







Legislative District 26 - M



Forsythe Park



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. 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.

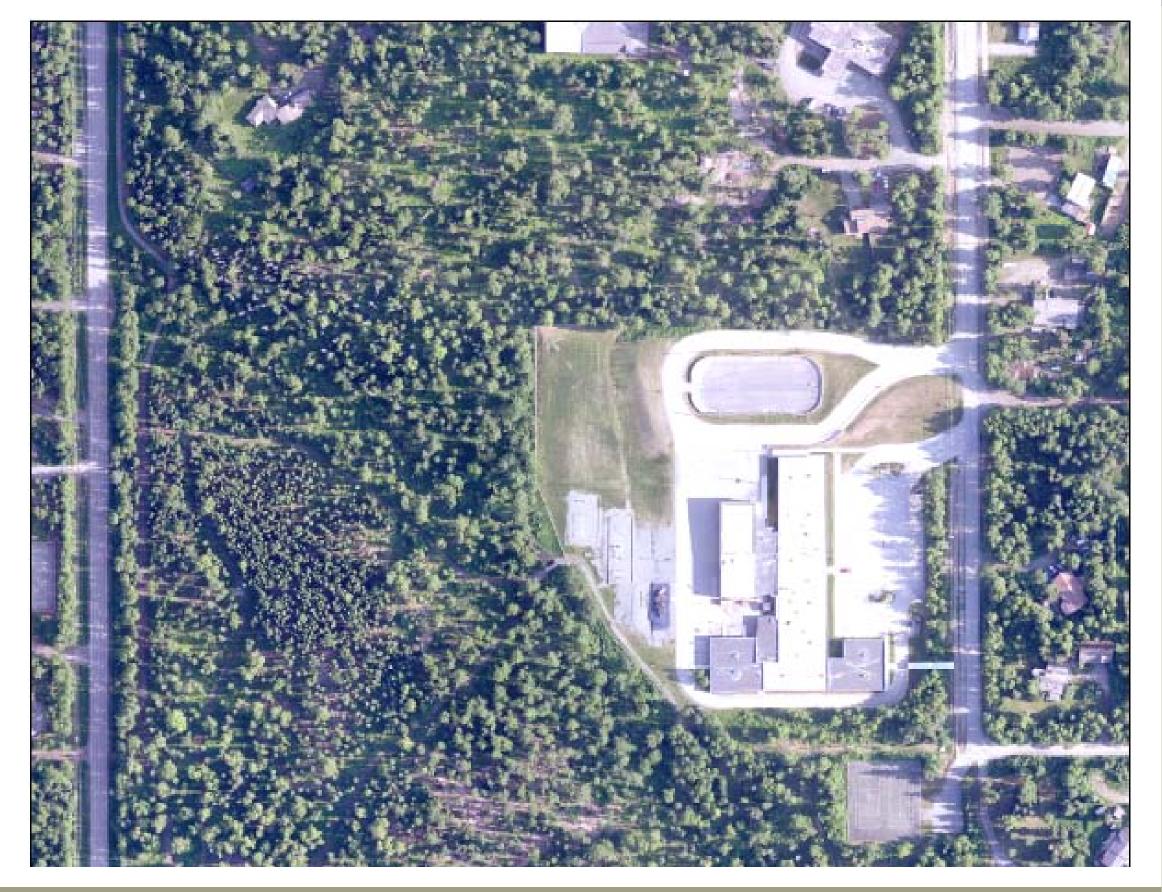
In 2011, Forsythe Park received an F on its Report Card. Neighbors identified a number of areas in which Forsythe Park needed improvement. They suggested that the tennis courts needed resurfacing, or at least cleaning and repainting, and that a new trash can would likely reduce litter. The bridge to the south entrance of the park needs repairs. Citizens have requested bear proof trash cans, new or improved bollards, and repainted picnic tables.

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









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Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Accessible Playground Safety Surface	\$75,000
Play Equipment	\$75,000
Picnic Area and Plaza	\$70,000
Landscaping and Amenities	\$20,000
Total	\$290,000
Funding:	
Rasmuson Foundation funding**	\$40,000

Total 2015 Legislative Request \$250,000

**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.

