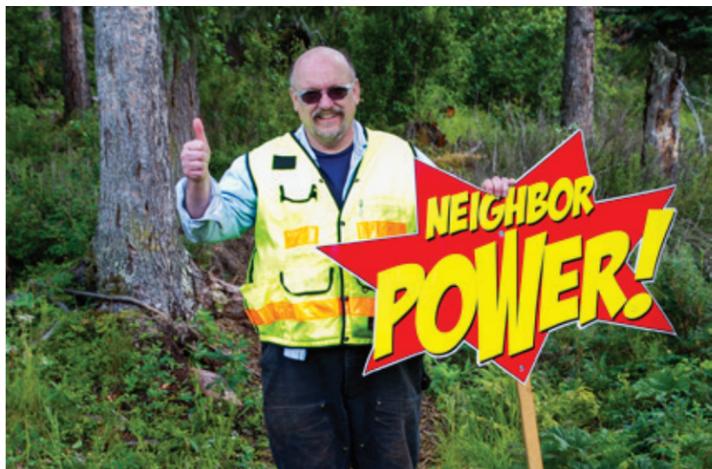


# Anchorage Parks: The Public-Private Partnership That's Working

Anchorage Park Foundation + Municipality of Anchorage = NEIGHBOR POWER!



Anchorage Park Foundation utilizes all varieties of private and public funding sources and volunteer hours to accomplish park improvements and fund recreation opportunities – this year APF will fund **26 park improvement projects**. We meet donor and volunteer needs by leveraging funds through this unique public-private partnership. APF's ability to engage the community in meaningful ways, inspire nontraditional partnerships, stretch-a-dollar, attract grants and introduce new donors to projects, produces park and trail results.

We have improved **157 parks** to date. We (APF + MoA) are building community.

## HISTORY

**2004**

Anchorage Park Foundation is founded! APF receives **\$400,000** Rasmuson seed money at Alaska Community Foundation. This allows us to focus on volunteer support and craft our mission.

### MISSION

The Anchorage Park Foundation builds *Healthy Parks & Healthy People* by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities.

**2005**

APF hosts the first Park Founders Day to celebrate community contributions to parks and trails.

**2006**

APF receives **\$400,000** Rasmuson Grant for Challenge Grants.

**2007**

The first year of Youth Employment in Parks!

**2008**

APF receives first 5-Year Rasmuson Grant, which funds Challenge Grants, Clean & Green/Neighborhood Parks, and Youth Employment in Parks.

**2009**

APF achieves stand alone nonprofit status.

**2013**

APF receives second **5-Year Rasmuson Grant**, which funds Challenge Grants, Clean & Green/Neighborhood Parks, Youth Employment in Parks, Accessible/Inclusive Play, and the Trails Initiative.

**2016**

We continue to build community through park and trail projects.

The Anchorage Park Foundation's work has resulted in private, federal, and state investments, plus a tremendous amount of volunteer support. Since its inception, APF has raised more than **\$31.5 million for Anchorage Parks**.

Additionally, APF has been a strong advocate and partner in passing 7 of 10 of the municipal park bonds since we were created, directly resulting in **\$23.9 million in park and trail investments**. Bond campaigns have strengthened Anchorage Park Foundation's name id and community ownership.

### Anchorage Park Foundation has:

- raised \$4,623,709 in **private** dollars
- leveraged \$9,084,893 in **volunteer** time and materials
- secured a total of \$8,354,880.34 in **Rasmuson Foundation grants** (pledged funding if we meet their specified challenges)
- secured \$8,553,621 in **state capital** funds for reimbursement
- secured \$896,924 in **federal** funding for reimbursement



## Summer Events!

July 16th, Weed Smackdown at Taku Lake Park from 9-12pm

July 23rd, The Anchorage Teddy Bear Picnic at Cuddy Family Midtown Park from 12-3pm. Bring your Teddy Bear!

