

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2011

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## Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park (east)

1824 W. 15th Avenue

### Park History

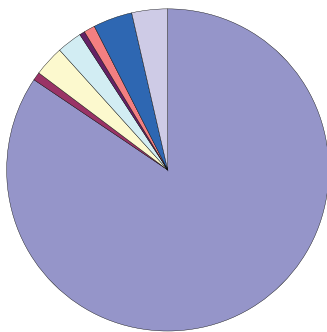
In the early 1960s, the Municipality of Anchorage proposed creating a lagoon in the Chester Creek watershed. This project was made part of the Anchorage urban renewal program in 1963. The dike was constructed in 1968, the underpass in 1967 and the tide gate in 1970. In 1974, the city began acquiring other properties near the lagoon. In 1975, the Parks & Recreation Department and the Municipality of Anchorage decided to make the lagoon a waterfowl sanctuary. Originally, this area was a ski hill, with a rope tow.

### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 6,777

Percent of Population under age 18: 16.5%

Ethnic Composition:



\*2010 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- Nature trail
- Picnic shelter
- Trails for running, biking, walking, skiing, snowshoeing
- Westchester Lagoon, on west side of park, available for small boats in summer and ice skating in the winter
- Fitness station
- Access to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and the Chester Creek Trail
- Winter Frisbee Golf course
- Covy Cafe and Trail Watch Headquarters



### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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# Park Profile



# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: Margaret Eagan Sullivan 2011

## Report Card Background

The Anchorage Parks Report Card utilized community volunteers to create a comprehensive picture of the condition of our parks, reflecting the Anchorage community's opinions, preferences and ideas. Anchorage citizens along with Anchorage Parks and Recreation staff evaluated 38 parks based on 6 different settings. Parks were surveyed based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function. Anchorage Parks and Recreation staff will use this information to strategically employ its funding and volunteer resources to better meet the needs of the Anchorage community.

OVERALL GRADE	F
Active Recreation Areas	56
Green Spaces	52
Park Entry	56
Passive Recreation Areas	59
Pathways	50
Playgrounds	N/A

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park Findings

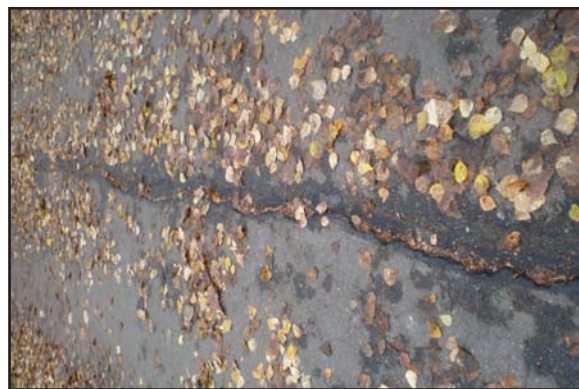
Community members reported concerns about the high amount of litter including alcohol bottles on the frisbee golf course. The pathways were reported as being overtaken by roots in certain sections, and cracks are posing hazards to walkers, bikers, strollers, wheelchairs, etc. Interpretive signs along the Westchester Nature Trail are encouraged for both locals and visitors!

### Fix It List

- Fix pathways where roots are exposed and posing hazards for walking or wheeled units (bikes, strollers, wheelchairs)
- Prune paths and weed invasives (esp. European Bird Cherry)
- Clear dead vegetation along trail edges
- Install interpretive signs along Westchester Nature Trail
- Remove graffiti from tunnels, pathways, signs
- Replace Nature Trail sign on 19th Ave.
- Parking lot at Westchester Nature trail in bad shape
- Add more carved "beaver chairs"
- Replace viewing platform



Westchester Nature Trail Overlook in need of an upgrade



Pathways are unsafe in some areas due to cracks or roots coming through

For a complete directory of Report Card results for neighborhood parks, go to [www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org/projects/reportcard.htm](http://www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org/projects/reportcard.htm)

The Anchorage Park Foundation developed the Anchorage Parks Report Card in partnership with the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University, and community volunteers, thanks to a generous grant from the Rasmuson Foundation. The APF has raised over \$18 million dollars since 2004 to improve public parks, trail and recreation areas. To make a contribution or volunteer, please visit us at: