

UAF Master Plan Committee (MPC) Report

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The MPC met for the first time in a while.

Terrain Park

The Terrain Park to the east of Butrovich on the hillside should be opening soon, operated by DRAW (Department of Recreation and Welfare (I think I have this right)). It will be open during daylight hours Th Sun. Free for those who pay an SRC. More upcoming on their website in the next week.

Eielson/Bunnell renovation storage Summer 2013

Substantive renovations in areas of Bunnell and Eielson will require 4 connex units for storage of office contents during the summer. The suggestion to us was to put these 40' connex units in Cornerstone Plaza. We suggested they investigate filling the connex units and taking them where else for storage, such as Facilities Services or Aurora Central Receiving as the campus will be torn up enough

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The University of Alaska Fairbanks' (UAF) Complete Sidewalk and Trails Plan focuses on non-motorized users. Sidewalks are portions of roads, streets, or pathways connecting buildings that are intended for pedestrians. Trails are pathways for recreation and/or travel within natural environment, parks, greenways or designated corridors that are not designated as roads or streets. This include sidewalks, recreational activity trails, and specialty trails both on and connection to campus. The intended users are: runners, walkers, strollers, bicyclists, hikers, snowshoers, roller skiers, skier, and wheelchair users.

The UAF sidewalk and trails network system will strive to provide a comprehensive, well connected and sustainable outdoor experience that promotes non-motorized ease of travel, safe and healthy physical activities that are consistent with the University's mission and encourages alternative modes of commuting.

The following goals and objectives will support the vision statement:

1. **Accessibility:** Improve and provide greater access to existing and future sidewalks and trails for all ages and abilities.
2. **Connectivity:** Promote integration and connectivity of new and existing sidewalks and trails to both UAF and adjacent Fairbanks North Star Borough's network.
3. **Recreation and Fitness:** Promote health/fitness benefits of physical activity.
4. **Safety:** Design and maintained existing and future sidewalks and trails to promote overall safety, security and ease of use.
5. **Best Practice:** Promote sustainable and balanced best practices development and maintenance to protect and preserve the open spaces and natural environment.
6. **Maintenance and Stewardship:** Sidewalks and Trails will be properly managed and regularly maintained to increase user safety and to enhance the quality of amenities and infrastructure.
7. **Sustained Funding:** Identify sustained funding sources for planning, construction and maintenance.
8. **Commuting:** Promote alternative modes of commuting to work using non-motorized methods.
9. **Athletics:** Continue to facilitate a high quality outdoor varsity and intramural athletic training, conditioning and competition venue.