July 30th, Fish Creek Fix-It on the Fish Creek Trail from 9-12pm

August 11th, YEP Closing Dinner at Kincaid Park from 5:30-7:30pm

August 20th, Sitka Street Park Fix-It and Ribbon Cutting from 9-12pm

August 27th, Wounded Warriors Fix-It at Ruth Arcand Park from 9-12pm

August 28th, Skate Park Ribbon Cutting at North Russian Jack Springs Park from 11-2pm with Russian Jack Community Council

September 10th, Fish Creek Festival and Ribbon Cuttings at Kiwanis Fish Creek Park and Barbara Street Park from 3pm-sunset. Kiwanis Fish Creek Park Fix-It from 9-12pm

September 17th, Dulcida Park Fix-It and Ribbon Cutting from 9-12pm

Early October, Wayfinding in Mountain View Ribbon Cutting

Late October, Sisson Loop and Fish Creek Bridge Ribbon Cuttings



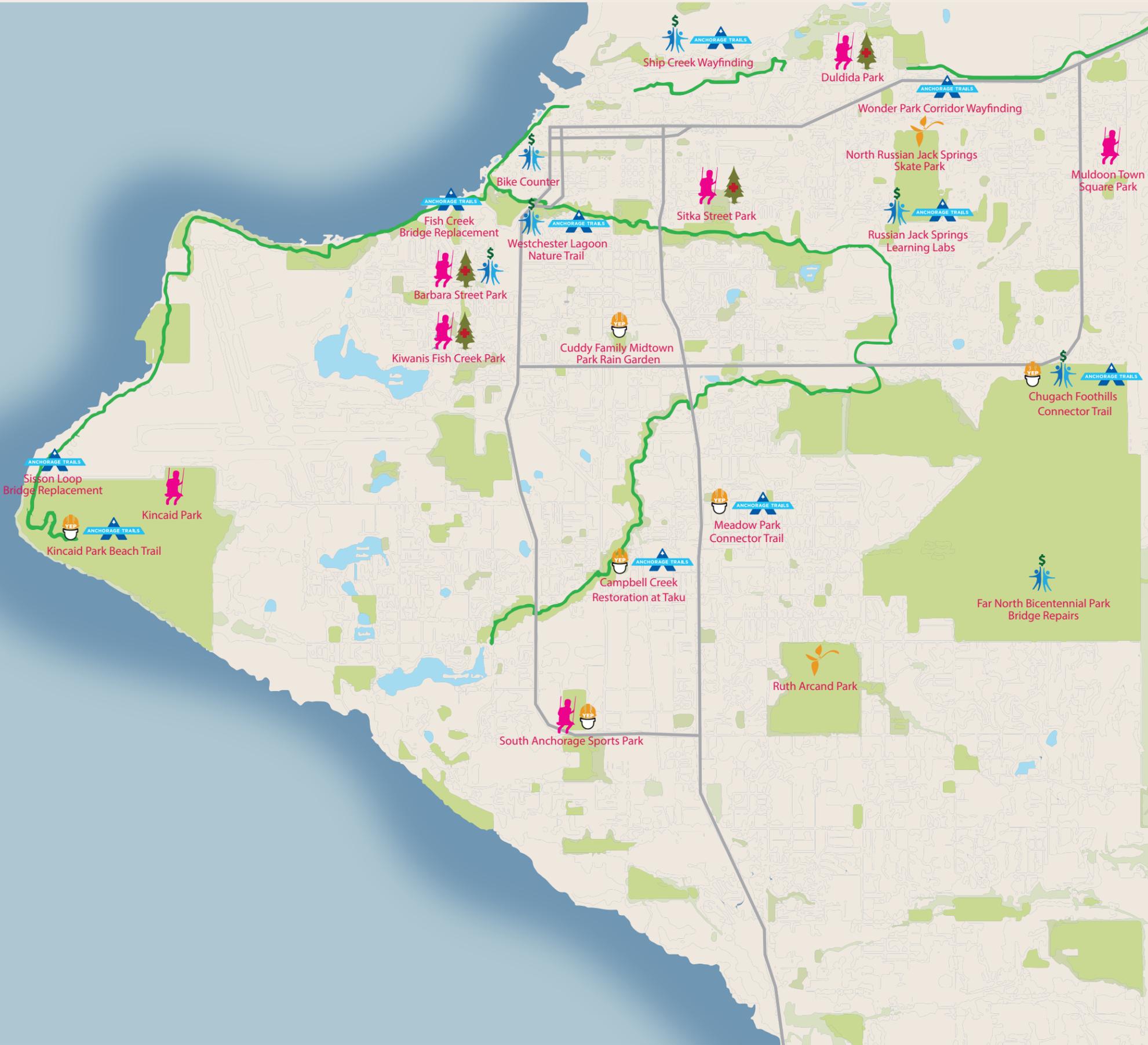
Thank you Rasmuson Foundation for your years of support!

