

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 17-023**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE OF 295 ACRES OF LAND IN THE SETTLERS BAY NEIGHBORHOOD, BY THE GREAT LAND TRUST, IN ORDER TO DONATE THE LAND TO THE BOROUGH TO BE MANAGED FOR HABITAT AND RECREATION.

WHEREAS, the Great Land Trust is in the process of raising funds to purchase 295 acres of undeveloped land, near Knik Arm in the Knik-Fairview Community Council area. This parcel is adjacent to the Settlers Bay Golf Course and is within the Settlers Bay neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the parcel includes 167 acres of mixed spruce, birch, and poplar forest with rolling terrain that offers magnificent views of Knik Arm and the Chugach Mountains; this area would be perfect for hiking and biking trails; and

WHEREAS, the lower 128 acres extend out to the Knik Arm and contain salt marsh and coastal wetlands, which are important to 169 species of migratory birds and waterfowl; and

WHEREAS, the property contains portions of Crocker Creek, Lucy Creek, and borders on Cottonwood Creek, which are three important salmon streams; and

WHEREAS, the property contains portions of Knik Arm as well; and

WHEREAS, once purchased, Great Land Trust would like to donate the land to the Borough to be managed for habitat and recreation, much like what was done with the Butte Project; and

WHEREAS, the Great Land Trust would like the support of the Assembly for this project so that this area will be preserved for recreation in perpetuity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly supports the Great Land Trust in their efforts to purchase the 295 acres.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 4 day of April, 2017.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Colligan, Mayfield, Doty, and Kowalke



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