

Project Title: Chugach State Park Access

TPS Number: 68017

Priority: 4

Agency: Natural Resources

FY2024 State Funding Request: \$400,000

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Existing Chugach State Park (CSP) parking lots are overflowing. An investment in repairing and expanding access facilities will alleviate damage to CSP resources, improve access, and more.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,700,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2024 State Funding Request:	(\$400,000)
Project Deficit:	\$2,300,000

Explanation of Other Funds:

Planning and Estimates have previously been completed by Alaska Department of Natural Resources for one new parking lot; additional upgrades and repairs can be undertaken with additional funding.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The cost for planning, design and construction of one medium-sized parking lot (\$2.5 million) plus improvements to 1 to 3 smaller access points (\$200,000), is estimated to be \$2.7 million dollars total, based on a Department of Natural Resources 2021 cost estimate for a prototype parking lot for 50 to 70 cars (e.g., the size of the addition to the Glen Alps parking lot several years ago) and other information. We have also extrapolated from the actual costs to DNR State Parks for access projects at Glen Alps and at Canyon Road from 2012 to 2021. The most costly component of the prototype parking lot is the delivered borrow, aggregate and asphalt : \$700,000

Rabbit Creek Community Council and other Community Councils rank access to Chugach State Park as one of their highest capital funding priorities. This has been high on our Muni Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list for years. The entire Hillside constituency, and in fact, all of Anchorage will benefit from the recreation, tourism, and economic opportunities.

The Anchorage Assembly's recently passed ordinance to create a Chugach State Park Access Service Area will be considered by Anchorage voters on the April 4th Municipal. Passage of that ordinance will provide a complimentary process for considering future additional access points and maintenance.

Project Timeline:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,700,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
FY2024 State Funding Request:	\$ 400,000
Project Deficit:	\$2,300,000

Funding Details: Initial Planning and Estimates have previously been completed by ADNR; planning can be completed in fall/winter with construction commencing in the summer following receipt of funding.

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

Alaska Department of Natural Resources

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This project has been through a public review process at the local level and it is a community priority.