



Note from the Executive Director on the Parks Bond - Proposition 5



On **Tuesday, April 5th**, you will have an opportunity to invest in revitalizing key parks and trails that make Anchorage a great place to live, work and play. The Anchorage Park Foundation supports the parks bond and we think you should know why:

- Public support for [neighborhood parks](#) will improve the parks closest to your homes, and let our private investors know voters care for parks
- Our system of **greenbelt trails** is a world class asset that connects our community and requires investment
- We think Anchorage is ready for an **off-leash dog park** at the South Anchorage Sports Complex

These opportunities don't come around often – it's been four years since Anchorage citizens have had the chance to vote on a Parks bond. That's why your support of this upcoming parks bond is important.

- Beth Nordlund

The APF Investment

The proposed 2011 Parks Bond totaling \$3 million will leverage approximately \$2.5 million through the Anchorage Park Foundation:

- Anchorage Park Foundation Investment: \$980,000
- Federal Funding Secured: \$472,000
- Legislative Funding Secured: \$935,000
- Anticipated Individual Donations: \$150,000
- Anticipated Volunteer Hours Contribution: \$390,000

Total: \$2.5 million over three years

Our Municipal Parks Department and the Anchorage Park Foundation do a top job of mobilizing volunteer-powered teams and planning smart to squeeze every single penny out of the frugal funds devoted to parks rehabilitation. Partnering with community groups we have done amazing things to transform neighborhood and community parks into clean and safe places to recreate and enjoy. However, much more needs to be done and this year's \$3 million parks bond is targeted to address many more important rehabilitation projects. [Click on the map below to learn about the projects included in 2011's Anchorage Parks Bond:](#)

events

2011 Fix-Its Volunteer Dates

We invite you to join us again in 2011 to rehabilitate 7 of Anchorage's beloved Neighborhood Parks! Just show up at 9 am for the park fix-it and you'll be given a fun job and a great lunch at noon! Call 343-4587 to volunteer today! [Click here for more info on volunteering this summer, or select a park profile below:](#)

- [Harvard Park](#) - May 21st
- [Cope Street Park](#) - June 11th
- [Carlson Park](#) - June 19th
- [Ira Walker Park](#) - June 25th
- [Little Dipper Park](#) - July 9th
- [Sand Lake Park](#) - July 16th
- [William B. Lyons Park](#) - July 23rd

APF NUSA Workshops

The APF will be hosting two activities at the 2011 Neighborhoods USA Conference happening May 25-28:

[Parks Report Card Workshop: May 26](#)

[Neighborhood Parks Tour: May 26](#)

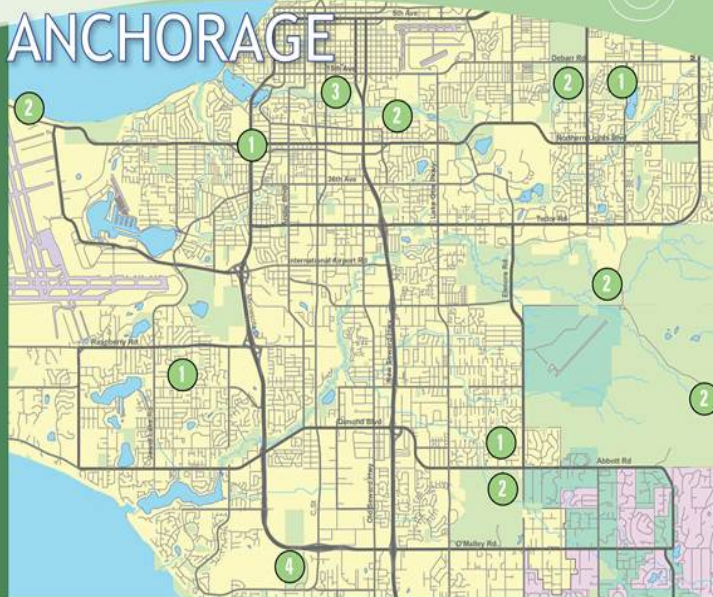
The **Anchorage Park Foundation** strives to build *Healthy Parks - Healthy People* by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities.

Board of Directors

- Eleanor Andrews
- Matt Carle
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2011 Anchorage Parks Bond | Vote YES for Proposition 5 - \$3.0M

ANCHORAGE



1 Anchorage Neighborhood Parks - \$500,000

In the fall of 2008, the Parks & Recreation Department implemented the Anchorage Neighborhood Parks Report Card project where over 1000 community volunteers evaluated their neighborhood parks and created comprehensive "Fix It Lists" for repairs. Bond funding will continue a multi-year funding strategy that rehabilitates all neighborhood parks within a 6 year cycle. The results will be a regular maintenance cycle for neighborhood parks, eliminating deferred maintenance and unsafe conditions. Bond funding will leverage \$500,000 in State and private grants from the Anchorage Park Foundation.

2 Areawide Greenbelt Trails - \$1,000,000

Bond funds will be combined with State and private dollars to implement a multi-year, comprehensive repair program addressing safety and security concerns on the greenbelt trail system (over 250 miles). Proposed project elements include rehabilitation of existing trail bridges, asphalt patching and resurfacing, a comprehensive lighting assessment and trail amenity upgrades in the following locations:

- Far North Bicentennial Park Multi-Use Trails, Rover's Run, Tour of Anchorage Bridge and Trail Rehabilitation, Coastal Trail Rehabilitation and Ruth Arcand Multi-Use Trails.
- Tour of Anchorage Bridge Replacement: Design, Engineering & Permitting: \$100,000
- Greenbelt Trail Lighting: Condition Assessment for Energy Retrofit: \$100,000
- Rover's Run Trail Re-route (Mellen's Way): \$75,000
- Ruth Arcand Equestrian Trail Rehabilitation: \$25,000
- Coastal Trail Surface Rehabilitation (Earthquake - Kincaid Park) \$500,000
- Trail Bridge Rehabilitation: Russian Jack, Coastal Trail \$200,000

3 Anchorage Football Stadium Concession, Locker Room and Facility Upgrade - \$1,000,000

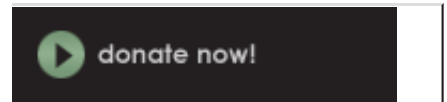
The existing locker room facility and concession building at the Anchorage Football Stadium have been closed due to serious structural and seismic deficiencies. Bond funds would be combined with state funds to replace the building to provide improved locker room facilities for athletes and the public, opportunities for revenue generating concessions, and a security control entrance. In addition, the artificial turf field has reached its life span and will be replaced along with upgrades and improvements to the perimeter electrical system. The project is supported by the Anchorage School District, the Anchorage District Soccer Federation and Anchorage's Boys and Girls Clubs.

4 South Anchorage Sports Complex - \$500,000

South Anchorage Sports Park is an underutilized community use park located in South Anchorage south of O'Malley Rd, just west of C St. As the population in South Anchorage continues to grow, so will the demand for closer-to-home recreation opportunities for children and adults. In addition to the existing uses (ball fields (3), off leash dog area, r/c track and paint-ball), potential improvements at South Anchorage Sports Park could include: playground, picnic shelter, skatepark, BMX track, and mountain bike skills park. The opportunities are endless. In combination with state funds, bond funds will be used to identify and construct needed improvements by Anchorage residents.

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DID YOU KNOW? The debt shall be first paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected within the Anchorage Bowl Parks and Recreation Service Area, without cost to properties in **Chugiak, Eagle River, Girdwood, and other areas outside the Service Area.** Anchorage Bowl homeowners will see an approximate \$2 dollar increase in annual property taxes for a home valued at \$250,000.



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