

**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 - Kincaid Park Singletrack Trail

**State Funding Requested: \$30,000****House District: 24 / L**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Connect existing mountainbike trails to seven new miles of singletrack trails in Kincaid Park.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$170,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$30,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**Project Budget (9 miles of new singletrack) Cost*

1. Design \$18,362
2. Materials \$5,270
3. Equipment \$9,200
4. Labor / Installation \$131,093
5. Hand Finishing (300 volunteer hours) \$36,075

*Project Total \$200,000*

1. RTP Grant \$50,000
  2. Anchorage Park Foundation \$21,000
  3. Private Contributions \$55,600
  4. Conoco Phillips Request \$30,000
  5. REI \$5,000
  6. Happy Trails(3,000 lineal feet of trail)\$8,400
- Total Existing Funding \$170,000*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Kincaid Park is one of Anchorage's major outdoor recreation centers with over 1,500 acres of forest and over 50 km of trails. The park serves a wide variety of recreation needs for both summer and winter recreation for residents and visitors to the state. The park is best known for the world class Nordic Skiing and Biathlon facilities that have hosted national and international events. The vision for Kincaid Park is to maintain its stature as a world class cross country skiing facility in the winter, while continuing to become a destination for mountain bike enthusiasts.

Planned improvements include: the installation of 7 miles of new singletrack and the updating of 2 miles of existing social trails. All of this being completed by Singletrack Advocates, a group of concerned mountain bikers and recreationists working with other trail users and land managers to preserve, maintain and create natural trails in the greater Anchorage area. Their efforts will be managed by Parks and Recreation and assisted by the Youth Employment in Parks program (YEP).

The total funding request for this phase of the project is for \$30,000, Funding will be used to hire YEP for (2) weeks of trail building. YEP is a program that gives youth a meaningful first job experience, while exposing them to nature and the outdoor activities available. The Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage, the Arctic Bicycle Club and the Sand Lake Community Council are strong supporters of the planned improvements. The park has over 1 million visitors each year and hosts a number of statewide Mountain Biking and Cross Country running events which provides economic development to the region through hotel and visitor expenditures.

### Project Timeline:

Summer 2011

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

Singletrack Advocates Alaska

### Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Beth Nordlund  
 Title: Executive Director  
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 Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
 Phone Number: (907)274-1004  
 Email: Beth@AnchorageParkFoundation.org

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



2011



# Anchorage Park Foundation

## Kincaid Park Singletrack Trails Project

### Anchorage Park Foundation

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### Parks & Recreation

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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 343-4288.

