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District 18-1



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Charles Smith Memorial Park

This neighborhood park located along the Chester Creek Trail is well known for the gorilla sculptures. It is in close proximity to children and adults that live in high density housing. The open space in the park is currently underutilized and installing a picnic area will provide a space for outdoor community gatherings. This improvement will bring more people to the park.

The basketball court is well-used by the neighborhood and larger community, but it is in need of repairs to keep it in safe operating condition. The asphalt is cracking and the hoops are in poor shape. These improvements will revitalize a beloved neighborhood asset.

In the summer of 2016, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements in Charles Smith Memorial 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 Charles Smith Memorial Park and the Downtown community. The Anchorage Park Foundation will match legislative investment in neighborhood park fix-its with volunteer involvement and generous support from the Rasmuson Foundation's Anchorage Parks Initiative.

Fix-It List Priorities

- Upgrade basketball court surfacing
- Install picnic area

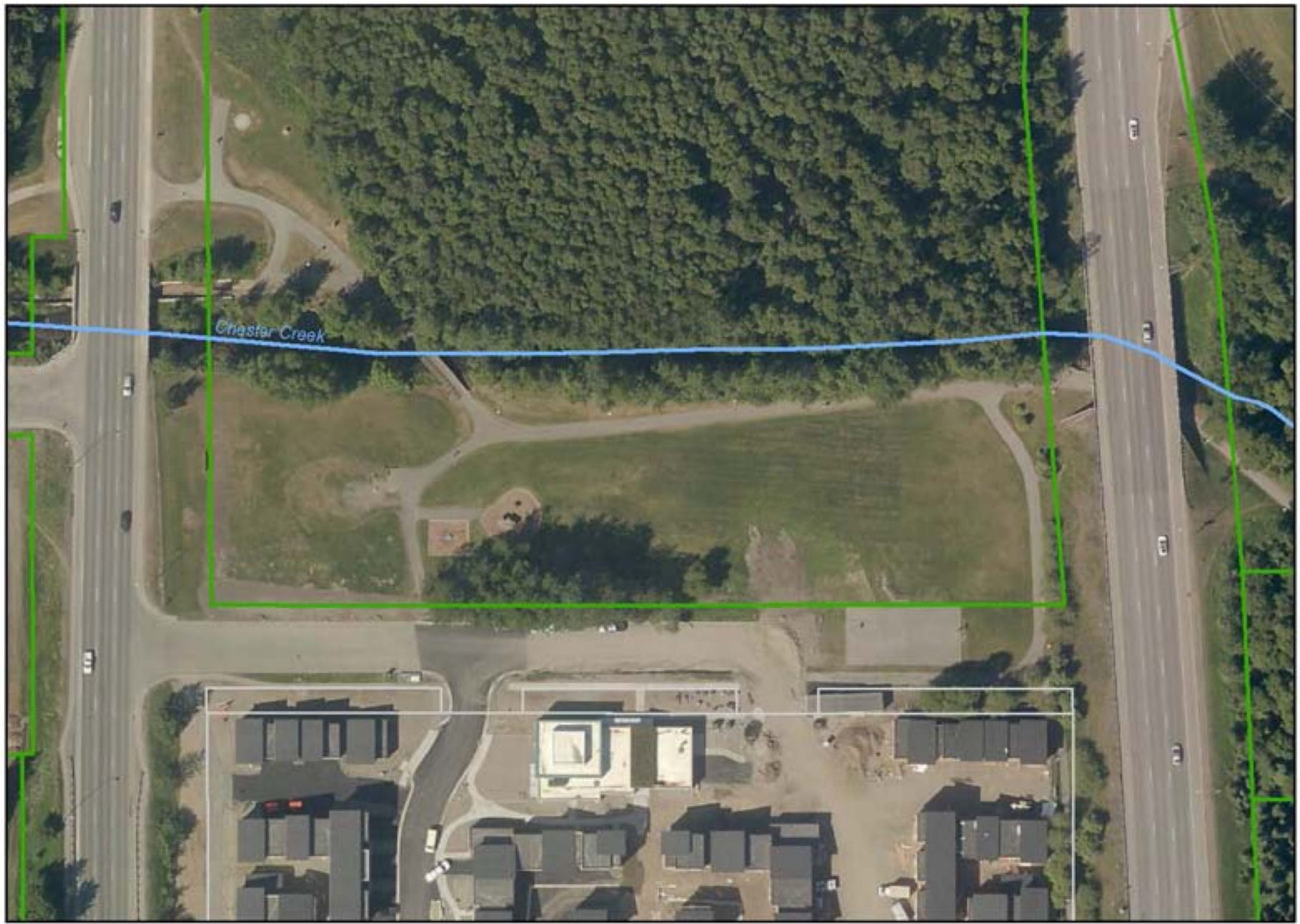


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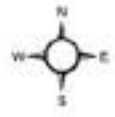
Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts that link neighborhoods with surrounding natural open space and wildlife habitat. These are considerable assets for the citizens of Anchorage to enjoy and maintain.

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.





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Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Install Picnic Shelter and Plaza	\$75,000
Resurface Asphalt for Basketball Court	\$75,000
Play Equipment and Amenities	\$150,000
Total	\$300,000
Funding:	
Rasmuson Foundation funding**	\$40,000
Total 2015 Legislative Request	\$260,000

**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.



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