Mission: The Anchorage Park Foundation builds healthy parks and healthy people by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails and recreation opportunities.
Youth Employment in Parks

Accomplishments to Date:

- YEP celebrates its 13th summer improving Anchorage parks with Anchorage teens.
- YEP has completed 96 projects to date.
- Since 2007, YEP has hired 350 Anchorage teens. YEP will hire 25 teens this summer.
- Of the YEP Alumni surveyed: 100% finish high school/GED.
- Diversity in 2018: 21% of YEP teens identified their family as low income
  21% are from Military families
  45% spoke a language other than English at home.

“YEP has taught me valuable job skills and I’ve made some great friends!”
– Nyamekeye, 2013

“YEP has impacted my life by giving me the opportunity to have a great first job experience, which ultimately made me realize that hard work does pay off.”
– 2010 Alumni
Youth Employment in Parks

Summer Timeline:

Youth Employment in Parks

- Training Week ................................................................. June 3rd – June 7th
- Opening Dinner at Kincaid Chalet ........................................... Thurs., June 6th
- Castle Heights Park................................................................. June 6th
- Government Hill Bluff Trail...................................................... June 10th – June 20th
- Campbell Park Creek Access and Improvements ..................... June 24th – July 3rd
- Far North Bicentennial Bank Restoration............................... July 8th – July 11th
- Ruth Arcand Park Trail .......................................................... July 15th – July 18th
- Chester Creek Single Track Trail............................................. July 22nd - August 1st
- Mentorship Week ...................................................................... August 5th – August 9th
- Graduation Dinner ................................................................. Wed., August 7th

“I am in the best shape of my life because of working with YEP.”

–2014 Alumni

“The most important lesson I learned was how to communicate and work well with different people. It was satisfying working as part of a team.”

–2016 Alumni
Training Week – Castle Heights Trail Maintenance

**Project Description**

**Timing:**
June 6th

**Funding:**
- MOA Parks and Recreation Maintenance, $4,000

**Location:**
Castle Heights Park, Vance Ave.

**Overview:**
- Cap 300 ft. gravel trail with D1 gravel

**Public Process:**
- None. Maintenance of existing trail
Government Hill Trail

Project Description

Timing:
July 1st – July 11th

Funding:
- RTP Grant- $32,000

Location:
Government Hill – West Bluff

Overview:
- Construct a trail along the West Bluff of Government Hill

Public Process:
Government Hill Community Council, PRC
Campbell Park

**Project Description**

**Timing:**
June 10th – June 20th

**Funding:**
- 2016 Fish Need a Forest Grant: $108,000

**Location:**
Campbell Park, Lake Otis Pkwy

**Overview:**
- Remove invasive plant species
- Restore areas of bank eroding along Campbell Creek
- Installation creek access for all
- Revegetate areas using native trees and shrubs
- Install Interpretive Signage

**Public Process:**
HUDDLE- Contractor
Community Councils, PRC, Regulatory Requirements and Permitting
Far North Bicentennial Park
Streambank Restoration

Project Description

Timing:
July 24th – July 27th

Funding:
❖ 2017 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant: $22,000

Location:
Far North Bicentennial Park and Campbell Tract - Campbell Creek

Overview:
• Restore eroded streambanks, increase fish habitat, remove invasive plants, revegetate banks, construct barriers for bank protection

Public Process:
- FNBP/CT Meetings, Regulatory Requirements and Permitting, NEPA, PRC
Ruth Arcand Trail

Project Description

Timing:
June 29th – August 1st

Funding:
❖ 2019 Challenge Grant -$18,000

Location:
Ruth Arcand Park, 5081 Lake Otis Pkwy.

Overview:
• Construct a trail connecting Lake Otis Pkwy to the greater Ruth Arcand Park

Public Process:
Community Council, PRC
Chester Creek Single Track Trails

Project Description

Timing:
July 15th – July 25th

Funding:
❖ 2018 Parks Bond: $150,000

Location:
Chester Creek Greenbelt between VOM and Russian Jack

Overview:
• Construct local, sustainable beginner single track trails along the Chester Creek Corridor

Public Process:
Community Councils, PRC, Regulatory Requirements and Permitting, UDC
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THANK YOU! Let’s make 2019 the best yet!