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Legislative District 24-L



## Pioneer Park

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.

In 2011, Pioneer Park received a C on its Report Card. Neighbors identified a number of areas in which Pioneer Park needed improvement. The addition of play equipment for older children is essential to meet neighborhood needs. Playground equipment for younger children must be repaired and improved, including installation of and accessible soft surfacing. Other problems identified included inadequate seating and limited parking.

Plans are in place to update and rehabilitate the playground equipment and surface, expand seating area with more benches and tables, and add a park sign near the main entrance.

In the summer of 2016, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements in Pioneer Park with the help of community volunteers and the input of a Very Important Parks (VIP) Committee. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Pioneer Park and the local 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



### 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.





## Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Rehabilitate and Update Playground	\$75,000
Upgrade Safety Surfacing	\$30,000
Purchase Basic Park Amenities	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$115,000</b>
<b>Funding:</b>	
Rasmuson Foundation funding**	\$40,000
<b>Total 2015 Legislative Request</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

\*\*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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WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE PARKS AND TRAILS YOU LOVE!