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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 13, 2017

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

Cc: Josh Durand, Parks Superintendent

From: Taylor Keegan, Park Planner

Project: **PRC 2017-29:** Jewel Lake Park

INTRODUCTION

Anchorage Parks and Recreation and Anchorage Park Foundation are proposing upgrades to the raingarden and Jewel Lake Park and installing play equipment. The proposed improvements involve promoting drainage in a failed rain garden, and meeting the requests of the Sand Lake Elementary School children by installing a zip line prior to the future improvements that will occur in the existing foot print of the play area. These proposed improvements were approved by the Sand Lake Community Council in April 2017.

BACKGROUND

Jewel Lake Park is a 40.26 acre community use park. The play area and beach access are located at 4342 W. 88th Ave. entrance in the Sand Lake Community. The park received \$60,000 in upgrades for the park's ADA dock improvements in 2014 and an additional 100k state grant for park improvements.

During the early winter of 2015 P&R planning staff attended the Sand Lake Community Council to identify the 2015 improvements based on input from park maintenance staff and community input. The community council approved the following improvements at their Feb. 2 meeting:

- New Asphalt drive to porta-potty for maintenance vehicle access
- Vegetation management around lights and dumpster for improved visibility & safety
- Improved drainage around shelter and playground
- Repair rain-garden for improved drainage and safety
- Add two new BBQ grills
- Stabilize concrete picnic areas located adjacent to beach

In the Fall of 2016, P & R staff attended the community council to form a community advisory group, and inform the community on the public outreach that would be occurring for playground improvements. In the Spring of 2017, P & R staff attended the community council and received a resolution of support for the installation of a zip line and rain garden improvements.

The work to repair the rain garden in 2015 was not completed, and is proposed work for this 2017 season, in conjunction with an additional piece of play equipment per the request of the Sand Lake Elementary School Students. This outreach included surveying nearly 150 students in 4 different classrooms ages ranging from 3 to 6th grades.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

With funding from the Anchorage Park Foundation through various grants including a LTS State Grant, and Clean and Green Funding. Anchorage Parks and Recreation will spend 32k on the site development

for the zip line, and 39k for the site development improving the drainage of the rain garden. The 100' Zip Cruze will cost 20k, and we have budgeted approximately 2.5k for the YEP portion of the project which will include landscaping the bioswale. This brings the total project amount to approximately 94k. There will also be a volunteer component to the improvements, which will be planned once the work is completed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The proposed renovations for Jewel Lake Park are supported by Sand Lake Community Council and will provide more play opportunities and improve existing drainage issues. The Department recommends that the Parks & Recreation Commission pass the proposed resolution to support the aforementioned improvements at Jewel Lake Park.



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PRC RES NO. 2017-17
Jewel Lake Park Improvements

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long term vision of our park system by ensuring that a balance of parks, natural resources, and recreation facilities provides for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Jewel Lake Park is a community use park located in the Sand Lake Community Council and at 4342 W. 88th Ave.; and

WHEREAS, The Municipality Parks and Recreation Department collaborated with students at Sand Lake Elementary and the Sand Lake Community Council;

WHEREAS, this plan identified the need for updated play equipment, specifically a zip line, as well as the need to repair the failed rain garden adjacent to the parking lot and popular picnic shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality Parks and Recreation Department will be installing a zip line and improving drainage associated with the rain garden near the pavilion and parking lot;

WHEREAS, the project is supported by the students at Sand Lake Elementary and the Sand Lake Community Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposal for improvements at Jewel Lake Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 13th day of July, 2017.

Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

John Rodda, Director
Parks & Recreation Department



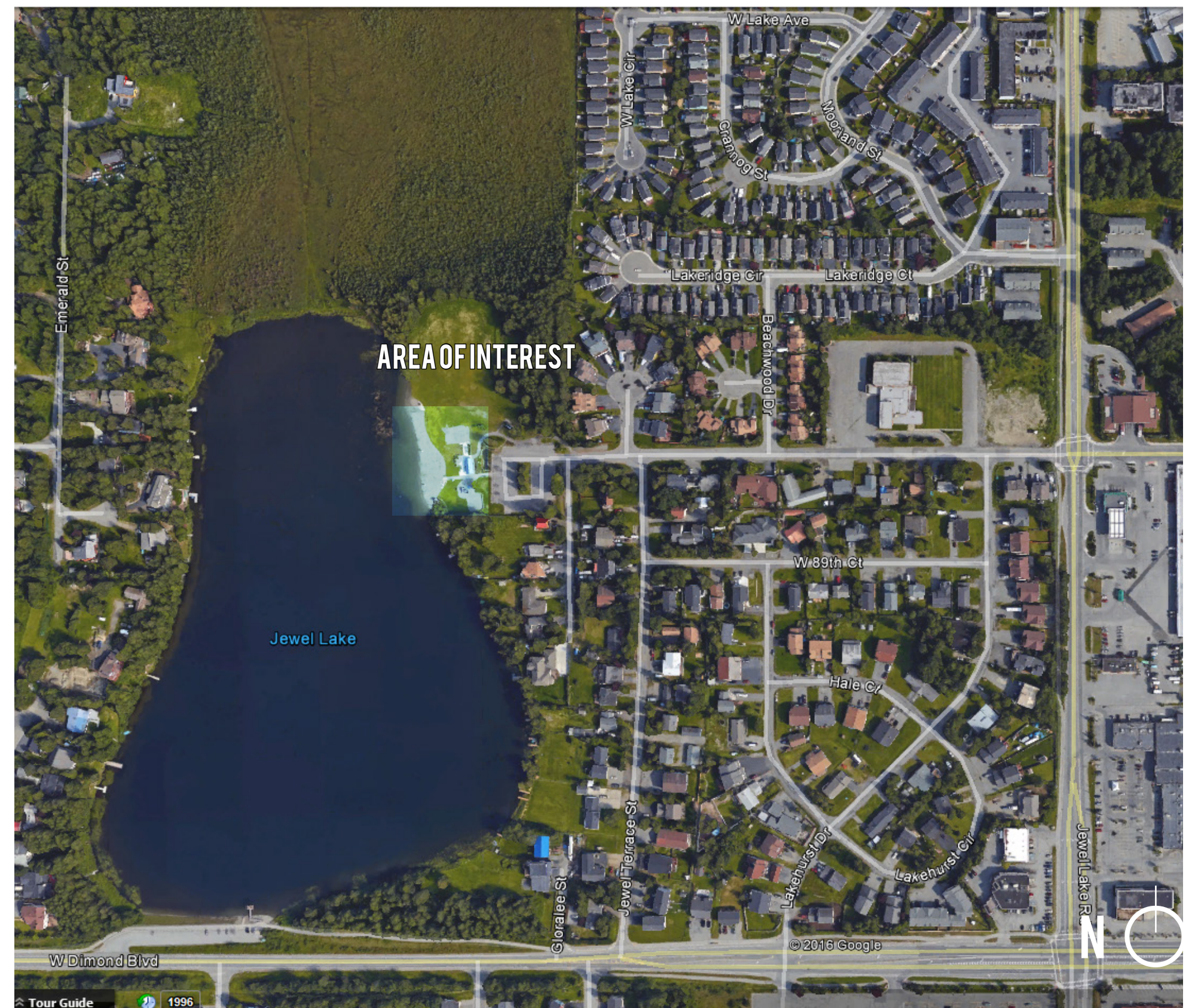
EXISTING CONDITIONS



JEWEL LAKE RAIN GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS

WITH YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS

CONTEXT



PARTNERS



Funding for the project is estimated to come in under 60k. We will be working July 17-20th. Scope of work includes:

- Improve drainage of current rain garden by replacing fine soils with a better draining subsurface. Replant rain garden
- Remediate drainage issues in field and improve ADA accessibility to beach.
- Regrade grass field utilizing cut materials and re-seed.
- Install zipline in the 2017 construction season in preparation for planned playground improvements near existing footprints in the 2018 construction season. Process for this is based on survey of 150 students at Sand Lake who requested a zip line be installed at this park.

OVERVIEW