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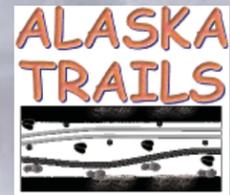
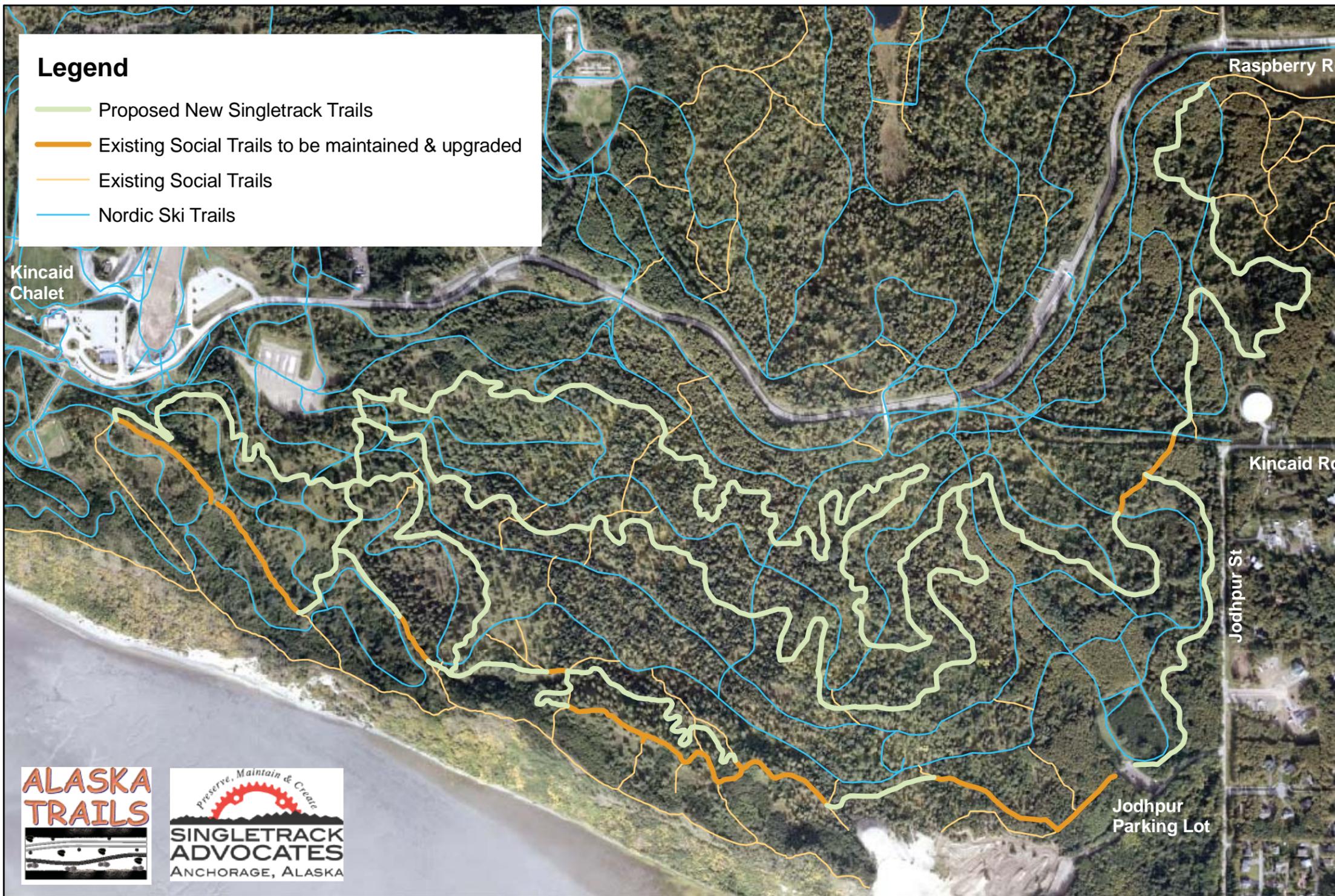
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#### CONTACT INFO:

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## Legend

- Proposed New Singletrack Trails
- Existing Social Trails to be maintained & upgraded
- Existing Social Trails
- Nordic Ski Trails



## Project Cost Estimate

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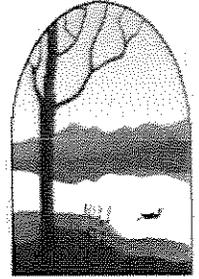
# Kincaid Park Singletrack Trails Project

# Sand Lake Community Council

Sand Lake Community Council c/o Community Councils Center • Anchorage, Alaska 99508

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Date: September 13, 2010

Mr. Lee Bolling  
SingleTrack Advocates  
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Dear Mr. Bolling:

Thank you for attending our Sand Lake Community Council meeting and presenting the proposed Kincaid Park SingleTrack plans. Your presence and willingness to engage in conversation about the details of the proposal, process of developing, and end result use of the trails, was appreciated and very educational.

With that, please allow this letter to stand as a **UNANIMOUS** vote of **SUPPORT** for SingleTrack Advocates proposed Kincaid Park SingleTrack improvements.

We wish you the best of luck! The Community looks forward to using these new trails.

