

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation**

**Federal Tax ID: 92-0155067**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Anchorage Park Foundation - Ira Walker Park Improvements

**State Funding Requested: \$108,000**

**House District: 19 / J**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are working together to make community-identified fixes in Ira Walker Park in the Russian Jack neighborhood.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$150,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$9,000	2007				
Other Funds	\$33,000	2007				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>					

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

The Anchorage Park Foundation is the proud recipient of a 5 year grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to rehabilitate Anchorage neighborhood parks. The APF plans to invest \$33,000 in improvements to Ira Walker Park in summer 2010, to be matched by volunteer contributions.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are working together to address the fix-its in neighborhood parks throughout the city, using the Anchorage Parks Report Card to identify priority repairs. More than 1,000 community volunteers evaluated 53 neighborhood parks based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance and function.

We're working hard with community park committees comprising Community Council members, user groups and park neighbors to prioritize the Fix-It lists, build volunteer support and plan this summer's work.

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This summer, we plan to scrape together public and private funding with volunteer efforts to make a difference in the Northeast community. Please join us.

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

**\$108,000  
Approved**

**Project Timeline:**

The Ira Walker Park Fix-It project and related expenditures will take place between June - September 2010. A minimum level of improvements can be made with existing Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department funding. Additional legislative funding will enable more thorough rehabilitation of Ira Walker Park.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

# ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION

Since 2004, the Anchorage Park Foundation has invested more than \$13 million in Anchorage parks, trails and recreation programs. Join us this summer to revitalize neighborhood parks in your district.

## VOLUNTEER



## IMPROVE PARKS



## BUILD A STRONGER ANCHORAGE



Spring 2010



# Anchorage Park Foundation

## Ira Walker Park

### Park Report Card Grade: D

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## Anchorage Park Foundation

The Anchorage Park Foundation strives to build Healthy Parks & Healthy People by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Do you have a vision for parks, trails, open spaces and recreation in Anchorage? Consider the Anchorage Park Foundation your opportunity to fund community projects through public-private partnerships.

Visit us at:  
[www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org](http://www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org)

## 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 274-1004.

907.274.1004

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Contribution Form

## Anchorage Park Foundation

Yes! I would like to support the Anchorage Park Foundation. Enclosed is my contribution of:

- \$10,000 and up Park Philanthropists
- \$5,000 - \$9,999 Great Parks Investors
- \$1,000 - \$4,999 Stewards
- I/We would like to make a contribution for a specific project \_\_\_\_\_

Please list my/our name(s) in the annual report as follows:  Check here for anonymous listing

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home PH: \_\_\_\_\_ Work PH: \_\_\_\_\_

### Method of Payment:

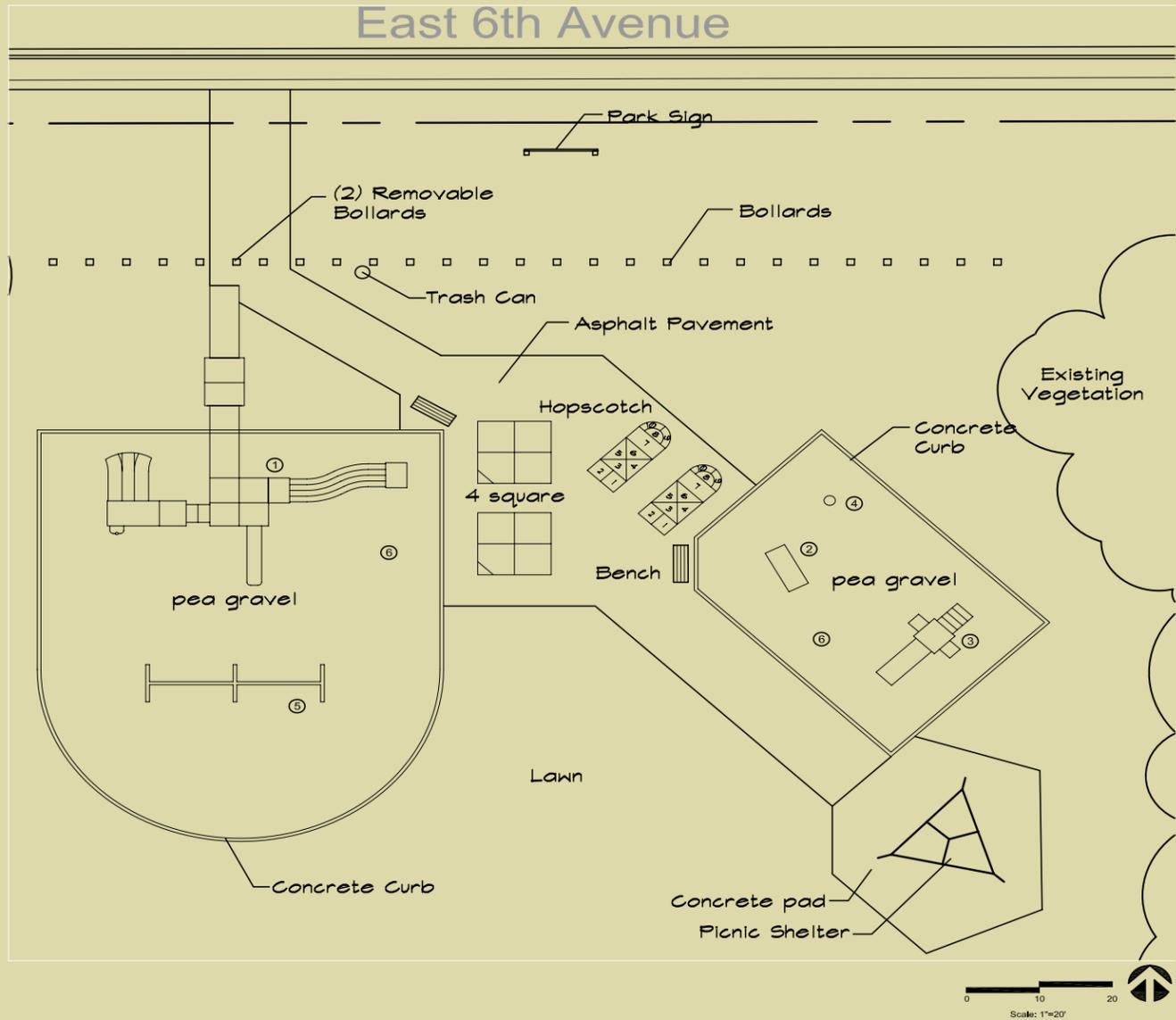
- My check is enclosed \*Please make payable to:
- Please charge my credit card:  Visa  MC

Alaska Community Foundation  
 Anchorage Park Foundation  
 400 L Street, Suite 100  
 Anchorage, AK 99501

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions to the Anchorage Park Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. The Anchorage Park Foundation is part of the Alaska Community Foundation, Federal Tax ID #92-0155067



## Ira Walker Park Fix It List

1. Add new signs, including the friendly park rules sign
2. Add new dog station
3. Remove old sign
4. Replace play equipment
5. Repair or replace benches near play area
6. Remove dead trees to improve line of sight with volunteer labor
7. Add picnic tables



## Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
1. Park amenity repair	\$50,000
2. Replace play equipment	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>2010 Request</b>	
Anchorage Park Foundation	\$33,000
Municipal Bond Funding	\$9,000
State Request	\$108,000
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

## Legend

