

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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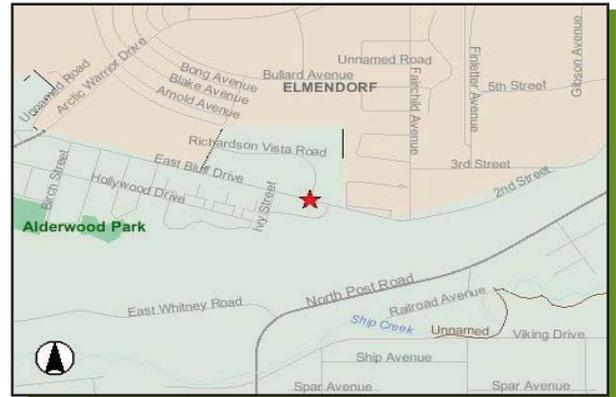


## RICHARDSON VISTA PARK

Corner of Bluff Drive & Richardson Vista Road

### Park History

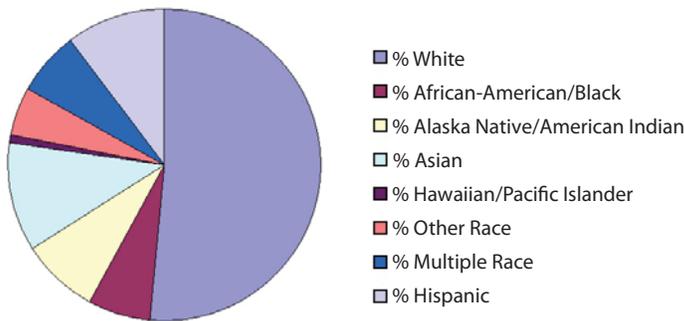
In 1983, the Parks & Recreation Department began the acquisition of property at Richardson Vista by leasing the property from the owners of Richardson Vista Apartments. In 1984, Parks & Recreation secured a lease valid for 38 years. New play equipment was installed in the park in 2004.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 1,947  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 25.9%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



\*2000 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- .86 acres
- Play equipment for 3-5 year olds
- Play equipment for 5-12 year olds



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# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: RICHARDSON VISTA 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

**B+**

Active Recreation Areas

93

Green Spaces

99

Park Entry

83

Passive Recreation Areas

76

Pathways

91

Playgrounds

81

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Richardson Vista Park Findings

Community members noted several concerns in Richardson Vista Park, including signs of rot and splintering in the wooden equipment and vandalism in the play area. Also, participants noted that it is not obvious that the site is a park due to inadequate informational signs. Last, participants expressed concern about the condition of the benches and the number of trash cans.

## Fix It List

- Repair or replace degraded wood equipment in play area
- Remove graffiti on play equipment and surrounding paths
- Repair and weed cracked pathways
- Repair or replace benches; add trash cans and picnic tables
- Add informational signage regarding access points to the park
- Establish appropriate location and install dog station



Park users expressed concerns about the condition of benches



Graffiti is also a problem in Richardson Vista Park

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: