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## Elderberry Park

The Anchorage Parks Report Card offers a comprehensive review of the condition of Anchorage neighborhood parks by reflecting community opinions and ideas. In the Fall of 2011, Anchorage community volunteers evaluated 51 neighborhood parks based on five criteria: cleanliness; safety; structure; appearance; and function. We will use this information to strategically employ resources, both financial and volunteer, to better meet the needs of our community.

In 2011, Elderberry Park received a D on its Report Card. Neighbors identified a number of areas in which Elderberry Park needed improvement. Community members reported an overwhelming concern about the pathways at the park. Old asphalt, with larger cracks and frost heaves are potential hazards for bikers and roller bladers to enter the park, and negate any intended handicap accessibility. Graffiti also covers much of the park, making an eyesore out of benches, picnic tables, play equipment, and a cement wall bordering the Coastal Trail. A highly visible port-a-potty and an unused permanent restroom also undermine the attractiveness of the park. Overall, community members agree that the view and location are excellent, yet the park appears dilapidated. Concerns about the park's circulation were also brought up by the VIP Committee. Rehabilitation will include a redesign intended to balance the park's neighborhood qualities with safe access to the Coastal Trail.

In the summer of 2016, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements in Elderberry Park with the help of community volunteers and the input of a neighborhood park committee. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Elderberry Park and the Downtown community. The Anchorage Park Foundation will match legislative investment in neighborhood park fix-its with volunteer involvement and generous support from the Rasmuson Foundation's Anchorage Parks Initiative.



### Parks & Recreation

Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts that link neighborhoods with surrounding natural open space and wildlife habitat. These are considerable assets for the citizens of Anchorage to enjoy and maintain.

Parks & Recreation launched the Clean & Green, Safe & Secure Campaign with the Anchorage Park Foundation to upgrade the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks. To get involved, call 343-4587.



### Fix-It List Priorities

- Redesign/repair "on-ramp" off 5th Avenue; large cracks in pathways make walking, biking, wheelchair access difficult
- Install port-a-potty enclosure to make more attractive and concealed
- Repair or remove the permanent restroom facility
- Remove graffiti on tables, benches and whale (tot lot)
- Add grills and picnic tables
- Add informational signs regarding park uses and hours
- Remove weeds
- Need more trashcans -- trash is often overflowing onto the ground



## Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Total	\$630,000
<b>Funding:</b>	
Rasmuson Foundation funding**	\$40,000
Total 2015 Legislative Request	\$590,000

\*\*If funding from the AK Legislature is secured for this project, the Anchorage Park Foundation plans to commit at least \$40,000 of Rasmuson Foundation funding to this neighborhood park.



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