



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS



2016 Summer Projects



**ANCHORAGE
PARK FOUNDATION**

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.



Partnerships

Youth Employment in Parks



Accomplishments to Date:

- ❖ YEP celebrates it's **10th summer** improving Anchorage parks with Anchorage teens.
- ❖ YEP has completed **73 projects** to date
- ❖ Since 2007, YEP has hired **275 Anchorage teens**. YEP will hire 25 teens this summer.
- ❖ Of the YEP Alumni surveyed: **100% finish high school/GED**
- ❖ Diversity in 2015: 32% of YEP teens identified their family as low income
15% are from Military families
44% spoke a language other than English at home.

<http://www.ktuu.com/news/news/parks-jobs-prepare-anchorage-kids-for-fun-futures/26917052>

“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 WeekJune 6th – June 10th
- ❖ Opening Dinner at Kincaid ChaletThurs., June 9th
- Chugach Foothills Connector TrailJune 13th – June 24th
- Volunteer Day.....Sat., June 25th
- Rilke Schule Connector TrailJune 27th – July 1st
- Kincaid Beach Trail.....July 5th – July 8th
- Cuddy Park Rain GardenJuly 5th – July 8th
- Taku/ Campbell Creek.....July 11th – July 22nd
- South Anchorage Sports Park.....July 25th – August 5th
- ❖ Mentorship WeekAugust 8th – August 11th
- ❖ Graduation Dinner..... Thurs., August 11th

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

–2014 Alumni

“This is and probably will always be one of my favorite jobs.”

–2014 Alumni

Chugach Foothills Connector Trail

Klutina Drive Trailhead in Far North Bicentennial Park



Project Description

Timing:

June 13th – June 24th

Funding:

- ❖ APF Challenge Grant: \$20,000
- ❖ 20% match from Chugach Foothills Community Council

Location:

- Chugach Foothills Neighborhood at Klutina Drive Trailhead to the Far North Bicentennial Park

Chugach Foothills Connector Trail



Project Description

Objective:

- Two year project; the first phase will take place in 2016
- Two weeks of trail improvements; 5ft wide gravel trail
- Construct 3 boardwalks over wetlands

Education:

- Wetland functions and ecological importance
- Community
- Importance of nature to human development

Rilke Schule German School Connector Trail



Project Description

Timing:

June 27th – July 1st

Funding:

- ❖ Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Trail Grant Program (RTP) \$36,782
- ❖ Match from Rilke Schule \$9,195

Location:

Meadow Park, 6730 Meadow Street, connecting to Rilke Schule German School.

Rilke Schule German School Connector Trail



RILKE SCHULE TRAIL CONNECTION TO MEADOW PARK TRAIL MAP



Project Description

Objective:

- Establish a connector trail from Rilke Schule German School to Meadow Park
- Construct 3 short trails, totaling 1200 ft.
- Construct 3 small footbridges

Education:

- Salmon Runs
- Sediment ponds
- Water quality and healthy stream indicators

Cuddy Family Midtown Park Rain Garden



Project Description

Timing:

July 5th – July 8th

Funding:

❖ US Fish and Wildlife Service Grant: \$20,000

Location:

Cuddy Family Midtown Park: the rain gardens will be constructed west of the pond on the great lawn and at the north end of the speed skating loop.

Cuddy Family Midtown Park Rain Garden



Project Description

Objective:

- Construct two rain gardens
- Dig out drainage to divert runoff for rain garden
- Create a pervious surface to decrease erosion
- Plant native plants for rain garden

Education:

- Impervious surfaces, runoff, and erosion
- Rain gardens
- Water quality: excess nutrients and contaminants

Kincaid Beach Trail



Project Description

Timing:

July 5th – July 8th

Funding:

❖ APF State Legislative Grant: \$15,000

Location:

Kincaid Park is located at 9401 W. Raspberry Road. The beach trail was built in 2015. The trail leads to the beach and the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

2015 Kincaid Beach Trail Project



2016 Kincaid Trail Restoration Project



Project Description

Objective:

- Rehabilitate and revegetate eroded areas
- Cut and stabilize bank
- Divert run off
- Re-build trail steps
- Extend railing.

