

Scope of Project

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation in partnership with the Friends of Eagle River Nature Center has embarked on a Master Site Planning process. The Plan is intended to promote educational programs compatible with the mission of the Nature Center while furthering the educational and interpretative opportunities available to the park visitors. We also want to develop new facilities within the boundaries of Chugach State Park while promoting preservation and protection of the historical, natural and recreational resources. The Plan will also address the daily operations of the Nature Center and provide a base for future growth to meet demand.

Goals and Boundary Conditions

PARKING & TRAFFIC CIRCULATION

- Provide safe and adequate parking to reduce pedestrian/vehicle/traffic conflicts and provide non-interrupted access for our neighbors to their homes and driveways. (Keeping in mind our design vehicle will be a school bus, 53' recreational vehicle, pick-ups and passenger cars)

TRAIL SYSTEMS

- Trail access for various visitor groups i.e. backcountry hikers, skiers, program participants, school groups and self-guided visitors.
- Provide full accessible program and trail system meeting ADA and barrier free requirements

BUILDING / OPERATIONS

- Address inadequate space and space conflicts for visitors, volunteers and staff.
- Demonstrate commitment to stewardship through green architecture and development through LEED certification. Use sustainable design to promote a holistic integration of energy conscious systems.
- Maintain the character/atmosphere of the existing Nature Center
- Develop an interpretive master plan for the future.



- Develop a nature center maintenance facility which will be screened visually and audibly from neighbors, Nature Center area and entrance area/ parking.