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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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Far North Bicentennial Park - Rover's Run

Far North Bicentennial Park is in need of general trail repairs and maintenance. Youth Employment in Parks crews can complete projects within the park each summer over the next 5 years, such as improving parking areas and trailhead amenities, building missing trail connections, improving way-finding and repairing soft-surface trail drainage and safety concerns. Many of these repairs will be performed by the Anchorage Park Foundation's "Youth Employment in Parks" program. This program is funded by private donations and provides youth with valuable training under qualified leadership to promote individual work skills development for participants, and facilitates much needed support to meet the construction and maintenance needs of the Anchorage Park system.

Included in the planned use of these requested funds is a rerouting of Rover's Run Trail, also known as Mellen's Way. Rover's Run is a popular trail, approximately 3700 feet long, within the 80-mile Far North Bicentennial Park trail system. Currently the trail runs parallel to Campbell Creek close proximity of the stream bank. While proximity to the creek generally enhances the trail/park experience, the increasing frequency of encounters between humans and bear feeding along the creek have necessitated repeated trail closings. When closed, trail users must detour approximately one mile around the closed section of trail, adding at least 1000 feet of out-of-direction travel and increasing traffic and wear on other trails. The proposed reroute would provide an alternative route also parallel to the creek, but approximately 200 feet further from the bank, allowing safe clearance of the prime wildlife corridor. Thus, the new trail would only require a 400-foot detour.

The new trail would be built to current Class 3 standards using sustainable trail design and construction techniques. Relocation of the new trail on higher ground will increase its stability and durability, reducing maintenance costs and providing a more reliable surface for year-round use by a variety of non-motorized trail users. This project is among the more important identified in the "Far North Bicentennial Park Trail Improvements Plan" recently adopted by the Municipality of Anchorage after an extensive public involvement process.

In the summer of 2014, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements in Far North Bicentennial 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 Far North Bicentennial Park and the East Anchorage community.

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Fix It List Priorities

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Rover's Run Trail Safety Re-Route

Far North Bicentennial Park Improvements