

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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WILSON PARK

3955 Wilson Street

Park History

The Municipality of Anchorage purchased a portion of this parkland in 1972, and made an additional purchase in 1982. Development of the park began in 1973. Picnic areas were spread out through the park and two play areas developed.

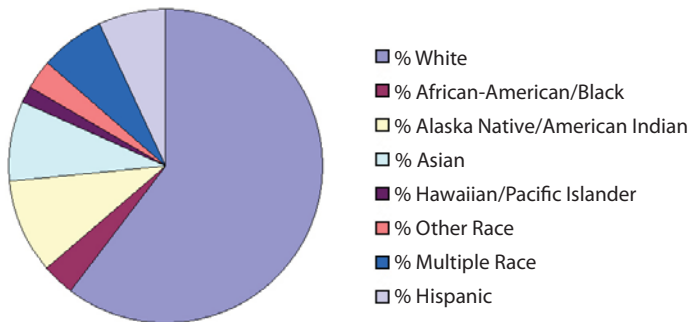
In 1991, Exxon donated funds for new play equipment and the equipment was installed in October of that year.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 11,691
 Percent of Population under age 19: 26.0%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 1.78 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Picnic shelter



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REPORT CARD ON PARKS: WILSON 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

36

Green Spaces

50

Park Entry

51

Passive Recreation Areas

54

Pathways

75

Playgrounds

55

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Wilson Park Findings

Community members reported concerns about unsafe activities occurring in Wilson Park during night hours, as well as extensive litter left by nighttime users. Also, there are no tot swings in the play area. Community members reported that it is a popular park and would receive even more use from the neighborhood if there were grills and picnic tables.



More picnic facilities are needed in Wilson Park

Fix It List

- Add tot swings to play area
- Trim trees and brush to improve safety sight lines
- Remove graffiti on seating and play equipment
- Add grills and picnic tables
- Add informational signs regarding park uses and hours
- Work with community to address concerns regarding inappropriate activities in the park
- Establish appropriate location and install dog station



Improved sight lines are needed for user safety

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: