

Revised Chapter 8-Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, based on October 24, 2006 recommendations by the CBJ Planning Commission and January 22, 2007 Lands Committee; and April 5, 2007 and May 17 Affordable Housing Commission; and June 28, 2007 Juneau School District comments; and August, 13, 2007 Assembly Lands Committee approval of the revised draft recommending that an Assembly Resolution be drafted adopting the Chapter 8 revisions.

On July 15, 1996 the City & Borough of Juneau Assembly adopted the Juneau Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan as a general guide for the development and operation of the parks and recreation facilities for the City & Borough of Juneau on Parks and Recreation-managed properties.

The Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan has ten chapters which address community characteristics, methodology, existing park and recreation resources, key community issues, development standards, establishment of park system, recommendations, financing the plan and subarea maps.

In September, 2006, the Parks & Recreation Department, through the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, commenced a public process to solicit public comments for revision and update of Chapter Eight of the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan. Chapter Eight includes recommendations for the acquisition, development, operation and management of the parks and recreation system in Juneau for its eight subareas.

Four PRAC meetings were held from September through December, 2005 to solicit initial input for the specific subareas from the community. PRAC Members provided extensive comments and proposed revisions in March, 2006. Chapter Eight was further discussed at the April and May, 2006 PRAC meetings. The PRAC took public comment on the plan in June. Staffs from Lands & Resources and CDD were given copies of the proposed revisions to comment and assure consistency with the CBJ Comprehensive Plan and Lands Plan. The public was given an additional 45 days to comment by email or in writing.

Attached is the update 2006 recommended Chapter 8. Items remaining from the 1996 Plan are shown in black font; new text is shown as red, underlined text, and text deleted from the 1996 Plan are noted in the right hand margin.

On October 24th, 2006 the Planning Commission took public comment and provided recommendations to Chapter 8. On November 14th, 2006 the Planning Commission approved the revised Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 8.

Juneau Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, ~~June 1996~~ **Revised: October 24, 2006 by the Planning Commission and November 8, 2006 by CBJ staff and January 29th, 2007 reflecting Lands Committee recommendations.**

On January 22, 2007 the Lands Committee took public comment and requested input from the Juneau Affordable Housing Commission and Juneau School District before recommending Assembly action.

April 5, 2007, the Juneau Affordable Housing Commission took public comment, and approved the revised Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 8 with the following language: “The Affordable Housing Commission supports the changes to the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive plan that encourages and supports negotiation and less restrictive language and acknowledges the balance of needs for affordable housing with the needs for playgrounds and trails in new developments”. (Changes are reflected on page, 8-26-General Recommendations). On May 17, 2007 the Juneau Affordable Housing Commission endorsed the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Chapter 8 Revisions.

On June 28, 2007, the Juneau School District endorsed the revised Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Chapter 8 Revisions with the following comments:

- (1) Lena Loop Park Enhancements—please reference that that two future school sites have been identified in this general area (Pg. 8-6).
- (2) Area 3: CBJ Parks & Recreation and JSD will work together on any further development of the Dimond Park complex due to space limitations (pg 8-13).

On August 13, 2007, the Assembly Lands Committee approved the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Chapter 8 proposed revisions and recommended that a Resolution be drafted adopting the revised Chapter 8.

Chapter Eight

Recommendations

Introduction

The following chapter of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan is a revision of the 1996-adopted Chapter 8 and includes recommendations for the acquisition, development, operation, and management of the parks and recreation system in Juneau. It begins with a discussion of the assignment of planning subareas and a listing of each. Following are specific recommendations by planning subarea. General recommendations that are not specific to any particular area are at the end of the chapter.

The recommendations herein are to be considered, along with other Plans, policies, codes and guidelines, when setting forth the CBJ Capital Improvement Program, when seeking various other grant or funding sources, and when reviewing permit applications and rezoning requests.

Service Priorities

Decisions about where specific facilities should be located, and the order in which parks and facilities are developed, will depend on a number of factors including population density, funding opportunities, boundary expansion, rate of residential development and the growth of the tourism industry.

Recommendations in this document are not prioritized. As the Parks and Recreation budget represents less than 5% of the entire CBJ budget, managers need to be creative in identifying opportunities and alternative funding sources. This document provides a comprehensive list of projects necessary to meet Juneau's future recreation demands.

Planning Subareas

Assignment of Subareas

Certain parks and recreation services are more appropriately provided within specific neighborhoods; others are needed to fulfill community-wide needs. Neighborhood areas need to be clearly defined and analyzed according to the services provided within each. The CBJ Comprehensive Plan identifies ten planning subareas. These subarea designations were adopted, with three exceptions. The area from the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal to Echo Cove is considered one subarea. Downtown, Thane, and

Last Chance Basin is another subarea. Salmon Creek/Twin Lakes/Mountainside Estate areas and Lemon/Switzer Creek constitute separate subareas. This has resulted in the designation of eight planning subareas instead of the ten used in the overall CBJ Comprehensive Plan.

Each of these subareas was examined based on potential residential development and analyzed to determine future recreation needs. Area-specific recommendations are included in the appropriate planning subarea section. Community-wide needs are also identified. Recommendations that are not identified for a specific planning subarea are addressed in the General Recommendations section.

Planning Subarea Designations

The planning subareas are depicted on the attached Subarea Index map and include:

1. Ferry Terminal to Echo Cove
2. West Mendenhall Valley, Auke Bay, Mendenhall Peninsula
3. East Valley, Airport
4. Switzer Creek, Lemon Creek
5. Salmon Creek, Twin Lakes, Mountainside Estates
6. Downtown Juneau, Thane, Last Chance Basin
7. Douglas, West Juneau
8. North, South, and West Douglas Island

Specific Recommendations by Planning Subarea

Each subarea section begins with the 2006 population figure for that geographic area, its developmental character, and a short paragraph on growth characteristics potential and constraints. As discussed in Chapter Two, Community Characteristics, estimates predicting the population of each of these subareas when they are built-out is unavailable. We have worked with the Community Development Department (CDD) to identify short and long-term future development opportunities. It is difficult to account for all potential development that may result from the disposal of CBJ lands. Areas designated for disposal over the next ten years have been identified, but specific information on the number of lots or proposed density is not available. General recommendations for the provision of adequate park and recreation services are made for some subareas. The Parks and Recreation Department (Parks) will work closely with the CBJ Lands and Resources Division and CDD to assure that additional park and facility needs are specifically addressed as new neighborhoods develop.

The Department will invite Neighborhood Associations to the planning stages of new parks and facilities.

SUBAREA 1: FERRY TERMINAL TO ECHO COVE

Population: 1,355

Character: Primarily rural beyond Tee Harbor, with predominantly recreational lands. There is a proposed New Growth Area at Echo Cove. Rural Dispersed Residential and Rural Low Density Residential designations exist from the Ferry Terminal to Lena Cove.

Growth

Characteristics: Area contains several large tracts of CBJ lands. Lena Point lands scheduled for disposal in 2006/2007. Zoning density limited to 1 to 3 units per acre, no transition areas designated at this time. Development of the Auke Recreation bypass road has opened up additional land to development.

Specific Recommendations

Auke Cape/Indian Point potential park development

This area has potential for a cultural park that would include trails, interpretive panels, and other low impact structures. Coordinate with the National Park Service and Sealaska Corporation.

Auke Recreation Area Dive Park

Continue to work with local divers on the monitoring and enhancements for the Auke Recreation Dive Park located off of Auke Recreation Area.

Aantiyeik Park enhancements

Develop Aantiyeik Park to include community garden area, play structures, restrooms, landscaping and picnic shelters and other suitable uses. In addition to the disc golf course, a BMX trail should be considered. To allow for restrooms and community garden, water will need to be provided to this area.

Lena Loop Park enhancements

The existing Lena Loop Park was reduced from seven to five acres due to the construction of the Auke Recreation bypass road. The remaining area should be developed as a neighborhood park with amenities that may include: play areas, dog park, restrooms and additional parking.

Lena Point Park enhancements

School Planning

Two future school sites have been identified in this general area by the School District. Work cooperatively with the Juneau School District during the planning phase.

Once the new NOAA facility is completed, address trail parking (shared with NOAA), new connector trails to the NOAA facility, trail improvements, benches and interpretive signs.

Tee Harbor to Berner's Bay cooperative management

Continue to work with Alaska State Parks, U.S. Forest Service, and the Boy Scouts on the North and South Green Zone agreements (Tee Harbor to Berner's Bay). The plans recognize the multiple recreational, spiritual, and educational opportunities in the area and how the agencies can better work together to manage these facilities. Designate a 400 foot wildlife habitat and view shed protection buffer east of the road on City lands. This buffer zone or setback may be adjusted or altered, on a case-by-case basis, when a scientific analysis of the specific function(s) of the particular area's habitat and view shed value(s) finds that the setback should be more or less, based on its functional value(s).

Implement Master Plan for Amalga Meadows area

The Master Plan for Amalga Meadows was completed as part of the South Green Zone meeting. Implementation of the plan includes completion of a new trail system.

Develop cooperative recreation agreement with Boy Scouts for greater public access

Develop Sunshine Cove and Bridget Cove for overnight recreation use

Sunshine and Bridget Coves receive heavy use during the summer months. There are no facilities for camping at these locations. Management of this area to reduce environmental degradation and enhance user enjoyment is recommended. Create and implement a Bridget Cove Master Plan. The construction of a walk-in campground with tent sites, established fire rings, and outhouses should be considered.

Plan for recreation in the Echo Cove and beyond the proposed New Growth Area

A proposed New Growth Area is located at Echo Cove and beyond. Recreation standards developed in Chapter Six should be utilized in planning for this area to determine the amount and type of service that should be provided. Retaining public access to the beach from the proposed road is important. It is recommended that the Department be directly involved in

the planning effort. A multi-agency committee consisting of representatives from NOAA/NMFS, USF&WS, USFS, State and Federal DOT, CBJ Parks & Recreation, CDD and Trail Mix should be convened to discuss access, scenic turnouts, trails and management.

Connect trails or create loop hiking experiences

Opportunities to connect existing trails and create loop hiking/skiing experiences should be explored. Most trails within this subarea are relatively flat, one way hiking/skiing trails.

Encourage U.S. Forest Service to repair Cowee, Davies and Wildes Richardson Trails

Trail conditions pose a potential hazard to users.

Protect stream corridors

On CBJ-owned lands which are not designated for disposal in the 1999 CBJ Land Management Plan, and when practical, establish 300 foot stream buffers each side of creek for the following streams: Peterson Creek, Shrine Creek, Bridget Creek, Cowee Creek, Davies Creek and newly accessible creeks when the Juneau access road is constructed. This buffer zone or setback may be adjusted or altered, on a case-by-case basis, when a scientific analysis of the specific function(s) of the particular creek's value(s) finds that the setback should be more or less, based on its functional value(s).

Consider acquisition of private land parcels – update land acquisition list

SUBAREA 2: WEST MENDENHALL VALLEY, AUKE BAY, MENDENHALL PENINSULA

Population: 3,447

Character: Urban for Auke Bay, the northerly part of the Mendenhall Peninsula, and that portion of the West Mendenhall Valley that is serviced by both sewer and water. Transition from rural to urban in the remainder of the West Mendenhall Valley. Rural for southerly Mendenhall Peninsula, and west of Waydelich Creek.

Growth

Characteristics: CBJ lands at Auke Lake and Windfall Avenue are scheduled for disposal. Prevalence of zoning designations that will transition to a higher density when public sewer becomes available, including large tracts of CBJ land on the Mendenhall Peninsula. Large, private subdivision plans in the Montana Creek area. University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) lands that will be sold as needed to support the University system.

Specific Recommendations

Plan for future use of upper Montana Creek area

a.) CBJ, State of Alaska, and U.S. Forest Service should work together to identify the future use of the upper Montana Creek area and work cooperatively to manage for recreation and habitat protection. These efforts should involve public participation by area residents, neighborhood associations, recreational users and other interested parties.

b.) Work with CDD and Lands & Resources to consider designation of the Juneau Archery Range, Hank Harmon Rifle Range and Juneau Gun Club as a shooting and archery park.

Pursue location and funding for second Mendenhall River pedestrian bridge

Pursue location and funding for an additional pedestrian bridge across the Mendenhall River to increase access to the West Mendenhall Valley Greenbelt. Opportunities for open space and passive activities for East Mendenhall Valley residents will be greatly improved through provision of several access points across the river. In addition, access to the East Valley area and the developed sports fields and parks (as well as schools, libraries, commercial facilities, etc.) will be improved for West Mendenhall Valley residents.

Reserve trail corridors allowing for loop trails between Montana Creek and Mendenhall Greenbelt

Partner with Juneau Youth Services to create and build a trail connection from Montana Creek Trail to the Kaxdigoowu Heen Trail.

Reserve stream and trail corridors on CBJ parcel behind Windfall Avenue

Any disposal of Windfall Avenue (CBJ #400) should reserve 200 foot minimum greenbelts along Montana and Lake Creeks. A trail corridor along Montana Creek should be identified and reserved. A trail corridor between UAS student housing and the Montana Creek trail and West Mendenhall Valley Greenbelt/Brotherhood Park should be reserved.

Reserve trail corridors recommended in West Mendenhall Greenbelt Plan

Trail and transportation corridors connecting Auke Lake with the Mendenhall Greenbelt, and trails on Hill 560 that were recommended in the West Mendenhall Greenbelt Plan should be identified, reserved and protected before further development occurs. Reservation of these corridors was recommended in the 1993 tri-agency Juneau Trails Plan. Potential uses for these trails include both summer and winter use.

Master Plan for Auke Lake area

A master plan should be developed for the area bounded by the UAS campus and housing area to the Mendenhall River; Glacier Highway to upper Montana Creek and Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area. Central to this plan area is Auke Lake itself. The University and CBJ Parks are collaborating on trail enhancements connecting UAS and the east-side of Auke Lake. The major landowners in this area are CBJ, the University of Alaska, and private landowners. The State Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands presently manages Auke Lake. Recreational use conflicts occur on Auke Lake among non-motorized and motorized groups and private landowners. The area also has potential for increased residential development. A management plan, prepared in cooperation with the agencies, user groups, public and private landowners is recommended.

Implement master plan for trail connection around Auke Lake

Implement trail master plan in partnership with UAS for the development of trail systems around Auke Lake.

Develop trail from Auke Bay Elementary School to Spaulding Meadows Trail

Develop trail from Auke Bay Elementary School to Spaulding Meadows trail. Any development or disposal of CBJ parcel #0400 (Lot 3B-1) should reserve a trail corridor between the Auke Bay Elementary School and the Spaulding Meadows trail. Existing trailhead parking is limited and often overflows onto the highway. The Auke Bay school parking lot could provide the necessary overflow parking if an access trail was developed.

Auke Bay School access to Auke Bay

A new park parcel was purchased and a shelter installed across from Auke Bay school. Direct and safe access to the shelter is limited. Encourage State DOT to construct a pedestrian culvert to create safe crossing from the school to the shelter.

Reserve trail corridor on Mendenhall Peninsula

Reserve a trail corridor along the ridge of the Mendenhall Peninsula, taking into consideration compatibility with adjacent neighborhoods. A trail from Smuggler's Cove to Glacier Highway could be the first segment of interconnecting trails that could lead to Auke Lake and the West Mendenhall Valley Greenbelt; continuing to upper Montana Creek, Dredge Lake and Mendenhall Visitors Center. The corridor would pass through CBJ land and provide a buffer for wildlife to access the waterfront.

Define and improve trail from the end of the private driveway at Smugglers Cove to the end of Engineer's Cutoff, creating a trail around the end of the Mendenhall Peninsula.

A road has been constructed allowing private property owners at the tip of Mendenhall Peninsula vehicular access to their property. The road can be used for public pedestrian traffic thus providing access to the old trail around the tip of Mendenhall Peninsula.

Review river bank modification upstream of West Mendenhall Valley Greenbelt/Brotherhood Park

CBJ should review bank modification projects upstream of the West Mendenhall Valley Greenbelt for potential impacts to park land. Flooding will promote erosion of the river banks; however, modification of river banks upstream can contribute to greater losses downstream. Major improvements have been made to Brotherhood Park and the Greenbelt recently. Those investments need protection.

Review current and projected erosion potential on the West Mendenhall Valley Greenbelt/Brotherhood Park and design new trail corridors that are outside the erosion area.

Review connection routes with ADOT at Brotherhood Bridge.

As ADOT plans for the expansion or replacement of Brotherhood Bridge improve under bridge trail connection and safe wide pedestrian paths along the bridge. This would allow for access from the airport to the West Mendenhall Valley Greenbelt.

Light the Kaxdigoowu Heen trail

CBJ should consider lighting the trail for year-round use and possible placement of an emergency call station.

Subarea 2 Neighborhood Park

A neighborhood park is recommended for this subarea. The site should include a playground, picnic facilities, and an open play area. Population is concentrated along the Back Loop Road and on the Mendenhall Peninsula, but both are linear in nature and relatively spread out. As more intensive development is permitted in these areas, locations for a neighborhood park should be identified. If a school site is selected in this subarea in the future, an additional six acres should be included adjacent to the site for neighborhood park purposes.

Investigate the feasibility of cross-country running and skiing loops

Investigate the feasibility of cross-country running and skiing loops on CBJ Land Management Parcel #0440 prior to disposal and reserve potential trail corridors.

Identify wildlife habitat and game travel corridors

In cooperation with ADF&G study the area from Montana Creek through Auke Lake area and the Mendenhall Peninsula to identify wildlife habitat and game trail corridors. Propose a "Conservation Area" designation if warranted to protect the corridor.

Consider acquisition of private land parcels

Consider acquisition of private lands listed in Chapter 7, Table 7.4 which includes a greenbelt along Montana Creek and a parcel adjacent to the West Mendenhall Valley Greenbelt.

SUBAREA 3: EAST MENDENHALL VALLEY AND AIRPORT

Population: 12,043

Character: Urban

Growth

Characteristics: Higher density zoning of 5 to 18 units per acre exists throughout the subarea.

Specific Recommendations

Continue development of the Under Thunder trail corridor at the base of Thunder Mountain

A multi-purpose trail from Egan Drive along the base of Thunder Mountain to the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area is planned as part of an inter-connecting scenic, recreational walking/bike path. The current bike path that parallels the Back Loop Road serves as an inter-neighborhood transportation connector, but requires many stops and starts, resulting in numerous vehicular hazards. A more aesthetic, recreational trail is recommended. Reserve corridors for this trail through CBJ owned parcels in this area. Work with the USFS to develop the route on federal property.

