

**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 - Delaney Park Train Repair

**State Funding Requested: \$250,000**  
One-Time Need**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**Brief Project Description:**

Funds will be used to restore Train Engine 556 located in Delaney Park to a safe condition, including asbestos abatement and site landscape improvements.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$310,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$50,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$250,000)
Project Deficit:	\$10,000

*Funding Details:**The Anchorage Assembly dedicated \$50,000 in 2011.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

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Engine 556 design included asbestos as insulation for the engine to protect the crew compartment. The asbestos removal and cleanup will be completed as part of this project. Once clean-up is finished, the landscape will be restored to a park-like setting consistent with the Delaney Park Master Plan.

**Project Timeline:**

2012-2013

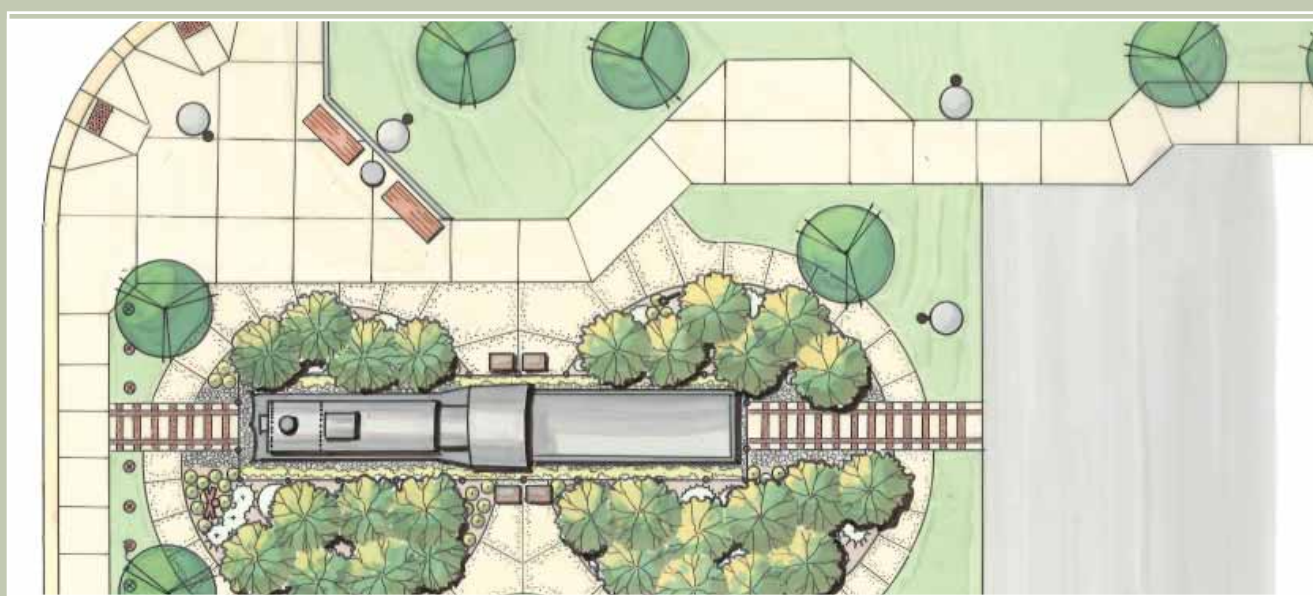
**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

