

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 412205907****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Anchorage Park Foundation - Wonder Park Corridor Safe Route To School

**State Funding Requested: \$25,000****House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Safe Route to School from Russian Jack Springs Park to Wonder Park Elementary School, through the wooded Wonder Corridor Park. This is a Live.Work.Play. Trails Initiative Project.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$25,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$25,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Neighbors in this area have identified a community need to transform the unsafe trail between Russian Jack Springs Park and the surrounding neighborhoods to Wonder Park Elementary School into an official "Safe Route to Schools" trail. The surface of the trail is cracked with potholes and tree roots, and the visibility along the trail is poor.

In the summer of 2014, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements on the Wonder Corridor Park Safe Route to School with the help of community volunteers and the input of a neighborhood park committee. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of the Wonder Corridor Safe Route to School and the East Anchorage community.

This project is a Trails Initiative project, supported by Anchorage Economic Development Corporation's Live.Work.Play.

**Fix-It List Priorities**

- Improve visibility along trail
- Resurface/repair paved pathway

**Project Timeline:**

Summer 2015

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Municipality of Anchorage

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Title:	Executive Director
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No



# Anchorage Park Foundation

Since 2004, the Anchorage Park Foundation has invested more than \$18 million in Anchorage parks, trails and recreation programs. Join us this summer to revitalize parks in your district.



2013

CAPIS Project Number

59692

Legislative District: G - 14

## Anchorage Park Foundation

Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts linking neighborhoods with natural spaces.

The Anchorage Park Foundation partners with the Parks & Recreation Department to promote Healthy Parks and Healthy People in the Anchorage community. Together, we revitalize the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks and the neighborhoods that surround them.

The Anchorage Park Foundation mobilizes public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Do you have a vision for parks, trails, open spaces and recreation in Anchorage? Consider the Anchorage Park Foundation your opportunity to fund community projects through public-private partnerships.

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## Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Pavement Repair	\$20,000
Limbing and Tree Thinning to Improve Visibility	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

### 2013 Request

State Funding Request	\$25,000
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# Wonder Corridor Park

## Pathway Surface and Safety Repair





**AEDC**  
Anchorage Economic  
Development Corporation

February 11, 2013

Beth Nordlund  
Executive Director  
Anchorage Park Foundation  
Anchorage, Alaska 99516

Dear Ms. Nordlund,

I am writing on behalf of Anchorage Economic Development Corporation in support of the Anchorage Park Foundation (APF). The APF, through its focus on improving parks with neighbors and park users complements AEDC's Live.Work.Play initiative to make Anchorage the number one city in America by 2025.

The Play component of AEDC's initiative envisions that "By 2025 Anchorage has a rugged and health population because our homes are within a short distance of parks and trails that provide a natural outdoor experience. We participate in the very cultural and sporting events in which we are also spectators".

AEDC supports the work of APF, and in particular is happy to provide support to these trail projects:

- Trail Watch Safety Improvements
- Kincaid Park: Reconstruct Trail to Beach with Youth Employment in Parks
- Wonder Corridor Park Safe Route to School
- Far North Bicentennial Park Rover's Run Trail Safety Reroute
- Wildlife Habitat Area Park & Trail Upgrades
- Westchester Lagoon Nature Trail Safety Improvements
- Chester Greenbelt Trail Lighting
- Section 36: Park and Trail Development
- Kincaid Singletrack

AEDC will be working with the Rasmuson Foundation and APF to help make Anchorage the number one city to play. Please feel free to contact either myself or Archana Mishra, Communications Coordinator at: [amishra@aedcweb.com](mailto:amishra@aedcweb.com) any time about this matter.

Sincerely

Bill Popp

President and CEO  
Anchorage Economic Development Corporation  
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From the Russian Jack Community Council meeting on February 13, 2013:

Fred McLeary moved and Kathleen Plunkett seconded:

Russian Jack Community Council supports the following items from the Anchorage Park Foundation 2013 legislative requests:

1. Wonder Park corridor - \$25,000 to improve the safety of the pathway between Russian Jack Springs Park and Wonder Park Elementary School.
2. Dave Rose Park - \$168,000 to make neighborhood park safety upgrades. This is to clear overgrowth in forested areas, increase lighting, replace broken benches and tables, replace wooden playground equipment and make the facility less susceptible to permanent graffiti. If approved, the Anchorage Park Foundation will contribute an additional \$40,000.

Motion passed unanimously ( 10 - 0 ).

Edward Leach  
President

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