

TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS

Trail classifications for the Potter Marsh Watershed Park are adapted from the trail classification system developed by the Municipality of Anchorage to align with the requirements of the Conservation Easement. Trail classifications help the Municipality of Anchorage and partners design, build, and manage trails for specific user types and desired experiences, ensuring appropriate development for recreation.

The Conservation Easement requires that trails within the park are designed and constructed for passive recreation and non-motorized use only. To protect the park's natural quality and

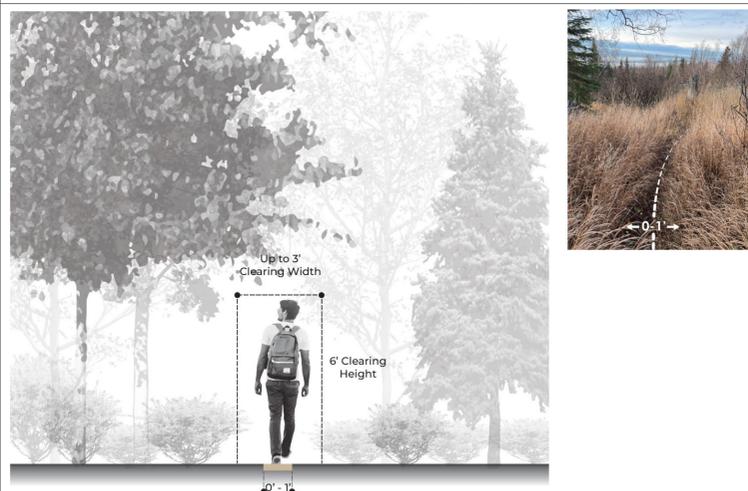
avoid habitat fragmentation and impacts to the conservation values, trails within the Resource Protection Area are required to be porous and limited in density. Embankments, jumps, ramps, or other trail features not required for accessibility or conservation are not permitted within the park to ensure the site's natural area is conserved and the natural functions are not impacted. The Conservation Easement highlights that the maximum trail tread not exceed 36" (3'), with total cleared width not to exceed 72" (6'), except for the Moen, Belarde, and Gasline Trails, where the trail tread is required not to exceed 96" (8'), with total cleared width not to exceed 132" (11').

TRAIL CLASS 1

A Class 1 Trail is an undesignated trail that experiences minimal use or is created by wildlife. It is not felt that decommissioning these trails is necessary or would be successful as they are either used or created by wildlife or minimally used by humans as connectors. These trails should be monitored to assess use and potential environmental degradation. Identifying issues early can avoid significant safety hazards, trail braiding and erosion, and costs of repairing issues after damage is done. If warranted, these trails may become designated to address a safety or environmental issue. These trails should be excluded from maps intended for the general public, including recreational apps.

The characteristics of a Class 1 Trail are:

- Natural to minimally modified with a primitive setting.
- Tread may be intermittent to indistinct.
- Roots, rocks, and logs and steps up to 2' may be present.
- Minimal to nonexistent constructed features.
- Minimal usage.



TRAIL WIDTH	TRAIL CLEARANCE	TRAIL SURFACE	CLEARING HEIGHT	DESIGNED USES	MAINTENANCE
0 - 1'	Up to 3' with some vegetation encroachment.	Native, ungraded, intermittent, rough.	6'	Hiker-Pedestrian	Unmaintained.

TRAIL CLASS 2

A Class 2 trail is a designated trail that offers a near-natural trail experience. The trail is clearly visible, but can be a narrow trail with a rough tread. These types of trails are typically single-lane and do not accommodate side-by-side walking or two-way traffic comfortably without someone stepping aside. While the trail is considered a cleared trail, users should expect to step over or around natural features and experience encroaching vegetation, like tall grass or alder branches. Constructed features are allowed, but can be considered primitive and are used to protect sensitive wet areas rather than provide a comfortable walking experience. A Class 2 Trail requires minimal excavation and the narrow trail profile discourages high speeds and large crowds, reducing stress on wildlife. The design character is a trail that is visible enough to keep a user on track, but enough of a challenge for the user to know they are in the woods.

The characteristics of a Class 2 Trail are:

- Natural to minimally modified with a primitive setting.
- Continuous tread with roots, rocks, logs, and protrusions up to 6", steps up to 14" may be present.
- Minimal constructed features may be present.
- Moderate usage.



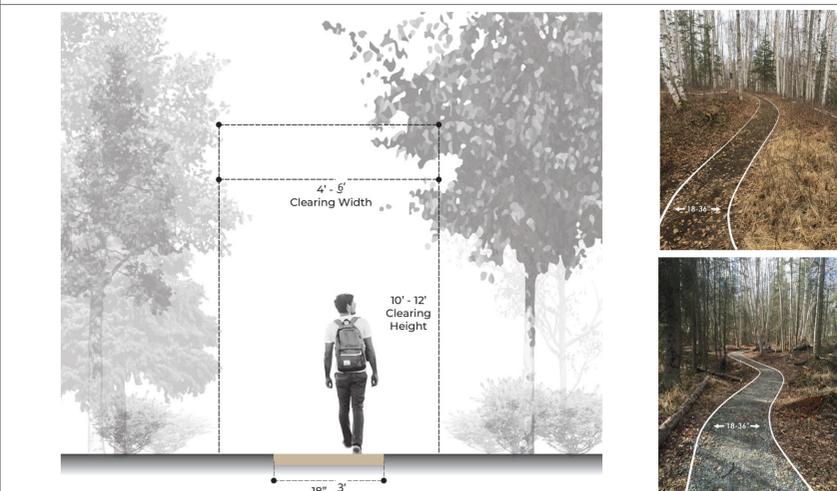
TRAIL WIDTH	TRAIL CLEARANCE	TRAIL SURFACE	CLEARING HEIGHT	DESIGNED USES	MAINTENANCE
6" - 2'	2' - 3' some vegetation encroachment.	Native, soft surface, with minimal grading to improve accessibility or support conservation purposes.	6' - 10'	Hiker-Pedestrian	Clearing blockages and periodic vegetation clearing to maintain defined route.