Education:

- Use of established trails
- Erosion
- Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

South Anchorage Sports Park



Project Description

Timing:

July 11th – July 22nd

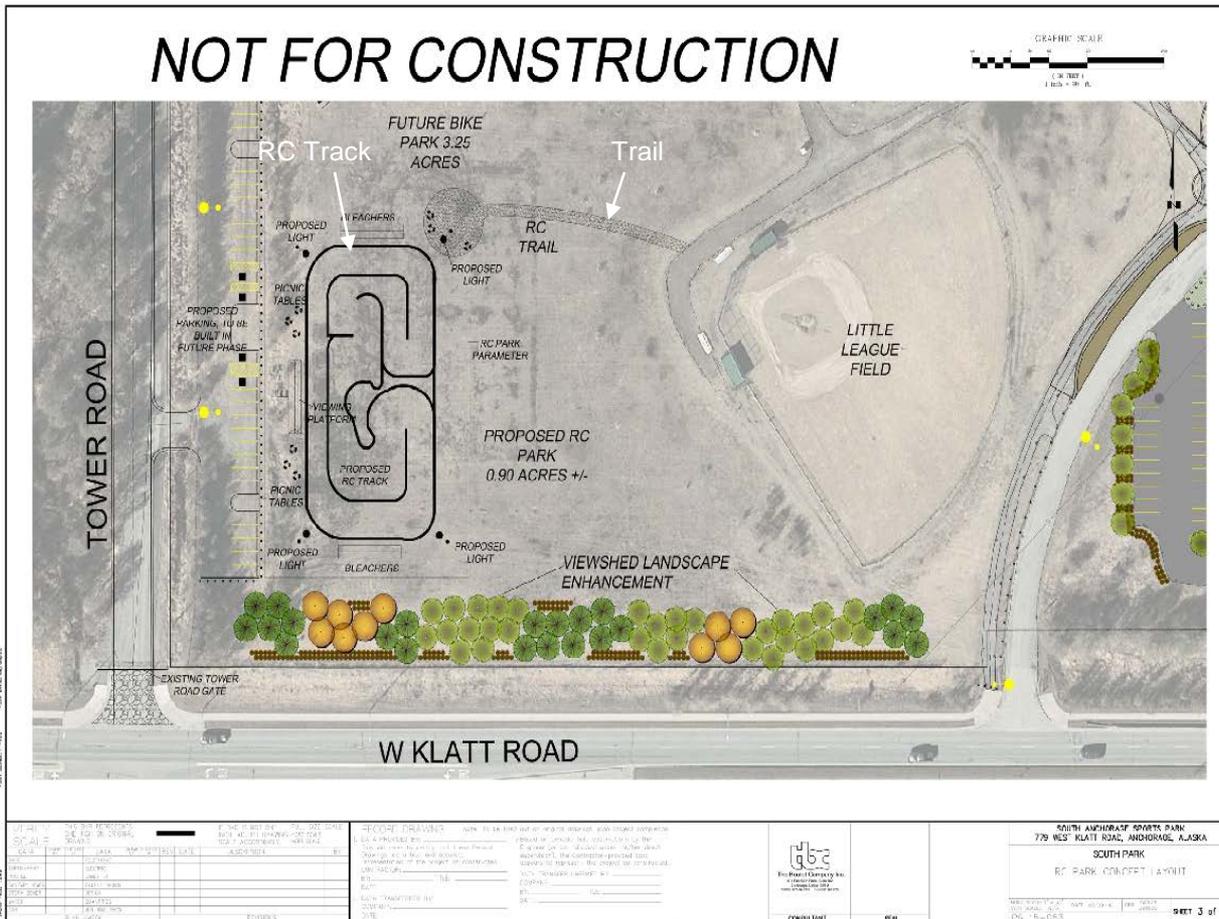
Funding:

❖ MOA funds: \$40,000

Location:

South Anchorage Sports Park is a 65 acre sports complex located off of C Street and W Klatt Road in South Anchorage.

