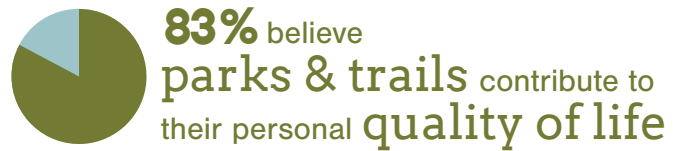




Anchorage is a Trails Town

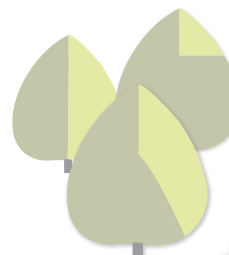
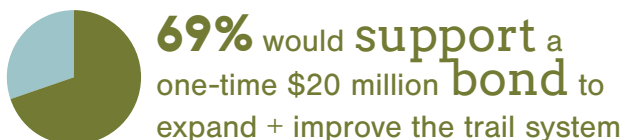
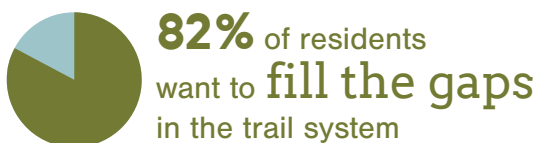
250 miles of urban multi-use trails make Anchorage a year-round outdoor recreation destination. Anchorage trails showcase our city’s spectacular natural beauty, connect our diverse neighborhoods, encourage healthy lifestyles, and promote economic development.

A large 2023 survey* of Anchorage residents shows strong public support for trails.



Residents Want More Public Investment in Trails

There is still more work to do to ensure that Anchorage has a comprehensive and well-maintained trail system that connects to all parts of town, has no gaps, and allows residents to safely walk or bike anywhere they want to go. **Anchorage residents want more public investment in trails and are willing to pay for it.**



Trails Strengthen the Community

In Anchorage, parks and trails are not just places to recreate, but places to connect with one another and strengthen the community. Despite the many assets and amenities, Anchorage faces multiple economic challenges that threaten its long-term prosperity. The Anchorage Economic Development Corporation identified the city's population decline due to outmigration the primary economic challenge. For over a decade, more people have moved out of Anchorage than have moved in. The loss of population has constrained employment growth. Anchorage's economic revitalization plan points toward recreation trails as a catalyst for attracting and retaining a talented workforce. **Building on Anchorage's best assets, trails are the pathway to a robust economy, vibrant community, and healthy people.**



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



HEALTHY ECONOMY

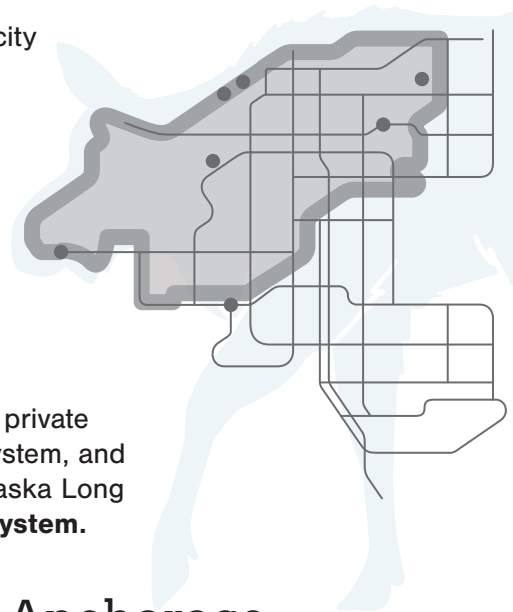


HEALTHY ALASKANS

Moose Loop Trails Initiative

A Destination Trail to Connect Anchorage

Anchorage residents want a trail system without gaps. The existing trails and city streets when linked together form an almost-complete 32-mile greenway loop around the city, in the shape of a moose. The Moose Loop Trails Initiative was formed by the Anchorage Park Foundation to advocate for infrastructure improvements that close the **gaps** in the route's connections, improve **wayfinding**, increase **access** from neighborhoods, and encourage **tourism**. Destination trails like the Moose Loop boost spending at local businesses and make the community a more desirable place to live.



Trails Require Public and Private Support

Trail infrastructure is an essential public service that requires both public and private support to maintain the existing network, fill the gaps in the Anchorage trail system, and connect Anchorage trails to other existing and planned trails, including the Alaska Long Trail. **We need your help advocating for investments in Anchorage's trail system.**

A Vision for Connecting Anchorage

The Anchorage Park Foundation along with our partners has identified community-supported priority projects that address the largest gaps, navigation challenges, and safety issues in the trail system. This community vision for connecting Anchorage is the pathway to safe and connected walkable, bikeable transportation strategies and investments to increase connectivity on streets and trails.



View the Community Vision for
Connecting Anchorage Map
AnchorageParkFoundation.org



Anchorage Park Foundation is a nonprofit working in the space between local government and the people of Anchorage to build community around parks and trails.

**Alaska Survey Research collected data from 1,005 Anchorage residents (adults over 18 years old) in the fall of 2023. The margin of error is ±3.1% at 95% confidence.*

Diana Rhoades, Director of Programs | Diana@AnchorageParkFoundation.org | 907.249.6652