing, amenity upgrades and signage/wayfinding.

Comments:

Trails provide non-motorized links between residential areas, parks and schools, close-to-home recreation, and a sense of community. They increase economic development potential and contribute to a healthy community, protect water quality and fish habitat and provide wildlife movement corridors. Anchorage enjoys several premiere Greenbelt trails – Chester Creek Trail, Campbell Creek Trail, Coastal Trail and Ship Creek Trail – that are highly appreciate, prized and utilized community asset. Residents can enjoy wildlife, spawning salmon and natural habitat that is becoming scarcer within city limits along all of these trail systems. The Greenbelt trails in turn provide residents a multitude of benefits like clean air, clean water, flood control, wildlife habitat and healthy recreational opportunities.

85% of Anchorage Park users enjoy greenbelt trails for recreation and transportation needs. There is strong support to provide lifecycle trail repairs to keep up maintenance of Anchorage's world-class trail network.

Justification:

The Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan outlines strategies for existing trail improvements. The most important strategy identified is to continue to upgrade existing Areawide trails through systematic repairs and rehabilitation. The Municipality has over 250 miles of trail and there are recent indications that there is failing infrastructure. Trails are flooding at major road underpasses, trails are eroding along the coastline and rivers, trail pavement is cracking and suffers from root damage and bridges have not had adequate structural review.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
Bond Proceeds	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	3,000
State Grant Revenue - Direct	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	4,000
Project Total:	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	0	7,000

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