

NEXT STEPS

The next steps and expected time frame of completion are listed below:

Task 1: Site Inventory

Draft Site Inventory Technical Memorandum in process

Task 2: Program Development

9/08 CAG Meeting 1/Site Walk
 10/08 CAG Meeting 2
 12/08 Draft Program Development Technical Memo/Newsletter

Task 3: Conceptual Site Plan

2/09 Produce Conceptual Site Plan Technical Memo/Newsletter

Task 4: Draft Section 36 Master Plan

5/09 Produce Draft Section 36 Master Plan/Newsletter



SUMMARY

Section 36 is important to the community and wildlife of the Anchorage Bowl due to the quantity and quality of its largely undeveloped land. Through the master planning process, Section 36 has the potential to become an even more integral and significant asset to the region.

REFERENCES

Referenced documents are listed in the full Site Inventory Technical Memorandum and include existing documents by the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) which address Section 36, as listed below:

- Section 36 Land Use Study (MOA)
- Strategic Action Plan 2005-2008 (MOA)
- Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource & Recreation Facility Plan (MOA)
- Hillside District Plan-in progress (MOA)
- Chugach State Park Access Inventory (ADNR)

Site Inventory Technical Memorandum Update



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Section 36 Master Plan is to guide the development of appropriate improvements for this undeveloped square mile of new park land. Located at the foothills of the Chugach Mountains in southeast Anchorage, Section 36 provides unique and valuable opportunities for recreation and outdoor education. Appropriate access and facility improvements consistent with the site

characteristics and proposed uses will be identified and funding for park improvements and long term operation maintenance will be evaluated. Section 36 is currently managed by the Heritage Land Bank and is slated to be turned over to Parks and Recreation management upon the completion of this Master Plan, which is expected in October 2009.



COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

A Community Advisory Group (CAG) is being formed to provide information and input for this planning process. Project updates will be provided to the public through newsletters and the project website - www.muni.org/parks/Section36MPHome.cfm. This newsletter summarizes the Site Inventory Technical Memorandum, which includes an overview of Section 36 and an inventory of the natural and scenic resources as listed above.



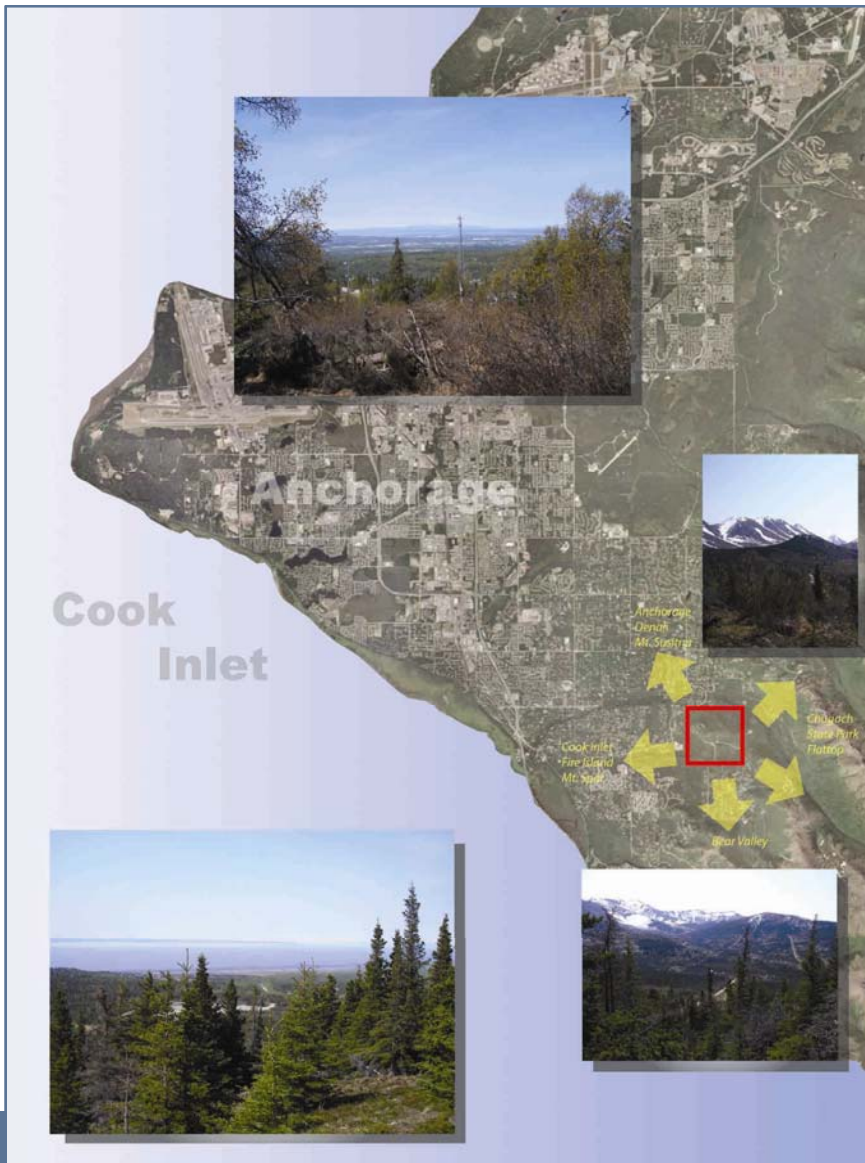
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SECTION 36 MASTER PLAN

The Section 36 Master Plan document is expected to include:

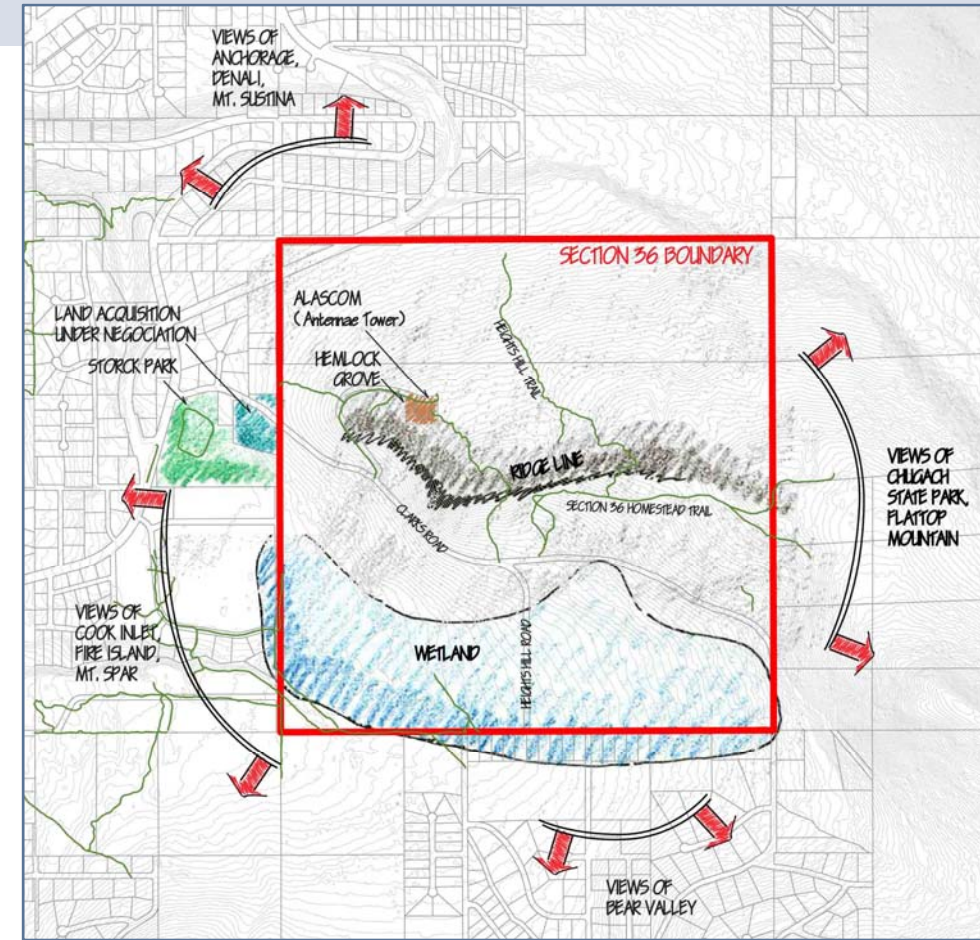
- Overview of Section 36, including the park's context within Anchorage (Existing Conditions Memo),
- Inventory of the natural and scenic resources within Section 36 (Existing Conditions Memo),
- Preferred conceptual site plan for Section 36,
- Phasing for construction of park improvements,
- Estimated costs for each phase of park development,
- Funding sources for park development,
- Action plan for implementing the first phase of development, including funding strategies for construction and maintenance.



SITE INVENTORY

The following topics are discussed in the Existing Conditions Memo of Section 36:

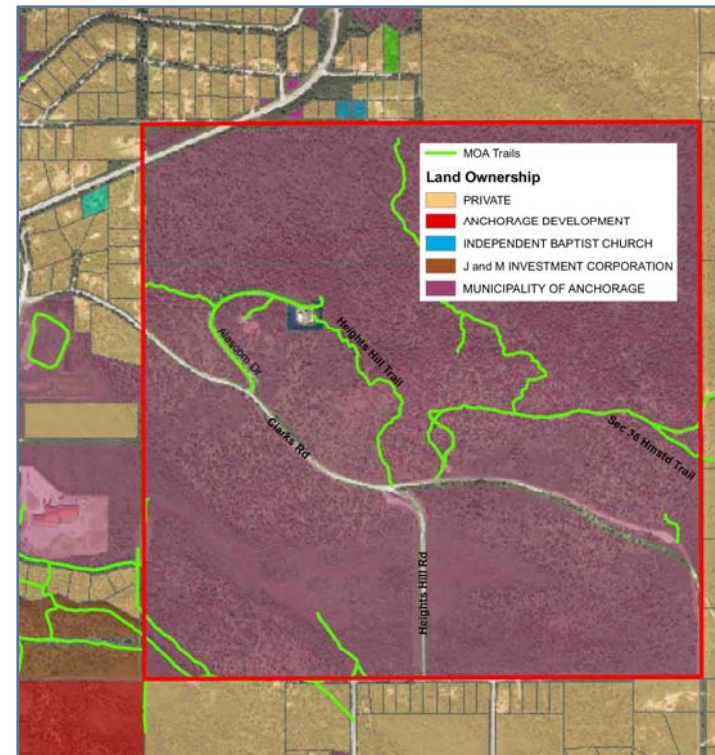
- Regional Context
- Location
- Climate
- Geology
- Soils
- Slope and Slope Aspect
- Hydrology
- Vegetation
- Wildlife
- Cultural Resources
- Scenic Resources
- Access
- Land Use



Our city is blessed by its location and the spirit of the people. As mayor, lifelong Anchorage resident, and father of a young son, I am a regular user of our park system. Like you, I love our parks, trails, streams, natural areas, and mountains. We draw our identity and community spirit from these memorable places.

- Mayor Mark Begich

Land Ownership/Land Use



Hydrology

