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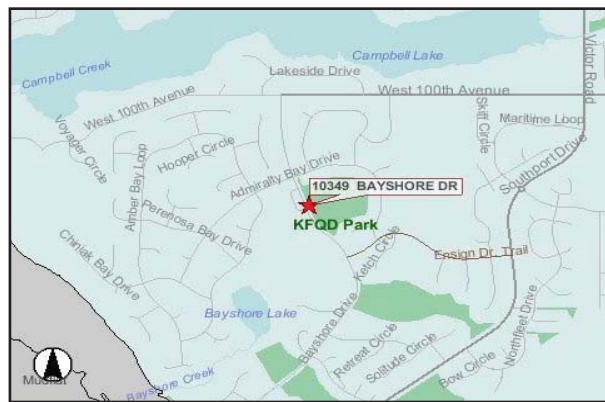
KFQD PARK

10349 Bayshore Drive

Park History

When the Southport community was developed in 1985, parcels were set aside to create parks. The area that is now KFQD Park was originally a class C wetland used as a dumping area for fill. The area was graded flat in 1992.

The neighborhood partnered with KFQD radio station to plant trees and install bollards around the area. The park was named after KFQD in 1994. The park was turned over to the city in 1997.



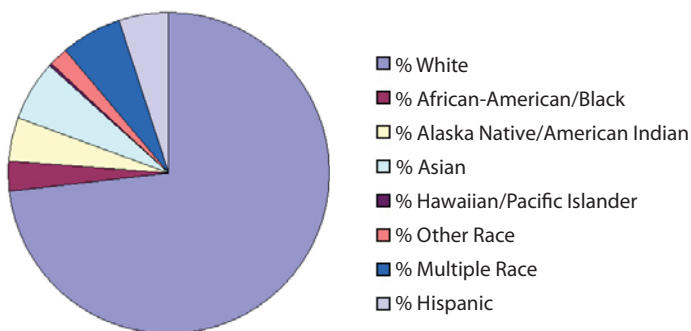
Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 8,818

Percent of Population under age 19: 34.1%

Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 8.12 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Picnic shelter and tables
- Trails

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REPORT CARD ON PARKS: KFQD 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

C+

Active Recreation Areas

87

Green Spaces

77

Park Entry

78

Passive Recreation Areas

75

Pathways

74

Playgrounds

74

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

KFQD Park Findings

Report Card participants in KFQD park reported poor maintenance, such as piles of grass clippings, overgrown weeds and equipment in need of repainting. Community members also reported that the play area is unusable each spring during snowmelt because of extensive flooding. Furthermore, participants reported that the available seating (one bench and two picnic tables) is inadequate for park users.

Fix It List

- Review play area drainage problems and repair as necessary
- Improve general maintenance practices such as mowing, sweeping and weeding
- Add seating features and replace picnic tables
- Remove graffiti on play equipment
- Review number of trash cans and add more if necessary
- Add informational signs
- Establish appropriate location and install additional dog station



The neighborhood is concerned about the play equipment maintenance



An additional dog station is needed for the lawn area

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: