

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Anchorage - Chester Creek Trail Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$150,000**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Funds will be used to pay for design and construction costs required for trails resurfacing, signage, amenity upgrades, drainage improvements and safety upgrades.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$1,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$150,000)
Project Deficit:	\$1,350,000

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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Project Timeline:

2012-2013

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

Municipality of Anchorage, Parks & Recreation

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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



2012

CAP SIS Project
Number
57984

Legislative
District-
Area Wide



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 343-4587.

ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION

Chester Creek Trail Surface & Safety Improvements

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Comments:

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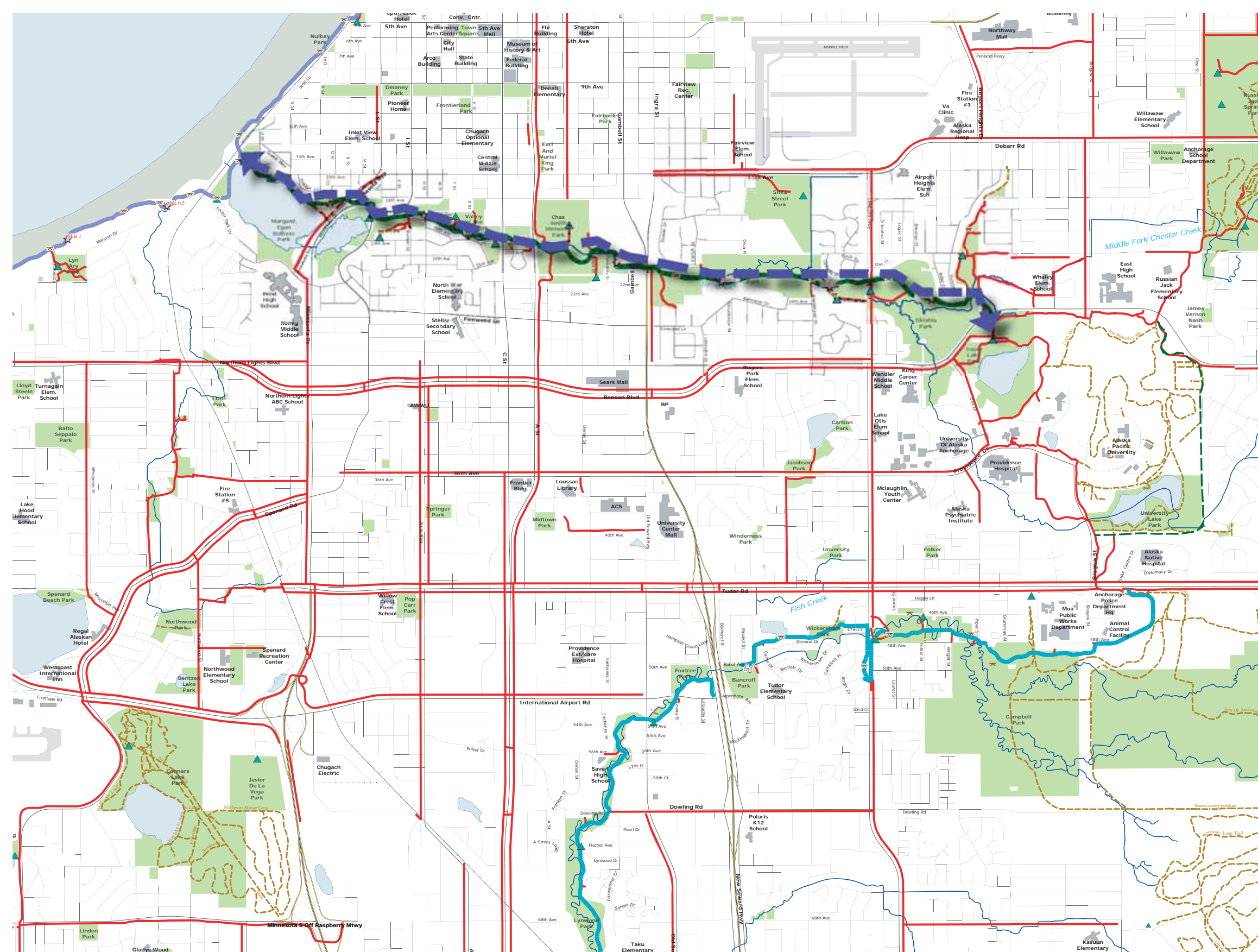


Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
1. Trail Resurfacing	\$100,00
2. Signage	\$10,000
3. Amenity Upgrades	\$10,000
4. Drainage Improvements	\$30,000
Total	\$150,00
Funding:	
1. Funding Required	\$150,000
Total 2012 Legislative Request	\$150,000



Chester Creek Trail Surface & Safety Improvements



Rogers Park Community Council
2011 Survey Results

- 118 Respondents
- 10 New Email addresses added from the survey. Email distribution list is over 450.

Parks

Priorities:

1. Chester Creek Bike Path Resurfacing (72 Respondents listed this as their first priority.)
2. Bridge Connection at Maplewood over Chester Creek to Sitka Park
3. East Chester Park Upgrades
4. David Green Park

Parks Comments:

- Removing homeless camps along Chester Creek
- Remove benches and picnic tables at Woodside Park and the spur trail to Juneau Street because they attract the homeless, garbage, etc.
- Lights fixed on the Juneau Spur to Rogers Park. Fix culverts under trail bridge at Hilstrand Pond.
- What about upgrades to the park at 24th Ave and the pond on the Chester Creek? Only has 2 swings and a climbing wall thing.
- community patrol on the bike trails
- Undergrowth clearing along Chester Creek patch in the denser areas, e.g. between Seward Hwy tunnel and A street tunnel
- None are a priority to me

Non-Park related comments included in the 'Park' Comments

- Improve trail from South end Princeton way to crosswalk on 36th ave.
- Construct a ped. bridge over E.36th Ave. connecting College Village with Geneva Woods off of Cottonwood or eliminate south bound traffic onto E.36th--too dangerous.--one block to the west [Ingra] serviced by a stop light. This a dangerous corner and the redundancy of the south bound traffic onto E.36th is ridiculous. Thank you---
- Resurface bike trail along Northern Lights Trail from Northern Lights across from Lovejoy and behind Wendler to UAA
- We need a bike trail or wider sidewalk along Lake Otis from Northern Lights to 20th. Also bike trail along Northern lights on the north side needs resurfacing.
- The sidewalk on the south side of Northern Lts. from Lake Otis west is a shambles. It is poorly defined, has cars parked in it and is dangerous. It wouldn't take much to clean and fix it, but businesses need to be told they can park on the path.
- Resurface bike trail on north side of Northern Lights.
- Not cutting a road thorough to the UMED district.
- Sound wall continued on Northern Lights to Maplewood Street