Complete the development of Dimond Park

Complete development of Dimond Park as a community park. Uses of the park and adjacent parcel include: an elementary school, high school, multi-purpose facility (which may include pool, field house, gymnasium, running track, and public library) and several sports field areas. Planning will be necessary to accommodate multiple uses and still maintain the character of the area as a park. Open space along the riverfront is recommended. A covered concert pavilion should be considered in the overall design. **Due to space limitations, work with the Juneau School District on future development of the Dimond Park complex.**

Develop a Mendenhall Valley swimming pool /community center

Work with the community when coordinating design, layout, cost and operational information for the development of a Mendenhall Valley aquatic facility and community recreation and renaissance center at Dimond Park.

Pedestrian/bike trail from Dimond Park to the Airport Dike trail

A pedestrian/bike trail route needs to be improved from Dimond Park through Vintage Park under Brotherhood Bridge and with bike lanes to Radcliff Road and the Airport Dike trail. The route under Brotherhood Bridge needs to be improved through work with ADOT.

Assure access to Airport Dike trail

Assure continued recreational access to the Airport Dike trail. The 1995 Trail Survey indicated that this trail had the highest use of any of the CBJ trails studied.

Trail from airport to Airport Dike trail

Coordinate with the airport staff to provide a connector trail from the airport to the Airport Dike trail.

Acquire parcels along Duck Creek

It is recommended that the CBJ acquire parcels along Duck Creek as they become available. Duck Creek is undergoing a habitat enhancement effort. Spontaneous trail systems have developed along the creek, in areas where there is open land. A stream corridor could provide inter-neighborhood connecting trails and reduce bicycle and pedestrian traffic along roadways.

Establish a stream corridor on Duck Creek just south of Berner's Avenue

Width and boundaries to be determined as part of Airport Master Plan.

Establish a greenbelt along Jordan Creek.

It is recommended that a 200 foot greenbelt be established along each side of Jordan Creek where it traverses CBJ owned property, with the exception of that portion of the creek lying within the Juneau Airport's property for which the setback should be determined on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the CBJ Comprehensive Plan and the Airport Manager recommendation.

Consider acquisition of Smith/Honsinger parcel

If not needed for airport-related industrial expansion, consider acquisition of the Smith/Honsinger parcel listed in Chapter Seven, Table 7-4 which is located near the airport and is identified in the CBJ Land Management Plan as important for inclusion in the CBJ's open spaces and expansion of the airport.

Locate and develop a community garden site.

Review CBJ parcels within this subarea to locate an appropriate community garden site and play area for children. This subarea has several high density neighborhoods where open space

is at a premium. Gardening is a very popular activity and providing an area for it does not require an expenditure of money or staff time.

Review area for suitability of mini-parks

This subarea is the most densely populated in Juneau and may be the most appropriate area for consideration of mini-parks. A thorough review of the area to determine neighborhoods that need a play area for young children should be done.

SUBAREA 4: SWITZER AND LEMON CREEK

Population: 3,625

Character: Urban

Growth

Characteristics: Zoning density from 5 to 18 units per acre. There are some large, privately owned undeveloped parcels with high density designations. Secon property in upper Lemon Creek Valley may be developed when gravel extraction is complete.

Specific Recommendations

Encourage construction of a coastal trail along Egan Drive or along the “inside” or north side of Egan Drive, connecting Sunny Point to neighborhoods to the east and west.

Urge the State to develop a trail from Sunny Point intersection to Pioneer’s Home intersection and along Pioneer’s Home marsh, with accessible viewing platform for bird watchers.

Upgrade the trail between Dzantik’i Heeni Middle School and the Switzer Creek/Richard Marriott trail.

The present narrow plank trail should be upgraded to ADA compliant for school use.

Work with the Juneau School District to construct a covered basketball court at Dzantik’i Heeni School.

A local grass roots effort has urged the CBJ to develop the covered basketball court.

Resolve Lemon Creek trail issues

Work with the U.S. Forest Service, and private landowners to resolve parking and access issues related to the Lemon Creek trail. The trail requires major rehabilitation in addition to resolution of several access issues.

Development of Upper Lemon Creek

As the Upper Lemon Creek area is developed seek opportunities for ATV use.

Protect access to the Heintzleman Ridge trail.

CBJ Public Works Department is planning a new facility at existing trailhead. Work with Public Works to insure continued access of the trail.

Review area for suitability of mini-parks

Conduct a review of this subarea to assess the need of mini-parks for young children.

Establish a community garden area

Consider CBJ Parcel #820 as a location for a community garden, picnic shelter, and small play area.

Study Lemon Creek area for suitable park sites

This subarea is deficient in both neighborhood and community park acreage. Available land near developed residential neighborhoods is primarily wetlands and would be difficult to develop playing fields. As the Lemon Creek gravel extraction and stump disposal come to a conclusion (or when the current dump area is full and capped over), consider acquisition of these parcels for a community park. The large, flat open space would lend itself to playing fields, a football stadium, golf course, off-road vehicle area, bicycle track, tennis complex, etc. A bicycle path through the area leading to Dzantik'i Heeni Middle School could provide a safer bicycle route for bicyclists, and students traveling from Mountainside Estates.

