

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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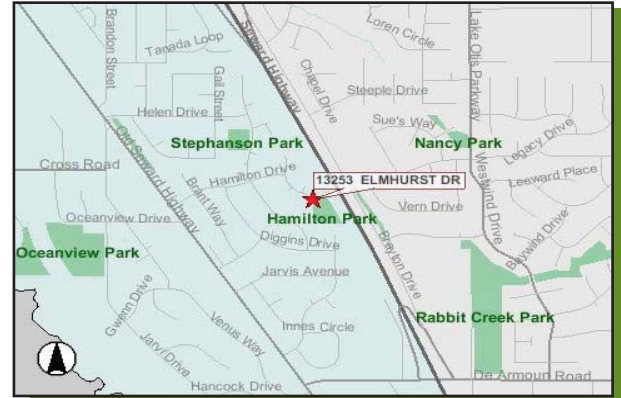


HAMILTON PARK

3253 Elmhurst Drive

Park History

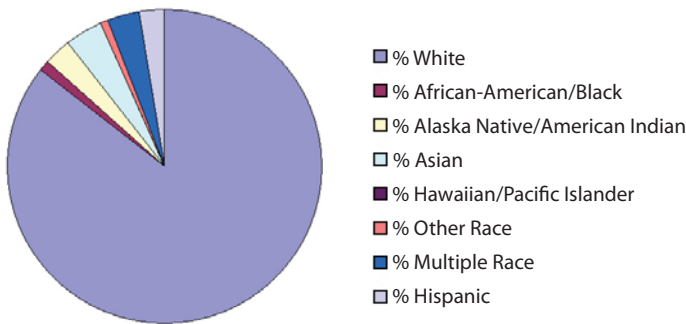
The property for this park was purchased in August 1974, and the park was named for the subdivision nearby. This park was developed as a small neighborhood park. In 1986, the park was redesigned to eliminate drainage problems.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 9,917
 Percent of Population under age 19: 35.2%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 1.69 acres
- Accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Basketball court
- Picnic tables



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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: HAMILTON 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

77

Green Spaces

73

Park Entry

62

Passive Recreation Areas

65

Pathways

72

Playgrounds

66

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Hamilton Park Findings

Report Card participants at Hamilton Park noted a lack of informational signage, unattractive and damaged trash cans, inadequate seating and maintenance needed to athletic facilities and the parking area. Additionally, trees and brush are overgrown and obstruct views into the park, making park users feel unsafe and creating a fire hazard.

Fix It List

- Add more seating, particularly close to play area
- Trim trees and brush to improve safety sight lines
- Replace trash cans
- Repair cracks in basketball court asphalt
- Repaint bollards and fences in parking area
- Add informational signs to kiosk and parking area
- Establish appropriate location and relocate dog station



According to the neighborhood, the dog station is poorly located



The basketball court is in need of repairs

For a complete directory of Report Card results for neighborhood parks, go to 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: