

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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## SITKA PARK

1580 Sitka Street

### Park History

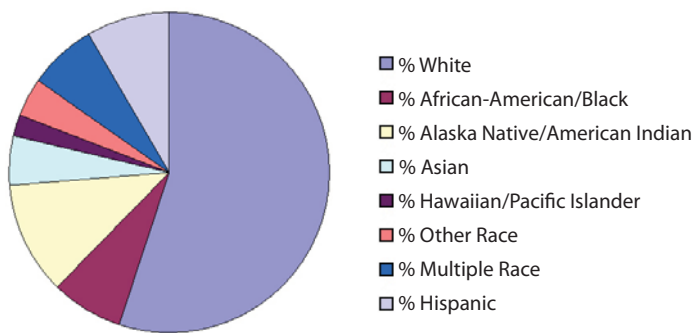
This property was purchased in 1983 and named for the street. The name Sitka is the Tlingit word meaning "by the sea". A portion of the land is leased from Merrill Field.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 5,816  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 31.2%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Med.

Ethnic Composition:



\*2000 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- 28.48 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Picnic shelter and tables
- Trail and interpretive kiosk
- Lighting
- Sledding hill
- Open play field
- Located in Chester Creek Greenbelt

### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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# Park Profile



# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: SITKA 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

85

Park Entry

74

Passive Recreation Areas

91

Pathways

66

Playgrounds

82

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Sitka Park Findings

Community members reported seeing unsafe activities in Sitka Park during night hours and requested that the park gate should be closed when the park is closed. Additionally, volunteers were concerned about debris and standing water blocking trails and the lack of a volleyball net in the court. Participants also requested the addition of informational signage and a dog station.



The neighborhood is concerned about poor signage

## Fix It List

- Add sand to playground area
- Work with community to address concerns about unsafe use of park
- Improve paved trails by removing debris and repaving to prevent standing water
- Purchase and install volleyball net
- Close gates to prevent nighttime access to park
- Determine location for dog station and install
- Add informational signs regarding parking and access to Chester Creek trail system



A net is needed in the volleyball court

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: