

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

Anchorage - Repair Anchorage Neighborhood Parks

State Funding Requested: \$500,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Funding will continue the Neighborhood Park Fix-It Project, repairing close-to-home parks that provide safe, healthy and secure places for families and children.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$3,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$1,100,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$500,000)
Project Deficit:	\$1,400,000

Funding Details:

2009 - 2011 - Municipal Bonds: \$550,000

2009 - 2011 - Legislative Grants to MOA: \$180,000

2009 - 2011 - Private Contributions: \$370,000

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Neighborhood parks form the backbone of the Anchorage park system. They provide close to home recreation opportunities for Anchorage residents, including areas for children to play, families to picnic and for neighbors to meet. Anchorage neighborhood parks are a gateway to our Big Wild Life giving our neighborhoods a sense of identity and introducing children to healthy outdoor recreation. The Municipality of Anchorage is investing in neighborhood parks to ensure that they provide safe, healthy and secure places for families and children.

In fall 2008, the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department and the Anchorage Park Foundation implemented the Anchorage Parks Report Card project, in which community volunteers evaluated 53 neighborhood parks and created comprehensive "Fix It Lists" for repairs and improvements. In summer 2009, volunteers were engaged using a variety of funding sources to rehabilitate 14 neighborhood parks. In 2010, the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Park Foundation and local community members fixed and improved eight more parks throughout Anchorage. The MOA is seeking funding to continue fixing and improving 7 to 8 neighborhood parks per year through 2015.

Fix-It repairs include improving park accessibility, adding or replacing benches, picnic tables, play equipment and trash receptacles, removing graffiti, maintaining landscapes, adding "friendly" park rules signs and addressing healthy and life safety concerns. In summers 2009 and 2010 the project engaged hundreds of volunteers who contributed more than 10,000 hours of time and energy revitalizing neighborhood parks. The MOA is eager to continue this successful effort.

Project Timeline:

Seven to ten projects per year between 2011 and 2016

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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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



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Anchorage Neighborhood Parks

Project Description:

Funding will implement the comprehensive playground and neighborhood park upgrades approved in the 2007 Park Bond. This multi-year funding request would be used to systematically complete all neighborhood parks over the next six years and leverage a combination of private, Rasmuson Foundation, municipal and state funding. The plan elements will include the rehabilitation/replacement of existing facilities and the development of complementary park amenities to enhance the neighborhood park experience.

Comments:

Neighborhood parks form the backbone of the Anchorage park system. They provide close-to-home recreation opportunities for Anchorage residents, including areas for play, family interaction and community socializing. Neighborhood parks contribute to a neighborhood's sense of identity. These important community assets need upgrades to ensure that they provide safe, healthy and secure places for families and children. A large part of the neighborhood park system was built in the 1980's and has experienced extensive use from the community over the years. Park equipment is reaching the end of its life cycle, and requires renovation or replacement. In the fall of 2008, the Parks & Recreation Department implemented the Anchorage Parks Report Card project, in which community volunteers evaluated their neighborhood parks and created comprehensive "Fix It List" for repairs and improvements. In the summers of 2009 and 2010 the Parks & Recreation Department completed "Fix It List" items in 22 neighborhood parks.

The state funding request would be used to continue the Neighborhood Park Fit Its. Fix Its will include the rehabilitation or replacement of existing facilities and the development of complementary park amenities to enhance the neighborhood park experience.

Justification:

Neighborhood park community assets are in need of upgrades to provide safe, healthy and secure places for our families and children. Much of the neighborhood park system was built in the 80's and has received lots of use. A lot of equipment has seen the end of its life cycle and is in need of replacement. The Fix It projects provides resources that establish a regular maintenance cycle for deferred maintenance in Neighborhood Parks, Private dollars will be used as coverage to double this project's effectiveness.

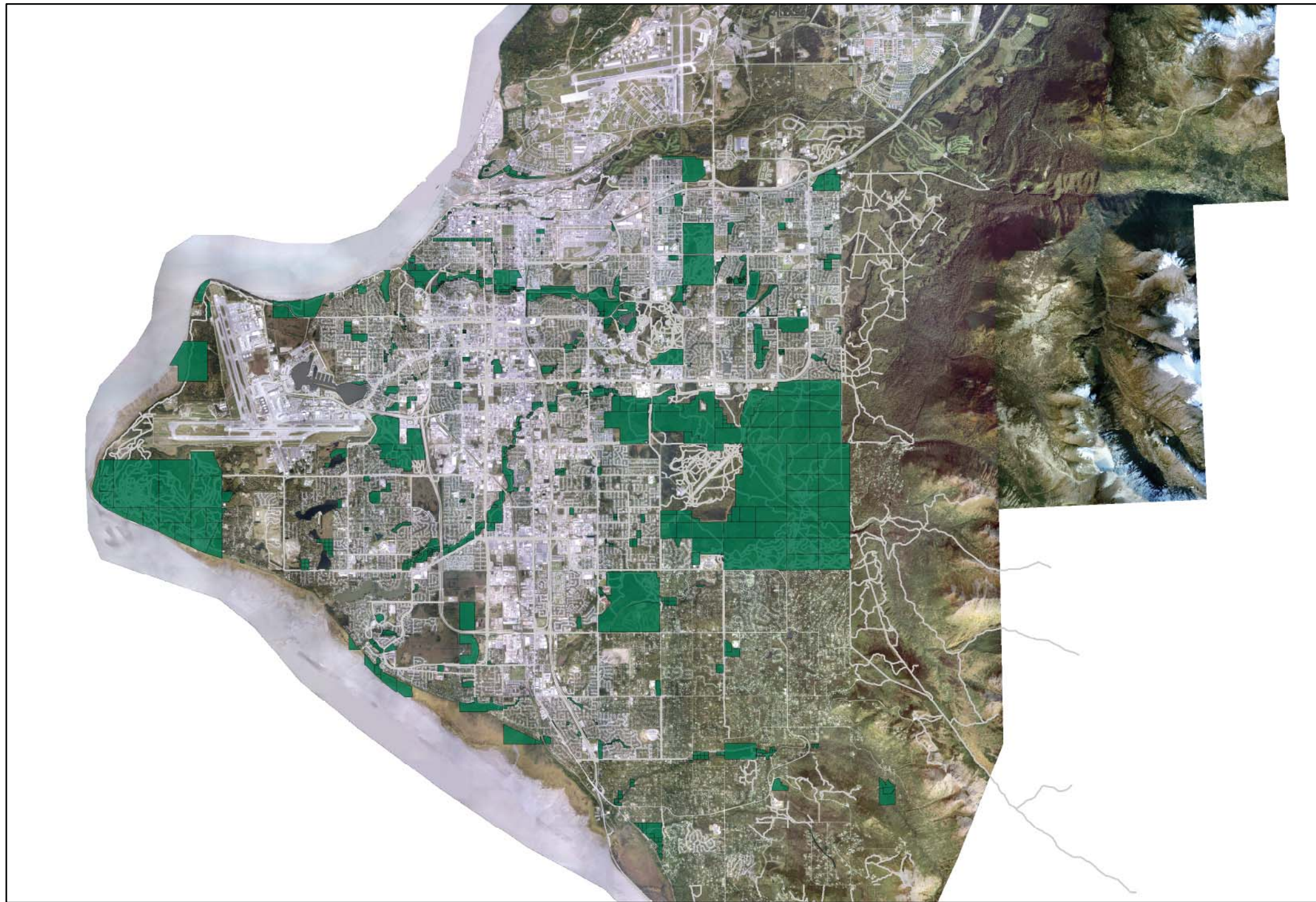


Parks & Recreation

Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts that link neighborhoods with surrounding natural open space and wildlife habitat. These are considerable assets for the citizens of Anchorage to enjoy and maintain.

Parks & Recreation launched the *Clean & Green, Safe & Secure Campaign* with the Anchorage Park Foundation to upgrade the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks. To get involved, call 343-4587.





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1 in = 10,000 ft



Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
1. Comprehensive Playground & Neighborhood Park Upgrades	\$1,500,000
Funding:	
1. Restricted Contributions	\$500,000
2. Bond Proceeds	\$500,000
3. State Grant	\$500,000
Total 2011 Legislative Request	\$500,000



Anchorage Neighborhood Parks