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

CAPGIS Project  
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57985

Legislative  
District 23L



## 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

## Delaney Park - Repair and Restore the Train

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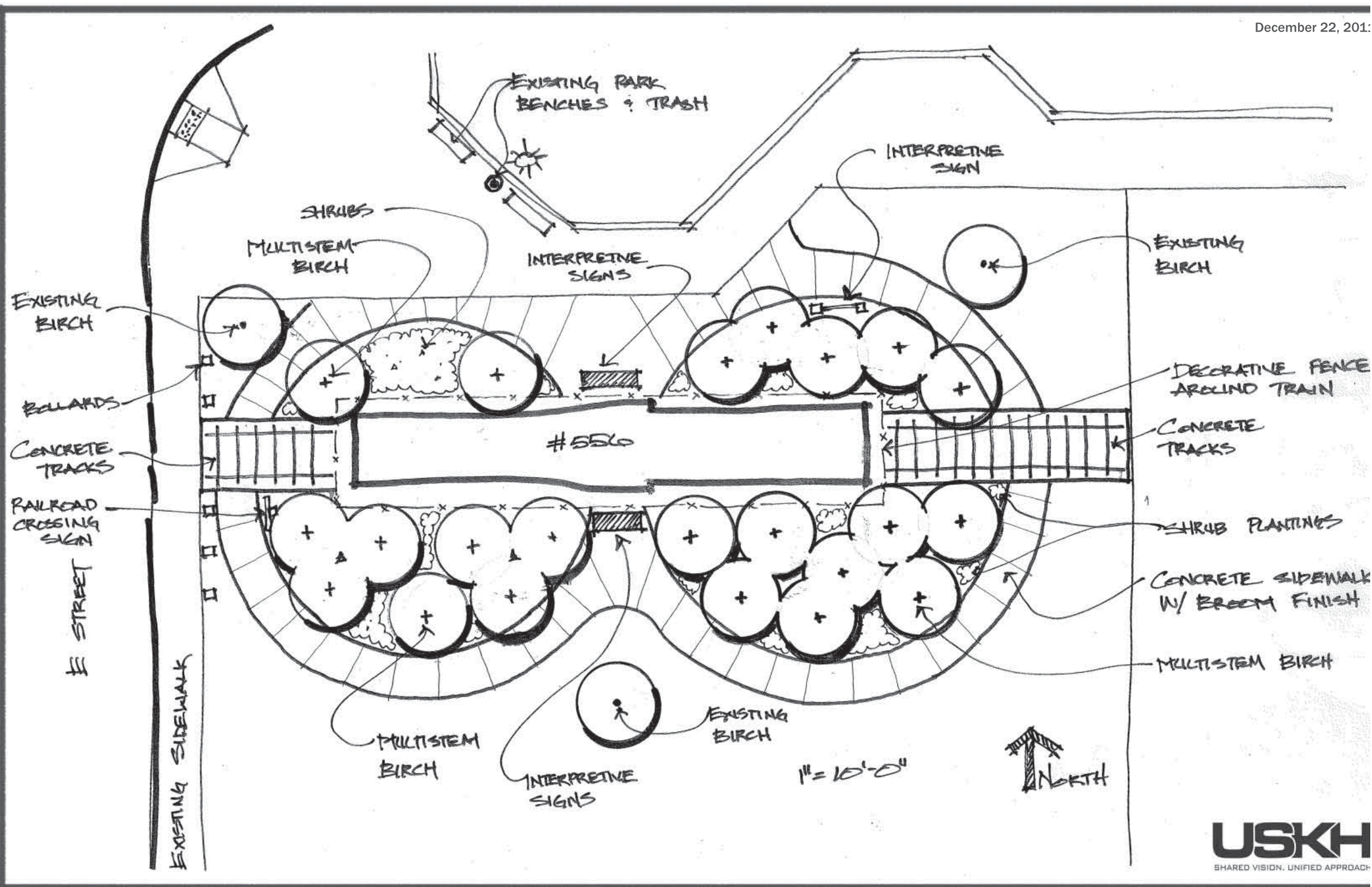
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## Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
1. Design	\$20,000
2. Asbestos Abatement	\$40,000
3. Hardscape	\$80,000
4. Landscape	\$60,000
5. Site improvements & Amenities	\$110,00
Total	\$310,00
Funding:	
1. MOA Funds for Design & Asbestos Abatement	\$60,000
2. Funding Required	\$250,00
Total 2012 Legislative Request	\$250,000



Delaney Park - Repair and Restore the Train