South Anchorage Sports Park



Project Description

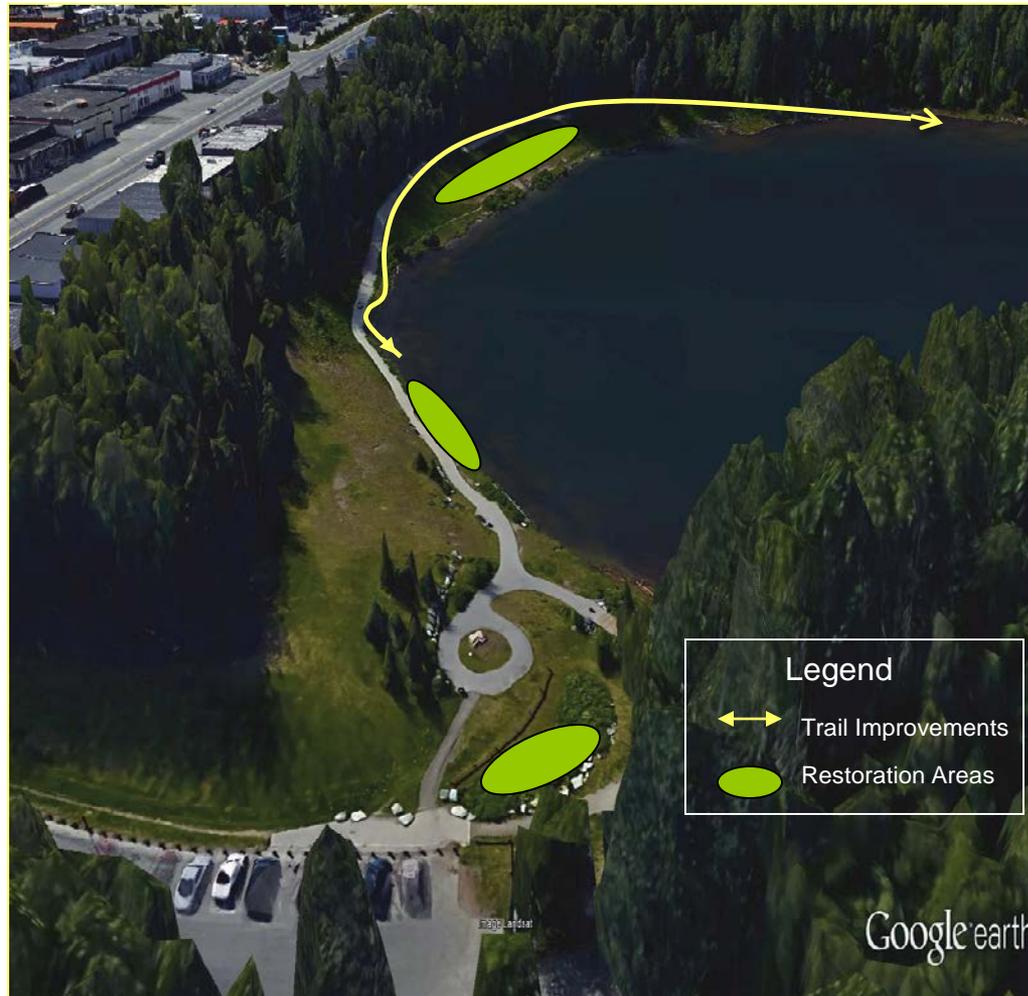
Objective:

- Remove existing RC Park
- Construct new RC Park
- Reshape and reclaim old RC park (create a multi-use field)
- Construct new soft-surface access trail to RC Park
- Construct new trails in dog park area to the north
- Construct new landscape berm and plant in dog park area

Education:

- Pet waste (scoop the poop) and water quality.
- Recycling and reusing materials

Taku Lake/Campbell Creek Restoration



Project Description

Timing:

July 25th – August 5th

Funding:

- ❖ Alaska State Legislative Grant: \$45,000

Location:

Taku Lake Park is a 53 acre park in South Anchorage near C St. and Dimond Blvd. along the Campbell Creek greenbelt.

Taku Lake/Campbell Creek Restoration



Project Description

Objective:

- Remove existing concrete trail
- Gravel 1,600 ft of soft surface trail on the east side of the lake
- Restore 3 areas of bank eroding along Taku Lake
- Revegetate areas using native trees and shrubs
- Improve existing rain garden

Education:

- Managing invasive plants
- Plant Identification
- Importance of using native vegetation
- Ecosystems
- Migratory Bird Act



THANK YOU!

Let's make 2016 the best yet!