

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 - Shady Birch Park Renovation

State Funding Requested: \$37,500**House District: 27 / N**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Renovation of Shady Birch park with a committed group of neighborhood volunteers.

Funding Plan:

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

Funding Details:

Shady Birch Park property was acquired in 1972. In 1982, the park received trails and a play area. In 2003, new equipment and landscaping were added.

Shady Birch Park received a C+ 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:

In the Anchorage Parks Report Card, community members reported unsafe activities occurring in Shady Birch Park during night hours, as well as litter left each night. Community members also noted that clearing low limbs and brush from green areas would improve visibility, creating a safer park environment. Other concerns included cracks in trails, trip hazards in athletic areas, and inadequate play equipment for community use.

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 Shady Birch Park. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Shady Birch Park and the Northwest 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.

Project Timeline:

Summer 2012

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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

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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

55356

Legislative District 27N

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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Shady Birch Park

Park Report Card Grade: C+

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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Shady Birch Park Fix It List

- Create a more welcoming and attractive entrance area with new signs
- Add dog stations and trash containers throughout the park to improve cleanliness
- Upgrade the lawns to create welcoming play areas for children
- Add picnic tables and inviting new plaza to create a new neighborhood gathering place

Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Signs	\$10,000
Dog stations	\$300
Trash containers	\$4,700
Picnic tables and plaza	\$40,000
Play field upgrades	\$20,000
Total	\$75,000
2011 State Request	
Anchorage Park Foundation	\$37,500
State Request	\$37,500
Total	\$75,000

Shady Birch Park