



2022 URE PARK SITE PLAN

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DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE

SPENARD ROAD

MIDTOWN ANCHORAGE

MINNESOTA DRIVE

TUDOR ROAD

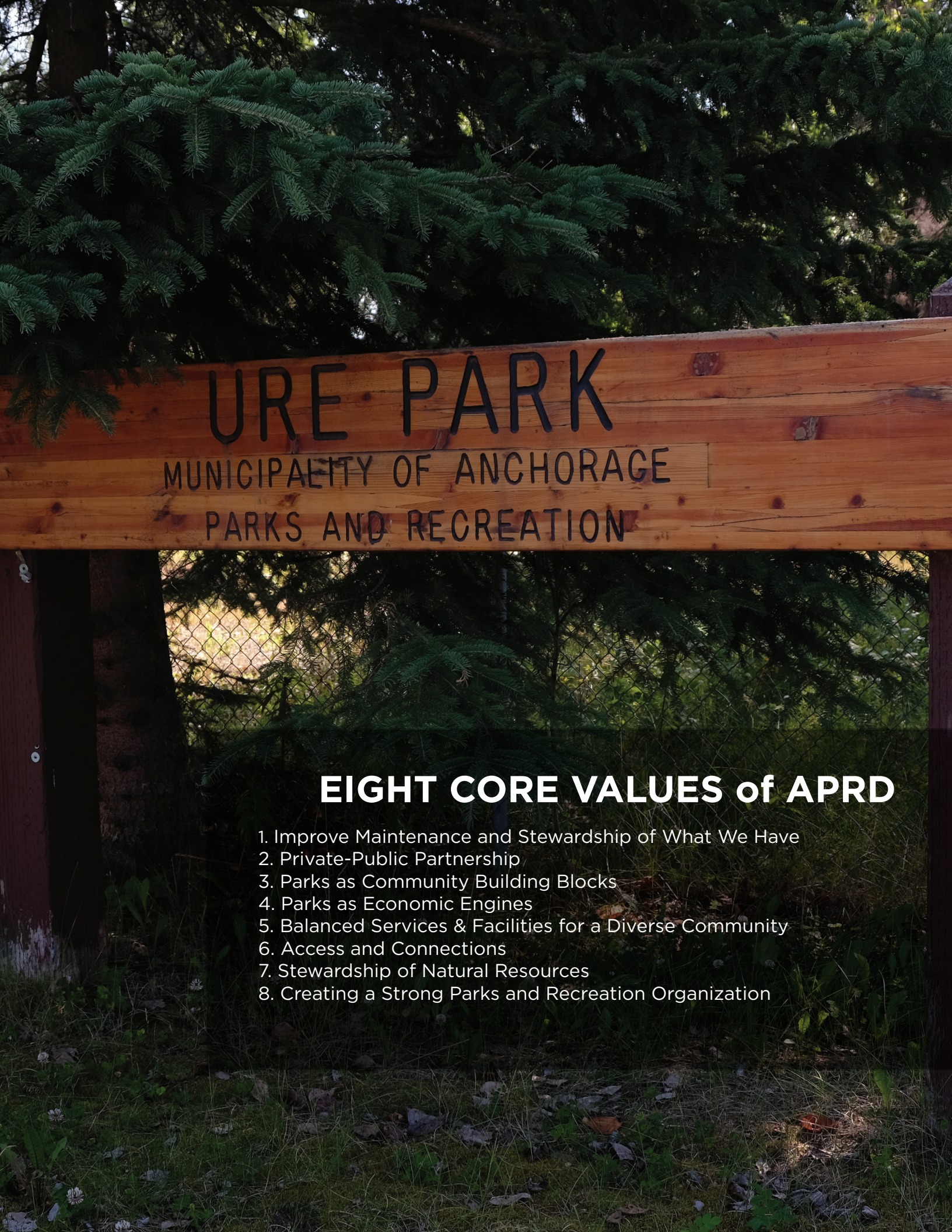
ALASKA RAILROAD

FISH CREEK

ROOSEVELT PARK

URE PARK

FISH CREEK TRAIL



EIGHT CORE VALUES of APRD

1. Improve Maintenance and Stewardship of What We Have
2. Private-Public Partnership
3. Parks as Community Building Blocks
4. Parks as Economic Engines
5. Balanced Services & Facilities for a Diverse Community
6. Access and Connections
7. Stewardship of Natural Resources
8. Creating a Strong Parks and Recreation Organization

INTRODUCTION

Ure Park is a 1.82 acre neighborhood park located at 2108 Roosevelt Dr. The property is within the Spenard Community Council and abuts Fish Creek and the Fish Creek Trail. This park was originally owned by Barbara Ure until the early 1980s. It then transitioned into a public resource and was used by the Lyons Club for several years until the structures on the site fell into disrepair. As the timeline outlines below, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) is working to transition the property to function as a community asset. The intent of this effort is to help guide the development for the next 10 years of the park by collecting community input and undergoing an environmental analysis of the site.

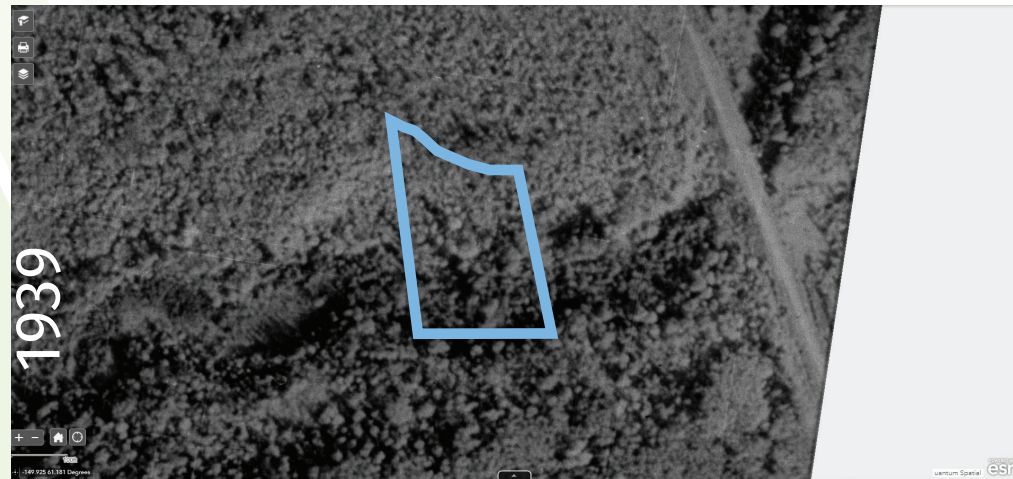
ANCHORAGE PARKS AND RECREATION GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The mission of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) is to ensure that Anchorage parkland is well maintained and safe for the public. This mission is embodied in the motto “Healthy Parks, Healthy People.” To fulfill this mission, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department is guided by a set of eight strategies or core values (p. 6). These strategies, established in the Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan (2006), guide the APRD in the management of Municipal parkland.

HISTORY AND TIMELINE

- In 1982, the city purchased the land from Barbara Ure, who had resided on the land for many years prior to it becoming a public resource. A property appraisal was completed in 1982 that provided images and overview of the site.
- From the mid 1980s into the mid 2010s the Lyons club operated out of the former Ure Residence.
- In 2017, APRD removed the structures on the site due to safety concerns.
- In 2018, APRD hosted a volunteer event to limb vegetation, pick up trash, and remove invasive European Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*).
- In 2019, a second volunteer event was held to continue clearing invasive *Prunus Padus*. Additionally, voters approved a \$100,000 municipal park bond to begin a more intensive inventory analysis of the park.
- In 2020, a municipal park bond passed allocating \$250,000 to Ure Park.
- In 2020-2021, numerous old growth spruce trees were compromised and removed by APRD to reduce the chance of dead fall on adjacent properties.

HISTORIC IMAGERY





SUBJECT PROPERTY PHOTOS

Eric G. Follett, MAI
April 1, 1982

View of Duck Pond and
Dam looking east



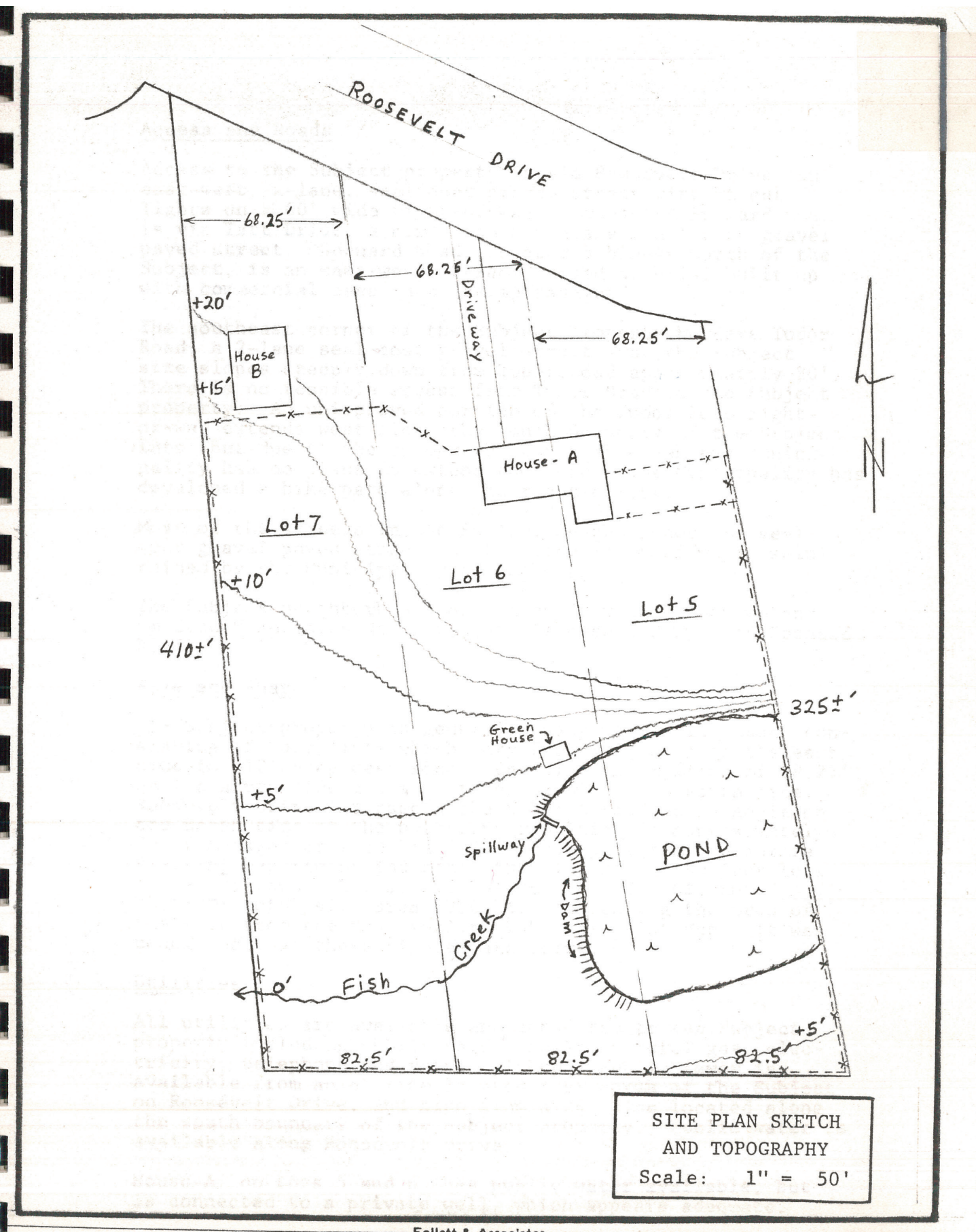
Greenhouse



View west on Roosevelt
Drive; Subject on left

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Figure 1.1. A page excerpt from the 1982 Ure Park Appraisal showing some of the existing conditions at that time. For more excerpts from the appraisal see Appendix A.



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Figure 1.2: A sketch from the 1982 Ure Park Appraisal showing the layout of the property at that time. Note features that are no longer there today: a driveway, a check dam on the Fish Creek creating a small pond, two residences, and a greenhouse.

INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

SITE CONTEXT

Ure Park is in the Spenard Community Council, approximately three miles from downtown Anchorage by way of Minnesota Drive. The railroad runs a few parcels east of Ure Park and also serves as a boundary from the neighborhood to the east. Multi-family and single family homes surround the park. Proximate to Ure Park, across Roosevelt Drive, is Roosevelt Park. Roosevelt Park has a large mowed lawn, a playground, several picnic tables, and a single light near the playground. The Fish Creek Trail winds through the Spenard and Turnagain neighborhoods, following portions of the Fish Creek.

ECOLOGY

The property has a sunny upland area and forested lowlands. The upland area is roughly graded, spotted with trees, and has a combination of grasses and perennials. The woodland includes a variety of native vegetation species such as spruce, birch, elderberry, rose, and ferns.

This park contains a significant amount of invasive plant species including Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*), Bird Vetch (*Vicia cracca*), Butter and Eggs (*Linaria vulgaris*), and Rampion Bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*). Without vegetation management, the *Prunus padus* and *Vicia cracca* will continue to spread and one day dominate the site.

Anchorage has experienced an influx of spruce beetle kill, resulting in the demise of spruce trees across the city. This is obvious in Ure Park through the loss of several old growth spruce trees creating a shift in forest character.

TOPOGRAPHY

The north side of the property is approximately 15' higher than the south side of the property. The site topography includes both steep and gradual grade changes; it also contains most of the riverine activity to the southern part of the property.



Figure 2.1: Evidence of Spruce Beetle Kill in the forested area at Ure Park.

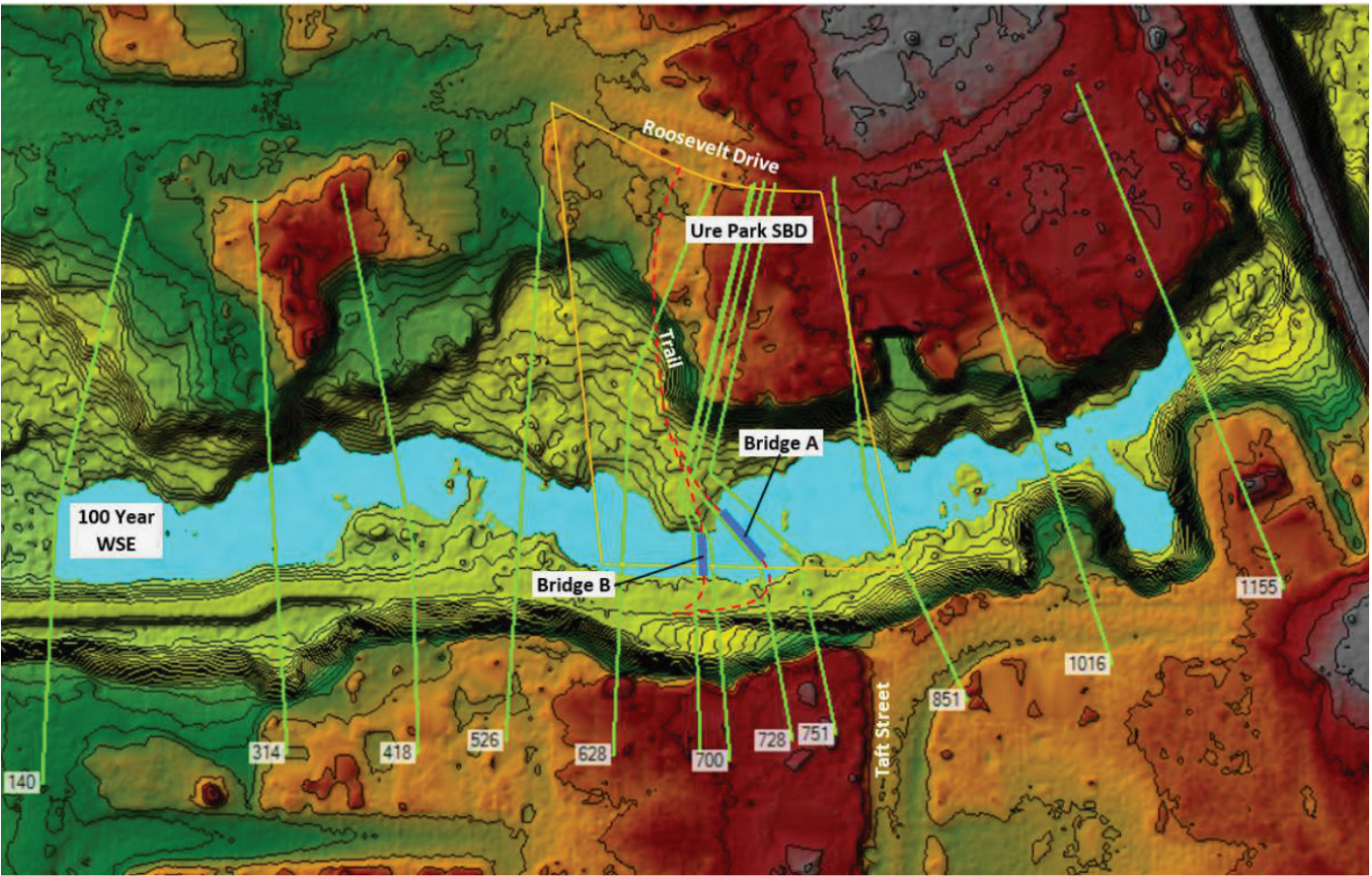


Figure 2.2: An excerpt from the hydrologic modeling report by Brailey in 2021. This specifically shows the hydraulic model of bridge alternatives to help facilitate connectivity.

HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC STUDY

In January 2021, Brailey Hydraulic Consultants completed a formal hydraulic modeling report. The report focuses on scope associated with constructing a bridge that would span Fish Creek in the event of a major flood. The graphic above shows two potential bridge alignments based on channel

dynamics and floodplain vegetation. It also highlights and estimates the extent of a 100-year flood event. Bridge A, with a minimum 51-foot span perpendicular to the direction of flow, and Bridge B, with a minimum 30-foot span. Both of these bridge alignments would set the proposed bridge abutments outside of the 100-year floodway, creating “No-Rise” in the 100-year flood elevation.

NON-MOTORIZED CIRCULATION

Non-motorized transportation and connectivity was a large topic of conversation for future development of Ure Park. Centering on Spenard, Figure 2.3 illustrates non-motorized infrastructure and user habits in the area. Figure 2.3 captures both pedestrian and bicycle traffic in 2020, highlighting the most frequently used routes with brighter thicker lines.

Figure 2.3 shows popular routes through user patterns along roadways such as Wisconsin Drive, McRae Drive, Arctic Road, and Spenard Road. Popular routes along trails or pathways include Fish Creek Trail, Lake Hood, and the buffered pathway on International Airport Drive. Unpopular routes, although they include sidewalks or buffered bike paths, include Minnesota Drive, Benson Drive, Northern Lights Drive, and Tudor Road.

Non-motorized users appear to avoid Minnesota Drive, despite it being a major north-south route and having a sidewalk on both sides of the street (Figure 2.3). Additionally, the amount of non-motorized travel surrounding Ure Park is relatively low when compared to the north side of Spenard Road. The Fish Creek Trail sees higher use between Northern Lights Blvd. and Northwood Drive, but tapers off after the Northwood Drive crossing where there is no signage indicating that the trail continues. The Fish Creek Trail gets high use from Northern lights to Northwood Drive, but at Northwood Drive use tapers off. This is due to numerous factors, but one obvious conclusion is because this section of the Fish Creek Trail no longer provides convenient access to neighborhoods or other non-motorized routes.

Figure 2.4 and 2.5 (p. 16 , 17) are a graphics sourced from the Spenard Corridor Plan, adopted in October 2020. Although a non-motorized connection through Ure Park is not specifically identified as a “Future Primary Active Network” or “Secondary Active Network “ in the Spenard Corridor Plan, it is a connection advocated for by the community and consistent with several goals and objectives in the Spenard Corridor Plan.

The Spenard Corridor Plan outlines 15 core goals. The proposed connection through Ure Park is consistent with Goal Seven: “Connect Spenard to greater Anchorage,” and Goal Eight: “Create a safe pedestrian and bike network.” The plan also highlights four objectives for placemaking and connectivity. This proposed connection is consistent with Objective Three: “Enhance connectivity” and Objective Four: “Bring people to the Spenard spine.” Finally, several policy recommendations were made in the Spenard Corridor Plan. Those consistent with this proposed connection include Policy 3.12 “Connect to neighboring open spaces”, 3.13. “Improve and enhance existing parks”, Policy 3.16 “Promote development of regional open space features” and Policy 5.25 “Provide connections to the regional bike network.”

In summary, access to the Fish Creek Trail through Ure Park will create a more direct north-south connection to Spenard Road, McRae Drive, and the northern segments of the Fish Creek Trail. This connection will open up year-round transportation and recreation opportunities for pedestrians and cyclists. This new connection will provide a more convenient and safe north-south route for non-motorized users compared to the bike and pedestrian facilities that exist on Minnesota Drive, which often go unmaintained in the winter and have high-speed traffic year-round. The neighborhoods to the east of the railroad have poor non-motorized access to non-motorized infrastructure and will enjoy a more specific and separated connection to the Fish Creek Trail.

Figure 2.3 : Screenshot taken in September 2021 from the Strava Heatmap website, that collects data from its GPS users to make a publicly available heatmap, showing more and less popular non-motorized routes.



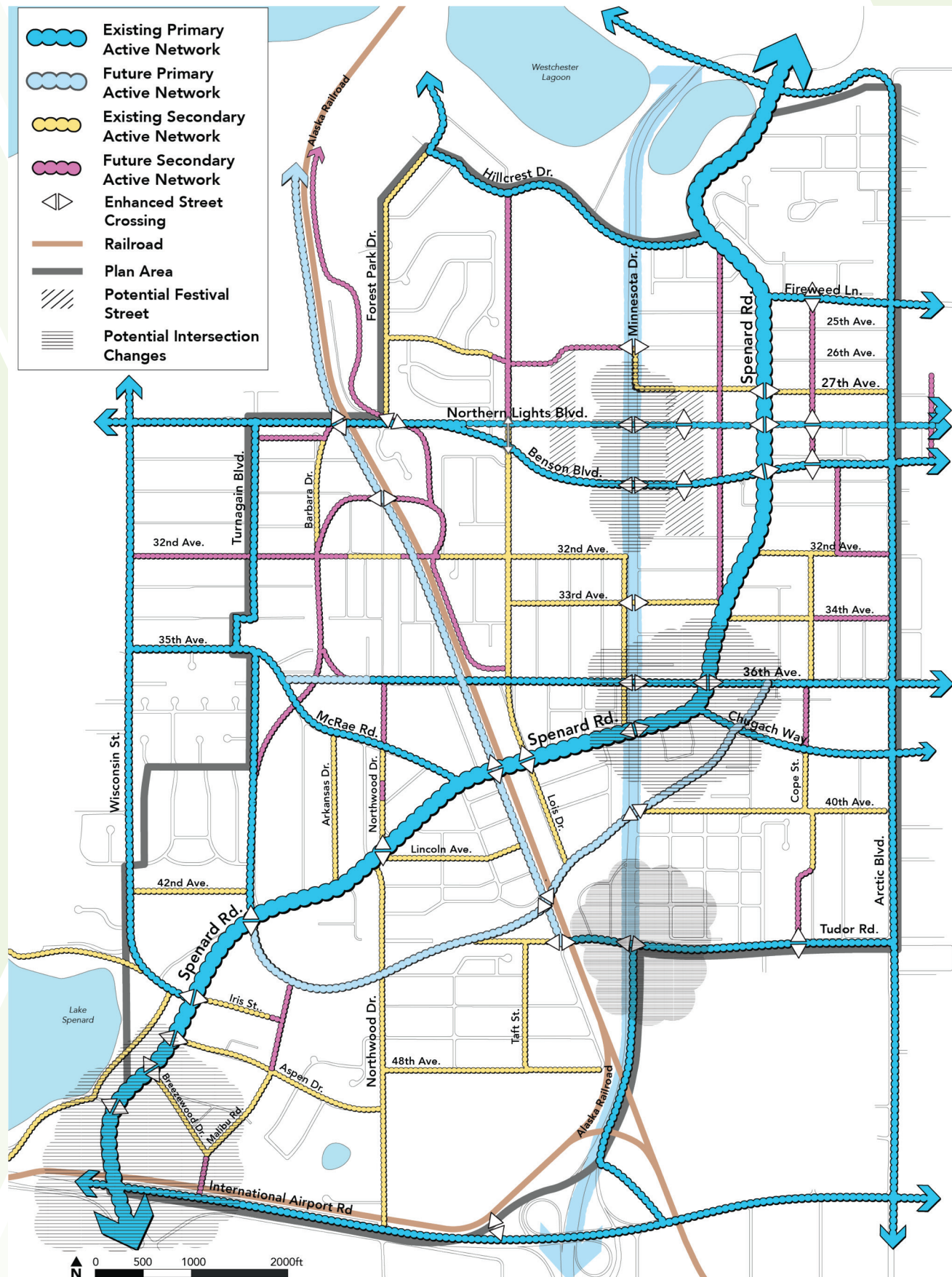


Figure 2.4: "Active Transportation Network" sourced from page 32 of the Spenard Corridor Plan.

