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Kiwanis Fish Creek Park

The playground at Kiwanis Fish Creek Park is old and well used, however the playground and safety surfacing do not meet current safety standards. Upgrading these features to improve safety is a top priority for this park. A private donor has contributed \$30,000 to improve this beloved neighborhood park. In 2011, Kiwanis Fish Creek Park received a F on its Report Card. Neighbors identified a number of areas in which Kiwanis Fish Creek Park needed improvement. Community members reported an overwhelming concern about needing a barrier between the park and the road. Vehicles have been seen driving "all over the park".

The paved path from the park suffers from old asphalt, with large cracks and frost heaves that are potential hazards for bikers and roller bladers to enter the park, and negate any intended handicap accessibility. The signage for the park needs upgrades to improve usage.

In the summer of 2016, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements in Kiwanis Fish Creek Park with the help of community volunteers and the input of a neighborhood park committee. 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.



Parks & Recreation

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.





Fix-It List Priorities

- Create barrier between road and park, either fence or bollards
- Upgrade playground and safety surfacing to meet safety standards
- Improve asphalt trail quality
- Update signage, visibility from street
- Improve concrete wall and wooden bench
- Paint stripes in parking lot and create handicapped spaces

Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Safety Fencing	\$30,000
Upgrade Playground and Add Accessible Safety Surfacing	\$225,000
Improve Asphalt Trail Quality	\$25,000
Update Plaza and Concrete Wall, Improve Parking	\$70,000
Total	\$350,000
Funding:	
1. Rasmuson Foundation funding**	\$40,000
2. Private donor	\$30,000
Total 2015 Legislative Request	\$280,000

**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.