SUBAREA 5: SALMON CREEK, TWIN LAKES, MOUNTAINSIDE ESTATES

Population: 1,180

Character: Urban

Growth

Characteristics: Predominantly a density of five units per acre; greater density of fifteen units per acre near Vanderbilt Hill Road. No large tracts of CBJ land. Salmon Creek is watershed area.

Specific Recommendations

Encourage construction of coastal trail along Egan Drive

Encourage construction of a coastal trail along Egan Drive connecting Sunny Point to other neighborhoods to the east and west.

Pioneers Home Cooperative agreement

Initiate a cooperative agreement with the Pioneers Home for parking and possible trail access. The marsh area adjacent to the Pioneers Home is used by birders in the summer and skaters in the winter. Create an accessible covered platform for Pioneer Home residents.

Continue ADA improvements at Twin Lakes

Continue to develop Twin Lakes as showcase accessible recreational site.

Assist with the Community Built Playground.

Work with Project Playground on community built playground at Twin Lakes and maintain when built.

Investigate a site for a Community Garden Plot.

This location has great sun exposure and could support a community garden site.

SUBAREA 6: DOWNTOWN JUNEAU, THANE, AND LAST CHANCE BASIN

Population: 3,834

Character: Urban

Growth

Characteristics: High density in downtown Juneau. Predominantly low density, one unit per acre in Thane area. New Growth Area designated at Sheep Creek. No large tracts of CBJ land. Topography is restrictive with steep slopes and avalanche and mass-wasting hazards. Last Chance Basin is watershed area.

Specific Recommendations

Acquire National Guard Armory site

This parcel is desired to consolidate CBJ land holdings for potential development of a new performing arts center or other civic use.

Advertise and schedule public use of the Terry Miller Legislative Affairs Building that is consistent with the agreement.

The Miller Building is a valuable recreation facility, providing gymnasium space for recreational folk dancing, contra-dancing and community meetings. Recreational activities within the building should be carefully scheduled to respect the quiet environment needed for the office uses therein.

Implement Cope Park Master Plan.

Construct new restrooms and play areas in Cope Park that are consistent with the Master Plan approved in 2004.

Retain Last Chance Basin in its undeveloped condition

Retain Last Chance Basin in its undeveloped condition and allow for dispersed recreational use of the area. Explore options for joint use of Basin Road in the winter by service vehicles and cross-country skiers.

Assist with the stabilization of historical buildings in Last Chance Basin

Maintain an awareness that significant historic buildings and artifacts in the Last Chance Basin will further deteriorate unless they are maintained. Encourage, and assist if possible, interim efforts of the Gastineau Channel Historic Society to maintain and stabilize buildings.

Support construction of bicycle and pedestrian lane along Thane Road

Support the construction of bike lanes as part of the reconstruction of Thane Road and support construction of a separated multi-purpose path from the Rock Dump to Sheep Creek, along the beach.

Designate a downtown community garden site

Designate a community garden site on CBJ owned property. Possible locations for garden site in avalanche runoff areas.

SUBAREA 7: DOUGLAS AND WEST JUNEAU

Population: 3,721

Character: Urban in the developed areas. Potential for more rural type growth in new growth area south of Douglas.

Growth

Characteristics: Zoned for high density development. Large private acreages being developed with multi-family dwellings.

Specific Recommendations

Develop a plan for the interpretation of the Treadwell Mine area from the parking lot to the cave in

Work with local historians, City Museum and others to interpret the history of the Treadwell Mine. Improvements should include signage, clearing brush from around historic buildings, better exposing mining archeology.

Acquire Mayflower Island

If the Island becomes available, consider acquisition for park purposes. The historical nature of the area and its location adjacent to Savikko Park and Treadwell Historic Park make it optimal for a museum.

Complete a new Master Plan for Savikko Park and Treadwell Mine Historic Trail.

The plan should address the potential for a second sheet of ice at Treadwell Arena, additional parking redesigned for Treadwell Arena, construction of a band shell, and new play structures. Parks & Recreation should work with the Douglas 4th of July Committee and Douglas Advisory Board on long term goals. Coordinate Master Planning efforts with Docks & Harbors.

Retain neighborhood access to Mt. Bradley trail

The 1993 tri-agency Juneau Trails Plan proposes to move the Mt. Bradley (Mt. Jumbo) trailhead when the CBJ develops land in that area. Construction of a trailhead with adequate parking is recommended, however the CBJ should not vacate the present right-of-way when that occurs. Neighborhood access to the trail should be retained. New access points should be developed as noted below in the Crow Hill area.

Reserve area for cross-country skiing behind Crow Hill

The meadows behind Crow Hill are currently used for cross-country skiing. This use should be accommodated in any future development of this area.

Construct the West Juneau Rotary Park consistent with the master plan approved in 2003.

Phase I construction is complete. Future developments will be completed as funding is identified.

Develop Homestead Park as beach access site

Develop Homestead Park for beach access, an accessible trail to the waterfront, and picnic area. It is one of two public access sites located between the Juneau-Douglas bridge and Douglas. The area around it is zoned for medium density residential use and is developing rapidly with multi-family dwellings. Beach access for people and non-motorized watercraft is recommended. A covered picnic shelter is also recommended.

Develop Treadwell Ditch Trail

Develop the Treadwell Ditch trail for a variety of uses. USFS has been planning the trail from Eaglecrest to the Dan Moller trail. CBJ is collaborating with USFS to improve the Treadwell Ditch access trails that cross CBJ properties. Extend the Treadwell Ditch trail to Mexican Mine and beyond.

SUBAREA 8: NORTH, SOUTH & WEST DOUGLAS ISLAND

Population: 1,687

Character: Urban near Juneau-Douglas Bridge, rural predominantly from urban fringe to Bayview Subdivision. Primarily recreational lands to the end of the road and beyond. A New Growth area is planned for the west side of Douglas Island.

Growth

Characteristics: Density is primarily 1 to 3 units per acre. New Growth Areas identified for North Douglas at Nine Mile Creek and Cove Creek, and West Douglas.

Specific Recommendations

Implement 2002 Fish Creek Park Master plan.

Initiate development of Fish Creek Park master plan.

Master plan area from Fish Creek to Point Hilda

A master planning effort for recreation lands on North Douglas Island is recommended. The area from Fish Creek to Outer Point and beyond is gaining in popularity and is now being used commercially for hiking and biking tours. This area is also identified as a New Growth Area, with development potential by the CBJ and Goldbelt. Recreation standards developed in Chapter Six should be utilized in planning for this area to determine the amount and type of services that should be provided, with new park and trail connections.

Support construction of bicycle and pedestrian path along North Douglas Highway

Encourage Department of Transportation/Public Facilities (DOT/PF) construction of a separated multi-purpose path along the North Douglas Highway from Cove Creek to False Outer Point.

Coordinate with golf course developers

During design phase, work with CDD and North Douglas Golf Course developer to allow for cross country ski and walking use of the course. Possible lighted trails for winter use.

Develop a community park on West Douglas

A community park is recommended with the development of West Douglas Island. Depending on the population anticipated, an area 15 acres or larger should be identified for future park use. In the advent of a new subdivision and golf course, work with Community Development Department and developer to construct a playground and trail amenities with parking and plantings.

Develop a neighborhood park

A neighborhood park is recommended for this subarea, based on needs. The Department should look at available CBJ lands for suitable locations. The park should include areas for active and passive activities and a play area for children.

Develop community garden

Develop a community garden in the North Douglas area. This is particularly desirable because of direct sun.

Retain trail corridor on CBJ lands beyond North Douglas

As development expands beyond Peterson Creek, the CBJ should actively pursue retention of a trail corridor that begins at the current end of the North Douglas Highway. A trail that circumnavigates Douglas Island was identified as a high priority in the 1993 tri-agency Juneau Trails Plan.

Increase stream corridor widths on five creeks

Increase stream corridors to 300 feet on each side of the creek for Fish Creek, Eleven Mile Creek, Peterson Creek, Middle Creek, Hilda Creek on CBJ-owned lands. This stream corridor or setback may be adjusted or altered, on a case-by-case basis, when a scientific analysis of the specific function(s) of the particular creek's value(s) finds that the setback should be more or less, based on its functional value(s). The setback from Peterson Creek as it passes through the land included within the CBJ Totem Creek Golf Course Lease Agreement, as outlined in existing permits, may be less than suggested here, provided that the water quality of the creek is not impaired by pesticides, fertilizers, sediments or other materials and the riparian habitat of the creek is not impaired by invasive species.

Consider acquisition of private land parcel.

Consider acquisition of private land listed in Chapter 7, Table 7-4 and located at Outer Point. The parcel is surrounded by park land and is in a highly used recreation area.

As much as is practical and efficient, coordinate recreational and maintenance activities and shared use of facilities and equipment and coordinate management activities with the Eaglecrest Facility and programs.

Many of the facilities at Eaglecrest can serve both skiers and non-skiers and both winter and off-season recreational activities and events. Shared use and year-round use of the Eaglecrest facilities and lands should be encouraged and facilitated.

General Recommendations

Pursue interdepartmental, interagency and community planning efforts necessary to protect and enhance recreational opportunities in Juneau.