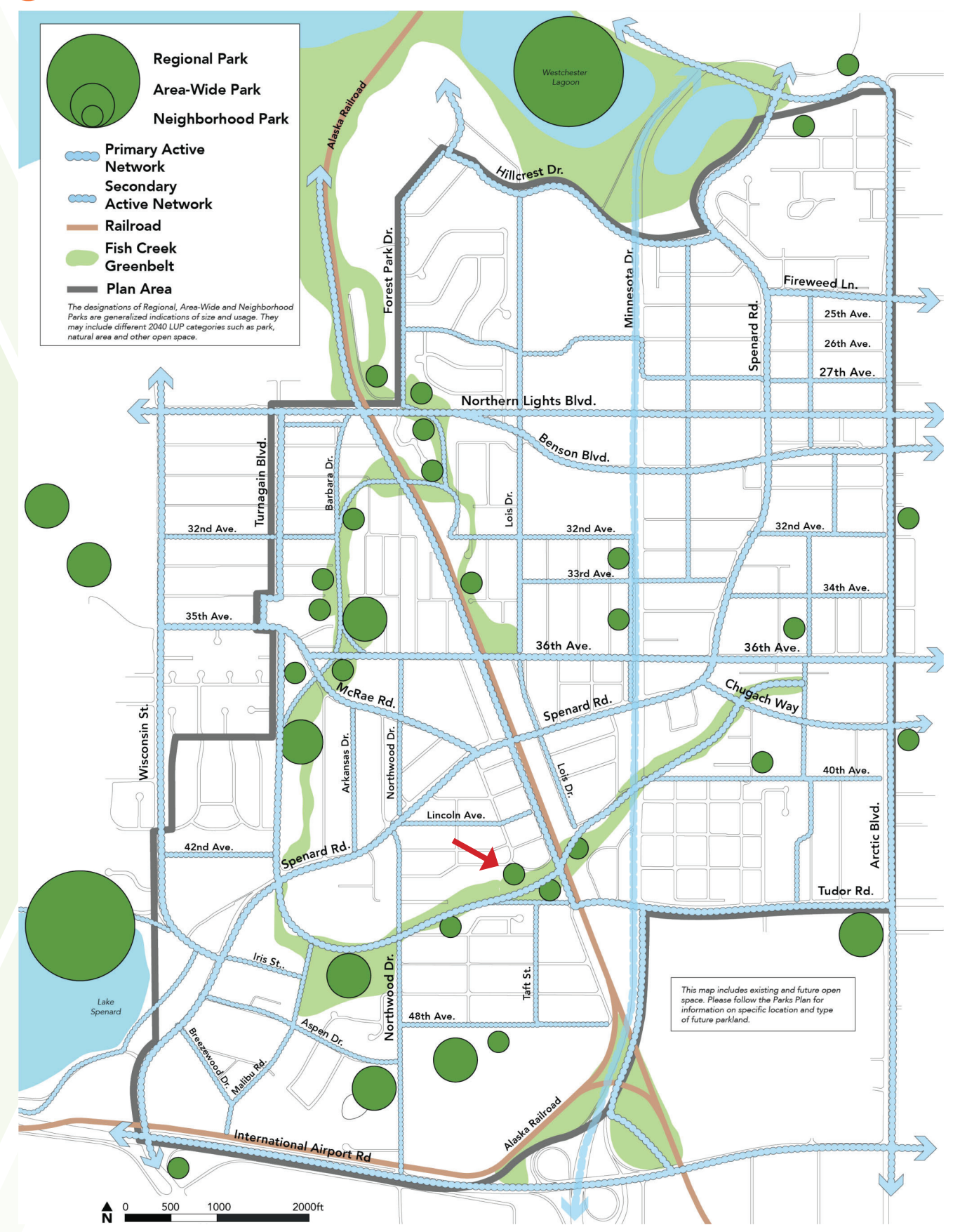


Figure 2.5: "Open Space Network" sourced from page 44 of the Spenard Corridor Plan. Ure Park has been noted with a red arrow, which is an amendment to the original graphic to help illustrate how the project site relates to open space in the plan.

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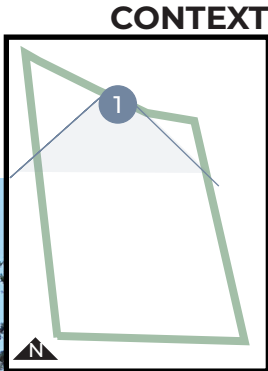


2019

SITE PHOTOS



2021

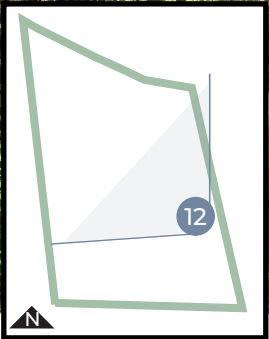
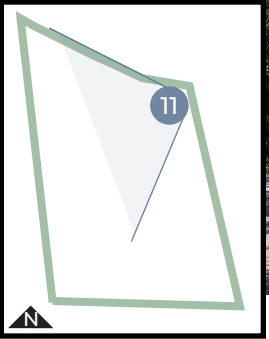
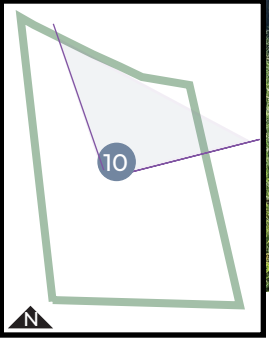


Before and after photos show the change in the character of the park due to spruce beetle kill. The first photo was taken in 2019, and the second in 2021. Spruce beetle usually impacts a tree over a three-year period. Older and/or drought-impacted spruce trees are more likely to succumb to an attack. Anchorage experienced a particularly hot and dry summer in 2019, which experts believed increased spruce beetle activity across Alaska.



SITE PHOTOS (cont.)





PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

OVERVIEW

Demolition of the structures took place in 2017, followed by a public outreach effort intended to collect feedback on the future development of Ure Park.

Since 2018, APRD has been collecting public feedback and working towards potential design outcomes. Anchorage Parks and Recreation Landscape Architect, Taylor Keegan, appeared at two separate Spenard Community Council (SCC) meetings; the first meeting was in December 2018 to receive feedback from the community after the demolition of the former homestead and to collect contacts for a Ure Park Community Advisory Group (CAG). This appearance also intended to collect input on the community's wishes for the park. The second SCC appearance occurred during the September 2019 meeting and was to collect additional input for the communities wishes of the park. The CAG was engaged one final time in January 2021 to provide feedback and final comment on a draft of the site plan prior to SCC and Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) approval.

Public outreach also included two volunteer events that took place in the park. The first meeting took place in 2018 and had a great turnout to clean up the park. The second took place in 2019 and continued building on the work from 2018. This event served as an opportunity to cast a wider net and gain input and feedback on what

character and amenities the community wanted in Ure Park.

In addition to these meetings, a digital survey with nine questions was circulated from January 2020 to January 2021. This effort was to supplement in-person feedback and gain more information before, during, and after these meetings about the specific amenities folks wanted to see as well as the perceived opportunities and constraints in Ure Park. Survey results can be found in Appendix C.

Members of the community voiced their vision for Ure Park through conversations prompted by the posters on the right. First, the group wrote down their feelings on the opportunities and constraints of the park in its current condition. Second, participants provided feedback on three primary areas of development

- Programming (ex. Passive/Active)
- Trail Development
- Other Amenities (ex. Lighting, No Lighting)

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK

The community supports discreet programming and development of the site. They also expressed enthusiasm for the park maintaining its current natural character. Community members also strongly advocated for a connection to the Fish Creek Trail, which bounds the south side of the park. Currently, the trail is inaccessible from the park due to the Fish Creek drainage that runs on the southern edge of the property.

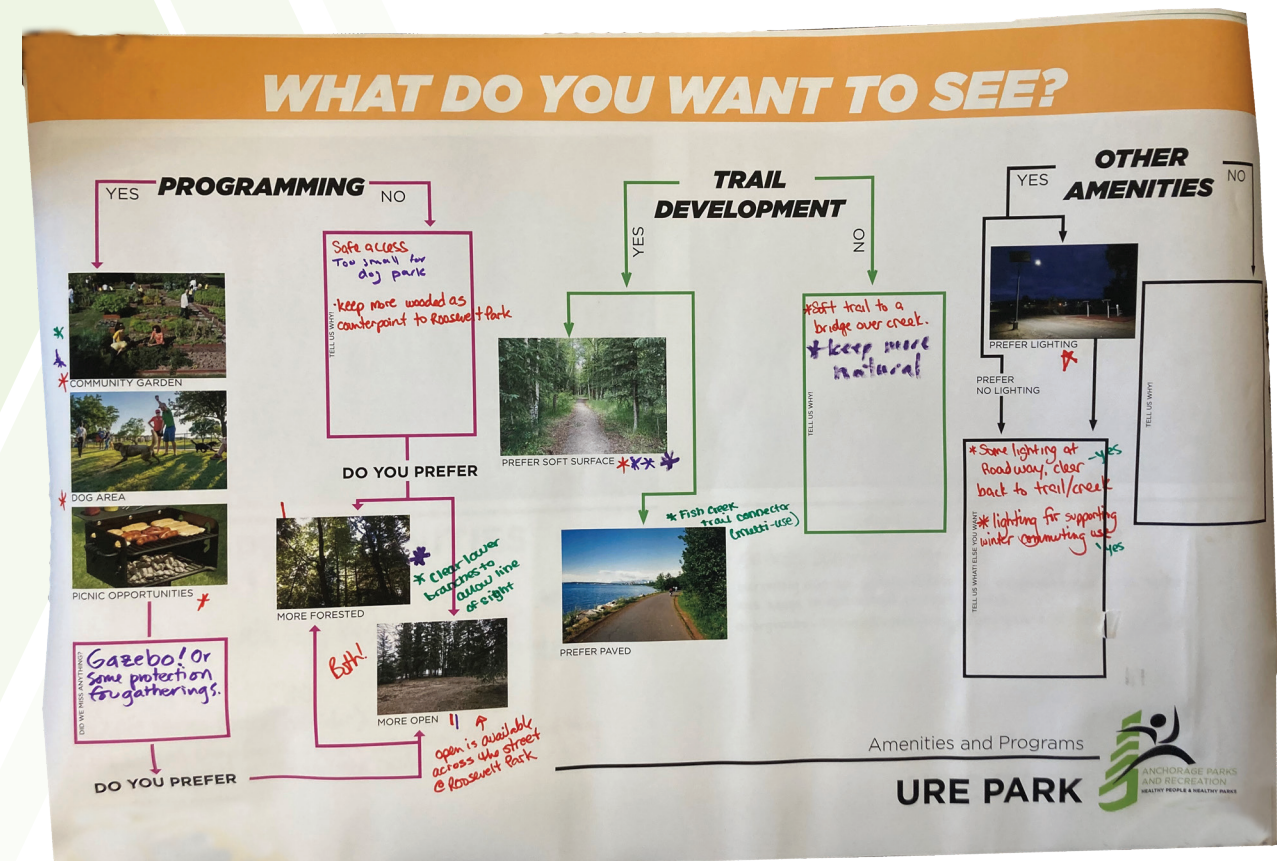
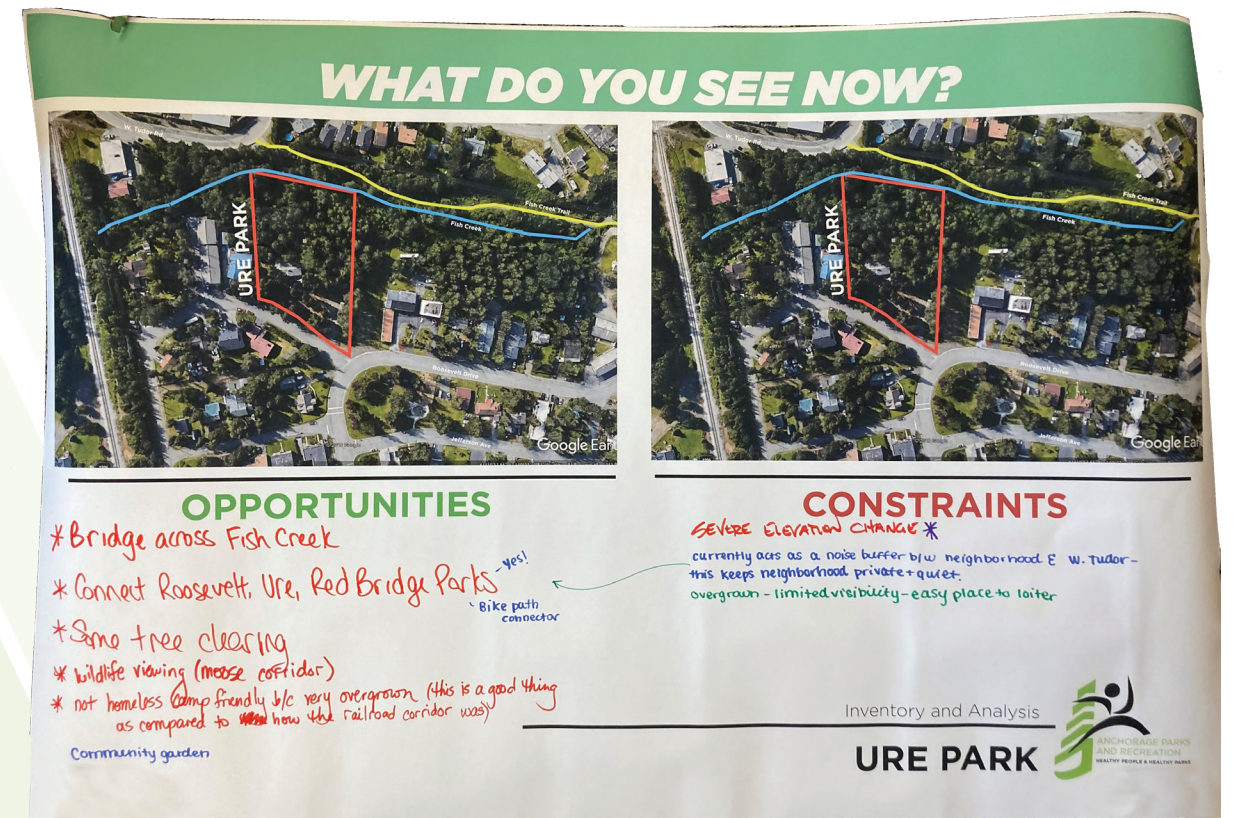


