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Date: December 11, 2025

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

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From: Ellen Devine, Park Planner

Project: PRC 2025-18: Valley of the Moon Pump Track

BACKGROUND

Valley of the Moon Park, located along Chester Creek Greenbelt between downtown Anchorage and Spenard, is a location with great community support and love, as seen from volunteer initiatives and public involvement to fund and develop new assets that will benefit the community.

Representative Zack Fields began the planning process, community outreach, and funding for this project as a grassroots effort to create new accessible biking community resources that could help users develop skills before transitioning into using the Chester Creek Singletrack trails nearby.



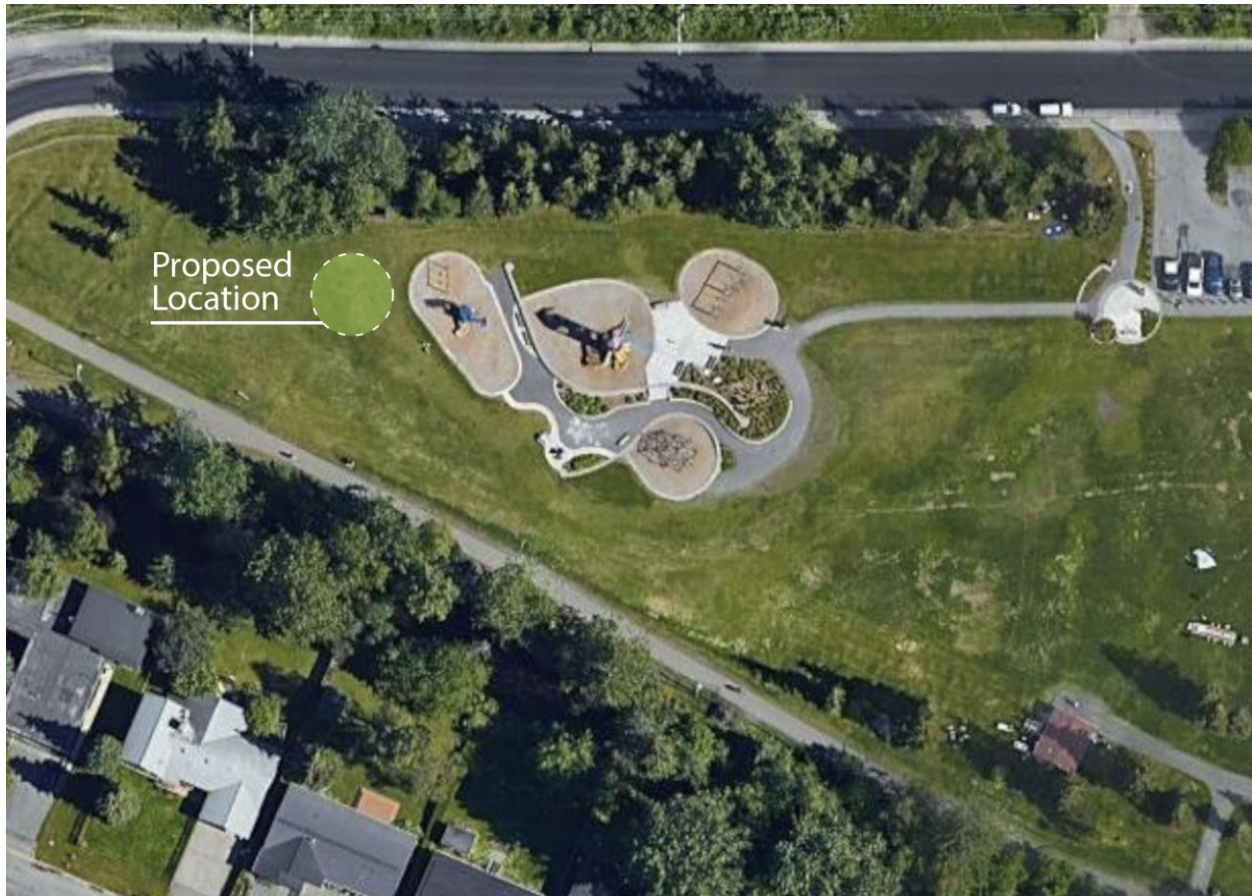
PROJECT PROPOSAL

The proposal is to develop an approximate ~1,000 ft² pump track of similar character and design as the pump track at Hilltop Ski Area, adjacent to the Valley of the Moon playground in the west field.

The addition of a pump track would introduce a new, low-barrier recreational opportunity for children and families and its proximity to the existing playground establishes a complementary activity zone that supports families with children of various ages. The pump track would also continue a theme of encouraging non-motorized recreational opportunities in this park.

Borne from grassroots efforts, Representative Zack Fields independently raised the funds needed to support construction (\$20,000) based on estimates from Pro Trails. The pump track represents a modest, community-backed enhancement to Valley of the Moon Park, offering accessible recreation and strengthening the park's role as a family-friendly destination.

Once completed, the pump track would be maintained through community and volunteer efforts to help ensure it remains in good condition.



PROJECT TIMELINE

- **Fall 2025:** Site visits with Anchorage Parks and Recreation as well as Josh Benham from Pro Trails to confirm plan and vision.
- **September 2025:** Resolution of support from the South Addition Community Council
- **October 2025:** Resolution of support from the North Star Community Council
- **November 2025:** Completed fundraising for the project based on estimates from Pro Trails. Fundraising was completed with the support of the Anchorage Park Foundation.
- **December 2025:** Seek a resolution of support from the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- **Early Summer 2026:** Construction of the new pump track.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends the Parks and Recreation Commission adopt the attached draft resolution in support of the development of a pump track in Valley of the Moon Park.



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PRC RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13
Valley of the Moon Pump Track

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, Valley of the Moon Park is a ~22-acre community-use park in the South Addition Community Council Boundaries and within 1000 ft of the boundary of the North Star Community Council; and

WHEREAS, Representative Zack Fields has sought the input and opinion of the community in the desired addition of a pump track at Valley of the Moon Park, and has engaged with both the North Star Community Council and South Addition Community Council general meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Valley of the Moon Park improvement includes adding an approximately ~1,000 ft² pump track of similar character and design as the pump track at Hilltop Ski Area, in the west field of Valley of the Moon Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements are intended to create a new accessible community biking resource that could help users develop skills before transitioning into using the Chester Creek Singletrack trails nearby; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed improvement to build a pump track at Valley of the Moon Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 11th day of December, 2025.

Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

Shanna Gamble, Acting Director
Parks & Recreation Department