Identify traditional and high quality waterfront access areas, recreational anchorages and beaches, beach trail opportunities, boat launch areas, and waterfront park sites. Coordinate with the CBJ Ports and Harbors, Land & Resources, CDD and State of Alaska to assure that water access is reserved for future use.

Work with CDD and Lands to permanently protect CBJ's Natural Area Parks and Conservation areas. Initiate a pilot Forever Wild program.

Implement adopted Non Motorized Transportation Plan items in subareas, and update as new subdivisions are constructed. Update plan by 2008.

Work with CDD to develop thresholds and standards for construction of playgrounds and trail linkages by developers of new subdivisions, taking into account existing community facilities, neighborhood population and size of development. CDD and Parks will work with developers to address park needs (Juneau Affordable Housing Commission, 4/5/07).

Work cooperatively with CDD to monitor commitments by developers of new subdivisions that may fulfill a condition of the development. These may include construction of new trails or playgrounds. Work with CDD to monitor existing community improvements on permitted subdivisions.

Identify locations within the Borough that provide good, publicly-accessible night sky viewing opportunities and develop those locations with seating, parking and other facilities and protect those locations from light pollution and intrusion.

Complete a camping plan for CBJ that identifies a range of camping facilities from highly developed RV campgrounds to primitive campsites.

Investigate the location and number of mini-parks needed in the community.

Seek location and construction for an ATV area.

Continue Commercial Use of Trails Working Group to address commercial activities on CBJ park land.

Continue to implement Dog Task Forces 2005 recommendations.

Initiate a needs assessment with state, CBJ and federal agencies to assess recreational needs.

Identify all Parks with signage.

Accessibility

Insure that new facilities, programs, and equipment that are purchased and designed meet the needs of the disabled community, and that they provide a variety of services for all people with disabilities.

Recreation Facilities

Provide a centralized recreation program registration venue at a location with adequate parking that is convenient to residents.

Participate in the planning for new school development to insure maximum community recreation utility in the design of community rooms, gymnasiums, playgrounds, and sports fields.

Recreation Programs

Monitor trends in Juneau demographics and incorporate activities specifically related to under-served populations.

Provide outreach programs directly to youth. Bring programs to neighborhoods.

Trails, Transportation and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Corridors

Improve and expand the CBJ trail system to provide an un-fragmented trail system that offers opportunities for a wide range of experiences, safety of the users, and protection of the resource.

Prioritize construction and maintenance of existing trails including: repair of unsafe conditions, repair of resource degradation; enhancements that allow for greater utilization; construction of new trails that provide connections and construction of new trails in anticipation of future needs.

Continue partnering with federal, state and local agencies in the maintenance and development of trails through Trail Mix, Inc.

Revise and implement the tri-agency Juneau Trails Plan.

Work with the DOT/PF, the CDD and Engineering Department to ensure that future CBJ construction includes adequate pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and that existing neighborhoods be connected by a network of non-motorized corridors.

Designate open space and habitat conservation corridors along recreation trails on CBJ, state, and federal land. These corridors may vary in size depending on topography and surrounding land uses and may be adjusted or altered, on a case-by-case basis, when a scientific analysis of the specific function(s) of the particular corridor's value(s) finds that the corridor setback should be more or less, based on its functional value(s).

Support the designation of Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds for trail development, athletic field enhancements and nature centers consistent with SAFETEA-LU Federal apportionments and allowances.

Create a GIS trail map identifying Juneau trails and plans.

Park and Facility Maintenance

Implement the replacement schedule for playground equipment and include accessible equipment in all new purchases.

Plan park renovation projects that address changing recreational needs.

Enhance the beauty and livability of Juneau by augmenting the landscaping program.

Cultural Resources

Work cooperatively with the Alaska State Museum and Gastineau Channel Historic Society at the City Museum and in the Last Chance Basin, and UAS.

Promote development of a performing arts facility that will meet the wide variety of needs.

Administration

Investigate creative and innovative funding mechanisms for the acquisition and development of parks, facilities, and programs. Explore cooperative management agreements, joint ventures, private/public partnerships or other protocols to facilitate progress.

Pursue funding for acquisition and development of parks and recreation facilities through traditional funding mechanisms such as the Capital Improvement Program, the state legislative process, and federal funding opportunities. Maximize the use of federal and state matching funds.

Continue to support and seek to expand resources for Youth Activity Grants and Youth Scholarship Funds. The Youth Scholarship Program is designed to provide supplemental financial assistance to underserved youth (kindergarten through 18 years of age) to participate in local recreational and cultural activities. The program is intended to be a resource after other available sources of funding have been utilized, and is limited to an annual maximum award of \$100 per child.

The Youth Activities Grant program is designed to provide local organizations funding to provide athletic, cultural, artistic or extra-curricular academic activity programs to the youth of the Juneau Community.