# 2016

## Park Rehabilitation & Construction Projects



Public-Private Partnership in Action: MoA Parks & Recreation Department + the Anchorage Park Foundation



### Playgrounds

- Barbara Street Park
- Duldida Park
- Kincaid Park
- Kiwanis Fish Creek Park
- Muldoon Town Square Park
- Sitka Street Park
- South Anchorage Sports Park



### Youth Employment in Parks

- Campbell Creek Restoration at Taku
- Chugach Foothills Connector Trail
- Kincaid Park Beach Trail
- South Anchorage Sports Park
- Cuddy Family Midtown Park Rain Garden
- Meadow Park Connector Trail



### Neighborhood Park Fix-Its

- Barbara Street Park
- Duldida Park
- Kiwanis Fish Creek Park
- Sitka Street Park



### Challenge Grants

- Barbara Street Park
- Benches for All
- Bike Counter on Coastal Trail
- Chugach Foothills Connector Trail
- Cusack Warming Shack
- Far North Bicentennial Park Bridge Repairs
- Girdwood Tennis
- Iditarod Trail
- Russian Jack Springs Learning Labs
- Ship Creek Wayfinding
- Westchester Lagoon Nature Trail



### Anchorage Trails

- Campbell Creek Restoration at Taku
- Chugach Foothills Connector Trail
- Fish Creek Bridge Replacement
- Kincaid Park Beach Trail
- Meadow Park Connector Trail
- Russian Jack Springs Learning Labs
- Ship Creek Wayfinding
- Sisson Loop Bridge Replacement
- Westchester Lagoon Nature Trail
- Wonder Park Corridor Wayfinding



### Other

- North Russian Jack Springs Skatepark
- Ruth Arcand- EATA Covered Arena

# SCHOOLS ON TRAILS

## Connect your school to its trail!



As part of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation's *Live.Work.Play.* Initiative, **SCHOOLS ON TRAILS** engages Anchorage schools in nearby trails, parks, streams and natural habitats to educate students and staff about community assets and enrich neighborhoods through increased local awareness. **SCHOOLS ON TRAILS** establishes connections with students and create opportunities to share in civic engagement, participate in the project planning process, foster stewardship of our lands, and instill the value of safe public spaces as a key component in the quality of life.



### CURRENT PROJECTS

**NUNAKA VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/RUSSIAN JACK SPRINGS PARK:** NVES students and teachers take walking field trips to nearby RJSP, using the park as an outdoor classroom. Improvements include welcome and identification signs, trail and wayfinding signs, three learning labs for outdoor education, and tunnel improvements.



NVES students learning at RJSP (Anchorage Dispatch News article, 2016)

**WESTCHESTER LAGOON NATURE TRAIL REHABILITATION:** The WLNT Rehabilitation Project will create outdoor learning spaces for neighborhood schools. The trail will become an outdoor learning and art lab within the natural setting along Chester Creek and its surrounding wetlands, complete with overlook decks, boardwalks and seating.



Concept images of the WLNT Rehabilitation Project (Bettisworth North)



### SCHOOLS ON TRAILS MISSION

**Identify** and **raise awareness** of trails, parks, and streams and natural habitats near Anchorage schools; **Connect** schools and families to nearby public spaces and encourage outdoor educational opportunities; **Engage** staff and students in creation, planning, and implementation of improvement projects; **Involve** students in each step of the process as real life lessons in civic engagement and project management; **Leverage** school interest for project fundraising and long-term success; **Provide** continuing education incentives to school staff and other volunteers for professional participation.



### PARTNERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION



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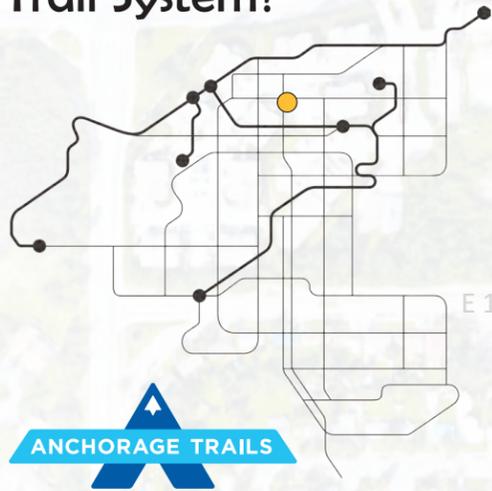
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# Airport Heights Elementary School

## Activity Map and Trail Connection to Tikishla Park and Davenport Fields



### Where in the Anchorage Trail System?



### Map Key

-  Main Trail
-  Other Trail
-  Playground
-  Bridge



The Airport Heights Elementary School trail connection to Tikishla Park is part of the Schools on Trails initiative to promote outdoor learning, student health and environmental education.

For more information visit [www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/trails-initiative/schools-trails](http://www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/trails-initiative/schools-trails)

