

**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 - Sand Lake Park Renovation****State Funding Requested: \$115,000****House District: 27 / N**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Sand Lake Park is a small piece of land adjacent to Sand Lake Elementary School, and provides the only public access to Sand Lake. Volunteers wish to increase park visibility, remove unsafe equipment, and increase the recreation function of this public land.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$155,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$40,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$115,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

*This park was acquired by the Municipality of Anchorage in 1973. In 2006 the Anchorage Rowing Club received an Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant to place a floating dock on the lake.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department are working together to address the fix-its in small neighborhood parks. In 2008, more than 1,000 community volunteers graded 53 neighborhood parks for the Anchorage Parks Report Card, a community scorecard that identifies priority repairs in the parks that affect us closest to home. In the summers of 2009 and 2010, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department mobilized thousands of parks volunteers to revitalize neighborhood parks by completing community-identified fix-its. This winter, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are partnering with Community Councils, park user groups and park neighbors to plan the 2011 and 2012 neighborhood park fix-its.

Sand Lake Park offers the only public access to this beautiful lake and community destination. Report Card participants in Sand Lake Park reported that visibility in the park is extremely poor, due to thickly forested areas and poor lighting. This limited visibility keeps parents from allowing their children to recreate there. Additionally, access points to Sand Lake were difficult to locate. The paved pathways are cracked and uneven, and benches throughout the park are vandalized and worn-out. Volunteers recently removed old, unsafe fitness stations, but more work is needed to improve park functionality.

In the summer of 2012, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department will work with parks volunteers to complete neighborhood park fix-its in Sand Lake Park. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of the Sand Lake community. The Anchorage Park Foundation will match legislative investment in neighborhood park fix-its with volunteer involvement and generous support from the Rasmuson Foundation's Anchorage Parks Initiative.

The work may include:

- Create more welcoming park entryways with updated signs
- Improve cleanliness in this popular walking area with additional dog stations and trash containers
- Repair the unusable fishing and boating dock for recreational use
- Repair rooted and damaged asphalt to improve safety and usability for walkers, runners and cyclists
- Create outdoor classroom in partnership with Sand Lake Elementary School to connect children with this park and lake

**Project Timeline:**

Summer 2011

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

Municipality of Anchorage

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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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

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## Volunteers



## Build Stronger Neighborhoods



## Improve Parks



## And Build a Stronger Anchorage



2011

CAPIS Project Number

55348

Legislative District 27N

## 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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## Sand Lake Park

### Park Report Card Grade: D

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# Project Cost Estimate



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Project Budget	Cost
New park signs and entryways	\$10,000
Dog stations	\$300
Trash containers	\$4,700
Repair fishing and boating dock	\$10,000
Trail repair	\$40,000
Outdoor classroom	\$90,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>

## 2011 Request

Anchorage Park Foundation	\$40,000
State Request	\$115,000
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>

## Legend

