

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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## ALDERWOOD PARK

707 Elm Street

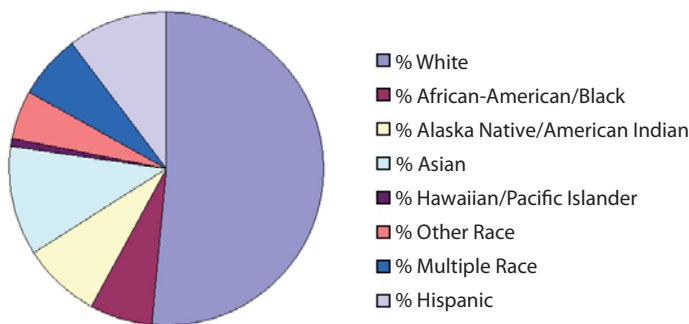
### Park History

This park property was acquired in 1962 by lease from the Alaska Railroad. As part of the lease, the Parks & Recreation Department was required to plant and maintain grass and flowers, as well as use the property as a community park. In 1965, the park was further developed with the addition of play equipment and picnic tables. In 1972, additional land was donated to the city by the Catholic Church. In the summer of 1997, new play equipment was installed with a train theme.

### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 1,947  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 25.6%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



\*2000 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- 3.25 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Grill, picnic tables and bench
- Nature trail links to Sunset Park
- On-street parking



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# Park Profile



# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: ALDERWOOD PARK 2008

## Report Card Background

The Anchorage Parks Report Card utilized community volunteers to create a comprehensive picture of the condition of our neighborhood parks, reflecting the Anchorage community's opinions, preferences and ideas. Almost 1,000 citizens along with APRD staff evaluated 53 neighborhood parks based on 6 different settings. Parks were surveyed based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function. APRD will use this information to strategically employ its funding and volunteer resources to better meet the needs of the Anchorage community.

### OVERALL GRADE

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Active Recreation Areas

84

Green Spaces

76

Park Entry

75

Passive Recreation Areas

75

Pathways

54

Playgrounds

70

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Alderwood Park Findings

Participants at Alderwood Park were most concerned about the old, worn and vandalized equipment and weeds in the play area. Additional concerns included erosion in pathways, repairs needed to the bridge, inadequate seating and picnic facilities and a needed dog station. Furthermore, participants were concerned that vehicles drive too quickly on Elm Street and Dogwood Street.

## Fix It List

- Repair and repaint play equipment; remove graffiti
- Clear weeds and replace surface material in play area
- Trim trees and remove overgrown brush in green space to improve sight lines and restore scenic views
- Repair bridge and eroded areas nearby
- Upgrade and repair pathways
- Add trash cans, benches and picnic tables
- Repair grills in picnic areas
- Establish location and install dog station
- Work with Traffic Dept. to reduce road speed near park



Users would like improved maintenance of the bridge and surrounding green areas



Erosion control work is needed in green areas

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 \$15 million dollars since 2004 to improve public parks, trail and recreation areas. To make a contribution or volunteer, please visit us at: