

City & Borough of Wrangell
ALASKA'S FIRST FREEDOM ROCK VETERANS MEMORIAL
Honoring Those Who Served. Preserving Their Stories.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Freedom Rock Veterans Memorial Project – City Park Selected as Permanent Location

The City & Borough of Wrangell is pleased to announce that City Park has been selected as the permanent home of the Wrangell Freedom Rock Veterans Memorial.

After evaluating several potential locations, City Park was determined to be the preferred site based on its accessibility, visibility, available space, and ability to accommodate a memorial setting that can be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. The location also provides opportunities for future enhancements, including landscaping, walkways, seating, interpretive signage, and a pavilion to support ceremonies and community gatherings.

As part of the memorial project, the existing playground and perimeter fencing within the selected area will be decommissioned and removed. It is important to note that the eventual removal of this playground was identified well before the Freedom Rock project. The playground equipment has reached the end of its service life and has been discussed for replacement or removal through previous Parks & Recreation planning efforts. The Freedom Rock project provides an opportunity to thoughtfully repurpose this portion of City Park while creating a lasting tribute to the men and women who have served our nation.

The memorial concept currently includes:

- The Freedom Rock as the centerpiece of the site.
- A decorative concrete and gravel gathering area.
- An open steel pavilion for ceremonies and reflection.
- Benches and landscaping.
- Future interpretive elements recognizing the service and sacrifice of local veterans.

Construction activities will begin in phases over the coming months. Initial work will focus on site preparation, followed by installation of the memorial foundation and supporting infrastructure. The Freedom Rock itself will be prepared off-site before being permanently installed at the memorial location.

The City & Borough of Wrangell appreciates the community's support as this project moves forward. The Freedom Rock Veterans Memorial represents a collaborative effort involving local veterans, volunteers, businesses, donors, and community partners. Together, we are creating a permanent place of remembrance that will honor those who have served for generations to come.

Additional project updates will be shared as work progresses and opportunities for community involvement become available.

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