On Dec. 17 2004, the Rasmuson Foundation contributed $400,000 to the newly formed Anchorage Park Foundation for capital improvements to parks and trails. It was our first contribution. In Spring 2005, Parks & Recreation established criteria for spending the generous Rasmuson Foundation contribution based on community established priorities, coupled with $250,000 from municipal sources. Projects were immediate, doable, supported, needed, and produced visible results. Our idea for a Clean and Green, Safe and Secure Campaign engages volunteers to accomplish many of the tasks. Volunteers in parks and trails are signs of an involved community and a vibrant system.
In Winter 2005, Parks & Recreation produced 18 park designs with Municipal funding to identify a range of improvements that would upgrade the safety, function and appearance of the parks. Additionally, a focus of the proposed improvements was to simplify ongoing maintenance requirements. Each park design grouped improvements into “short term” and “long term” projects.

The short term improvements represent immediate fixes that improve safety, comfort and appearance without a major capital outlay and use volunteers to implement. The long term improvements require a greater capital investment but are blueprints for future work.
The $400,000 Rasmuson Foundation contribution resulted in $580,733 of in-kind labor being contributed to the Clean & Green, Safe & Secure Campaign for a total added value of $980,733. This is a leverage percentage of 145%.

The majority of the $400,000 Rasmuson Foundation contribution ($373,000) went directly to fund capital improvements at Anchorage parks and trails. The remainder ($27,000) went to fund the highly successful Clean & Green, Safe & Secure Campaign. The following pages outline in detail who made improvements and where and when they occurred.
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Capital Improvements:

- Abbott Loop Park: 3 Picnic Tables, 3 Animal Proof Receptacles
- Campbell Creek Park & Trail: 2 Park Benches, 9 Animal Proof Receptacles
- Coastal Trail: Hannah Cove Memorial Improvements
- Goose Lake Park: 8 Trash Receptacles, 3 Park Benches, 1 Park Sign, 1 Bike Rack, Patio & Walkway Improvements
- Far North Bicentennial Park: 2 Animal Proof Receptacles
- Forsythe Park: 2 Park Benches
- Jewel Lake Park: 10 Trash Receptacles, 3 Park Benches
- Kincaid Park: 3 Animal Proof Receptacles, 7 Park Benches
- Lyn Ary Park: 6 Trash Receptacles, 3 Park Benches
- Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park: 11 Trash Receptacles, 7 Park Benches
- Meadow Park Area: Bridge Repair
- Minnesota Park: Parking Lot Edge Treatment
- Russian Jack Springs Park: 2 Park Benches, 4 Trash Receptacles, Parking Lot Edge Treatment
- Storck Park: 1 Park Bench
- Taku Lake Park: 7 Trash Receptacles
- Valley of the Moon: 12 Trash Receptacles, 2 Park Benches
The following is a summary of the volunteers and their contribution hours from 2005-2007 that made the Clean & Green, Safe & Secure Campaign a success:

2005: 4,428 volunteer hours, 1,068 volunteers
2006: 12,103 volunteer hours, 1,071 volunteers
2007: 2,368 volunteer hours, 614 volunteers

Volunteer Groups (Years of Service)

AARBA (2006)
Aurora Swim Team (2007)
Abbott Loop Church (2006)
Air Force (2006)
Alaska Childrens Services (2005)
Anchorage Neighborhood Health (2006)
Anchorage Sports Association (2005)
Anchorage TREErific (2006, 2007)
Anchorage Waterways Council (2007)
APU (2006, 2007)
Boys and Girls Club (2005)
BP Day of Caring (2006)
Diving Club (2007)
East High Recycle Club (2006)
Elmendorf (2006)
Highland Technical High School (2007)
Hope Community Resources (2005, 2006)
Kaboom (2006)
King Career Center (2006, 2007)
Kiwanis Club (2007)
Land Design North (2006)
Latter-day Saints Church Group (2006, 2007)
NE Community (2005)
NSAA (2006)
PYLI Group (2006, 2007)
Seventh Day Adventists (2005)
Shalom Summer Camp (2007)
South Anchorage High School ROTC Unit (2007)
Summer Playground (2006)
Temple Beth Shalom (2006)
Trail Watch (2005, 2006)
Trailside Discovery Camp (2007)
UAA (2005, 2007)
Upward Bound (2006, 2007)
Volunteer (2006, 2007)
Weed Warriors (2006)
Young Life (2006)
Youth Soccer Participants (2007)
Youth Works (2007)

In addition to the members of these 45 groups, many individual volunteers also contributed their time to the Clean & Green projects.
Clean & Green volunteers performed the following tasks in Anchorage parks and trails from 2005-2007:

- Cleaned up and removed trash from parks, park equipment and lake
- Cleared dead standing trees and beaver dams
- Filled in sand traps
- Installed playground equipment, signs, mulch, poop station and log ramps
- Painted bollards, boards, bridge, railings, tables, posts, tunnel & trash containers
- Planted trees, bushes, plants, bulbs and grass
- Raked and swept
- Removed brush and old fitness equipment
- Removed invasive plants and trees
- Repaired and cleared trails
- Replaced fencing, edging, and tree wrapping
- Trimmed and pruned trees and bushes
- Watered trees and flowers

Each park within the Municipality of Anchorage resides in one of the following 5 districts. This map outlines the borders of these districts. The pages that follow detail the parks that were improved within each of these districts from 2005-2007 through Clean & Green volunteer efforts.
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NW Park District 27 Locations Improved (Years Improved)

15th Street Treescape (2006)
Al Miller Memorial Park (2006)
Balto Seppala Park (2006)
Barrow Park (2007)
Charles Smith Memorial Park (2006)
Delaney Park (2007)
Earl & Muriel King Park (2005)
Earthquake Park (2006)
Fairbanks Park (2005)
Fairview Lions Park (2005)
Fairview Park (2005)
Fairview Recreation Center (2005)
Frontierland Park (2007)
Hannah Cove on Coastal Trail (2006)
Lyn Ary Park (2005, 2007)
Minnesota Park (2005)
Northwood Park (2007)
Old Hermit Park (2005)
Pop Carr Park (2005)
Red Bridge Park (2005)
Roosevelt Park (2005)
Spenard Recreation Center (2007)
Springer Park (2005)
Sunset Park (2006)
Valley of the Moon Park (2005)
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**NE Park District 24 Locations Improved (Years Improved)**

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SW Park District 7 Locations Improved (Years Improved)

Coastal Trail (2007)
Connors Lake Park (2005)
Cutty Sark Park (2005)
Jewel Lake Park (2007)
Oceanview Park (2005)
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CE Park District 7 Locations Improved (Years Improved)

Abbott Loop Buffer Park (2006)
Bancroft Park (2005)
Meadow Street Park (2006, 2007)
Rovenna Park (2007)
Winchester Park (2007)
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SE Park District 5 Locations Improved (Years Improved)

Bittner House (2007)
Forsythe Park (2005)
Hillside Park (2005)
Hilltop Ski Area (2005, 2007)
Ruth Arcand Park (2006)
“PARK REPORT CARD”
Assessing Our Parks’ Appearance, Function, & Condition

Is Your Park an A or an F?

This September, team up with the Department of Parks and Recreation and find out. We are inviting community organizations, park users and volunteers of all kinds to go out into their neighborhood parks with our staff members and complete an Anchorage Park Report Card. Is your park clean and green? Is your child’s playground safe and fun? Are your trails safe and secure? Are your benches clean and attractive? This is your neighborhood’s opportunity to give your local park a grade, which the Department of Parks and Recreation will use to make community-wide “Fix It Lists”, plan volunteer activities and better meet community needs.

Is your park clean and safe?

Report Card Audits will be conducted in neighborhood parks in Anchorage throughout September. For a complete listing, please visit the Anchorage Park Foundation REPORT CARD web site at: www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org

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