



ABOUT US



# ANCHORAGE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROJECT CELEBRATION

Founded in 1899, The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing 17,000 members in 48 professional chapters and 68 student chapters. The Society's mission is to lead, to educate, and to participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning, and artful design of our cultural and natural environments. Members of the Society use the "ASLA" suffix after their names to denote membership and their commitment to the highest ethical standards of the profession.

The Alaska Chapter was founded in 1978, and currently has over 30 members. We operate primarily out of Anchorage because of the concentration of Landscape Architects in the state, but also have a strong presence in Fairbanks, Juneau and some rural communities.

Project guide for the site tours conducted during the Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architect's summer project celebration.

**Wednesday, August 14**  
**6-8p**  
**Fish Creek Park**  
**3907 E Turnagain Blvd**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

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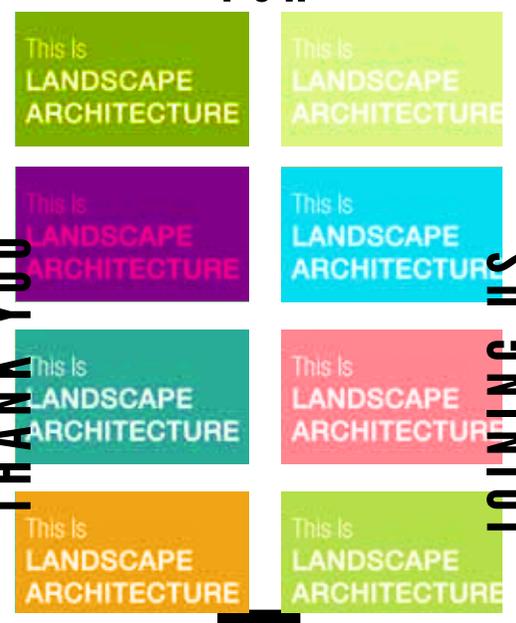




Photo credit: Anchorage Park Foundation

# TURNAGAIN BLVD IMPROVEMENTS

**Constructed:** Summer 2018

**Project Amount:** \$4.9 M (Construction)

**Funding Sources:** Local Municipal Bonds

**Project Description:** Turnagain Boulevard, between McRae and Spenard Roads, was upgraded with a new road surface, pedestrian facilities, drainage, lighting, and landscaping. The corridor was transformed into a **Complete Street** to accommodate all modes of travel and to connect the neighborhood to the adjacent Kiwanis Fish Creek Park.

**Project Highlights:**

- Provided a new road base, curbs, pedestrian facilities, shoulders, street lighting, traffic calming, and landscaping
- Installed new drainage systems and outfalls to Fish Creek to eliminate recurring neighborhood flooding and the costly, associated street maintenance efforts
- Constructed parallel parking pockets along the park and a portion of Fish Creek Trail.



Photo credit: CRW Engineering Group, LLC.



# FISH CREEK TRAIL

**Currently Under Construction**

**Project Amount:** \$3.5 M (Construction)

**Funding Sources:** **Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)** funds with local match from MOA Parks and Recreation Department.

**Project Description:** This project is rehabilitating just over a mile of deteriorated trail in midtown Anchorage.

**Project Highlights**

- Replacing the trail surface and subgrade and installing root barrier
- Widening the trail to accommodate two-way traffic
- Improving visibility on the trail through selective clearing
- Replacing two retaining walls (including one large soldier pile wall) supporting the trail.
- Installing four, 40-foot-long pedestrian bridges spanning Fish Creek and improving flood passage
- Installing new pile-supported boardwalks for the trail where it is located within mapped flood plain. Boardwalk decking allows light penetration to promote vegetation growth.
- Installing new trail lighting painted Night Blue to match Anchorage Trails Design Intent Drawings (July 2015) for Fish Creek.

**Constructed:** Summer 2016

**Project Amount:** \$252,799.00

**Funding Sources:** Private donations through the Anchorage Park Foundation and local municipal bond

**Project Description:** Fish Creek Park is a neighborhood use park of 5.91 acres located in the Spenard community. The park features off-street parking, river access, trail access, swings, play equipment for 5-12 year old children, a basketball court, tennis courts, and a shelter. Fish Creek Park is located next to Fish Creek and connects to the Fish Creek Greenbelt. This project upgraded the playground equipment and infrastructure to be one of the first **Inclusive Playgrounds** in Anchorage.

**Project Highlights:**

- Provide unitary artificial turf surfacing for play surfacing
- Provide ADA accessible path from parking lot to pavilion
- Upgrade the play equipment
- Highlight connections to Fish Creek through thematic design elements of water and ecology.
- Extensive public participation in design and completion of this project made this project a great success!

## FISH CREEK PLAYGROUND