Figure 3.1: The scans above depict posters from a public involvement effort with the community council. The same posters were used at the pop-up input event in the park.



Figure 3.2 : Picture looking east from Roosevelt Drive shows the old fence from Barbara Ure's Residence.

- **Trail Development:** People replied with an strong preference for a soft surface trail connection to the Fish Creek Trail. Because of the overwhelming support for a trail connection through Ure Park, Anchorage Parks and Recreation dedicated resources in 2020-21 to understand the complexities of developing said connection. More specifically, APRD wanted to have a better idea of the resources needed to construct a crossing that would connect Roosevelt Drive to the Fish Creek Trail.
- **Programming:** Activating the space with a picnic area, community garden, adult fitness equipment, and a pump track were ideas brought up by community members. A

community garden was an especially popular idea, and APRD recommends this in conjunction with a more specific development effort that identifies partners and funding opportunities.

- **Safety and visibility:** According to neighbors, there are often moose cow with a moose calf in the park and visibility is important for maintaining a safe distance from wildlife.
- **Forest Health:** The community wants to see sustainable forestry practices implemented; this includes clearing standing dead spruce trees, replenishing lost old growth with native tree plantings, continuing to manage and minimize the *Prunus padus* population, and limb the trees along the roadway to maintain clear site lines into the park.

- **Other Amenities:** The community is in favor of interpretive signage, benches, trash receptacles, dog mutt mitt stations, and a small area for off street parking.
- **Maintenance:** The community also reiterates that the park needs regular maintenance because the park currently “feels more like a vacant lot than a park.” This was echoed by community members in each aspect of outreach; the community desires a mowed, hazard free lawn in the uplands open area.

Figure 3.3 : Picture in forested lowlands of volunteers pulling Bird Cherry from the Fish Creek Greenbelt.



Figure 3.3 : Volunteers providing input at pop-up public workshop for the park to help collect more diverse perspectives about the park's future.

FINAL PLAN & RECOMMENDATIONS

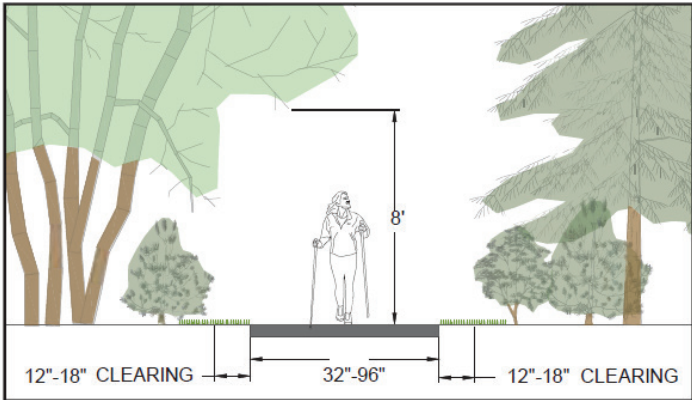
SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ure Park site plan identifies both short-term and long-term goals, as well as a series of recommendations for the park. In the short term, the community wants regular maintenance, a connection to the Fish Creek Trail, and basic amenities. The short-term recommendations should be executed in a one to five-year span of time.

The connection from Roosevelt Drive to the Fish Creek trail will span through the wetland and watershed. The bridge design will be dependent on the availability and cost of materials and construction.

The community advocated for a soft surface trail through the space to help maintain the natural character of the park. APRD proposes constructing a 32-96" gravel trail from Roosevelt Drive to the Fish Creek Trail.

Recommended trail maintenance includes 18"-36" clearance of hazards on either side of the trail and 8' clearance of any overhead hazards. Regular vegetation management of the park will include keeping clear sight lines into the park, managing the invasive species in the park. Recommended maintenance includes leveling and grading the open area so it is a more level and accessible surface for the community.



Trail Class 4

Figure 4.1 : Proposed trail section, Trail Class Four (sourced from the 2011 Far North Bicentennial Park Trails Improvement Plan).



Figure 4.2 : Example of pedestrian bridge with wooden and composite elements from Cape Henlopen State Park. Image credit: Strongwell



Short Term Goals:

- Construct a connection from Roosevelt Drive to the Fish Creek Trail
- Manage vegetation to maintain clear sight lines into the park.
- Provide and maintain grassy open area for flexible/passive programming.
- Provide standard park amenities such as signage, benches, trash cans, and mutt mitt stations.

Figure 4.3: Illustration highlighting short-term goals

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

The long-term recommendations are intended to be realized in a five to ten-year period. The community advocated for the natural character of the forest to remain, and for the forest to stay untouched. This pertains to the long-term maintenance of forest health and park through the use of natural materials, trail surfacing, and sustainable forest management.

For the uplands section, the community expressed that the space should capitalize on the utility connections made when the property was a residence, such as water, to create community amenities like a community garden, or a small picnic area.

During the outreach process, stories emerged about the land and the ecology of the space. Examples include indigenous place names relating to Fish Creek, stories of how Barbra Ure used to maintain a full pack of sled dogs on the property, and a moose cow that returns each year with its new calf. The community advocated for interpretive signage including these stories and natural features.



Figure 4.4 : C Street community garden, one example of a garden managed by Anchorage Parks and Recreation.



Figure 4.5 : Example of interpretive Signage at Balto Seppala Park, describing the story of Balto Seppala.

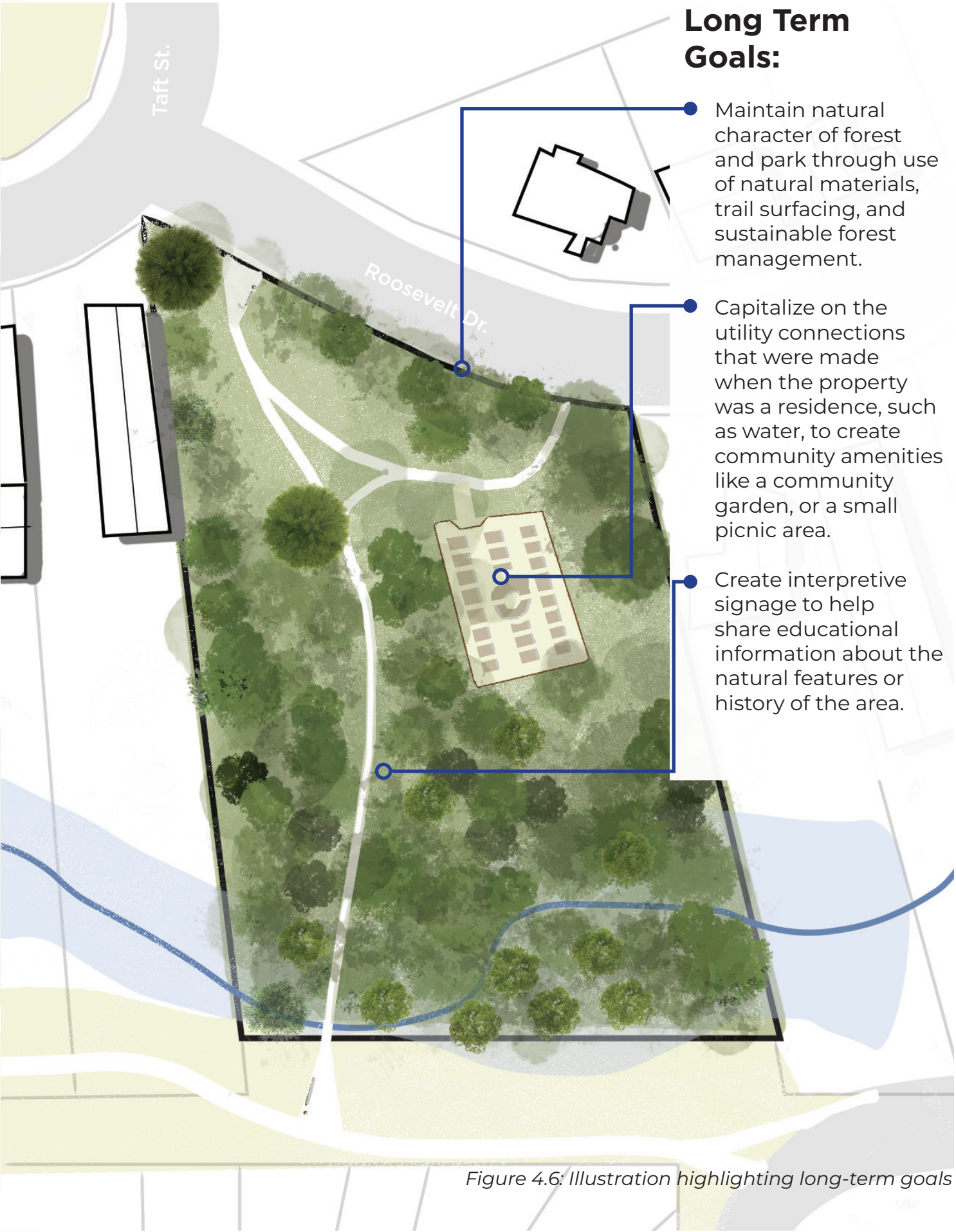


Figure 4.6: Illustration highlighting long-term goals

NEXT STEPS

APPROVAL PROCESS

Approval of the Ure Park Site Plan is a two-step process. The first step of the approval process is to present the plan for a Resolution of Support to the Spenard Community Council (Approved on April 6, 2022). This process continues with a public hearing of the Parks and Recreation Commission (Approved on April 14, 2022). Once this plan has been approved by both of these groups, this plan can begin utilizing funds to realize the visions outlined in this plan.

OVERVIEW

Implementing the project begins with the approval of the Ure Park, which took place in April 2022. The project team will begin implementing the priorities set out in the short term plan in summer 2022.

FUNDING

Three municipal bonds will fund the capital improvements for this project. The first bond passed in 2019 for \$100,000 and the second bond passed in 2020 for \$250,000. A third bond passed in 2022 for \$100,000. The current project funds are \$450,000.

SUMMARY

The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department is looking forward to begin executing the visions of the community in the years to come. We also look forward to continue building positive relationships with the neighbors proximate to the park, and the Anchorage community as a whole.



APPENDIX A

EXCERPTS FROM
1982 Property Appraisal
Follett and Associates
Published on April 1, 1982

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APPRAISAL OF
LOTS 5, 6 & 7, BLOCK 14
ROOSEVELT PARK ADDITION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

FOR
Municipality of Anchorage
Property Mangement & Right-of-Way
Anchorage, Alaska

DATE OF APPRAISAL
April 1, 1982

Ref. No. 82-120

FOLLETT & ASSOCIATES

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The Subject property is located on the west side of Roosevelt Drive at the intersection of T-1, in the District of Anchorage, Alaska. The addresses of the two residences located on the property are 1188 and 1190 Roosevelt Drive.

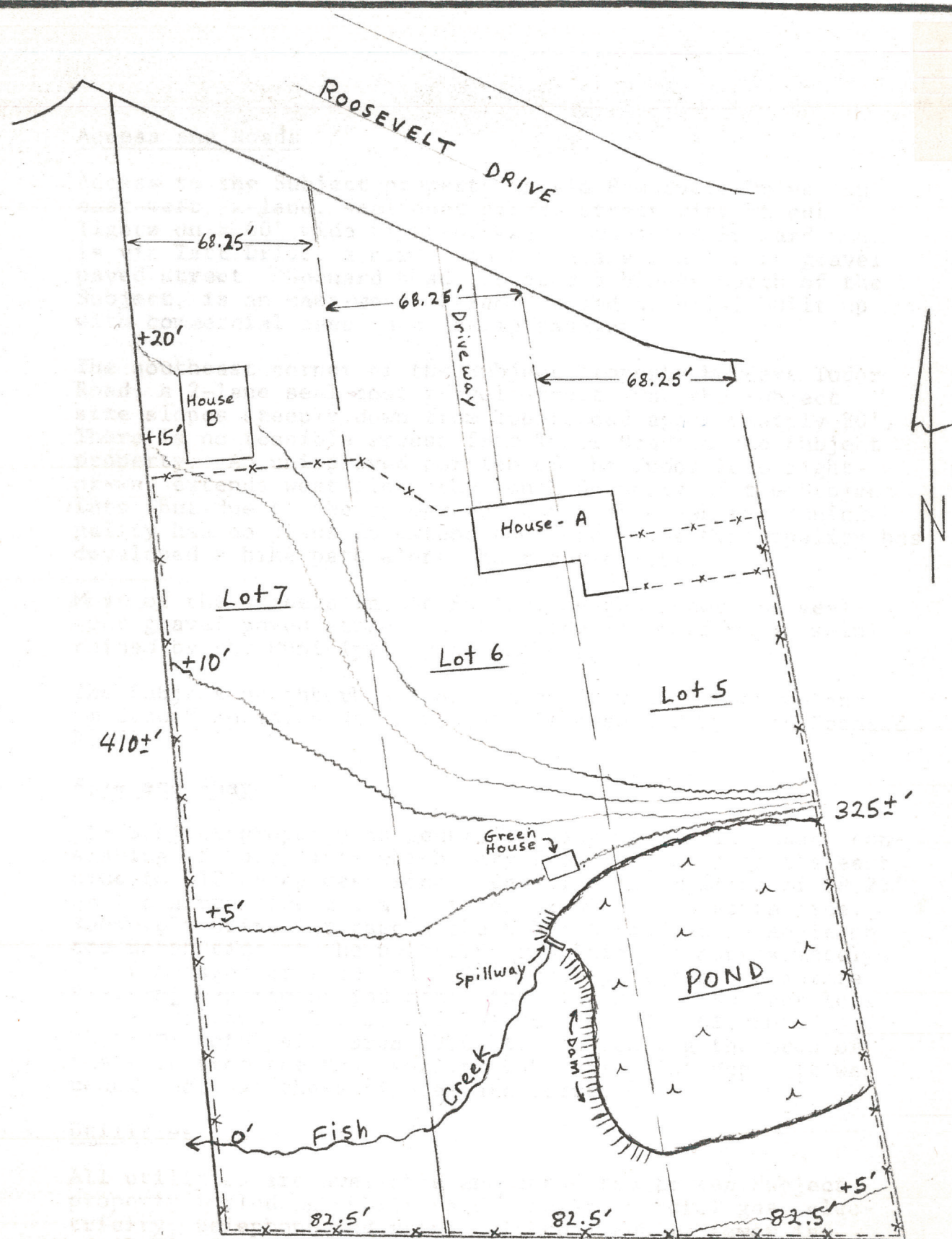
Location

Total Site Area:

Lot 5:
Lot 6:
Lot 7:
Total Site Area:

Site Area

PROPERTY DATA



SITE PLAN SKETCH
AND TOPOGRAPHY
Scale: 1" = 50'

SUBJECT PROPERTY PHOTOS

Eric G. Follett, MAI
April 1, 1982



Subject House-A - Front



Subject House-A - Rear

SUBJECT PROPERTY PHOTOS

Eric G. Follett, MAI
April 1, 1982



Subject House-B - Front



Subject House-B - Rear



SUBJECT PROPERTY PHOTOS

Eric G. Follett, MAI
April 1, 1982

View looking east on
Roosevelt Drive;
Subject on the right.



SUBJECT PROPERTY PHOTOS

Eric G. Follett, MAI
April 1, 1982

View of Duck Pond and
Dam looking east

View looking west on
Bike path south of
the Subject property.



Greenhouse



View to the east on
Tudor Road from the
southeast corner of
Subject property.



View west on Roosevelt
Drive; Subject on left

ANCHORAGE REGIONAL AND AREA DATA

For this information, please refer to the Addenda of this report.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS AND DATA

The Subject property is located in the Spenatd District, approximately 2½ miles south of the downtown business district, and one mile southwest of the "midtown" commercial district along Northern Lights Boulevard and Benson Boulevard. The Spenard District is built up with older residences in fair to average condition in a neighborhood which is in a slow transition to multi-family residential where zoning allows. The Subject neighborhood is bordered on the east by Minnesota Drive and on the north by Spenard Road. This area is zoned R-2, and is built up with a mix of residential uses which include 20 to 30 year old residences in the \$70,000 to \$110,000 range; small apartment buildings; trailer courts; and commercial uses along the major arterials. The neighborhood has fair to average pride of ownership.

Development within the immediate Subject neighborhood consists of mostly older single-family residences and duplexes north of the Subject. West of the Subject, along Roosevelt Drive to Northwood Drive are a mix of approximately half residences and half 2 to 4-family structures with one 6-plex. East of the Subject along Roosevelt Drive are several residences and a new 8-plex located two lots east of the Subject with a large 2-story owner's unit including double garage. South of the Subject, across Fish Creek, is a similar residential neighborhood with a mix of single-family residences, duplexes and 4-plexes. One block southeast of the Subject is an industrial zoned area built up with numerous light industrial/warehousing uses, the major development being Spenard Lumber. Along Fish Creek is a bike path and City Park.

All utilities are available to the neighborhood including public water, sewer, electricity, natural gas, telephone and refuse pickup.

Access to the neighborhood is very good via Minnesota Drive, and Spenard Road. Minnesota Drive is a north-south, 6-lane arterial providing direct access to the "midtown" and downtown areas. Spenard Road is a northeast to southwest, 2-lane, paved arterial which provides access from Minnesota Drive to the Subject neighborhood and also Anchorage International Airport.

Access and Roads

Access to the Subject property is via Roosevelt Drive, an east-west, 2-lane, seal coat gravel street with street lights on a 60' wide right-of-way. Access to Spenard Road is via Taft Drive, a north-south, 2-lane, seal coat gravel paved street. Spenard Road, located 5 blocks north of the Subject, is an east-west, 2-lane, paved arterial built up with commercial uses in a "strip fashion".

The southeast corner of the Subject property borders Tudor Road, a 2-lane seal coat gravel street, but the Subject site slopes steeply down from Tudor Road approximately 20'. There is no feasible access from Tudor Road to the Subject property. An unimproved portion of the Tudor Road right-of-way extends west along the south boundary of the Subject lots, but due to the topography and Fish Creek the Municipality has no plans to extend the road. The Municipality has developed a bike path along the right-of-way.

Most of the streets in the Subject neighborhood are seal coat gravel paved streets on 60' wide right-of-ways, maintained by the Municipality of Anchorage.

The Subject neighborhood has access from the downtown and "midtown" business districts via Minnesota Drive and Spenard Road.

Size and Shape

The Subject property is generally rectangular in shape, consisting of three lots which vary from 325' deep on the east side to 410' deep west side. East lot has a width of 68.25' on the north side and a width of 82.5' on the south side. Roosevelt Drive intersects the Subject lots at an angle on the north side of the property, resulting in approximately 80' frontage for each lot. The Municipality of Anchorage Platting Department indicates the size of the Subject lots are as follows: Lot 5, 24,725φ; Lot 6, 25,746φ; Lot 7, 28,570φ; total site area 79,041φ. In scaling the area of the site from the Municipality 100 Scale Plat Maps, it was concluded that these figures are correct.

Utilities

All utilities are available and connected to the Subject property including public water, sewer, natural gas, electricity, telephone and refuse pickup. Public sewer is available from an 8" line located just north of the Subject on Roosevelt Drive, and also from a 24" line located along the south boundary of the Subject property. Public water is available along Roosevelt Drive.

House-A, on Lots 5 and 6, has public water available, but is connected to a private well, which appears adequate.

APPENDIX B

BRAILEY HYDROLOGIC ANALYSIS
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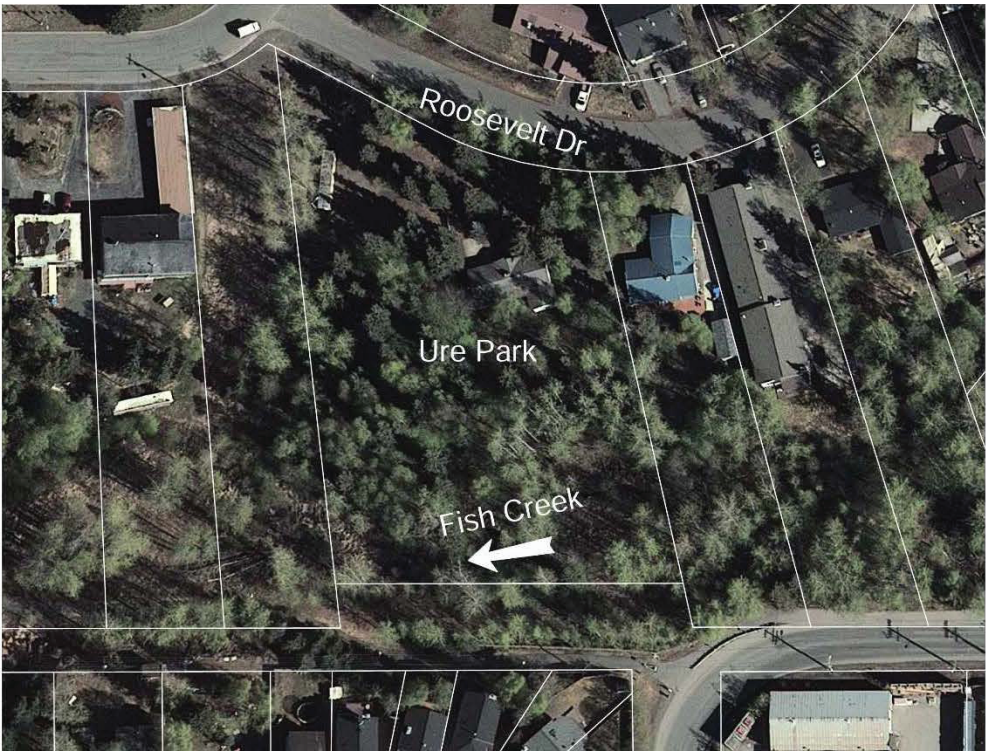
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Subject: Ure Park Bridge H&H analysis

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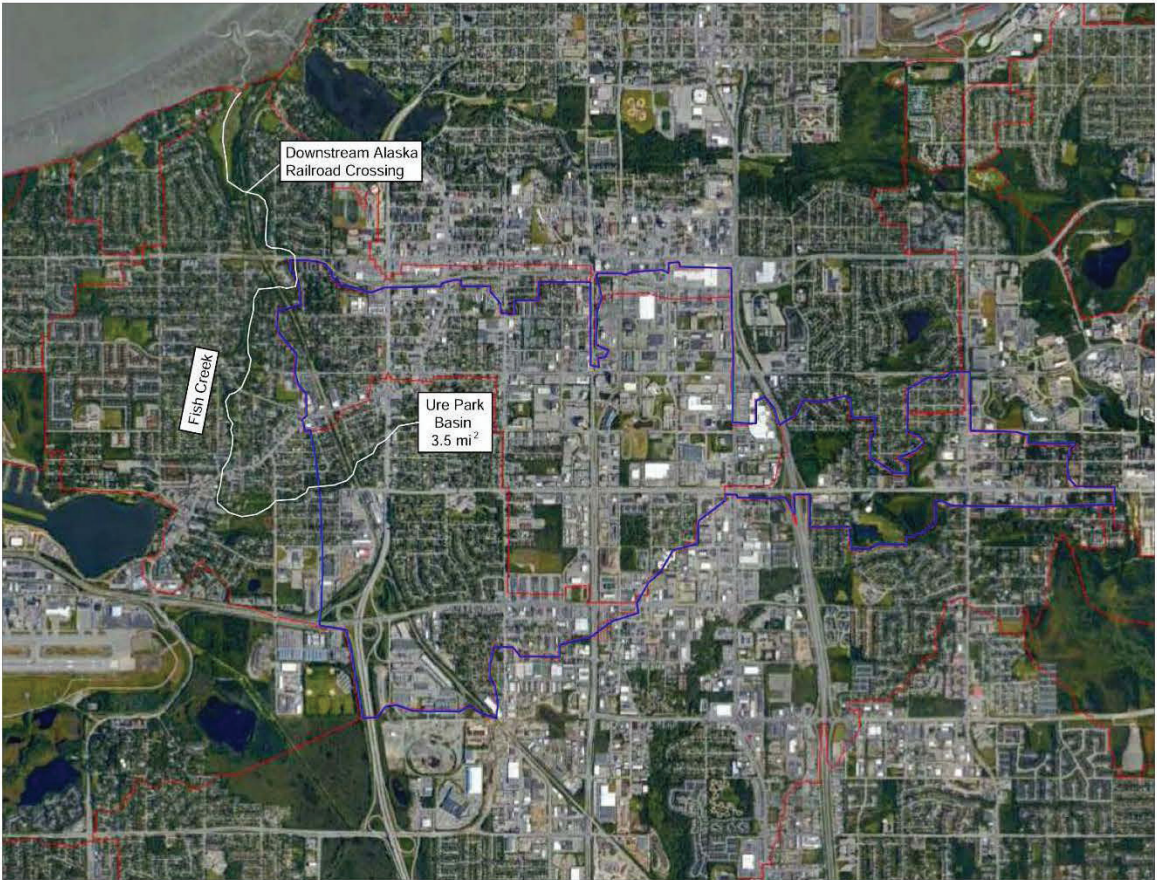
As per our proposal dated January 5, 2021, this letter provides results of a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis of a proposed bridge across Fish Creek at Ure Park (Figure 1). Based on recommendations from the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), a localized bridge backwater analysis was performed using the 100-year discharge published in the current Flood Insurance Study (FEMA 2009). Computed using a basin area of 5.6

Figure 1. Ure Park Location



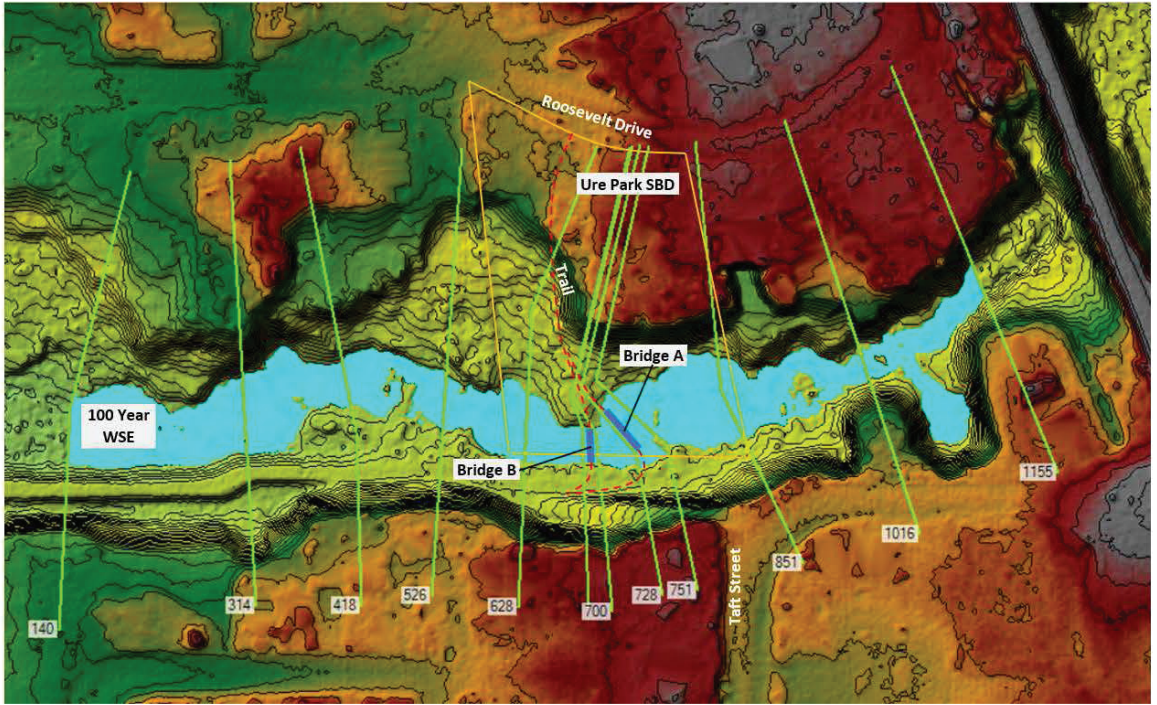
mi², the published discharge is 116 ft³/s at the downstream crossing of the Alaska Railroad (Figure 2). Because the Ure Park drainage basin is smaller (3.5 mi²), this approach is conservative.

Figure 2. Ure Park Drainage Basin



Hydraulic analyses were performed using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' River Analysis System (HEC-RAS). HEC-RAS is a step-backwater program that solves the 1-dimensional energy equation at a series of river cross-sections. Using the MOA's 2015 digital terrain model, the accompanying RAS Mapper application was used to develop 12 cross sections located as shown on Figure 3. Five cross sections are located downstream of Ure Park, to provide adequate separation from the model's downstream boundary condition. Four cross sections define two bridge alternatives designated Bridge A and Bridge B, and three cross sections illustrate the stream profile upstream of Ure Park.

Figure 3. Hydraulic Model of Bridge Alternatives



During model development, Brailey Hydrologic visited Ure Park to determine potential bridge opening alignments and to estimate model roughness coefficients based on channel and floodplain vegetation.

Two bridge alternatives, Bridge A and Bridge B, were investigated (Figure 3). Bridge A is located in a wide channel section with a uniform bottom and dense vegetation. This location requires a minimum 51 foot span perpendicular to the direction of flow to avoid bridge backwater effects. At the 100 year discharge both Bridge A abutments and trail approaches will encroach into the floodplain. Bridge B is located at a narrows with defined banks and dense vegetation. Model results indicate that a minimum 30 foot span on Bridge B will cause no rise in the upstream water surface elevation for the published 100-year flood event. Modeled water surface elevations are provided on Table 1.

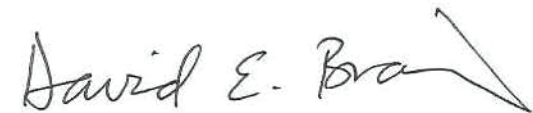
Table 1. Water Surface Elevations During the 100-year Flood

Location	Flow Rate, ft ³ /s	Water Surface Elevation, feet ¹
Bridge A	116	68.32
Bridge B	116	67.81

¹ Mean Sea Level, MOA 1972 revision

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these services. Please call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



David E. Brailey
Brailey Hydrologic Consultants

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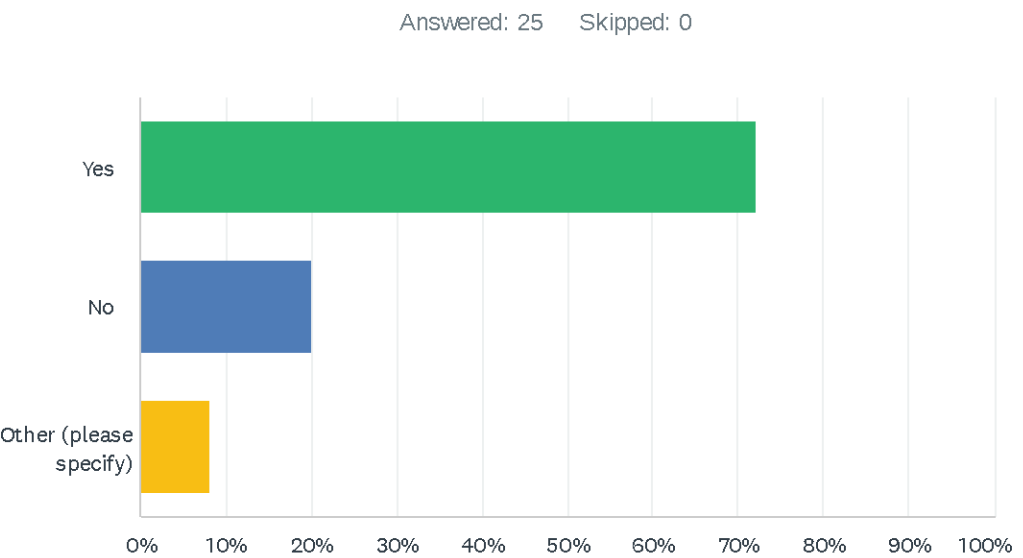
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APPENDIX C

DIGITAL SURVEY RESULTS

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Q1 Do you live in the Spenard Community Council?

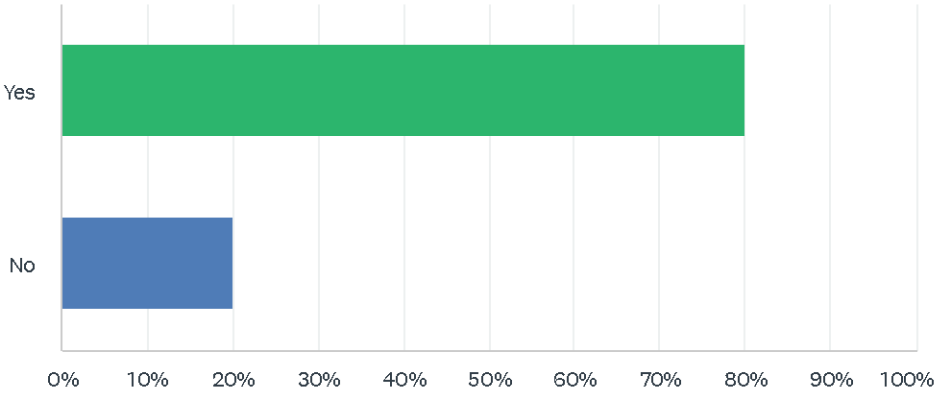


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		72.00%	18
No		20.00%	5
Other (please specify)		8.00%	2
TOTAL			25

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Turnagain CC	3/19/2021 4:58 PM
2	Turnagain Community	1/26/2020 9:50 PM

Q2 Have you ever been to Ure Park?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.00%	20
No	20.00%	5
TOTAL		25

Q3 What are your most favorite things about this park in its current condition?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 5

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Access to Creek and woods	3/20/2021 12:47 PM
2	The creek	3/20/2021 11:12 AM
3	I have frequently used the trail immediately south of the park. I didn't know it was a park.	3/19/2021 4:58 PM
4	I didn't even know it was a park! I walk by there all the time on the recently upgraded trail.	3/19/2021 3:04 PM
5	I would like this park to be left in a semi natural state Without any park equipment like playground and picnic tables and picnic structures. I would like to see this park become an arboretum with a variety of trees and shrubs This park should also act as a connection to the Fish Creek trails.	10/24/2020 3:20 PM
6	It's tucked away in a neighborhood away from major roads which makes it a safer place for young childreb	10/24/2020 2:55 PM
7	A nice space in my neighborhood to play with my dog	10/23/2020 4:28 PM
8	It's peaceful	9/5/2020 5:51 PM
9	Wild green space.	8/23/2020 1:25 PM
10	The wild nature of it.	3/14/2020 11:26 PM
11	Large trees, wild character, Fish Creek habitat, habitat for moose	2/3/2020 6:47 AM
12	N/A	1/26/2020 9:50 PM
13	Location	1/25/2020 9:11 PM
14	Moose calve here every year.	1/25/2020 3:36 PM
15	Proximity to Fish Creek and it's natural, undisturbed character.	1/25/2020 10:25 AM
16	Rugged woods with potential to be a great "organic oasis for physical fitness," which would reduce, "Medicare-For-All" healthcare costs.	1/25/2020 8:19 AM
17	The creekside and trees and bike path across the way.	1/24/2020 10:16 PM
18	It's a good place for my dogs to run around.	1/24/2020 7:43 PM
19	Not a whole lot maybe some moose once in awhile	1/24/2020 5:19 PM
20	Nothing	1/24/2020 5:02 PM

Q4 What are your least favorite things about this park in its current condition?

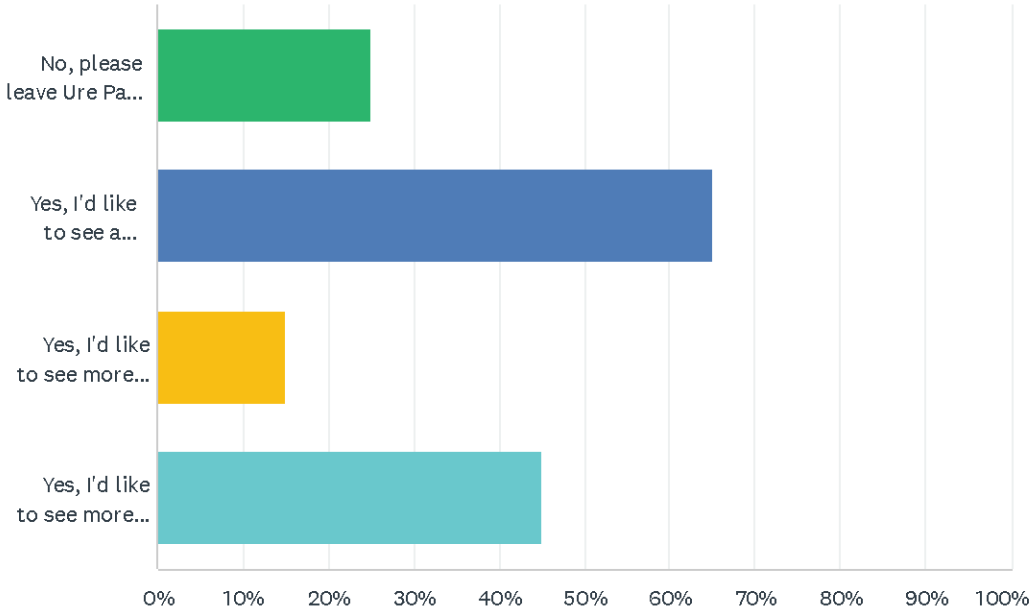
Answered: 20 Skipped: 5

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No clear trail	3/20/2021 12:47 PM
2	It feels isolated	3/20/2021 11:12 AM
3	No access from the south/trail.	3/19/2021 4:58 PM
4	The land seems unusable. There is no sidewalk towards Minnesota.	3/19/2021 3:04 PM
5	It doesn't connect to the Fish Creek trails.	10/24/2020 3:20 PM
6	In its current state It's a large, unkept area near the train tracks that is perfect place for squatters, and drug dealers, to hang out.	10/24/2020 2:55 PM
7	It is SO close to fish creek, but doesn't allow access to the trail.	10/23/2020 4:28 PM
8	No access to the trail system and there's nothing there	9/5/2020 5:51 PM
9	No current official connection with Fish Creek bike trail. Also, sometimes there is litter.	8/23/2020 1:25 PM
10	There are no picnic tables or any other improvements	3/14/2020 11:26 PM
11	Lack of care by Municipality	2/3/2020 6:47 AM
12	N/A	1/26/2020 9:50 PM
13	Not developed...next to fish creek where homeless people camping is an ongoing problem	1/25/2020 9:11 PM
14	Illegal camping and beetle killed trees which spread to neighboring trees.	1/25/2020 3:36 PM
15	There is no bridge to get to Fish Creek Trail.	1/25/2020 10:25 AM
16	Lack of PT Training facilities, like we used to see along the Italia Catholic Church/ Providence Hospital/ University of Alaska Anchorage Campus Dorms property In Anchorage.	1/25/2020 8:19 AM
17	It's a little secluded but that is also a good thing.	1/24/2020 10:16 PM
18	Since the old lions club house was pulled down and squatters removed, not much. Maybe, the beetle killed spruce trees.	1/24/2020 7:43 PM
19	It's dark (not well lit) it's near high traffic areas along improved fish creek trail but hardly a place to recreate	1/24/2020 5:19 PM
20	That there is nothing!	1/24/2020 5:02 PM



Q5 Do you want to see programming in Ure Park?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 5



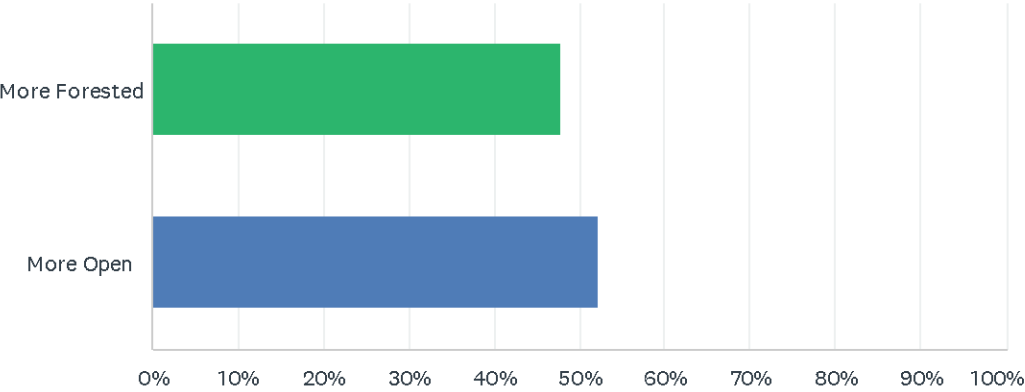
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No, please leave Ure Park as natural and unprogrammed as possible	25.00%	5
Yes, I'd like to see a community garden	65.00%	13
Yes, I'd like to see more amenities for dogs	15.00%	3
Yes, I'd like to see more picnic opportunities	45.00%	9
Total Respondents: 20		

#	YES, I'D LIKE TO DESCRIBE MY IDEA FOR PROGRAMMING URE PARK BELOW:	DATE
1	Link to Fish Creek Trail via bridge	3/20/2021 12:47 PM
2	Natural kids play area , stumps etc	3/20/2021 11:12 AM
3	I would like to see neighborhood access developed from the park to the trail	3/19/2021 4:58 PM
4	Landscaping	3/19/2021 3:04 PM
5	A path/ bridge over creek	10/23/2020 4:28 PM
6	Connection to fish creek trail	9/5/2020 5:51 PM
7	A gazebo would be nice too.	8/23/2020 1:25 PM
8	Mow the grass and pick up fallen limbs so there are no trip and fall hazards	3/14/2020 11:26 PM
9	Fish Creek bank protection	2/3/2020 6:47 AM
10	Natural, for Moose, with underbrush removed to discourage illegal camping	1/25/2020 3:36 PM
11	I'd like to see the park connected to Fish Creek Trail with a small bridge and a gravel pathway and some safety lighting.	1/25/2020 10:25 AM

12	A body weight workout station would be neat.	1/24/2020 7:43 PM
13	Connect it with a trail system and encourage a sponsorship of a neighborhood community watch program maybe put in a basketball hoop	1/24/2020 5:19 PM
14	A dirt bike (not motorized) course! It would have little jumps and course. 7th Mountain Resort in Bend has one and its great! Or a self propelled water feature. There is one in Sydney and you pump the water and kids have to channel where the water goes by opening doors, arranging how it flows etc. I know would only be a summer/spring thing , but it would be used!	1/24/2020 5:02 PM

Q6 Would you prefer Ure Park stay more forested, or becomes more open?

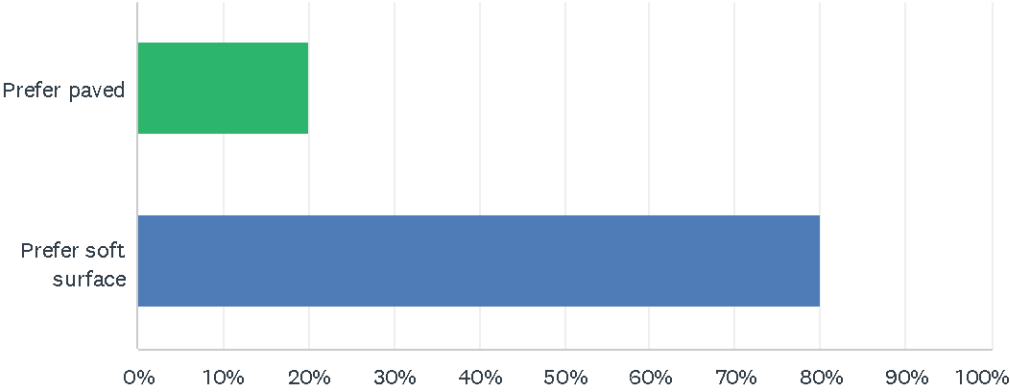
Answered: 23 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More Forested	47.83%	11
More Open	52.17%	12
TOTAL		23

Q7 The community has expressed interest in a trail that connects Roosevelt Drive to the Fish Creek Trail through Ure Park. What type of trail would you be most excited about?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer paved	20.00%	5
Prefer soft surface	80.00%	20
TOTAL		25

Q8 Are there other amenities you'd like to see in Ure Park that would benefit the neighborhood?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Unknown	3/20/2021 11:12 AM
2	Make this park into an arboretum with a variety of trees and shrubs. And don't put any park structures or picnic tables or playground equipment within the park. All of this equipment exists in the park nearby. There is no need to duplicate or add any more structures	10/24/2020 3:20 PM
3	Bike station if it connects to fish creek trail.	10/24/2020 2:55 PM
4	Dog poop station	10/23/2020 4:28 PM
5	A community garden would be good, but so would a grill and picnic area.	8/23/2020 1:25 PM
6	More open so as to make sure it not a new campground for the homeless and to deter drug activity. Once the park is established, in a couple years some intentional planting of trees with a local school or community group.	3/14/2020 11:26 PM
7	Fish Creek informational signs	2/3/2020 6:47 AM
8	Not sure	1/26/2020 9:50 PM
9	Lighting	1/25/2020 9:11 PM
10	Removal of dead trees	1/25/2020 3:36 PM
11	Yeah, SCREW the "Trail," and incorporate a Community Garden. As usual, I will keep it maintained and on point and run off the homeless bastards who steal food for the truly needy and starving, so that I can feed the hungry at the Anchorage Rescue Mission and the Food Bank of Alaska Mobile Food Pantry.	1/25/2020 8:19 AM
12	A work out station, like ones around Lake Hood.	1/24/2020 7:43 PM
13	A place to play or maybe an off leash zone for dogs more good people in the area may help deter neighborhood thieves and robbers or transients which are frequently along the railroad	1/24/2020 5:19 PM
14	I like the two ideas I gave!	1/24/2020 5:02 PM

Q9 Are there other things you'd like us to know about Ure Park?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There is a lot of illicit activity in the existing park near Ure park and we need to not propagate this activity in your park.	10/24/2020 3:20 PM
2	It has great potential!	10/24/2020 2:55 PM
3	I look forward to running here. As a small woman, I want to feel safe. The way to the creek is very forested. Just cut back with safety in mind	10/23/2020 4:28 PM
4	I would like the hilly south part of the park and the perimeters of the main park to stay wild, with a good amount of trees.	8/23/2020 1:25 PM
5	Simple programming: mow grass, pick up fallen limbs, cut out trees, minimize trip and fall hazards, a couple picnic tables, and a trail to the creek. A minimally maintained park that has a wild nature feel to it.	3/14/2020 11:26 PM
6	It's nice that there is a wild green space in the neighborhood that leaves habitat for moose and birds	2/3/2020 6:47 AM
7	No	1/26/2020 9:50 PM
8	As this is a unique and almost isolated neighborhood, what happens to Ure Park will greatly affect it. We strongly encourage P & R to carefully protect the dignity and character of that neighborhood - this park is completely surrounded by private properties. For example, setting up any kind of parking lot would encourage people to camp and/or engage in illegal activities.	1/25/2020 3:36 PM
9	Yeah, Urban Food Garden. Any questions, contact me and I will get it done.	1/25/2020 8:19 AM

APPENDIX D

CAG Feedback on Site Plan
Draft
Published on January 12, 2022.



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Ure Park Site Plan Draft Feedback Memo

Summary

The Community Advisory Group was asked to provide a review via e-mail sent on December 23, 2021. The comment period was closed on January 11, 2022, alongside an invitation for a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams on January 11, 2022, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Three individuals who provided written comments are outlined below. One person, Beth Nordlund of Anchorage Park Foundation, attended the virtual meeting and was given an overview of the process and plan.

Community Advisory Group

Bob	Auth
Peggy	Auth
Eric	Carpenter
Julie	Frizzell
Lindsey	Hajduk
Mark	Hill
Zev	Katz
Bill	Marsh
Joyce	Marsh
Caitlin	Rodriguez
Samson	Shepherd
Jed	Smith
Jay	Stange
Manny	Torres
Emma	Waters

Summarized Comments:

From	Received	
Willam Marsh	1/9/2022	As one of the adjacent property owners, the development of Ure Park can have a significant impact on the enjoyment of our home and quality of life. Reading through the comments to date, it would appear that a minimal development plan would be supported by the neighborhood. A connecting trail and bridge also seems to have strong support and this would have the additional benefit of limiting foot traffic through the creek. Anything that can be done to minimize the illegal campsites, drug use, and dealing drugs would be a great help to the

		<p>neighborhood and relieve some of the anxiety the neighborhood has about the park development and increase in use. Given the out of the way location of this little park, we would strongly discourage any off-street parking. The large setback from the street to the fence and tree line is already attracting day and overnight camping in vans and motorhomes. One additional item should be addressed: following the removal of the house that was previously on the park, the ground was not left flat and level and large cobble was left on the surface. This makes mowing impossible and even walking through the property can be a challenge. Correcting it and maintaining it would be a huge improvement. We look forward to more discussion at the Spenard Community Council Meeting.</p>
Julie Frizzell	1/11/2022	<p>Thank you for the opportunity provide input on the Ure Park plans. I echo Bill Marsh's comments on the plans. I think lighting would be a welcome addition to the park and connecting trail, but low profile or minimal so that nearby neighbor are not disturbed by the lights. Our property is on Roosevelt Dr. and those adjacent to us have had issues with the integrity of the embankment when trees were removed. I hope that care and attention to this in creating structure to support the bridge are well considered. Off leash dogs have created issues on many of the trails and in parks within the Municipality, leaving behind fecal matter, and interfering with pedestrians, leashed dogs walking with pedestrians, and cyclists. Since this park is small, I would hope that dogs would be expected to be leashed and that no area within the park will be created for off-leash dog park type activities. Dog waste stations away from where people may congregate are a welcome necessity.</p>
Lindsey Hajduk	1/12/2022	<p>p. 14-15: The language about "popular" or "less popular" should be changed to align with the language within the Spenard Corridor Plan, which refers to "primary active network" and "secondary active network" routes. Spenard is not "less popular," but it is actually a primary active route within our area. Minnesota Drive is also not a road non-motorized users avoid, but instead, the SCC is working to make it safer for all users.</p> <p>p. 26-28: I'm excited to see these short-term and long-term recommendations. Thank you! This location for a potential community garden will be a great amenity that Spenard CC has been pursuing for years.</p> <p>p. 30: Can the Funding received to date be more clearly delineated to what the funds were used for? Have all \$350,000 been spent and on what? What would the cost for the 30' bridge option be? What would happen to the current bond funds received if less is needed for the bridge? This has been a long process on a little park with the costs increasing each step, so looking for some transparency.</p>



APPENDIX E

Spenard Community Council
Signed Resolution of Support
Approved on April 6, 2022

Spenard Community Council Resolution

2022-04

A Resolution for Ure Park Site Plan and Construction

WHEREAS, the Spenard Community Council (“SCC”) is an organization representing the interests of the residents of the Spenard area of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of participation in local government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, Ure Park is a 1.82 acre neighborhood park located at 2108 Roosevelt Drive in the Spenard neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Ure Park is currently undeveloped and includes forested uplands, riparian areas, and Fish Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Ure Park Site Plan provides a vision for the development of Ure Park over the next 10-15 years and was guided by a Community Advisory Group consisting of park neighbors, Spenard residents, and members of the Spenard Community Council; and

WHEREAS, the Ure Park Site Plan identifies goals and recommendations for both the short-term and long-term; and

WHEREAS, through ongoing planning efforts and community support, Park Bond funding has been secured for Ure Park to implement the short-term improvements identified in the Ure Park Site Plan; and

WHEREAS, short-term improvements to be constructed in 2022-23 include the building of a non-motorized soft surface trail connection through Ure Park to connect Roosevelt Drive to the Fish Creek Trail, vegetation management and open space, and amenities to improve park users’ experience; and

WHEREAS, the future development of Ure Park as identified in the plan will provide positive and active recreational activities for all members of the Spenard community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spenard Community Council supports the 2022 Ure Park Site Plan and proceeding with the construction of improvements consistent with the short-term goals outlined in the plan.

Resolved, this 6th day of April 2022.

meg milke
Spenard Community Council President

04/19/2022
Date

Vote: 12 in favor, and 1 opposed.

APPENDIX F

Parks and Recreation
Commission Memo and Signed
Resolution of Support
Approved on April 14, 2022



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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 7, 2017
To: Parks & Recreation Commission
Cc: Joshua Durand, Parks Superintendent
From: Taylor Keegan, Landscape Architect
Project: **PRC 22-04: Ure Park Site Plan and Improvements**

INTRODUCTION

The Parks and Recreation Commission is asked to approve a two-part proposal. The first is to review and approve of the proposed site plan for Ure Park and the second part is to approve 2022 circulation improvements relating to the short-term goals outlined in the Ure Park Site Plan.

Ure Park is a 1.82 acre neighborhood park located at 2108 Roosevelt Dr. The property is within the Spenard Community Council and abuts Fish Creek and the Fish Creek Trail. This park was originally owned by Barbara Ure until the early 1980s. It then was used by the Lions Club for several years until the structures on the site fell into disrepair.

The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) has worked with the Spenard Community Council and neighbors of Ure Park to develop a 10-year vision for the future of Ure Park as well as to identify and prioritize future upgrades.

As of December 2021, two municipal park bonds have passed with funding for Ure Park. The first bond passed in 2019 for \$100,000 and the second bond passed in 2020 for \$250,000. The project is also on the 2022 bond for an additional \$100,000. The current project funds are \$350,000.

PLANNING

Since 2018, APRD has been collecting public feedback and working towards potential design outcomes. Anchorage Parks and Recreation Landscape Architect, Taylor Keegan, appeared at two separate Spenard Community Council (SCC) meetings; the first meeting was in December 2018 to receive feedback from the community after the demolition of the former homestead

and to collect contacts for a Ure Park Community Advisory Group (CAG). This appearance also intended to collect input on the community's wishes for the park. The second SCC appearance occurred during the September 2019 meeting and was to collect additional input for the communities wishes of the park. The CAG was engaged one final time in January 2021 to provide feedback and comments on a draft of the site plan prior to SCC and Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) approval.

Public outreach also included two volunteer events that took place in the park. The first meeting took place in 2018 and had a great turnout to clean up the park. The second took place in 2019 and continued building on the work from 2018. This event served as an opportunity to cast a wider net and gain input and feedback on what character and amenities the community wanted in Ure Park.

In addition to these meetings, a digital survey with nine questions was circulated from January 2020 to January 2021. This effort was to supplement in-person feedback and gain more information before, during, and after these meetings about the specific amenities folks wanted to see as well as the perceived opportunities and constraints in Ure Park.

During this planning process, community priorities were divided into short-term and long-term priorities.

The short term priorities include:

- Construct a trail connection from Roosevelt Drive to the Fish Creek Trail
- Manage vegetation to maintain clear sight lines into the park.
- Provide and maintain grassy open area for flexible/passive programming.
- Provide standard park amenities such as signage, benches, trash cans, and mutt mitt stations.

The long term priorities include:

- Maintain natural character of forest and park through use of natural materials, trail surfacing, and sustainable forest management.
- Capitalize on the utility connections that were made when the property was a residence, such as water, to create community amenities like a community garden, or a small picnic area.
- Create interpretive signage to help share educational information about the natural features or history of the area.

This project has been approved by the Spenard Community Council and a resolution of support was received on April 6, 2022.

DESIGN

In addition to completing the site plan, it is the department's intent to transition into realizing the short-term priorities outlined in the 2022 Ure Park Plan. To assist with this project, the Parks

and Recreation Department is utilizing The Boutet Company and Reid Middleton to provide project engineering services.

This includes constructing a 250' long connection from Roosevelt Drive to the Fish Creek Trail. This connection will include a 51' foot long bridge to span over the stream and floodplain of the Fish Creek as well as a soft-surface trail which will be between 6-8' wide. This phase of the project will also aim to include regrading, topsoil, and seeding of the sunny upland area. It will also aim to include the installation of basic park amenities such as trash cans, signage, and mutt mitt stations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Parks & Recreation Commission pass the proposed resolution in support of the Ure Park Site Plan and improvements identified as short-term priorities.



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**PRC RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04
URE PARK SITE PLAN AND CIRCULATION 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, Ure Park is a Neighborhood Use park located at 2108 Roosevelt Drive in the Spenard Neighborhood of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Ure Park Site Plan identifies goals and recommendations for both the short-term and long-term;

WHEREAS, the Ure Park Site Plan provides a vision for the development of Ure Park over the next 10-15 years and was guided by a Community Advisory Group consisting of park neighbors, Spenard residents, and members of the Spenard Community Council; and; and

WHEREAS, through ongoing planning efforts and community support, Park Bond funding has been secured for Ure Park to implement the short-term improvements identified in the Ure Park Site Plan; and

WHEREAS, short-term improvements to be constructed in 2022-23 include the building of a non-motorized soft surface trail connection through Ure Park to connect Roosevelt Drive to the Fish Creek Trail, vegetation management and open space, and amenities to improve park users' experience; and

WHEREAS, the future development of Ure Park as identified in the plan will provide positive and active recreational activities for all members of the Spenard community; and

WHEREAS, the project is supported by the Spenard Community Council and was approved with a resolution on the 6th day of April, 2022 by the Spenard Community Council, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the Fairview Park Master Plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 14th day of April, 2022.


Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST 
Josh Durand, Director
Parks & Recreation Department

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska