

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

59725

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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Westchester Nature Trail Safety Improvements

Park Report Card Grade: F

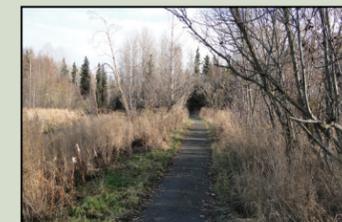
The Anchorage Parks Report Card offers a comprehensive review of the condition of Anchorage neighborhood parks by reflecting community opinions and ideas.

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, Margaret Egan Sullivan Park received an F on its Report Card. Neighbors identified a number of areas in which Margaret Egan Sullivan Park, and specifically the Westchester Lagoon Nature Trail needed improvement. Because of this trail's state of disrepair, it is much underutilized. Neighbors reported that the pathways have been overtaken by roots and there are a number of cracks which pose hazards to walkers, bikers, stroller users, rollerbladers, and wheelchair users, amongst others. Neighbors expressed an interest in interpretive signs along the trail, which might be used by both locals and visitors.

In the summer of 2014, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements in Margaret Egan Sullivan 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 Margaret Egan Sullivan Park and Westchester Lagoon, and Anchorage Trail users.



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Fix It List Priorities

- Fix pathways where roots are exposed and posing hazards
- Prune pathways and weed invasive species
- Replace Nature Trail signs on 19th Ave.
- Install interpretive signs along the Nature Trail



Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Parking Lot Rehabilitation	\$95,000
Trail Rehabilitation (YEP)	\$170,000
Signage	\$5,000
Remove Invasive Species and Replace with Indigenous Plant Material	\$30,000+volunteers
TOTAL	\$300,000

2013 Request

State Funding Request	\$300,000
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Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park

Westchester Lagoon Nature Trail Safety Improvements