Sincerely,

Daniel Burgess

Sand Lake Community Council President



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION**



RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08  
KINCAID SINGLETRACK TRAIL PROJECT

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, Singletrack Advocates (STA), in cooperation with Alaska Trails, Inc., proposes to elevate certain existing singletrack trails in Kincaid Park to sustainable trail standards; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan also includes the design and construction of missing links in the network of singletrack, soft surface, narrow trails sustainably built for mountain bikes and foot traffic in Kincaid Park; and

WHEREAS, STA, in cooperation with Alaska Trails, Inc., has a successful track record by planning, constructing and maintaining over 9 miles of singletrack trails in Far North Bicentennial Park; and

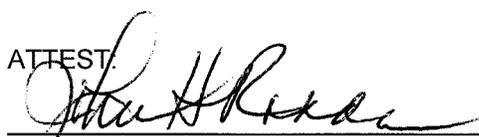
WHEREAS, a singletrack network in Kincaid is consistent with the Kincaid Park Master Plan provided that the project continues to coordinate with the Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage (NSAA). Singletrack trails must be developed secondary to cross-country ski trails and not compromise the ability for the cross-country ski trail network to meet international standards; and

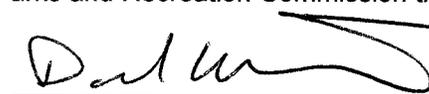
WHEREAS, NSAA, along with the Sand Lake Community Council and other park and trail user groups, have provided written letters of support for this project;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission supports Singletrack Advocates' plan to design, construct and maintain a network of singletrack, soft-surface, narrow trails sustainably built for mountain bikes and foot traffic in Kincaid Park. As part of the project, the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission requests that Parks and Recreation Department staff work with Singletrack Advocates to identify impacted areas that are appropriate for remediation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2010.

ATTEST

  
John Rodda, Director  
Parks & Recreation Department

  
Peter Crosby, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission 



June 28, 2010

Lee Bolling  
Single Trail Advocates  
PO BOX 240574  
Anchorage AK 99524

RE: Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project

Dear Lee:

The Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage (NSAA) would like to offer this letter of support to Alaska Trails and Singletrack Advocate's Kincaid Singletrack Trials Project.

Singletrack Advocates and Alaska Trails have a proven track record of working with other user groups to resolve issues and have demonstrated their ability to accomplish projects. They did an outstanding job of constructing Anchorage's first network of singletrack trails on the Hillside. The Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage encourages community support for the proposed Single Track project in Kincaid.

NSAA is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization dedicated to promoting cross country skiing as a recreational activity for people of all ages and abilities. NSAA and individuals associated with NSAA have been responsible for developing much of the network of ski trails in Anchorage's Parks. NSAA also maintains these trails for skiing. Our budget is based mainly on voluntary donations and proceeds from activities we sponsor, like citizen races. We have a very large stake in the trail system in Kincaid Park as we maintain the trails for skiing in winter. This network of trails is heavily used in the non-snow season by hikers, dog walkers, runners, and bikers. Summer maintenance of these trails has also become NSAA's responsibility. Over the years, the increased intensity of summer use has a large impact on sustainability of the trails, especially considering that a smooth flat surface is needed for optimal grooming in the winter.

NSAA offers this letter of support for Singletrack Advocates (STA) and Alaska Trails to secure permission and funding to perform maintenance on existing narrow trails and to design and construct new sustainable linkages in southern Kincaid Park. At its April 2010 meeting, the NSAA Board of Directors gave unanimous

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conceptual approval of the layout presented by STA. The need for single-track mountain bike trails is evident and the areas identified by the Single Track Advocates are suitable for such a network.

We look forward to working together with STA to improve the trails within Kincaid Park.

