

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 412205907****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Anchorage Park Foundation - Kiwanis Fish Creek Park Renovation

State Funding Requested: \$37,500**House District: 26 / M**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Renovation of Kiwanis Fish Creek Park, a neighborhood park in Spenard, with volunteers and privately raised dollars.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$75,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$37,500)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$37,500)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

Kiwanis Fish Creek Park was aquired in 1973. The Kiwanis Club made it a centennial project in 1976 and construction began in 1977. In 1998 Kiwanis again raised funds to replace play equipment.

Kiwanis Fish Creek Park recieved a D in the 2008 Parks Report Card, and the Anchorage Park Foundation plans to spend \$37,500 to address the volunteer identified fix-it list in 2012.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Anchorage Parks Report Card participants in Kiwanis Fish Creek Park want to see improvements made to drainage in many areas of the park, including the basketball and tennis courts and the play area. Other concerns included uneven, unsafe trail surfaces and graffiti problems.

In the summer of 2012, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department will work with parks volunteers to complete neighborhood park fix-its in Kiwanis Fish Creek Park. Girl Scouts of Alaska is a neighbor to this park, and we look forward to teaming with girls in uniform for park volunteer work and fun year-round park use. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Kiwanis Fish Creek Park and the Spenard 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.

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- Restore the basketball and tennis courts to a playable state for neighborhood enjoyment and recreation

**\$37,500
Approved**

Project Timeline:

Summer 2012

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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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



Girl Scouts of Alaska
Toll Free: (800) 478-7448
www.girlscoutsalaska.org

January 18, 2011

Dear Rep Lindsey Holmes and Sen. Hollis French;

Girl Scouts of Alaska is proud to support upgrades to our neighborhood park, Kiwanis Fish Creek Park. The efforts of the Anchorage Park Foundation to raise private and public dollars to replace equipment and make repairs to the Anchorage Park system are valuable to our community.

While troops all over Alaska volunteer on parkland and public spaces, our statewide headquarters office is very close to the Kiwanis Fish Creek Park, and we plan to partner to offer neighborhood and citywide gatherings there. We share the Anchorage Park Foundation's vision of fun year-round play opportunities for Girl Scouts and neighbors in Spenard.

Thank you for your efforts to keep Anchorage play spaces fun and safe. We plan to partner with you and the Anchorage Park Foundation to teach girls stewardship and leadership in the urban outdoors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marge Larson", written over a horizontal line.

Marge Larson
CEO

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 parks in your district.

Volunteers



Build Stronger Neighborhoods



Improve Parks



And Build a Stronger Anchorage



2011

CAPIS Project Number

55338

Legislative District 26M

Anchorage Park Foundation

Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts linking neighborhoods with natural spaces.

The Anchorage Park Foundation partners with the Parks & Recreation Department to promote Healthy Parks and Healthy People in the Anchorage community. Together, we revitalize the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks and the neighborhoods that surround them.

The Anchorage Park Foundation mobilizes 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.

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Anchorage Park Foundation

Kiwanis Fish Creek Park

Park Report Card Grade: D

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department are working together to address the fix-its in small neighborhood parks. In 2008, more than 1,000 community volunteers graded 53 neighborhood parks for the **Anchorage Parks Report Card**, a community scorecard that identifies priority repairs in the parks that affect us closest to home.

In the summers of 2009 and 2010, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department mobilized thousands of parks volunteers to revitalize neighborhood parks by completing community-identified fix-its. This winter, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are partnering with Community Councils, park user groups and park neighbors to plan the 2011 and 2012 neighborhood park fix-its.

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Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
New park signs & entry improvements	\$10,000
Dog stations	\$300
Trash containers	\$4,700
Replace spring toys	\$7,000
Trail improvements	\$28,000
Repair basketball and tennis courts	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$75,000
2011 Request	
Anchorage Park Foundation	\$37,500
State Request	\$37,500
Total Project Budget	\$75,000



Kiwanis Fish Creek Park