

# Anchorage Park Foundation

Since 2004, the Anchorage Park Foundation has invested more than \$18 million in Anchorage parks, trails and recreation programs. Join us this summer to revitalize parks in your district.



2013

CAPIS Project  
Number

59761

Legislative District: I - 18

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Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts linking neighborhoods with natural spaces.

The Anchorage Park Foundation partners with the Parks & Recreation Department to promote Healthy Parks and Healthy People in the Anchorage community. Together, we revitalize the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks and the neighborhoods that surround them.

The Anchorage Park Foundation mobilizes public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Do you have a vision for parks, trails, open spaces and recreation in Anchorage? Consider the Anchorage Park Foundation your opportunity to fund community projects through public-private partnerships.

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## Downtown Streetscapes

Downtown Anchorage is a major focal point for the community with vibrant retail stores, great restaurants, art galleries, the Performing Arts Center, two convention centers and a concentration of businesses. The parks, cultural attractions and seasonal splendor of the famous summer flowers draw tourists from all over the world, but the downtown streetscape is incomplete without healthy, beautiful trees lining the streets. Anchorage lacks the infrastructure necessary to protect the trees, above and below the ground. Healthy downtown trees provide significant economic and social value to the community; studies demonstrate that tree-lined streets increase retail sales from 10-15%.

In order for urban street trees to thrive in Anchorage, they must be protected from the external conditions that exist in our city. Anchorage trees planted in tree wells with grates are vandalized by pedestrians, motor vehicles, salt damage and mechanical damage from snow existing tree wells unsuited for healthy trees and replace trees in appropriate locations. In addition to addressing safety hazards for pedestrians, this project will reduce long-term costs associated with constant removal and replacement of trees, tree maintenance and continual repair and replacements of the tree grates.

**In order to create a more attractive and safe downtown environment, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department seek legislative funding to make substantial infrastructure improvements in the downtown area between C and I Streets and 4th and 7th Avenues.** With legislative support, project partners will construct elevated planting beds that will accommodate root and canopy spread, enabling trees to grow to a healthier size and provide a more rich, green experience for visitors. APF and APRD will fill existing tree wells unsuited for healthy trees and replace trees in appropriate locations. In addition to addressing safety hazards for pedestrians, this project will reduce long-term costs associated with constant removal and replacement of trees, tree maintenance and continual repair and replacements of the tree grates.

Finally, the revitalized streetscape, with larger, healthier trees will reduce air pollution, improve air and water quality and reduce storm water runoff. The fuller, healthier trees will create a more green, beautiful and vital downtown, attracting visitors, increasing property values and realizing economic benefits for the entire Anchorage community.

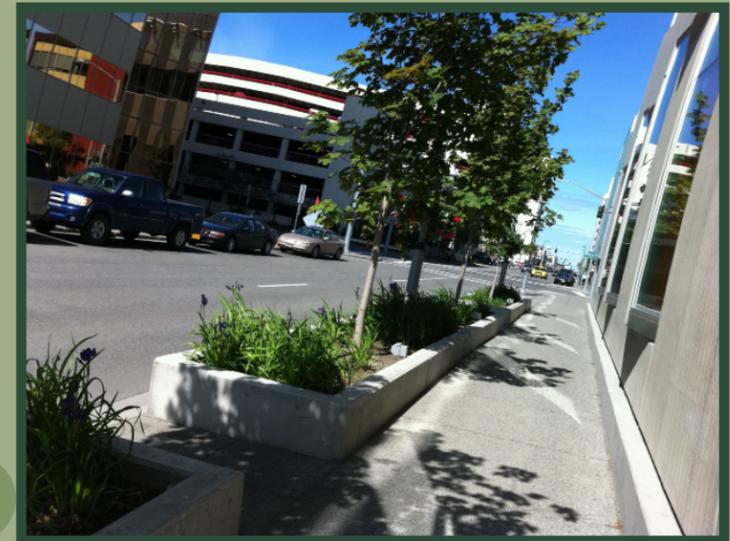
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## Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$330,000</b>
<b>2013 Request</b>	
Private Funding Secured for Design	\$30,000
State Request	\$300,000
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$330,000</b>



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