Sincerely,

*Diane Moxness*

NSAA Executive Director



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
240 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 114  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 30, 2010

Janice Tower, Singletrack Advocates  
7645 Griffith Street  
Anchorage, AK 99507

Re: Letter of Support for Proposed Kincaid Park Singletrack Trails

Dear Janice Tower and Singletrack Advocates:

Improving the recreational opportunities at Kincaid Park by developing new mountain biking singletrack trails will help to attract even more youth to the outdoors. By providing Anchorage youth and residents with something FUN to do, that increases their physical activities, these proposed trails will also help improve residents' health. I applaud Singletrack Advocates for taking on another trail project in Anchorage.

As a partner with Singletrack Advocates on their last trail project, I can attest that the Kincaid project will be managed and run as efficiently as possible. Several grantors and contractors that worked with Singletrack Advocates on the Far North Singletrack project commented personally to me that they had not seen a grant or contract process that was so carefully managed, with documentation, proper paperwork, on-time payments, and complete commitment and follow through. It's not very often that a group can be so organized that they not only make their project completion deadline, but they manage the contractors, build high quality trails and even end the project with excess funds (raised solely by STA).

I encourage the Municipality of Anchorage, Parks and Recreation Commission to support this proposal. It will help to diversify Anchorage's recreation program and provide a well needed addition to a growing network of singletrack trails statewide.

Sincerely,

Lisa Holzapfel, Program Manager  
National Park Service-Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance



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June 29, 2010

Holly Spoth-Torres  
Parks Superintendent  
Anchorage Parks and Recreation  
P.O. Box 196650  
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

Dear Ms. Spoth-Torres:

The Board of Directors of the Arctic Bicycle Club ("ABC") writes this letter in support of a request made by the Singletrack Advocates ("STA") for permission to complete a trail network of soft-surface narrow trails in Kincaid Park and to create sustainable linkages among them.

The proposed trail links will improve connectivity and accessibility for mountain bikers, runners and walkers on portions of eroding singletrack to the west of the Jodhpur parking lot near the Lekisch and Ice Box trails. The project will upgrade these eroding sections of trail into durable and sustainable singletrack that can be used and enjoyed year-round for many years. In addition, the singletrack trails will encourage use by a variety of trail users and will take pressure off the existing ski trails.

This area is appropriate for single track because it is not heavily used by other user groups and the terrain has many features suitable to mountain biking. Singletrack Advocates and Alaska Trails are the lead organizations of this project, and will manage and administer all phases of the project.

The ABC is an Alaska non-profit corporation organized to promote cycling opportunities, safety, and education in Southcentral Alaska. Our members participate in a variety of activities, including recreational and competitive events that benefit from the efforts of STA. The ABC fully supports this project and we encourage Anchorage Parks & Recreation to join us in this support.

Thank you for your generous consideration.

Clyde E. Sniffen, Jr.  
President, Board of Directors  
Arctic Bicycle Club

# MIGHTY BIKES

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Anchorage, AK 99507

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October 1, 2010

Bill Luck  
State Trails Coordinator  
Alaska State Trails Program  
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation  
550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1380  
Anchorage AK, 99501-3561

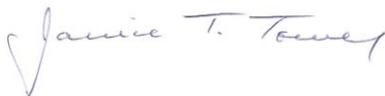
Dear Bill,

Mighty Bikes fully supports Alaska Trails/Singletrack Advocates' Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project. Since the year 2000 Mighty Bikes has taught kids ages 7 to 18 the fundamentals of mountain biking. We have been a regular user group of Kincaid Park for the past eleven seasons, meeting every Tuesday night to ride the ski trail system. We have grown from 10 participants in our inaugural year, to 190 Mighty Bikers in 2010. Over the years we have had 1,100 registrants in the Mighty Bikes program.

While ski trails are useful for the youngest and most novice groups of Mighty Bikes, what the kids really enjoy is singletrack, narrow trails that snake through the birch and cottonwood forest which offer technical obstacles that challenge skill levels and make the kids more proficient riders. The kids have enjoyed exploring the park to find social trails. While fun to ride, these unplanned trails often dead-end or are located in places that are unsustainable for heavy use.

Singletrack Advocates proposes to create sustainable linkages among the social trails, reroute select unsustainable trail segments and otherwise create a fantastic network of mt. bike trails that other non-motorized park users will enjoy.

Sincerely,



Janice Tower  
Director, Mighty Bikes



# Anchorage Trails and Greenways Coalition

P.O. Box 92394, Anchorage, Alaska 99509  
a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation

July 8, 2010

Janice Tower  
Lee Bolling  
Singletrack Advocates  
PO Box 240574  
Anchorage, AK 99507

Subject: Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project

Dear Janice and Lee:

The Anchorage Trails and Greenways Coalition supports the Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project, which we understand will improve existing singletrack trails in Kincaid, including addressing erosion issues, and design and build new sections of sustainable singletrack trail to increase accessibility, connectivity and continuity of singletrack trails in Kincaid for use by mountain bikers, trail runners and walkers. Our support assumes that the plan for singletrack trails in Kincaid Park will include strategies (education, signage, monitoring, etc.) to urge bikers and other trail users to stay on recognized trails. We hope this will help reverse the trend of Kincaid becoming a spaghetti-like maze of trails, with numerous unplanned social trails as well as the wide trails constructed for winter grooming.

We have been impressed with Singletrack Advocates' work in spearheading the design and construction of singletrack trails in Far North Bicentennial Park, which fit well with the character of the park in designated areas. Virtually everyone we have spoken with who has been on those trails has been enthusiastic about them. There is a need for better singletrack trails on the west side of Anchorage. The proposed location within Kincaid is appropriate, the project description appears well-considered, and we are confident that Singletrack Advocates will put the same thought and care into designing and constructing singletrack trails in Kincaid Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Mitchell".

Michael G. Mitchell  
Board President

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** heysell\_mark [heysell\_mark@asdk12.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 11:51 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Kincaid Singletrack Trails project

Hello as an avid bicycle rider and a Physical Education Teacher in the ASD this project is of great importance to me. There needs to be more sustainable trails to ride in the west area of town. If these trails are not built correctly the bike enthusiast will still use the areas but unfortunately at greater damage to the local ecology. If you have had a chance to see and or use the STA trails on the hillside they are a great example of how a trail can be well designed to support the traffic load of bicycles. Please give extra care to this project.

Thank You,

Mark Heysell  
Physical Education  
Fire Lake Elementary  
Chugiak Elementary

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** Warren Hancock [moose3@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 11:38 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire; Rep. Mia Costello  
**Subject:** Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project

Hello,

I am writing to urge your support in helping to fund the Kincaid Singletrack project. Anchorage is an incredible city, and one of the reasons is the accessibility to outdoor activities of all kinds. The promotion of these trails will continue to add to a great quality of life for all ages. A great example is the recent addition of single track trails on the Hillside which have been enjoyed by many. So will the one proposed at Kincaid. Please support the funding for this project!

Thank you,  
Warren Hancock

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** Russell Biggs [russellbiggs@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 9:21 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Kincaid singletrack.

Hi Lesil, I just wanted to drop a note to say the Kincaid single track is a great project. The Hillside project has been a huge success and having the same access in Kincaid park would be a wonderful addition to the park. Please keep it in mind!

Thanks!

-Russell Biggs, M.D.

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** aksun@juno.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 7:49 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** re: Kincaid Single Track Project

Dear Senator McGuire,

Please consider passing the Kincaid Single Track Project. This side of Kincaid Park is in need of more trails for a variety of users.

Also, BMX biking is a popular activity for teens (which is now an olympic event). There is a great need of a "pump track" in Anchorage. Fairbanks has the closest track. Kids tend to use private property, parking lots, and businesses that do not allow this type of activity. By moving forward with this project, it would ensure a safe place for teens as well as families, tourists, and citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project that would give the Anchorage community and Alaskans a fun, beautiful safe place to play.

Sincerely,

Julie K. Garrigus

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**From:** Jacques Boutet [jboutet@theboutetcompany.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 6:29 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Requesting your support for Kincaid Singletrack Project

Senator McGuire,

This note is to request your support for the Kincaid Singletrack Project. I have been riding mountain bikes in Anchorage since 1982 and am very proud of our trail system. It is simply one of the best anywhere in the world. Increasingly our trails have become "victims of their own success". The growth of trail use has created year-round user conflicts. Simply put, we have too many users moving on the trails in different modes and at different speeds.

Moreover, not all trails are created equal. The wider, flatter, more user-friendly trails offer a much different experience than the narrow, over-hill-and-dale "single-track" trails. Our growing community of advanced mountain bikers and backcountry skiers do NOT have many single-track trail options in Anchorage.

The Kincaid Singletrack Project is a low-budget, grass-roots solution to these issues. Your support can help give Anchorage yet another incredible asset that is totally consistent with healthy lifestyles and our "Last Frontier" image.

Thank you for your support,

Jacques Boutet  
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Anchorage, Ak 99518  
907-227-8560

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**From:** Clare Stockert [clare.stockert@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011 8:36 PM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Cc:** Chad Ross  
**Subject:** Singletrack trails in Kincaid

Hello Senator McGuire,

We're so excited to see that the Kincaid Singletrack Trails project has a capital request in front of the legislature this session.

We live just down the street from Kincaid Park and use it almost daily, year round. We use the singletrack bike trails on the Hillside and really enjoy them. It would be such a great opportunity for us to have similar trails on the west side of town. Biking really seems to be growing in our neighborhood--I see many bike to work each morning along Raspberry, even in the winter.

We hope you will support this project.

Also, thanks for all of your great work on energy conservation/renewable energy issues. We are very proud to live in the district of someone who does so much on these issues that are so important to us. Keep up the great work!

Clare Stockert and Chad Ross  
6961 Crawford St. 99502

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** Curt Harris [charris@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011 4:24 PM  
**To:** Sen. Hollis French; Rep. Mike Doogan  
**Cc:** Sen. Lesil McGuire; Rep. Mia Costello  
**Subject:** The Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'm writing today to express my support for funding for the Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project here in the Anchorage area at Kincaid Park. While I realize that budget constraints are tight and some may view such projects as a waste of money needed for things of higher priority, I believe this project is worthy of your serious consideration. Particularly if funds are going to be used to enhance "Quality of Life" projects in the Anchorage bowl area anyway.

I live on the west side of town in Legislative district 25-M and frequent use the Kincaid Park area to ride my mountain bicycle. The existing trails in Kincaid Park area an excellent asset in Anchorage, and especially for those of us on the west side of town. Actually, Kincaid Park is the ONLY park on our side of town suitable for mountain bicycle riding. However, as nice as the wide trails are for Nordic skiers in the park, few of the trails are truly narrow "single track" type trails most sought after by mountain bike riders.

The Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project, as I understand it, will create "inter-connections" with existing trails within Kincaid Park that will result in a continuous loop of mountain bicycle suitable trails of approximately 9 miles in length. Since prior improvements for other user groups have already enhanced their opportunities for recreation in the park, it seems only reasonable that a few simple improvements for the mountain bicycling community now take place.

The Single Track Advocates (STA) and Alaska Trails have proposed a well researched project to accomplish this. They have also obtained considerable funding and support from various businesses, corporations and individuals. Your approval of additional financial support and legislative assistance will greatly help in making this project a reality.

The benefit for our neighborhood and Anchorage as a whole would be considerable. I know several children who have benefited from participation in the Mighty Bikes program, which is another STA and Anchorage Arctic Bicycle Club activity that helps hundreds of youth each summer. Several different bicycle groups regularly use Kincaid Park during the summer for various races and rides that frequently involve hundreds of individuals. Safety within the park would also be enhanced by providing separation from other user groups that also use the trails.

The biggest benefit for residents of west side Anchorage would be the opportunity to ride our bikes to Kincaid Park and the trails suitable for single track riding rather than having to drive all the way across town to access the trails along the foot hills of the Chugach Mountains. That alone is worthy of serious consideration given the reduction of gas used, exhaust emissions eliminated and traffic congestion avoided.

Anchorage is becoming known for its developing attractiveness as a bicycle friendly city. The Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project proposed by Single Track Advocates and Alaska Trails would be a worthy asset for Anchorage.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Respectfully,

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Curt Harris

Midnight Sons Chorus

Anchorage, Alaska

[charris@alaska.net](mailto:charris@alaska.net)

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## Esther Tempel

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**From:** Laura Bedard [lbedard907@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 20, 2011 7:07 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project

Dear Senator McGuire,

I am writing this email in support of the Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project. A project like this goes beyond a few hundred users, it is also an attraction for tourism as well as an appeal to home buyers, renters and developers. It is a necessary tool to assist in the economic development of Anchorage.

Please help support this project in Juneau!

Sincerely,

Laura Bedard  
Anchorage Resident

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** Deanna Johnson [dmotoki@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 20, 2011 12:24 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Funding for the Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project

Senator McGuire,

I am writing you today to urge you to support funding for the Kincaid Singletrack Trail Project. My wife and I recently moved from Hillside to Turnagain, and while we love it here, we miss the easy access to the Hillside trails. Having 9 miles of multiple use singletrack would greatly enhance the already amazing quality of life on the westside, especially in the winter when Kincaid is off limits to non-skiers.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Sincerely,

Daniel Motoki

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** pat@49below.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 12:17 PM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Kincaid trails

Dear Senator McGuire,

Please support the single track trails proposition at Kincaid Park. The more alternative use trails Anchorage has the happier we'll all be. Since Kincaid Park is already designated for outdoor rec use, let's use it to it's full potential. Single track trails are lacking in the park and will get lots of use when built. And they will be multi-use so classic skiers, cyclists, and hikers/snowshoers benefit.

Thank you,

Pat

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** Al and Joann Mitchell [superal@ptialaska.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 8:12 PM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Kincaid Single Track Project

Ms. McGuire,

I'm writing to encourage you to support the Kincaid Single Track project that is slated for construction this summer. This project would be a wonderful westside counterpart to the great trails that have been developed on the eastside near the Hillside Ski area. The Singletrack Advocates group is a grassroots organization that has organized the bicycling community and is thriving to raise the bar on bicycling experiences in Anchorage. These trails would be used by many, including Mighty Bikes, a volunteer run organization that encourages kids to mountain bike, a very Junior Nordic like feel. And we all know the importance of raising healthy, active young children.

Thanks for your time.

Al Mitchell

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** Joan Egeland [jegeland@alaska.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:30 PM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Kincaid Single Track Trail Project

**Categories:** Capital Budget

Senator McGuire,

Please consider funding for the Kincaid Single Track Trail Project. While the east side of town has many trails for bikers, walker, runners during the winter, the west side has very little. I'm a cross country skier who loves the winter trails at Kincaid but I'm also a winter biker and would like to bike on the west side of town as well. The more trails Anchorage has, the more wonderful it is to live here!

Thanks,

Joan Egeland

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** J. Wrigley [jwrigley10@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 9:36 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire; Rep. Mia Costello  
**Subject:** Kincaid Singletrack Project

**Categories:** Capital Budget

Senator McGuire and Rep. Costello -

I am writing to voice my strong support for the funding of the Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project. My family uses Kincaid during both the summer and winter months. As avid mountain bikers we know that more singletrack trails are needed at Kincaid. The number of kids participating in mighty bikes has increased over the years. It is more apparent that Anchorage does not have enough singletrack trails to support these kids and parents in their goals to use mountain biking to be active children and then adults. More trails will help with what can be overwhelming congestion in mountain biking traffic we face during the summer months.