TRAIL CLASS 3

A Class 3 Trail is a designated trail that offers a more formal trail experience than a Class 2 Trail and is used for primary access routes through the park, leading visitors to an overlook or main junction point. A defining feature of a Class 3 Trail is consistency as it is designed to be predictable and relatively smooth. The trail tread is continuous and well-defined and it allows for more comfortable passing, often accommodating two people walking side-by-side. Most obstacles like large roots, rocks, or logs are removed and vegetation is cleared back. Constructed features are used to protect wet areas, but will be more accessible to provide a comfortable walking experience. A Class 3 Trail is a balance between the more rugged Class 2 Trail and the more managed, urban Class 4 Trail. It's design character blends into the park while providing a clear sense of safety and direction.

The characteristics of a Class 3 Trail are:

- Modified trail with protrusions up to 3". Steps up to 10" may be present.
- Tread surface is mostly stable with some variability.
- Constructed features may include steps, footbridge, boardwalk, or other appropriate structural improvements or barrier structures. Structural elements are subject to review.
- Moderate usage.



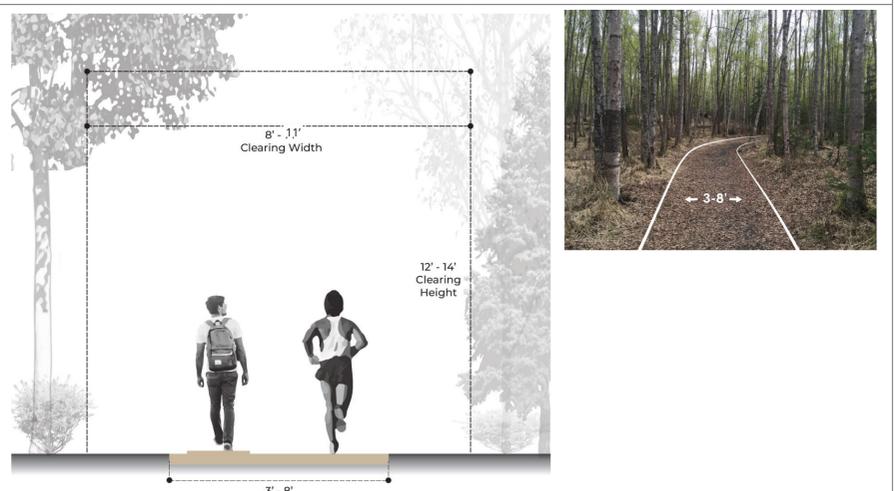
TRAIL WIDTH	TRAIL CLEARANCE	TRAIL SURFACE	CLEARING HEIGHT	DESIGNED USES	MAINTENANCE
18" - 3'	Maximum 6'	Native, soft surface, covered with highly porous natural material (if needed), and with minimal grading to improve accessibility or support conservation purposes.	10' - 12'	Hiker-Pedestrian	Vegetation cleared to outside of trail width.

TRAIL CLASS 4

A Class 4 Trail is a designated wide, firm, and stable trail that is hardened with imported materials. The trail is wide and allows for easy two-way traffic and for people to walk side-by-side without feeling crowded. It is intended that no obstacles are present to provide for a smooth walking experience with no vegetation encroachment, providing maximum visibility to create a wide, open, and safe corridor. The design character of a Class 4 Trail is more of an urban-naturalist experience that prioritizes the user's comfort and safety. Under the Conservation Easement, Class 4 trails are only allowed on the existing Gasline Trail, Belarde Trail, and Moen Homestead Trail; One connector trail between Golden View Drive LDA and the Moen Homestead Trail; one connector trail between Bettjean Street LDA and the Belarde Trail; and within the Limited Development Areas.

The characteristics of a Class 4 Trail are as follows:

- Wide and relatively smooth tread with few irregularities.
- Few obstacles with protrusions up to 2" or less.
- Constructed features may include steps, footbridge, boardwalk, fences, walls, or gates, or other appropriate structural improvements or barrier structures. Structural elements are subject to review.
- Moderate to heavy usage.



TRAIL WIDTH	TRAIL CLEARANCE	TRAIL SURFACE	CLEARING HEIGHT	DESIGNED USES	MAINTENANCE
3' - 8'	Maximum 11'	Native, soft surface, covered with highly porous natural material (if needed), and with minimal grading to improve accessibility or support conservation purposes.	12' - 14'	Hiker-Pedestrian	Vegetation cleared to outside of trail width; seasonal shoulder mowing; clean-up after storm events.