

SUBJECT: 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 MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TO BE MANAGED FOR HABITAT AND RECREATION.

AGENDA OF: April 4, 2017

Assembly Action:

Approved under the Consent agenda
4-4-17 (B)

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER: _____

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	ll	
	Community Development Director	Q	
	Finance Director	CS	
	Borough Attorney	NS	
	Borough Clerk	JRM	3/24/17 (B)

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution Serial No. 17-___ (2 pp)
Project map (1pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Great Land Trust is in the process of raising funds to purchase 295 acres of beautiful undeveloped land adjacent to Knik Arm, in the Knik-Fairview community council area. The parcel is adjacent to the Settlers Bay Golf Course and is within the Settlers Bay neighborhood.

The project includes 167 acres of beautiful 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. The lower 128 acres extends out to Knik Arm and contains salt marsh and coastal wetlands important to 169 species of migratory birds and waterfowl. The property also contains portions of Crocker and Lucy Creek and borders Cottonwood Creek, three important salmon streams, as well as Knik Arm.

Once purchased, Great Land Trust would like to donate the land to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to be managed for habitat and recreation, much like what happened with the Butte Project.



SETTLERS BAY

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