

GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Project 1: Planning funds for new park-\$100,000

- The newest park in Anchorage is in the Government Hill neighborhood and is known currently known as “tract J”.
- Funding is needed for collaborative, conceptual planning, layout design, and ideas for that piece of land. It is planned to be the new home of the old wireless buildings (3 of them), along with historical documents and information.
- This would be a community gathering place, which would likely require some parking, and an overlook of the port of Alaska, with seating, wayfinding and informational kiosks.
- This land is almost 9 acres level clear of large trees and is an ideal “new” location for the beginnings of the wireless communication from the 1915 – 1940s, sitting right next-door to the current massive AT&T building, our current wireless communication.
- AT&T’s public relations personnel have expressed excitement and enthusiasm over this project, offering a lot of historical documents and photos.
- Currently the Municipality of Anchorage’s Planning Dept, specifically Historical Planning, is studying the feasibility of moving the wireless buildings and placing them on this tract.
- The tract would eventually tie into the 4 mile trail system that snakes around the neighborhood and is maintained by neighbors who hike and even those who do not and the Muni Parks & Rec Dept.
- The Tract J Park plan, when completed, will be incorporated into the Government Hill Neighborhood Parks and Trails Master Plan.

Project 2-Planning Funds for the Expansion of Harvard Park-\$50,000.

- The park located on the west side of Government Hill currently houses Anchorage’s only curling club. The curling club is the anchor venue for a complete sports park.
- The curling club has a million-dollar anonymous donor who is willing to pay for the expansion of the club. The expansion to four sheets of ice would allow a “national” rating allowing competition for national & international events.
- The expansion of the curling club would have positive financial boost to the economy of Anchorage and the state.
- Currently located within the park is a tennis court in major need of repair, a basketball court, and several sledding hills. There is room for many more outdoor activities.
- This park has been here for as long as Government Hill has been here.
- The funds would be used to evaluate facility needs to meet the Curling Club's goals for expansion, as per the Government Hill Neighborhood Parks and Trails Master Plan.

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Project 3: Funding for the Eastside Trail. \$125,000

- This is a continuation of the trail that was completed on the west side of government Hill, in 2021.
- The funding would be used to identify and create trail alignments and connections as outlined in the Government Hill Neighborhood Parks and Trails Master Plan.
- This trail would connect walking distance into 4 miles, offering rest locations along the trail.
- The trail would have several overlook points with benches and “kiosks” describing the sites.
- The community has matching in-kind donations in the form of laborers and volunteers to accomplish a fully completed, accessible trail along the Alaska Railroad yards, with views of the city.
- The views are wonderful and with informational kiosks and wayfinding, make it a summertime destination hike and a wintertime cross-country ski trail (deleted).

Project 4-Richardson Vista/East Bluff Playground planning and phase 1 construction, \$250,000

- The major portion of east side of Government Hill has the highest density residential area in Anchorage.
- Children within the high-density housing area are left with woefully inadequate playgrounds and at this area, only 2 pieces of play equipment exist.
- Municipal Parks and Recreation support this project wholeheartedly, and it is included in the Government Hill Neighborhood Parks and Trails Master Plan.
- The Government Hill Community Council has earmarked some of the funding raised through the park bonds to this project.