



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VISION/GOALS/PROGRAM**

DRAFT VISION

Encourage, enhance and provide a balance between appropriate wild land (non athletic field) recreation opportunities, facilities and natural open spaces. Section 36 is a place for connecting with nature, through outdoor education and recreation in an area that balances low intensity facilities and natural open spaces for people of all abilities and ages.

DRAFT GOALS

Provide for a variety of ways to connect with nature.

Provide for an intermediate place between wilderness and the urban environment, become an introduction to the outdoors.

Provide opportunities for active trail-based recreation, nature appreciation and quiet reflection.

Conserve natural resources and habitat.

Promote sustainable development with minimal impact.

Provide for outdoor education.

Provide reasonable and low impact access and adequate parking in non-obtrusive areas.

Provide for potential future access to Chugach State Park and trail connectivity to other green ways, such as Rabbit Creek Green Belt.

Determine “zoning levels” of development, intensity, and recreational use. Preserve some areas from any additional development, such as wildlife habitat and allow certain levels of development in specific appropriate places.

Restrict use to day-use only or controlled over-night use.

Manage use of the area to minimize the potential for nuisances related to visitor activities and facilities.

Develop a means to get people interested and engaged in the outdoors.

Develop a means of funding or income.

DRAFT PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Recreation/Education

- Network of minimal impact, sustainable multi-use trails (bikes?)
- Trails appropriate for a variety of abilities and age groups
- Outdoor education – low impact development
- Non-programmed play
- Wildlife viewing areas (lynx)
- Wildflowers
- Berry picking
- Mushrooming

Parking/Access

- Non obtrusive locations/yet visible and safe
- Adequate for current and future use

Trails

- Paved non-motorized multi-use trails near roads
- Soft surface non-motorized multi-use trails
- Soft surface paths
- Wetland boardwalks
- Trail to Rabbit Creek Greenbelt in NE corner of Section 36
- Trail delineated for future connection to Chugach State Park.
- ADA accessibility on some trails
- Loop Trails

Structures

- Restroom facilities
- Warm-up shack/shelter
- Chalet
- Picnic areas/shelter
- Education area/building
- Low impact Campground w/minimal facilities
- Cabins
- Day use area
- Day Use Shelter

Natural Resources

- Wetlands
- Ridge
- Lynx/Moose/Bear
- Forest – Hemlock/Aspen/Spruce/Birch
- Views

SECTION 36 CAC VISION STATEMENTS – 4/14/09

Encourage, enhance and provide appropriate recreation opportunities and facilities.

To provide for the retention of the natural environment for wildlife, minimal impact-sustainable trails and trail connectivity, outdoor educational opportunities for children and families, and parking/ access in non obtrusive locations.

Section 36 should be used for habitat conservation, accessible low impact recreation and education opportunities, and connectivity to Chugach State Park and the Rabbit Creek Greenbelt.

Section 36 should be developed with a sustainable network of multi use trails, identified parking areas for current and potential future use, and a site selected for a warm up shack/shelter for organized public use.

Section 36 should remain as natural as possible and developed only to the extent necessary to provide parking and very limited network of sustainable walking trails.

A place for all ages to play, learn and enjoy nature without disturbing the natural beauty of the area with easy access and ample parking.