I know you both believe in supporting an active and healthy lifestyle for all children and adults in Alaska. Please support these worthy goals by funding additional singletrack trails at Kincaid.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Julie Wrigley  
(907)350-9512

## **Esther Tempel**

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**From:** Jamie [jsimes@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 11:02 PM  
**To:** Rep. Mia Costello; Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project

**Categories:** Capital Budget

Representative Costello and Senator McGuire,

I am writing in support of the Kincaid Singletrack Trails Project. I have been using the trails in Kincaid Park for nearly ten years. I am the Treasurer of a women's mountain biking group, the Dirt Divas, and riding the Kincaid trails has shown me parts of Kincaid with which I was unfamiliar. My two girls, ages 9 and 11, have been biking with the Mighty Bikes in the summers, and have found a new sense of confidence in their riding skills. They ride the trails with their bikes, and also run from the Jodphur Trailhead with the KidzRunning program twice a week each summer. They ski the trails in the winter.

Since both of you have children who will (hopefully) be active in the outdoors and you live near Kincaid, this new nine-mile stretch of trails will benefit them, too. The Mighty Bikes is an amazing program and its ranks have been swelling, mostly due to parents wanting their kids to benefit from being active in the outdoors. Kids ride with other children who are in their same skill level, not necessarily who are in their same age range. Since my kids have progressed through different levels every summer, and become more proficient riders, their level of self-assurance has increased. It takes a lot of determination and courage to tackle Ice Box and the Lekisch Loop Trails.

I urge you to support these incredible trails and create linkages to the existing trail structure. Their maintenance and upkeep is minimal (not like soccer fields, softball fields, or stadiums) and the benefits they provide to thousands of yearly users all over the Anchorage Bowl would definitely justify the initial cost. The recent successful construction of the new mountain bike trails in Far North Bicentennial Park is a testament to the appeal which they have for trail users. These trails will be constructed to the latest sustainability standards set forth by the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA).

Please support these trails for current users -- and the future ones.

Jamie Patterson Simes  
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Anchorage 99502  
907-333-1819

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** danthy@gci.net on behalf of Danny & Kathy Seybert [danthy@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 10:47 PM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Subject:** Kincaid 9 mil single tract project

**Categories:** Capital Budget

Dear Senator Lesil McGuire,

I am writing this letter to urge you to support the Kincaid Single Tract project, proposing 9 miles of development of single tract multituse trails in Kincaid Park. This park is used by so many in Anchorage, and would be a boost in our neighborhood, used by our residents, right in our backyard!  
Please support this project!

Sincerely,

Kathy Seybert  
Mountain biker, hiker, Jewel Lake resident

## Esther Tempel

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**From:** Sabrina Hill [hill.sabrina@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 10:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire  
**Cc:** Rep.Mia.Costella@legis.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** The Kincaid Park Singletrack Trails Project (please support it)

**Categories:** Capital Budget

My family rides bikes at Kincaid park when it is open during the non snow months. We often ride to the park, and at the park, with our 11 year old son Charlie. Our older son Alex goes with us when he is in town (he is at college), Charlie gets bored riding his mountain bike on the "regular" ski /bike trails, and loves the limited amount of single track trails. If there were more single track mountain bike trails to ride at on at the park, he would be willing to spend more time there with us, and would continue to exercise outdoors, rather than asking to go home. This kind of outdoor wholesome activity (riding bikes on singletrack trails in the woods) is exactly what young Alaskans should be doing, rather than sitting in front of the TV's and computers.

Please do what ever you can to support funding for this great project, so that my husband and I can spend more time at the park with our son (and his friends whom we can convince to go along on the rides).

A. Sabrina Hill and husband Tim Lamb (sons Charlie and Alex)  
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Anchorage, Alaska  
99517