

**SUBJECT:** INFORMING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MANAGER'S SIGNATURE ON AND THE SUBMITTAL OF A MAT-SU VALLEY STREAMBANK HABITAT REHABILITATION AND PROTECTION COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUESTING \$2,100 FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE CASWELL CREEK STREAMBANK RESTORATION.

**AGENDA OF:** January 6, 2026

**ASSEMBLY ACTION:**

**AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED:** For information only.

Route To:	Signature
Originator - Brad Sworts	<div>12/12/2025</div> <div>X </div> <div>Signed by: Brad Sworts</div>
Public Works Director	<div>Recoverable Signature</div> <div>X Tom Adams, P E</div> <div>Signed by: Tom Adams</div>
Finance Director	<div>12/12/2025</div> <div>X Liesel Zanto for C H</div> <div>Signed by: Liesel Zanto</div>
Borough Attorney	<div>12/15/2025</div> <div>X Nicholas Spiropoulos</div> <div>Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos</div>
Borough Manager	<div>12/15/2025</div> <div>X Michael Brown</div> <div>Signed by: Mike Brown</div>
Borough Clerk	<div>12/16/2025</div> <div>X Estelle Wiese for LM</div> <div>Signed by: Estelle Wiese</div>

**ATTACHMENT (S):** Grant Application (2 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** The Public Works Department has completed a Mat-Su Valley Streambank Habitat Rehabilitation and Protection Cost-Share Program application requesting \$ 2,100 in grant funding, with a 30 percent required match totaling \$700. The match funding source will be the Fiscal Year 2023 Areawide Budget Appropriation. This grant with the required match will fund the streambank restoration of a fish bearing stream adjacent to the north and south sides of Caswell Lakes Road near Middle Caswell Lake.

# Mat-Su Valley Streambank Habitat Rehabilitation and Protection Cost-Share Program • 2026 Proposal Form

## Contact Information:

### Landowner Name:

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

### Mailing Address:

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Palmer, AK 99645

Phone: 907-861-7719

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Alternate Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Illustrated by Shelly Marshall with ShellART Studio

## Parcel Information:

Waterbody Name: Caswell Creek

Mat-Su Borough Parcel ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: 20559 Caswell Lakes Road

Latitude: 62d 0.0407' N

Longitude: 149d 57.3811' W

We recommend communicating with program staff when developing your application, and ideally, meeting program staff at your site to discuss your goals, your site, and ways to improve your application. Note, this is a competitive program, and all applications are ranked based on their value to fish habitat and streambank health. The program typically receives more applications than it is able to fund.

1. Have you received assistance from the Mat-Su Cost-share program in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unsure  
If so, when did you receive financial assistance and for what activities?

*\* Past projects may be ineligible depending on what activities took place and when the project was completed. \**

2. What best management practice(s) are you applying for currently? (check all that may apply)

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|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brush Layer                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trenched Willows | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetative Mat | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydroseeding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willow Bundles                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Live Staking     | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass Rolls               | <input type="checkbox"/> Potted Plantings        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rootwads                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated Walkways           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cabled Spruce Trees       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other or unsure (please describe): _____ |  |  |  |

*\*Note: The Cost-share program does not fund floating docks or walkways out to floating docks. \**

3. Describe your property, your project goals, and the fish habitat problem(s) you wish to address:

The area in need of stream bank habitat rehabilitation is on the north and south sides of Caswell Lakes Road near Middle Caswell Lake.

A new culvert was installed 6 years ago, and the stream banks in and out of the culvert are missing vegetation in several locations.

This is most noticeable on the north side where pedestrian and possibly ATV riders cross through the creek at an unapproved location, and there is damage to the stream bed as well as the banks. The hope is that by restoring vegetation it will restrict physical access to the creek, allowing the stream bed to stabilize and maintain the proper lake level and culvert flow.

4. How long is the project area (in feet?) 250
5. On average, how wide of an un-landscaped vegetative buffer are you willing to dedicate to the project?  
 Less than: ☐ 15 ft ☒ 15-25 ft ☐ 25-50 ft ☐ 50 ft +  
*\*Width is determined beginning at the shoreline going landward. If funded, you will be required to maintain an un-landscaped vegetation buffer to protect the project and provide fish habitat.\**
6. Are you aware of any invasive species on your property? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unsure  
 If so, which one(s), and would you be willing to address the issues as part of your project? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How did you hear about this program? (check all that apply)  
☐ Online ☐ Radio ☐ Flyer ☐ River Center  
☐ Social Media ☒ Word of Mouth ☒ Employer  
☐ Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_
8. The program selects a subset of projects to monitor project success and plant progression over time. If funded, would you be willing to have your project be a monitoring site? ☒ Yes ☐ No
9. Are you interested in attending a workshop related to streambanks and fish habitat on your property?  
☒ Yes ☐ No *\*Workshops are typically held in the spring of each year. \**

Applications, cost-estimates, and project photos are due by **October 31, 2025**.

**The program will not reimburse any activities completed or purchases made prior to a project being accepted into the program. A signed Private Landowner Agreement and all applicable permits must also be in place.** Projects will be selected by spring 2026.

Your signature below reflects that you understand the information described above and are interested in applying for cost-share funds for projects to be implemented in the spring/summer of 2026.

Michael Brown

Digitally signed by Michael Brown  
Date: 2025.12.05 16:34:19 -09'00'

Signature

12/5/2025

Date

**Please send your application to one of the program staff below (email is preferred.) Please reach out with any questions and thank you for your interest in fish habitat and streambank health.**



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